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## JANUARY 2018

### KC RAFFLE

Our council is in the process of sponsoring its 14<sup>th</sup> annual “Raffle” with the proceeds to benefit the St. John Vianney School. The SJV School continues to need our financial help in order to ensure its future and a Catholic Educational opportunity for the children of our parishes. This “**stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results**” is the cornerstone of our success in this program. This year we will keep the same basic format as in the past. The ticket prices continue to be \$100 each. The number of tickets being sold has been increased from 800 to 850 and the cash prizes have also been increased from \$32,000 to \$34,000. **We are earmarking \$15,000, of which \$10,000 will be used to purchase ‘20’ additional iPads and \$5,000 will be used to purchase associated APPS. The remaining funds, hopefully \$36,000, will be given to the school to help offset other costs.** The goal to sell all tickets is only possible with your support and by stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results. This formula has worked in the past and will continue to work for us now and in the future. Thank you Knights for caring enough about the SJV School to continue our involvement!!!! **To date we have donated \$405,400 to the SJV School as a result of this project and have also paid all the associated taxes that the school would otherwise have had to pay.** As we approach the January 27<sup>th</sup> date for the drawing of the winning tickets, I will be sending out E-Mails, sometimes every few hours, to let you know how the tickets sales are going. This process has been well received and a great way to keep members up to date on the progress of our raffle.

We continue to realize the importance of this project and once again ask that all members please consider purchasing a ticket. The future of our school does depend on each of our decisions. To date the following have supported our efforts and purchased a ticket/s:

Larry Lau	Mary Lucas	Robert Krause	*Jim Schoener	Ken Washa	Ardis Schleining	Janet Malo
*David Baarson	Mark Kleven	*Steve Frick	*Jim Simser	Dave Sanvig	Judy Traetow	Lenny Steuber
Bart Eriksen	Neil Zimmer	*Dan Garry	Mike Clow	Mark Kotewa	Shawna Hannaman	Jody Franck
*Randy Grathwohl	Diane Glidden	Ron Sandhurst	Rita Lenertz	Laura Kramer	*Anne Keusemann	Mark Dascher
David Hytry	Fern Bulfer	Bruce Gemmill	Evelyn Betts	Jr Zimmer	Jeff Steger	Warren Anderson
Mike Carr	*John Oothoudt	*Tom Izen	*Ellen Kuderer	*Terry Maakestad	Diane Runkle	Steve Fogelson
Maureen Boro	Ross Wohlhuter	Judy Bloomgren	Steve Fausch	Mike Bussinger	Jim Droegemueller	Loretta Mathiowetz
Henry Meester	Gary Hoehn	Mary Jo Moltzen	Judy Zehms	Jim Hallstrom	*Mike Droegemueller	Betty Felber
Mary Schweiss	*Steve Grathwohl	*Butch Trembley	Cary Villeneuve	David Schiltz	Mike Bergerson	Richard Maday
Joe Burns	Doug Eisenmenger	J Bryan Killelea	Jerry Homan	*Joe Garry	Deacon Ed Bonnarens	*Denny Militello
Jim Nesseth	Marty Krause	*Rosalie Bulfer	*Shelly Moeller	Neal Becker	*Margaret Galloway	Ken Steuber
Jean Steuber	*Bill Krumholz	John Schaefer	Beth Reeve	Bonnie Watson	*Mary Kay Redenius	Tom Eisenmenger
Scott Burtis	*Scott Fausch	Duane Nawrocki	Lenny Tvedten	*Dave Kuhl	*Frank Winzenburg	Sheri Artz
Jim Bulfer	John Zschetzsche	Paul Wolter	Gerald Turbes Jr	Talitha Burtis	*Mary Jane Hellyar	Kassondra Burtis
Steve Schmitz	Richard Johnson	*Carol Bartz	Judith Johnson	Nancy Fisher	GM Feia	Teresa Lenort
*Emily Maday	*Brent Maday	*Greg Maday	*Aria Hulwi	*Elijah Hulwi	Carol Carlson	Bill Gunther
*Scott Cole	*Carroll Collins	Dorothy Krick	Sharon Terry	Janice Moeller	Mary Jane Thelen	Laura Williams
Todd Smith	Roger Voss	Leon Gerken	*Tony Garakani	*Jim Dick	Cody Reiffenberger	Dareld Koopman
Bob Millette	Jeff Kot	Dawn Kot	Jake Kot	Lucas Bresnan	Dominic Maakestad	*Abraham Joseph
Kathy Langer	*Dan Harris	Charlie Bulfer Jr	Andy Bulfer	Charlie Bulfer	Louie Bulfer	Joe Bulfer
Tom Bulfer	Pat Bulfer	Ed Bulfer	*Dan Harris	Patrick Murphy	*Glenn Becker	Kathy Langer
Clara Bulfer	Pat Regan	*Ken Rusch	Jeanne Schofield	Gaylen Thompson	Charles Pearson	Jim Anderson
*Kevin Mosloski	Doug Probst	Scott Donnelly	Grace Haeckel	Tristan Jensen	*Troy Jensen	Wilbur Clark
Colleen Pytleski	Kim Garbers	Tom McCabe	Brian McCabe	Tracy Skwiot	Lori Dolce	Paul Siemer
Diane Siemer	Marlene Wright	*Fr. Beerman	*Gary McMurtry	Brad Nawrocki	Mary Pat Nawrocki	Pat Cochran
Roger Cochran	Tom Donnelly	Bob Posivio	Mike Conlin	Ken Bryant	Barb Denney	Bob Steger
Marlys Steger	Bob Steger Jr	*Mike Fogelson	*David Shimon	Tom Sonnek	*Jim Eberhard	Dianne Erickson
Lori Maurice	*Harland Johnson	*Shirley Johnson	Mark Daschner	Tom Zehnder	Mike Wolter	Paul Keusemann
Cathy Barnett	Bill Barnett	Susan Michels	Charlie Michels	Bill Lammers	Pat Lammers	Rob Lammers
Cheryl Lammers	Lynne Burgraff	Tamara Wohlhuter	Merlin Oddan	Jason Jorgenson	Jerry Jorgenson	Diane Oddan
Curtis Jorgenson	Paula Bulfer	Doug Landsteiner	Steve Landsteiner	Sue Lenort	Robert Lenort	Nicholas Bulfer
Tim Bulfer	Steven Bulfer	Louie Bulfer	David Bulfer	Jack Zimmer	Jim Harriman	Jay Harriman
Greg Harriman	Matt Prigge	Mike Lopau	Irene Kleven	*Rosella Sogge	Tracey Wiemers	Jen Saxen
Glynis Stoffel	Duane Petrowiak	Sandra Petrowiak	Jack Newville	Glen Becker	Sean Maday	Lucas Maday
Kjersti Maday	Tristan Maday	Jay Wohlhuter	Isaac Landsteiner	Isaac Lewar	Marlo Maschoff	Tim Maschoff
Meda Holland	Tevi Maday	Jessica Maday				

### **\*Denotes the purchase of multiple tickets**

Providing you a current raffle update, letters have been sent out during the month of September to all who purchased tickets last year, giving them first chance at this year's tickets. We sent tickets out to ‘75’ members of our council during the month of October requesting their help in selling tickets. We have since sent letters out to all members of our council, did a bulletin insert for the St. John Vianney and Holy Family Parishes and sent a letter home to the parents of the SJV students, asking for their support. We have also sent a follow-up letter to all members of our council who have been asked to sell tickets, reminding them of the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and asking them to complete the ticket sales process. We will do one final mailing to previous ticket buyers, giving them one last chance to purchase a ticket. Thank you to all ticket sellers for believing enough in this program, and in the St. John Vianney School, to become involved. The easiest thing would be to say “**I don’t have time**” or “**I am not comfortable selling tickets**”, but rather we are having members step forward and asking for additional tickets!!! You are the reason for the success of this program and are demonstrating firsthand that **all things are possible when you believe in what you are doing, Step Forward in Faith and Trust God for the Results.** The above list of ticket buyers are current based on tickets that have been turned in and if you have purchased a ticket and your name does not appear above, be assured that it will be in the drawing. All ticket buyer names will appear in our February newsletter. Please remember this project can only be a success if you support it. If you have not already done so, please consider purchasing a ticket and help to ensure the very future of our school and a Catholic Educational opportunity for the children of our community. Remember we are stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results. All ticket sellers who have not turned in your raffle tickets are once again reminded to please attempt to sell any remaining tickets and turn in the ticket stubs, money and completed solicitors form as soon as possible. This will allow for time to sell any remaining tickets that might still be available.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

During the month of January membership meetings will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will begin at 8:00 pm, with lunch being served following the meeting. All members are asked and encouraged to attend. Consider calling a fellow member and offering a ride to/from the meeting. Please also give consideration to marking your calendars for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday's of each month and plan on attending our meetings on a regular basis.

**EVANGELIZATION AND PRAYER (by Mike Garry)**

-----MAKE THE FOLLOWING YOUR DAILY PRAYER-----

*Lord we are your people.  
Please, dear Lord, work through Your Knights of Columbus  
That we will respond to give healing to the wounded,  
That we will give of self,  
So we may touch those in pain, cleanse the soiled, warm the cold.  
Help us to know the Father's love through you and through your Spirit.  
Help us to liven up that love and show it all over the land.  
Help all of us, as Knights, to build love on justice.  
Help us, dear Lord, in our efforts at our Knights of Columbus facility,  
that we may better serve in our ministry to you.  
Renew the Knights of Columbus that we may help to renew the face of the earth.*

**KC MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Remember to look for the "Blue Memorial Envelopes" when you are considering making a memorial donation for a friend or a loved one. These envelopes are located at the funeral home and also at the entrances to the Church. This continues to be an excellent way to support our council, while also paying tribute to the individual/s who have gone before us. We would very much like to have this process move along as quickly as possible so that the grieved and the donor receive their acknowledgments soon after the donation is made. If you have a memorial that you would like to give please send it to the following address:

**Knights of Columbus, 462 Amber Lake Drive, Fairmont, Minnesota 56031**

If you, as a member, have been given a memorial to turn in for someone else, please make every attempt to get it to Tom Johanneck (at the above address) as soon as possible. Tom, thank you for providing this service to our council for the past many years.

**INSCRIBED PATIO PAVERS**

Inscribed Patio Pavers are still available for anyone who might be interested in their purchase. The cost for each paver is \$125. and this will include up '3' lines of printing, with up to '23' characters per line. These pavers will be put into our patio area and as additional ones are sold, four existing brick pavers (that do not have any names on them) will be removed and the inscribed pavers will be added in their place. This continues to be an excellent way to permanently recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. We still have a few blank pavers available and are now in the process of placing an order getting them inscribed with names of individuals who have purchased them. The cost for inscribed pavers will be increased once the available ones have been sold. If you are considering a purchase now is the time to do so before the price increases. Once again this continues to be a great way to support our council, while at the same time establishing a permanent way to recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. We also have 16" X 16" pavers at a cost of \$400. Contact Red today at 236-1637 for more details! Please note that we normally wait on placing an order for pavers until we have several to order, as we do have to drive some distance to pick them up, so please be patient.

**JANUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO**

Captain-----Dave Vogel

Cashier-----Paul Betts

<u>January 3<sup>rd</sup></u> Caller-Andy Pull Tabs-Jim Workers: Jeff Kot 236-4080 Matt Petrowiak 236-5207 Larry Siegler 235-3639	<u>January 10<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Jim Pull Tabs-Ray Workers: Neil Johnson 236-1163 Randy Sokoloski 230-0818 Luke Long 573-719-4434	<u>January 17<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Rod Pull Tabs-Mike Workers: Mark Fujan 238-9525 Duane Nawrocki 235-2656 Keith Korolewski 235-9006	<u>January 24<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Andy Pull Tabs-Merlin Workers: Bob Petrowiak 238-5481 Darwin Kotewa 236-3970 Clarence Wehner 236-3793	<u>January 31<sup>st</sup></u> Caller-Jim Pull Tabs-Henry Workers: Pat Bulfer 399-1361 Joe Rosol 236-1533 Mark Nordquist 235-2635
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Thank you to all workers who were assigned to help during the month of December and took the time to do so. Your help is very much appreciated and your willingness to volunteer is what enables us to make the many donations that we do. The above workers are being asked to be at our hall by 6:45 pm on the day that you are scheduled. **If you are not able to work please trade with another assigned worker or find someone else to take your place.** Thank you once again to all the members who are involved with our gambling program.

**FEBRUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO**

Captain-----Mike Murphy

Cashier-----Leon Lammers

<u>February 7<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Rod Pull Tabs-Jim Workers: John Landsteiner 848-3935 Dareld Koopman 235-6275 David Hill 848-5963	<u>February 14<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Andy Pull Tabs-Ray Workers: Steve Landsteiner 848-4731 Tom Rodgers 848-5496 David Bulfer 236-8065	<u>February 21<sup>st</sup></u> Caller-Jim Pull Tabs-Mike Workers: Tim Clements 399-9699 Mike Nowicki 236-3734 Kevin Nowicki 236-3847	<u>February 28<sup>th</sup></u> Caller-Rod Pull Tabs-Merlin Workers: Loren Kleven 773-4234 Mark Kleven 236-6875 Mark Kotewa 236-3095
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**KC INSURANCE**

Do you have any questions regarding your KC Insurance or want to find out what all the Knights of Columbus have available to its members? We do have a new General Agent who can answer those questions for you, his name is Ben Schleicher. Ben can be contacted via the US Mail at the following address: **Ben Schleicher, General Agent, PO Box 332, Windom, Minnesota 56101.** You may also call Ben at 507-822-7173 or his E-Mail Address is [SchleicherAgencyMail@kofc.org](mailto:SchleicherAgencyMail@kofc.org). We are still in need of an Insurance Field Agent for our area, if this is something that you might be interested in, contact Ben for additional information.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members of our council will celebrate their "Birthday" during the month of January:

Norm Abel	Pat Bulfer	Mike Carr	Tom Doherty	Jim Eberhard	Aaron Haycraft
Jerry Jorgenson	Dallyn Kotewa	Nick Kotewa	Steve Kotewa	Gary Maday	James Meyer
Larry Petrowiak	Bob Petrowiak	Ken Rusch	Mark Salz	Dave Segar	Cory Wickert
Arnold Wolfe					

We wish them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each of them for being a member of our council. If your name has been omitted or is listed in a wrong month please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (alucas@frontiernet.net) and our records will be changed accordingly: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COUNCIL!!!**

## LUNCH COMMITTEE

During the upcoming months the following Officers are being asked to served lunch:

<u>January 2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<u>January 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>February 20<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 6<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>March 20<sup>th</sup></u>
*Dave Landsteiner	*Tim Siegler	*Cary Villeneuve	*Jim Kasel	*Chris Pierce	STAG PARTY
Tim Siegler	Cary Villeneuve	Jim Kasel	Chris Pierce	Pat Bulfer	STAG PARTY
<u>April 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	<u>April 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>May 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>May 15<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 5<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>June 19<sup>th</sup></u>
*Pat Bulfer	*Larry Lau	*Leon Lammers	*Carroll Collins	*Bob Millette	*Dave Landsteiner
Larry Lau	Leon Lammers	Carroll Collins	Bob Millette	Dave Landsteiner	Tim Siegler

**\*Denotes the member who is responsible for picking up the lunch.** Lunch will be served immediately following the membership meeting and all who eat are asked to please make a donation toward its cost. The food (meat, chips, ice cream etc.) can be gotten at Hy-Vee or at Fareway Foods (please pay for it and bring back the receipt for reimbursement). Thank you to the officers of our council for providing this service over the past many years.

## SUPPORT YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Are you in the market for a new or used vehicle and looking for financing? Maybe you are remodeling your home and are looking for a home equity loan. How about some ideas and/or advice about investing some of that money that you have been putting away? Why not contact Brother Andy Noll at First Farmers and Merchants Bank? Andy and his staff have the knowledge and experience for all your financial needs and will always be there to serve you. Call today at 235-5556 or stop by. This is another business who supports our council by advertising on our cover, therefore, making the publishing of our newsletter possible. Please thank them by supporting them whenever possible.

## WELL WISHER

If you know of a member of our council, or a members family, who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, who is sick or who has died, please contact Well Wisher, Bob Millette at 235-9833 (E-Mail millette@midco.net). Bob will send a card offering congratulations, wishing a speedy recovery or extending our council's sympathy. Thank you Bob for the many years that you have provided this service for our council.

## HALL RENTAL COSTS

The cost for a "Full Building Rental" is **\$400 for Friday & Saturday rentals**. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our facility, as well as the patio area. The patio area **"WILL NOT"** have tables and chairs set up. The cost for a "Full Building Rental" plus a furnished patio area is \$450 for Friday & Saturday Rentals. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our building, as well as the patio area. The patio area **"WILL"** have tables and chairs set up that will seat an additional 100 people (weather permitting). Included in this fee will be the extension of the inside PA system to the patio area. Members of our council will receive a 25% discount off these prices. Anyone interested in renting our facility for **Monday thru Thursday**--the rentals fees are \$1 per person, \$75 minimum for one room up to '4' hours, or \$125 minimum for over 4 hours and up to '8' hours. The cost for two room rentals is \$1 per person, \$150 minimum for up to '4' hours, or \$1 per person \$200 minimum for over 4 hours and up to '8' hours. A '1' hour setup time will be allowed at no charge. Maximum rental fee is \$400. **Sunday Rentals**--Sunday rental fee's will be \$1 per person, \$100 minimum for one room up to 4 hours or \$150 minimum for over 4 hours and up to 8 hours. The cost for a two room rental is \$1 per person \$150 minimum for up to 4 hours or \$250 minimum for over 4 hours and up to 8 hours. The maximum rental fee is \$400. A '1 hour setup time will be allowed at no charge. These are very competitive rates, while also providing a great service for our community. **The maximum weekday/weekend rental cost for a member is \$300** (75% of \$400--please note membership discounts only apply to the \$400 rentals), while the maximum cost for non-members is \$400. Call 238-9340 to make your reservation. Your call will be answered by an answering service, so be prepared to leave a message or you may call our Building Manager, Jack Newville, directly at 848-0529 to schedule your rental. **Please consider mentioning to your family and friends that our facility is available to everyone in the community for rentals.**

## SECURITY

**We are in need of additional members to serve our council on the Security Team.** The members of this committee are present at our facility anytime that our bar is open and help to ensure rules, such as underage drinking, are enforced. These duties will require you to work about every other month during the busier summer months and less often during the rest of the year. If this is something that you would be interested in trying please call our Security Chairman, Pat Bulfer at 399-1361 for additional information. Presently the following members serve our council in this capacity:

Scott Poppe	Jake Bettin	Pat Bulfer	Andy Lucas
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## COMMITTEE'S IN OUR FACILITY

Thank you to all members who were involved in the **success** of our council during the month of December. The running of our facility certainly takes a great deal of commitment from all of us, as members, in order to run as smoothly as it does. Your willingness to give of your time is without question the reason for the great amount of success that we have experienced--thank you!!!! Also a "Special Thank You" to our Building Manager, Jack Newville, for his time and talent in serving our council in this capacity. **If you are scheduled to help on a various committee PLEASE do your best to do so. It is certainly understandable that you can not always help when asked to do so, if this is the case, please find a substitute (trade with a member on another committee). Please also let the captain of your committee know that you will not be able to help and that you have found someone to take your place. This will help cut down on the work required of the captain and he will certainly appreciate your efforts. All the duties that we do at our hall are certainly manageable when the members asked to help are able to do so. The duties become much more difficult when the volunteers are reduced and the members present have to pick up the slack. This has especially been an issue with the dishwashing crews, please do your best to support our efforts.** We, as a council, have certainly accomplished great things because of the support that we have received from you our members. Please help us continue our success by your involvement. **If you are not able to be involved, or would rather be assigned to some different duties PLEASE contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 and the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.** Time is our most valuable asset and the sharing of this asset is the true measure of **success**. **Success** that is not measured in the amount of material possessions you have accumulated, but rather measured by the feeling that you have in your heart when you put the interest of others before your own. This feeling is something that money can not buy, but rather is the instant gratification for a job well done. Thank you to each member for the contributions that you have made in our quest to make the Fairmont Area a little better place in which to live. **The following are the Bar, Dish & Security activities scheduled for the months of January and February:**

### January 13<sup>th</sup>--Hy-Vee Rental

Jim Kasel & Mark Kotewa  
Dishes--None  
Security--Andy

### January 27<sup>th</sup>--SJV Dinner/Dance

Jim Hahn & Louie Maday  
Dishes--Lenort Team  
Security--Joe Schaffer

### February 10<sup>th</sup>--KC Party??

Ken Goraczkowski & Darren Maday  
Dishes--Committee Members  
Security--Committee Members

### February 17<sup>th</sup>--Bremer Rental

Steve Petrowiak & Matt Petrowiak  
Dishes--Higgins/Graif Team  
Security--Pat

### February 24<sup>th</sup>--Flohrs Rental

Hugh Fraser & JimKasel  
Dishes--Lenort Team  
Security--Scott

### January/February Rentals

1-7-18--Landsteiner Rental

1-22-18--Dollars for Scholars

2-8-18--U of M Rental

1-9-18--Fujan Rental

1-23-18--Auctioneer Alley Rental

2-10-18--KC Valentines Party??

1-13-18--Hy-Vee Rental

1-27-18--SJV Dinner/Dance

2-17-18--Bremer Rental

1-18-18--Auctioneer Alley Rental

1-30-18--Auctioneer Alley Rental

2-24-18--Flohrs Rental

### DISH COMMITTEE--JAN/FEB/MAR

Scott Higgins & Pat Graif--Capts  
Randy Sokoloski Kevin Nowicki  
230-0817 236-3847  
Tom Zehnder Greg Leiferman  
507-381-1754 236-1423  
Jim Busche Paul Philipp  
236-4675 236-5003  
Mike Brau Jon Slinde  
848-4228 235-0522

### DISH COMMITTEE--JAN/FEB/MAR

Mark Lenort--Captain  
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Merlin Oddan Tom Rodgers

\* Will contact team members with additional information. **If you are not able to help PLEASE find you own sub and inform your captain.**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our council's annual Christmas Party was held at our hall on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, with about 70 people attending. Thank you to Jim Kasel and Chad McGowan for being willing to chair this event and to the following members for being willing to help:

Pat Graif Merlin Oddan Jerry Jorgenson Larry Siegler Leon Lammers  
Brian Hartwig Loren Kleven Larry Lau Brad Hady Tim Siegler

Special "Thank You" to Kacey Kasel and Joann McGowan for the help that they provided. A "Great Time" was had by our those who were in attendance, Thanks once again to the above workers for a job well done. Our goal for next years' party is '100' people in attendance.

## CALENDARS

Our council once again bought "Calendars" for members of our '2' parishes and handed them out at after the Masses on December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Bob Millette for once again ordering the required number of calendars. Thank you also to Frank Winzenburg and Red Holland for chairing this program. Thanks also to Don Moritz, Larry Lau, Larry Petrowiak and Bernie Petrowiak for serving as captains of the various committee's. Finally thank you to the members of our council who handed the calendars out to parishioners as they left Mass. This continues to be a great service to our parishes, thanks to the involvement of our members.

## SERVERS APPRECIATION

Our council once again sponsored an "Appreciation Day" honoring the Altar Servers from our parishes. The event was held the weekend of December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> following the Masses. The servers' was presented with an envelope as were leaving Mass, with each envelope containing a "Thank You" letter from our Grand Knight, along with '2' passes to the Fairmont Theater. Each pass entitled the server to receive a Free admission to a movie of their choice, along with a FREE pop and a FREE popcorn. Thank you to the following members who became involved with this program:

Chad Lutterman Neil Johnson Scott Higgins Paul Betts Mike Petrowiak  
This continues to be a great way for our council to recognize the servers for the "Service" that they provide our parishes.

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Our council once again became involved with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Program. Members of our council manned the kettles at our mall during the 1<sup>st</sup> part of December. Thank you to Vince Lansteiner for once again being willing to chair this program and to the following members for being willing to help:

David Landsteiner Jim Eberhard Ed Kotewa Carroll Collins Elroy Glidden  
Chad McGowan Ron Mosloski John Landsteiner Ray Rosa Bart Stadtherr Mike Thiessen Bob Millette

### **TOM & JERRY STAG PARTY**

Our council's sponsored its annual Tom & Jerry Stag Party, on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> with about 100 people in attendance. Those who attended were treated to an "All You Can Eat" soup & sandwich buffet, along with a 16 Gallon Keg of Beer, Soda, Cookies, etc.. A "BIG THANK YOU" to Bob Bishop and Tom Johanneck for being willing to chair this event. Thank you also to Todd Segar and Dave Schiltz for the "GREAT JOB" they did in organizing and conducting the various raffles. Thanks to Larry Siegler and Dave Segar for the "GREAT JOB" they did on setting up and serving the "Tom & Jerry's" and to Mike Bleess and Henry Smith for setting up the Texas Hold'um and Buck Eucher Card Tournaments. Thank you also to the following members who helped make the event a great success:

Mike Murhpy	Brad Hady	Jim Anderson	Bart Eriksen	Tim Siegler	Dan Hamlet
Jake Bettin	Guy Beemer	Paul Philipp	Jim Busche		

It appears as if this party resulted in a net profit of about \$150.. Thanks to all who were involved in this event and congratulations on its success!!! Our next Stag Part will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup> and it will be chaired by Henry Smith and Andy Lucas. Please mark you calendars now and plan on attending.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It is that time of year to have members to sign up for the delivering of Meals on Wheels. If you can spare maybe '2' hours out of your day to help the elderly or those in need of a meal, please contact Bob Millette at 236-4058 to volunteer or you may sign up at an upcoming membership meeting. We need '4' volunteers per day. Meals are picked up at Lakeview Methodist Home at 11:00 am and you are usually done by 12:30 pm. Typically you have 4 or 5 meals to deliver. This is a very rewarding program for you and our council. Our dates are January 16<sup>th</sup> thru January 31<sup>st</sup>. I would love to turn people down due to all slots being full, so sign up soon. Thank you in advance for your help and support with this charitable program. Bob Millette--Meals on Wheels Chairman

### **BREAKFAST**

Our council will be sponsoring a "Pancake & Sausage" Breakfast on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at **St. Theresa's Hall**. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee will be served from 9:00 am until noon. A "FREE WILL OFFERING" will be taken and the proceeds will be used to help purchase 2018 parish calendars. Larry Siegler, Larry Lau and Duane Nawrocki are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Ken Rusch	Carroll Collins	Pat Graif	Bart Franta	Mike Thiessen	Pat Erwin
Mark Kiecker	Scott Mixson	Steve Guetter	Jim Simser	Hugh Fraser	Tom Mahoney
Ray Rosa	Elroy Glidden	Jim Bulfer	Ed Langford	Darwin Kotewa	Henry Meester

### **RAY ROSOL MEMORIAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Our council will once again be sponsoring its annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament at the St. John Vianney School Gym. This tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> for the girls and on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for the boys. The event will begin at 9:30 am and will finish at about 4:00 pm with an award ceremony. Our council will organize the event, furnish workers/refs and provide awards etc., while parents of the SJV students will provide the concessions. Chad Lutterman, Paul Betts, Dan Thiesse and Tim Siegler are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

<u>TIME KEEPERS</u>	<u>SCORE KEEPERS</u>	<u>TICKET TAKERS--Tim Siegler Capt</u>	<u>SETUP/CLEANUP</u>		
Jim Simser	Bruce Hady	Charles Pearson	Jim Anderson	Steve Petrowiak	Matt Petrowiak
Wendell Fowler	Dean Dwyer	Jim Feeney	Duane Nawrocki	Brian Hartwig	Bart Franta
Chris Pierce	Steve Schmitz	Randy Sokoloski	Tim Siegler	Darren Maday	Rod DeBoer
Duane Petrowiak	Brian Petrowiak	Pat Bulfer	Pat Graif	Gary Haeckel	
Dan Thiesse	Neil Johnson	Luke Long	Tim Clements (399-9699)		

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

### **FREE THROW CONTEST**

Our council's annual "Free Throw Contest" has been scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> at the St. John Vianney School gym. Dave Vogel, Brian Petrowiak and Greg Borowski have been asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Brad Hady	Mark Lenort	Jim Kasel	Bernie Petrowiak	Mark Salz	David Hill
Jeff Kot	Jim Simser	Bob Petrowiak	Louie Maday	Troy Jensen	Steve Schmitz

The above members will be contacted by the chairmen with additional information. The "District Free Throw Contest" will also be hosted by our council and has been scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, once again at the St. John Vianney School Gym.

### **DINNER/DANCE**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual St. John Vianney School Dinner/Dance will be held at our hall on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the evening will be \$60 per person and this will include a buffet consisting of the following: Stuffed Boneless Pork Chop, Baked Salmon, Baby Red Potato's, , Green Bean Almondine, Glazed Carrots, Lettuce Salad with Vinaigrette Dressing, Dinner Roll, Assorted Cheese Cake Bar, Hors D'oeuvres, Complimentary Wine, etc.. There will be a program following the dinner, which will include the introduction of the 2018 "Friends of the St. John Vianney School" (Jim Simser) and the 2018 "Featured St. John Vianney School Alumnus" (Dr. Bob Hilgers) after which you will be able to dance to DJ music of "2 The Max". This is a great fund-raiser for the SJV School and a fun-filled evening for those in attendance. Tickets will be available after Masses during the weekends in January (starting January 6<sup>th</sup>) or you may contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (e-mail [alucas@frontiernet.net](mailto:alucas@frontiernet.net)) and tickets will be sent to your home.

### **FAIRMONT CATHOLIC RADIO**

Our council will be sponsoring a breakfast benefiting our local Fairmont Catholic Radio Program. The event will be held at our hall on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee will be served from 9:00 am until noon. A "Free Will Offering" will be taken. Mike Murphy and Andy Lucas are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Ben Landsteiner	Jim Kasel	Dave Landsteiner	Jake Bettin	Guy Beemer	Nick Kotewa
Andy Landsteiner	Mike Garry	Frank Winzenburg	Tim Siegler	Charles Pearson	Craig Joyce
Jeff Kot	Larry Petrowiak	Mike Petrowiak			



### **VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY???**

For the past several years we have been having a difficult time scheduling a "Valentines Day Party". We seem to be having a problem getting members to commit to attending the event and as a result it keeps getting cancelled. This year we have tentatively scheduled the event for Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. This tentative schedule is based on getting a couple of members to "Step Up" and volunteer to chair the event. I would once again be willing to send an informational letter to everyone's home, along with a reservation card, asking for their support by attending. So if you are interested in chairing this event contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or E-Mail at alucas@frontiernet.net If I do not hear back from anyone we will not be scheduling a Valentines Day Party this year. If we do have a Valentines Day Party the following members are being asked to help:

Chris Pierce	Scott Higgins	Guy Beemer	Jake Bettin	Clarence Wehner	Dave Schiltz
Nick Kotewa	Aaron Haycraft	Ben Landsteiner	Andy Landsteiner	Todd Segar	Bart Franta
Bob Petrowiak	Richard Birkle	Louie Maday	Troy Jensen	Bill Rosa	Paul Hargan

The above members would be contacted with additional information if we get the volunteer chairmen. Please mark your calendars and watch your mail for a possibly informational letter.

### **SILENT/LIVE AUCTION**

Our council's 28<sup>th</sup> annual Silent/Live Auction will be held on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at the St. John Vianney School Gym. To date our council has donated in excess of \$193,000. as a result of our efforts, supporting over 10 different local organizations. This year the proceeds will be given to the following: ARC (50%), Kinship (25%) and ????. The solicitation process will begin during the month of January. Gary Haeckel, Merlin Oddan, Steve Sovell, and Paul Betts are being asked to chair this process and the following members are being asked to help:

Scott Higgins	Chad McGowan	Dennis Farrow	Greg Cochran	Dareld Koopman	Rod DeBoer
Greg Borowski	Dave Landsteiner	Mike Bleess	Jeff Kot	John Landsteiner	Bob Petrowiak
Larry Lau	Kevin Thate	Ron Kopsichke	Mike Brau	Mark Lenort	Jim Simser
Denny Pytleski	Vince Landsteiner	Henry Smith	Bill Bulfer	Tim Siegler	Jim Kasel
Leon Lammers	Andy Noll	Carroll Collins	Mike Murphy	Larry Petrowiak	Bruce Hady

Bob Millette

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

### **REFLECTION**

It is truly hard to believe that 2017 has come and gone and we are now once again ready to embark on a new year, 2018. As we look back on our council's year it once again becomes apparent that we have experienced a very successful year and the reason for this success is you our members. Members who are continually willing to step forward and give of their time in order to make our community a little better place in which to live. Members who are willing to serve in the following capacities without concern for financial compensation or even recognition: Building Manager (Jack Newville), Bar Manager (Ken Gorackowski), Gambling Manager (Don Moritz/Leon Lammers), Snow Removal (Chad Lutterman/Guy Beemer), Grass Cutting/Grounds Upkeep (Dan Thiesse, Duane Nawrocki, Larry Lau), Tree/Shrub Trimming (Mark Kleven), Bartenders, Security, Setup Committee's, Cleanup Committee's, Dish Committee's, Bingo Food Committee, Bingo & Pull Tabs Workers, Bingo Callers, Hall Monitors, Carpet & Chair Cleaners and the list just seems to go on and on. In addition to running our facility with volunteer help we have also been able to sponsor many events that were of financial benefit to our community. These projects/events include: 2017 SJV School Raffle (\$48,000 donation), SJV School Dinner/Dance (\$8,000 donation), 27<sup>th</sup> annual Silent/Live Auction (\$4,600 donation to ARC and a \$4,600 donation to Kinship), Ray Rosol Tournament (\$1,000 to SJV School), Cedar Point Boy Scout Fund-Raiser (\$1,782 donation), Good Samaritan Fund Benefit (\$1,220 donation), CREST Fund-Raiser (\$1,226 donation), American Heritage Girls Fund-Raiser (\$650 donation), Youth Scholarships (\$600 donation), SJV School Golf Tournament (\$500 donation), Seminarian Benefit Breakfast (\$2,287 donated to both Matt Nordquist and Isaac Landsteiner), Annual Pork Loin Dinner (donated the \$2,940 proceeds to the St. James Lutheran Church re-building fund), Catholic Radio Benefit (donated \$795), Dollars for Scholars Benefit (donated \$480), Martin County Foundation Benefit (donated \$450) and Sponsored a Altar Servers Appreciation. . In addition our council sponsored many activities some of which include: Tootsie Roll Drive, Heritage Day's Parade, Patio Parties, Golf Outing, Community Appreciation Dinner (400 people attended and enjoyed free food), SJV Fall Festival, Glows Parade, 18<sup>th</sup> annual Ice Cream Social (widows of our deceased members), Christmas Party, Pro-Life Rosaries, Free Throw Contests, Mothers Day Recognition (gave carnation to Mothers follow Masses), Meals on Wheels, Sponsored the St. John Vianney Feast Day Celebration (provided facility, food & workers) and Salvation Army Bell Ringers. In 2017 our council also had the addition of 7 new members (Luke Long, Pat Garry, John Kasper, Matt Petrowiak, Dan Hamlet, Matt Nordquist, and Mark Nordquist). In 2017 our council also received '5' State Awards at the annual State Convention. The Awards received were the following: "Best Church Event" in the State (annual Raffle), Best "Youth Event" in the State (annual Ray Rosol Memorial Basketball Tournament), "Best Family Event" in the State (Appreciation Dinner) "State Officers Award" for having one of the "Best Culture of Life Event (Catholic Radio Benefit) and an Award for "Overall Excellence" in membership and Program Activities. Yes, it does appear that 2017 was another very successful year for our council. A very sincere thank you to all members who made all the fund-raisers and projects possible. These many projects/fund-raisers represent untold hours donated back to our community, while donating funds in excess of \$65,000.. What a tremendous statement!!! What an honor to belong to an organization whose members consistently are willing to give of their most valuable asset, time, in service to others. We are indeed very Blessed!!! THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **KNIGHTS NOTES**

It is certainly hard to believe that another year has come and gone. Thank you to all members for a "Very Successful" 2017 and we look forward to another great year in 2018.---Thank you to Chad McGowan, Jim Kasel and committee members for a very successful Christmas Party. You all did a great job and it was appreciated.---Thank you to Bob Bishop, Tom Johanneck and committee member for the great job on our recent Tom & Jerry Stag Party. We had a very good turnout of people and all enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks again for a job well done.---We had a lot of positive comments from parishioners concerning our council providing calendars for our parishes. I think having members at the exits of church, following Mass, handing out the calendars does much to enhance this program.---Thank you to the members of our council who were involved with the Altar Server Appreciation. We gave each Mass Server '2' passes to the Fairmont Theater. Each pass entitled the server to attend a movie of their choice, along with a free pop and a free popcorn.---Circle your calendar for the January 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast at St. Theresa's Hall, which is sponsored by our council. The proceeds from this event will be used to help purchase 2019 parish calendars.---We are also in the midst of our 14<sup>th</sup> annual KC Raffle, where we are attempting to sell 850 raffle tickets at \$100 each. We are giving out \$34,000 in cash prizes and once all tickets are sold we will be giving checks to the St. John Vianney School totaling \$51,000. If you haven't purchased your ticket and would be interested in doing so, please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or Henry Smith at 848-0228.---We will also be sponsoring our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Dinner/Dance benefiting the St. John Vianney School on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$60 each and are available after Mass beginning on January 6<sup>th</sup>.--**Happy New Year to each of you and your families!!!**