



**Knights of Columbus**  
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**December 23, 2011**

Brothers - Here is our December newsletter. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We will start the new year with our next Pancake Breakfast on January 8th. Hope to see you there!

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**Knight of the Month** - Mike Riley. Mike has served our council as an officer for over 8 years. The last 6 1/2 years he has done an outstanding job as our Treasurer. Last month he stepped up again to accept the job of Financial Secretary. His hard work and dedication in serving our council is very worthy of recognition as KOM.

**Treasurer position** - At our December meeting, Larry Guastella was elected by acclamation to the position of Treasurer of our council. We thank Larry for agreeing to be nominated for this important officer position and are confident he will serve our council well.

**Council Christmas Dinner** - On Sunday December 11th, we held our annual council family Christmas dinner. It was a great success and 65 Knights and their family members were able to enjoy good food and good company. At the dinner we also collected 16 sweatshirts for Holy Cross Children's Services and \$801 in monetary donations for St. Vincent DePaul Society. The generosity of our council members is truly remarkable! Thank you, brothers! **Note: Check our website or Facebook page for pictures!**

**Breakfast with Santa** - We again assisted the Youth Group with their annual Breakfast With Santa event on December 10th. The event is always well attended by young families of the parish and this year was no exception. The kids did a great job and nobody got hurt...always a good thing! Santa Claus (our very own Dennis O'Beirne) again did a great job and survived the weight of all those kids on his lap all morning. Thanks to all brothers who showed and helped supervise all the Youth Group workers.

**Coats for Kids** - This year we purchased two dozen new coats (12 boys, 12 girls) and donated them to Canton Goodfellows who were thrilled to receive our donation. These coats will make it to needy kids in the Canton area in time for Christmas.

**Canton Goodfellows** - On December 13th, several members of our council led by Larry Guastella assisted the Goodfellows by packing boxes for the needy of Canton. It was an excellent service project for us. Thanks to all who participated.

**Pancake Breakfast** - Our next parish breakfast will be January 8th. If you can assist in any way with this event, please let co-chairs George Peters and Dennis Lipski know.

**Free Throw Contest** - We will be hosting our Free Throw contest this year on Sunday January 29th. Chairman David Lengel will be looking for brothers to sign-up to help out in early January. The work is easy and fun! Please pitch-in and help with organizing, set up, scorekeeping, entry table work or any way you can. Thanks!

**December 14th meeting** - If you missed our regular monthly meeting, you missed out on a special presentation from Brother "Rad" Radofsi. Rad has been creating miniature art work out of just about every size of egg imaginable for several years. It was great to see his talents on display. Thanks, Rad.

**Daddy/Daughter Dance** - We are looking for a brother who could serve as chairman of this event originally scheduled for Feb 10th. We have discussed changing the date to avoid conflicts with our similar events in the area and also of possibly including Mommy/Sons. If you have an interest in helping out, contact our DGK and Program Director Hans Hansen.

**Membership** - We need to add 8 more new brothers before this fraternal year ends on June 30th to make quota. We will be conducting several events in February to promote new membership, but really need all brothers to step up and recruit others we know. Sometimes all it takes is just asking them! If you need any informational assistance, contact our membership Director David Lengel.

**State Raffle** - By now all of you should have received your state raffle tickets in the mail. Please consider buying these raffle tickets. The prizes are very tempting and the council actually gets \$1 back for every \$5 in tickets sold. So, send in those raffle tickets.

**Upcoming calendar dates:**

12/25 - Merry Christmas!!!

1/1 - **Time to pay your dues - please respond to your dues notice!**

1/8 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 to Noon, FLC

1/11 - Officers meeting, 6:30 Adult Ed Room

1/18 - Regular Council meeting, 7:30 Adult Ed Room

1/27 - Card night, Adult Ed Room, 7:00

1/29 - Council Free Throw contest, FLC/gym

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Please remember all brothers of this council who are sick or in distress in your prayers.

Our next regular council meeting is **Wednesday January 18th**, starting promptly at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!