

The Knight Light

December 2009



St. Mark the Evangelist Council 7613

Grand Knight Report – Steve Cennamo



The recent membership drive was a big success with six members attending the first degree ceremony on November 17, 2009. Six candidates have filled out form 100s that still need to attend a 1st degree ceremony and seven more that have inquired about becoming a member. Our quota for this year is 31, and with the addition of these six members we will have brought in ten new members this year. Thanks to all the members who helped with the drive and a special thanks to the degree team led by Jim Fujarski for initiating the new members.

For those that have not yet advanced out of 1st degree we expect to have a large group attend a Major Degree early next year. For those that are now 3rd degree, the next 4th Degree ceremony will be February 27, 2010 at Holy Trinity. If you want to attend the 4th degree, contact Willie Boes. There will be a deadline to indicate you want to attend and you just cannot show up on the day and expect to participate.

Brothers, out of 469 members, only approximately 160 have signed up on line to receive e-mail messages. If you have never signed up, you can register at <http://www.kofc7613.org/subscribe.asp>. In addition when you return your dues payment this year, you will have the ability to fill in your e-mail address so we can add it to our e-mail list.

Shortly you will receive your statement for the 2010 dues. Dues are collected on a calendar basis rather than on a fraternal basis.

One of our Council's goals is to advance into the electronic age and rather than spending our money on postage, we hope to send newsletters and dues statements out by e-mail. In fact with the updated Supreme web page, our financial secretary already has the ability to send out dues notices by e-mail or mail or both. Look for the option to receive you statements electronically and also pay on-line or by credit card in the future.

This year on your dues notice you will have the option to pay an extra \$2 to cover the Culture of Life Assessment from Supreme. This assessment by Supreme started two years ago at \$3 per member and was reduced this year to \$2 per member. When this assessment occurred, dues were not raised to cover the cost, nor have they been raised this year. Paying out the \$2 for 389 dues paying members will cost the council \$778. Voluntarily sending in another \$2 with your dues could save our council this amount

Grand Knight Report - continued

Right now our dues are barely covering the cost of running our council. Part of the dues we collect goes back to Supreme, for not only this special assessment, but others as well, and to the State Council for its assessment. So whether you pay your dues or not, we have to send the money on to Supreme and State. Of the \$30, only about \$18 stays with the council. Like most organizations we operate on a budget and we count on you to timely pay your dues to run the council. **So it is important for you to timely pay your dues.**

Lastly, if you cannot pay your dues, let me know. Times are tough. And I recognize it. No Knight will be suspended because he cannot afford to pay his dues. But you need to let me or someone on the Retention Committee know. We have no way of knowing. Otherwise, if you want to remain a Knight you must timely pay your dues or you will be suspended.

Steve Cennamo
Grand Knight

Council Christmas Party

Brothers,

As you know, we are preparing for a great Christmas Party. All Brother Knights and families are welcomed! Santa is making a brief appearance so bring your kids.

When: Saturday - December 19,
2009

Where: Christopher Hall

Time: 6:30 pm



The Council is providing the meat and vegetables for our dinner. We ask that you bring a salad or dessert...Last names starting A to N bring salads and last names M to Z bring desserts.

If you will be attending and so that we can plan appropriately, please contact me by email at grrichmond1@satx.rr.com or phone at 496-0023 with the number of adults and kids that are coming

We hope to see you there!

Brother Knight,
Gary Richmond

DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Membership Meeting 7 pm	4 Chicken BBQ 24 Hour Adoration	5 Rosary Chicken BBQ 24 Hour Adoration
6 Squires Meeting Chicken BBQ Christmas Party	7	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9	10 Assembly Meeting 7 pm	11	12
13 Blood Drive	14	15	16 Chapter Meeting @ Our Lady of grace 9291	17 Business Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Christmas Party
20	21 KC Night at Bingo 7 pm	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	2 Rosary 4:30 pm
3 Squires Meeting	4	5	6 CHOC Meeting—7 pm	7 Membership Meeting 7 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Assembly Meeting 7 pm	15	16 Wine Tasting
17 Single Rose Sunday	18 KC Night at Bingo 7 pm	19 1st Degree 7 pm	20 Chapter Meeting	21 Business Meeting 7 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27 Bingo Committee Quarterly Meeting 7 pm	28 Game Night	29	30
31 Corporate Communion 10 am						

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Wine Tasting & Social
Fund Raiser
Is Coming Soon !



Yes Brothers I know, Christmas is upon us and it is a beautiful time of year. Please enjoy all there is during this time of the year.

Once the New Year hits things continue to move faster than we realize. This is why I am talking about the Knights of Columbus Wine Tasting & Social Fund Raiser.

When: Saturday, January 16, 2010

Where: Christopher Hall.

Time: 7:00 p.m. till 10: 30 ish or so.

Event: Champagne pour, Wine Tasting & light hors d'oeuvres.

Why: To Support the Knights commitment to "Right to Life"

Cost: Tickets are \$30.00/person – for adults only.

Tickets: Should be available at the next Council meeting.

Brothers I need your help and support.

How ?

Buy a ticket and come to the event or buy someone else a ticket and invite them as your guest.



Talk it up with friends, relatives, neighbors & coworkers.

Year one, we had over 100 people attend, last year we had over 150 people attend. We want to sell-out this year – 175+ people.

Auction items & Door prizes – we make a large part of revenue for the event with our Silent Gift Basket Auction. Bring a Gift Basket to auction off; anything goes within good taste for gift baskets. Door prizes are always welcome, nothing too small or of small value is turned away. People love to walk out with a door prize.

Bottled Water – we need a lot of bottled water for the event, bring a case to the Christopher Hall at the next meeting – marked for the Wine Tasting.

Champagne & Wine Stewards – we need people (KC's & **spouses/girlfriends**) to help pour Champagne and Wine for the evening, this is a critical part of the event. Please volunteer.

Money\$ - if you can't come and can't offer items to help of course a monetary donation is accepted. The money will be used to offset the cost of food & other items for the event.

Thanks to some very, very generous support of a couple of Brother Knights this event has been very successful the past three years. We are need and want to make this event more successful this year.

Please support the event and join us for an enjoyable evening with your fellow Brother Knights, Spouses, Family and Friends. Brothers, thank you for your time.



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Brother Knights,



Do you find it hard to keep up with the current events of our council? Subscribe to our "Email"! It's easy. Go to the home page of our website at www.kofc7613.org. On the lower right side of the home page you will see the link "Subscribe to E-list". Click on this link and

follow the instructions to subscribe and start receiving email notifications from the officers and directors of the council. Don't want to receive those emails anymore? Then "Unsubscribe" on the same link. If you have any problems subscribing or unsubscribing, send an email to the webmaster at webmaster@kofc7613.org.



While you're on the website, look around. You will find a wealth of information about our council. A new calendar of events has been post for fraternal year 2009-2010. Click on the "Calendar" link on upper right side of the home page or on the picture of the calendar at the bottom of the home page. Our Membership Directory has been updated as of July 1, 2009 and is available online. Click on the picture of the Membership Directory to access the directory. Access to the directory does require a password, so if you don't know the password, contact the webmaster at webmaster@kofc7613.org.

Please remember that the web page for the council is a source of information of our membership in brief detail. You will learn much more by attending the council's general membership meetings held on the first Thursday of each month. The officers and directors encourage you to attend these meetings as often as possible. If you have not been to a meeting in awhile, come to the next meeting on December 3, 2009 or the January 2010 meeting on the 7th of January. These meetings will be held in Christopher Hall at 7 pm. Bring another Brother with you. See what you have been missing and enjoy some fraternity afterwards.

Brian Nelson
Past Grand Knight

Special Calendar Notes:

December dates to remember:

- December 3 – General Membership Meeting
- December 4 – 6 – Chicken BBQ
- December 8 – Holiday Day of Obligation – Immaculate Conception
- December 13 – Blood Drive
- December 19 – Council Christmas Party
- December 25 – Christmas
- December 31 – New Years Eve

January dates to remember:

- January 1 – Holiday of Obligation - Mary, Mother of God
- January 7 – General Membership Meeting
- January 16 – Wine Tasting Fundraiser
- January 17 – Single Rose Sunday
- January 19 – 1st Degree
- January 31 – Corporate Communion – 10 am Mass



TWO WOLVES

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.

"One is Evil - It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

"The other is Good - It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

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