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Wedding Anniversaries

William & Kathy
Sleva 4/04
37 Years

Kevin & Diane
Banker 4/13
21 Years

Kevin & Kathleen
Bullock 4/17
13 Years

Burl & Lena
Woodward 4/21
69 Years

Terry & Millie
Castagnier 4/24
36 Years

James & Kathryn
Bromley 4/25
53 Years

John & Judy
Martis 4/30
63 Years



From the Grand Knight

My Brother Knights,

As you know, we held a special problem-solving event at the Hall on February 28th to address our finances. It was well attended with 35 or so Knights and we had 100% participation by those in attendance. As we say, "the proof is in the pudding", but I am very confident that the issues that were addressed and the action plans that were created will put us squarely on the path to the financial success we desire. I will do my best to highlight and summarize the meeting, as well as the way ahead.

First, we discussed our current state and three year trends with respect to Income and Expenses. We discussed that we do a good job with keeping expenses down and that the one expense that remains high, Hall Rental at about \$13K per year, will be reduced as we increase some of the prices we charge; and increase our Hall Rental income. Discussion focused primarily on income. We showed that many areas of income are actually increasing slightly, but these areas simply are not the big hitters for our council. The big hitters are Bingo, Pull Tabs, and Fish Fries and they are all down.

Council 1166 Income and Expenses			
	2009	2010	2011
INC	\$63K	\$55K	\$46K
EXP	\$61K	\$53K	\$50K
NET	\$2K	\$2K	-\$4K

Council 1166 Income			
	2009	2010	2011
BINGO	\$18K	\$18K	\$12.5K
PULL TABS	\$10K	\$8K	\$3.5K
FISH FRY	\$12K	\$10K	\$8K
SUB-TOTAL	\$40K	\$36K	\$24K

We also discussed that our finances, like us, must be focused on our core values. With respect to CHARITY we can break our finances down into two areas: Special Focus and General Operating Fund. Special Focus concentrates on those fundraisers that go toward a very specific issue such as Gibault Raffle, Tootsie Roll Campaign, and Coats for Kids Golf Scramble. General Fund charities include those that come from our general treasury, which is primarily funded by Dues, Bingo, Pull Tabs, and Fish Fries. UNITY with our Church is similar although most of our finances in this area come from our General Fund. FRATERNITY is funded exclusively from our General Fund, except for some minor things such as 50/50 tickets at meetings.

Once we understood our condition, we brainstormed various strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. I have included what we came up with on the next page – they are not prioritized and do not correlate with each other. Please keep in mind that this was brainstorming so please be careful to not read into some of the entries – we tried to capture as much as we could.

Brothers, I cannot describe how encouraged I am with this event. It is encouraging because it was clear we understood our strengths, weaknesses, and threats – and more than anything we see the opportunities open to us – we see places to go that will bring us improved financial success.

Finally, there were some specific actions that we came away with to achieve a goal to increase our income by \$1300 per month. Areas that leaders came forward on, and agreed to take a shot at to improve our financial condition. I strongly believe that we will see success in these areas and furthermore, that we will find ourselves in better condition in years to come as we continue to improve in these areas. Please take a moment to look at these initiatives, to thank the leaders who took them for action, and to involve yourself with in any way.

Knights, I am proud of you and I am excited about our future.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Jim Parsch, GK



Grand Knight Jim Parsch

Action and Comments	Leader
1. Increase Hall Rentals. Find a more appropriate cost for members and non-members. Increase hall rentals while achieving the balance needed to maintain availability for KofC functions. Specifically, look at price, tiered offerings, limited catering, and advertising.	Ryan Ralston
2. Food Services. Develop a Food Service Team that can provide a regular and high quality service that will attract community patrons.	Dave Whipple
3. Create a Council Calendar and Schedule and integrate with CCLC calendar.	John Marshek
4. Develop regular monthly council events beyond current events (possible coordination with #2 above).	Jeff Ikerd
5. Plan, coordinate, and execute Bus Tour fundraiser.	Roger Crandall
6. Plan, coordinate, and execute a KofC Endowment	Greg Stanley
7. Plan, coordinate, and execute a Trivia Night Event	Bob Kostin
8. Plan, coordinate, and execute a KofC Raffle similar to Irish Gold	Paul Stiles
9. Plan, coordinate, and execute Mother's Day Brunch	Jake Dwyer and Tom Scarlett
10. Improve use of Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)	Neal Maxwell and Jim Parsch
11. Assess processes, menu, and branding of Fish Fry and make improvements accordingly.	Ross Jean
12. Plan, coordinate, and execute effort to increase participation of Silent Knights.	Bernie Esbolt and Bill Brenner

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
1. Proven facilities 2. Dedicated core group of Knights 3. Significant success at all events that have a specific cause and a dedicated leader 4. Past success proves that success is achievable in Bingo and other areas. 5. Knights are respected and valued by community and church 6. Dedicated to our core values and doing things the right way.	1. No Smoking Bingo 2. Hall décor. Lack of updating. 3. Silent Knights – too many members are not involved. 4. Advertising – don't get the word out of what we are doing and what we have done. 5. Hall rental \$\$ too high	1. Think outside of the KofC for clientele. 2. Wii and other games. 3. Consider paying kitchen workers. 4. Reach out to the youth. 5. Formation of Knights. 6. More exposure of good works (Radio, Newspaper, Bulletin Boards, NPR, Road Signs, Social Media) 7. Surveys (Bingo, Fish Fries) 8. Increase participation of membership 9. More Food Fundraising 10. Improve Quality, Process Consistency, Menu, Branding of Food Services and Fish Fries 11. Increase Hall rentals 12. Create a real Food Service Team 13. Leverage Parish LC 14. Publish Schedule and calendar and integrate with CCLC (IMS) 15. Recurring Monthly Events 16. Bus Tour Fundraising 17. Texas Hold'em 18. KofC Endowment 19. Pancake meals (i.e. Ash Wednesday) 20. Trivia Night 21. KofC Raffle 22. Conserve Energy 23. Mother's Day Brunch 24. Conserve energy 25. No smoking Bingo	1. Not following thru with promises (did not build smoking area for clients) 2. Potentially not kid friendly 3. Being in a rut (always do it that way) and don't get out. Don't change when needed. 4. Potential lack of understanding of root causes for problem areas. 5. Competition (Bingo, restaurants, French Lick)

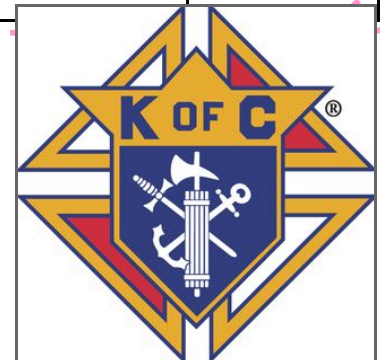
2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplification

Please join us at the St. Vincent Shamrock Center as we host the region's Second and Third Degree Exemplifications on Saturday,

April 21st (2nd Degree) and Sunday, April 22nd (3rd Degree). Enjoy the beauty of the final steps to Knighthood in our Order. We will have

many of our own candidates and will also be serving food. Bob Kostin is leading this effort.

FYIC, *Jim Parsch*



Membership Drive: April 15th



...after 10:30 Mass in the Shamrock Center.

Knights, please play a part in our Membership Drive this year. We will be serving an open lunch to all who want to hear about the Knights immediately following Mass in the Shamrock Center. We will have a couple speakers with short messages

and a great lunch. We need as many Knights as we can get to help with lunch and to help dine with our Parishioners. Each of us will also be handing out as many Form 100s as we can and try to get these men to attend the First Degree Exemplification at our May 1st meeting. Please help our Council grow – I would

like to have 20 or so new members for the Degree! Speaking of the 1st Degree Exemplification...please be there – May 1st, 7 pm, at our Council Home.

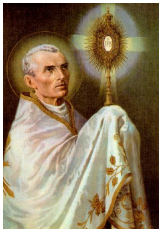
Fraternally Yours in Christ-

Jim Parsch

Act of Adoration

I adore Thee, O Jesus, true God and true Man, here present in the Holy Eucharist, humbly kneeling before Thee and united in spirit with all the faithful on earth and all the blessed in heaven. In deepest gratitude for so great a blessing, I love Thee, my Jesus, with my whole heart, for Thou art all perfect and all worthy of love. Give me grace nevermore in any way to offend Thee, and grant that I, being refreshed by Thy Eucharistic presence here on earth.

Amen



Blessed Sacrament

The Catholic Church dedicates April to the Blessed Sacrament. One thing that sets Catholics apart from other Christians who believe in the Real Presence (that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ) is that we don't believe that the Real Presence ends when the Sacrament of Holy Communion is complete. Frequent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament,

reserved in the tabernacle, is a great path to spiritual growth. I believe it helps us to sense the Real Presence of our Lord in others and in the blessing He has so bountifully blessed us with. In this Act of Adoration, we thank Christ for His continued presence among us, not just through His grace but physically, in the Holy Eucharist. His Body is the Bread of Angels, offered for our strength and salvation.—

Deacon Dave Reising

April Birthdays

Please join us in wishing these Brother Knights a Happy April Birthday:

Dean Dupps

Mark Land

Haldie Pederson

Stephen Kopp

Thomas Donovan

Ryan Thompson

John Martis

Wes Gouty

David Parsch

Stephen Sprinkle

Paul Murphy

James Torphy

Mike Hunckler

Robert Stone

Daniel Long

Ross Jean

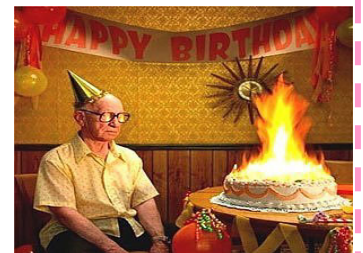
Tom Scarlett

Greg Stanley

CDR Scott Gootee

John Marshek

James Kelly



Family of the Month—The Carlisle Family

Congratulations to the family of Carey Carlisle as our April Family of the Month. As a Past Grand Knight, Carey is familiar with the rewards of being a dedicated Brother Knight. Carey has been active in Fish Frys, Bingo, and the Tootsie Roll Drive. Along with wife, Judith, they support Right to Life, BNL Sports, as well as 4-H activities. Judith is active with Family Life and Social Concerns and the Bereavement Team, and is a member of the Bedford City Council. Both Judith and Carey are quite proud of their son, Chief Matthew Carlisle of the United States Navy. Thank you, Carlisle Family, for all you do and for being chosen as our April Family of the Month.



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Financial Secretary Notice

Brother Knight: **Do you have your 2012 Membership Card?** If not, you are 1 of 29 members who haven't paid 2012 membership dues, since the notices were sent out in December. This is to inform you that as of March 1st, your membership is in arrears. To maintain your membership in good standing, please pay your dues immediately. Also, please include a \$1 or more for our Semi-narians. And support our children at Gibault, by buying the three books of raffle tickets for \$15.

Thanks! - John Abel, Financial Secretary

April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Bingo—May Pulltab—G. Stanley Bar—Heffernan	3 1st Degree Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5	6 Fish Fry—Dwyer Bar—Crandall Family Night 7:00 pm	7
8 Easter	9 Bingo—Kostin Pulltab—J. Abel Bar—Whipple	10	11	12	13 Fish Fry—Officers Bar—Tincher Family Night 7:00 pm Euchre Tourney 7:30 pm	14
15	16 Bingo—Esboldt Pulltab—Steber Bar—Kostin	17 4th Degree Meeting 7:00 pm	18	19	20 Bar—Tinsley Family Night 7:00 pm	21
22	23 Bingo—May Pulltab—Crandall Bar—Ikerd	24 K of C Officer's Meeting	25	26	27 Bar—Kostin Family Night Pitch-in 7:00 pm	28
29	30 Bingo—Kostin Pulltab—G. Stanley Bar—Heffernan					