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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

December 2023

Dear Brothers,

Season's greetings! Wishing you all the joy, peace, and love that this time of year brings. In the last few weeks, we have been very busy! Some highlights:

- We promoted the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, and the parish via our "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest".
- We challenged our local Catholic students in grades 8-12 to answer the question "How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?" via our essay contest.
- Winners of the poster & essay contests have been given their awards from the Council and their submissions sent on to the State competition. Additionally, honorees were celebrated on 12/5 with a party at the Council.
- We distributed 72 brand-new coats to children in need at Menotomy Manor.
- We raised \$2,000 for the Canty/Prior Scholarship Fund as well as for two (2) \$500.00 scholarships to Saint Agnes School which we give in memory of John Stanton and Ed Downs via the 10K drawing.

We are accomplishing a lot, but the need for volunteers is still great! Please consider jumping into some volunteering or finding another way you can assist us in continuing the excellent work we have going.

We are also working to support a Ukrainian refugee named Alex. Alex will arrive in the US on 12/10 and will need our fraternal and spiritual support. Actions both big and small will go a long way toward welcoming him to our community. If you could attend mass with him, take him to the supermarket, or just have some food and drink in the lounge with him – please let me know so I may help coordinate.

I remain humbled to have the honor of representing this Council as your Grand Knight, thank you.

Vivat Iesu & May God Bless Council 109

Grand Knight Nicholas Gallo

Upcoming Council Events & Activities

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| December 8 th | Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin |
| December 12 th | Columbus Club Meeting |
| December 15 th | Members Only Christmas Party |
| December 17 th | Family (Children's) Christmas Party |
| December 19 th | Knights of Columbus Meeting |
| December 25 th | Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) |

To keep informed of Council activities, visit our website: www.KofC109.com

DECEMBER MOTIONS

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OUR LOCAL PARISHES:

St. Agnes & St. Camillus

www.cparl.org

St. Eulalia

www.sainteulalia.org

St. Peter

www.saintpetercambridge.org

The following motions have been submitted for our regular business meeting:

- Approval of November 21st Regular Business Meeting Minutes.
- Motion to approve \$250 donation to Christmas in the City. Christmas in the City helps homeless families and provides Christmas presents for children living in shelters. (PGK Tim Feeney)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The following Brothers or family members have been reported ill. Your prayers are requested for their well-being and for the continued good health of all our Brothers and their families. A card or a visit would be appreciated.

Brother Tom Henry (PGK) – recovering from a foot issue.

Brother Steve Kelly Sr – in rehab after a few falls.

Joan Hurd, wife of Brother Frank Hurd – currently receiving chemotherapy, fighting Pancreatic Cancer.

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of all our deceased Brothers and their family members, may their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Bernard “Bernie” Green

Patricia Kenna (mother of John Kenna (PGK))

“ADOPTED SEMINARIAN”

Founded in 1882 by a parish priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, the Knights of Columbus has always been a staunch defender of the priesthood and religious life. As the strong right arm of the Church, Knights stand firm in their support of those in formation who will one day become the leaders of our faith.

We as a Councils are called to aid our “adopted” seminarians and postulants with moral and emotional support as well as with prayers for their vocation and vocations throughout the church. We may provide support in a variety of ways including writing letters, inviting them to fraternal events, and more!

For now, please hold **Paulo Carvalho** in your prayers. Paulo is studying at Saint John’s Seminary in Boston and is currently in Pre-Theology II. Paulo is originally from Brazil, worked as a missionary, and wanted to share “best wishes of a blessed Advent season for all the Council members”.

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CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have completed an application for membership to our Council. **Action will be taken on their application at our next Business Meeting:**

Aidan Fecteau

ASPIRANTS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The below are individuals who have been accepted by a vote of the Council but have not yet completed a degree. **Please encourage these Aspirants to complete their degree training** so they may fulfill their membership requirements:

Adam Elyonssi
Joseph Bastardi
Jason Vlacich

Michael Brunelli
Michael Alogna
Kenneth Wallace

Thomas Farren Jr
Michael Tremblay

ON-DEMAND EXEMPLIFICATION

Have you reached the 3rd degree? All individuals without a degree or with only the 1st & 2nd degrees are encouraged to complete their 3rd degree. Our first three degrees are an introduction to our order's focuses on Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. **This on-demand training only takes about 30 minutes to complete.** A link to the ceremony may be found here: www.kofc109.com/exemplification

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We have set a goal of 30 new members this fraternal year (July 2023 - June 2024). Below is our progress towards that goal:

| Goal | Dec + | FYTD + | % |
|------|-------|--------|-----|
| 30 | 3 | 21 | 70% |

If all 8 aspirants completed their training and became brothers, we would be at 97% goal already! Make sure to both recruit new members and assist them through the degree process!

FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

A Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for X

If you have interest in this exemplification, please reach out to GrandKnight@KofC109.com and I can share more information.

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“Only request in my behalf both inward and outward strength, that I may not only speak, but [truly] will, so that I may not merely be called a Christian, but really found to be one. For if I be truly found [a Christian], I may also be called one, and be then deemed faithful, when I shall no longer appear to the world. Nothing visible is eternal.”

- St. Ignatius of Antioch
Epistle of Ignatius to the Romans
August 23, 110 (estimated)

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MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

As the new Financial Secretary of Council 109, I wanted to give you a heads-up on some changes to the membership billing process that will allow us to standardize, save Council funds, and align us more closely with Supreme Council's guidelines:

1. Dues bills will be mailed out earlier this year, on or around December 15th.
2. If necessary, a 'second notice' billing will follow in mid/late January to those with outstanding balances.
3. If any delinquencies remain 30 days after the second notice the Grand Knight will follow up with a 'Knight Alert' letter which starts the removal process which we sincerely hope to avoid.

I'm both hopeful and confident we will never get to step 3, and I thank you in advance for prompt payment of your dues. This is necessary because the Council is billed per capita for its members regardless of whether the Council has received payment or not from a member.

Please note that the new Council key card will be activated on February 1st. Also, due to an increase in per capita assessments, dues for Honorary members will increase slightly to \$13.50.

If you have questions regarding anything above or need to report a change to your mailing/email address, please contact me at FinancialSecretary@kofc109.com - Peter Kenney (PGK)

KofC 109 PRESENTS

Games!
Santi!
Pizza!

Sunday
17
DECEMBER
4:30-6:30

Children's Christmas Party

Open to All!

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