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The Family Council, New Port Richey

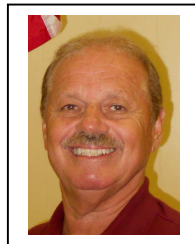
December, 2011

Grand Knight's Message

By Joseph Fiorentino III

My Brothers/Sir Knights:

I would like to thank Former Master Lee Witt and his crew for a job well done on the Thanksgivings Day Dinner. We had eighty-three dinners served and it was a success. All that attended stated the food and music were great. ONCE AGAIN, A JOB WELL DONE!



It is the Christmas Season and I want to wish every Brother and Sir Knight and their families a "VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a "HAPPY NEW YEAR." It is important that we remember to "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS".

The Knights Annual Christmas BOAT RIDE is Thursday, December 15th. All members are invited to join us for a Christmas ride down the Cotee River. The boat will leave from Sims Park in New Port Richey at 6:00 PM. Our location to board will be the east side of the river. It is the floating dock accessible from Sims Park. The boat will hold a maximum of 42 persons. We will board at 5:30 pm, and depart the dock at 6:00 pm. BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS. I hope we have a nice turn out for this event. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Contact Grand Knight Joe Fiorentino at 727-809-0492 or Trustee Joe Menicola at 727-243-0066 for more details.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

CLAUS, Sunday December 11th, bring the kids and grandkids. Pictures will be taken with Santa. Our Lady Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #11680 will provide presents for all the children. Come enjoy a great breakfast and the joy of the Christmas season through the eyes of the children. Stop at the Parish Center after each Mass and enjoy a hearty breakfast. Served from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Enjoy the company of your friends and fellow parishioners, Adults \$4.00 per person -- Children (10 & under) \$3.00. Menu: Sausage patty, eggs, hash browns, grits, sausage gravy, Pancakes -- Coffee, tea, juice. Pancakes are ALL YOU CAN EAT.

4th Degree Assembly 2882

I want to also thank the Color Guard for marching in the Veteran's Day Parade in Tampa. I want to personally thank Bill Fuhrmann, Clark Hill, Joe LaGuardia and George Mountford for representing us in the parade.

Again, I wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

God Bless,
Joe Fiorentino
Grand Knight

*MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL BROTHER AND
SIR KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES*



Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

The season of Advent gives us ample opportunities to grow in holiness. As Knights do we have any special plan for this Advent or is it always the same dry routine?



So please find out some personal spiritual exercise for this Advent, like: spending few hours before the Blessed Sacrament on First Friday Adoration or attending weekday Masses or visiting the Blessed Sacrament at any time of the Day. These are to help us to deepen our relationship with God. Thus we prepare the way for the Lord to be born in our hearts. Preparing the way for the Lord is not always easy. It all depends where we are stationed right now. If we are in the wilderness, we may be surrounded by thorns and bushes; if we are on hilltops, the path may be rocky and rough. How can we expect Jesus to reach us. Only we know where we are and make the way easy for Jesus to find us. Be in the visible that Jesus may find us. Our pious activities make our way clearer and easy for Jesus.

Dear Brother Knights, may I wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year. To be thankful is a virtue. Always hold a generous heart.

The New Roman Missal: Many of us may feel why we need a new translation of Missal. Please see that the Holy Mass is the very core of Catholic life. These prayers mirror our faith. The new Translation connects us better to the Jesus of Gospels. It helps us know that we are a worshipping people and we are drawn into God's presence. Let this Advent be an exciting time for us, as Knights, to learn more about the Eucharist. Let us encounter Jesus in a real and personal way in the celebration of Eucharist. Let Him transform us.

May the peace and love of Jesus be with you all!

Fr. Sebastian
Chaplain



VETERANS DAY PARADE, KofC COLOR GUARD, TAMPA, FL, HALEY HOSPITAL



REMINDER
Friday, December 2
Monthly Dinner sponsored by
Social Committee
Serving 5pm to 7pm
Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Salad and
Dessert Dinner
Adults \$5.00, Children \$4.00

Featured Programs – a new initiative

For the 2011-2012 fraternal year the Supreme Council is promoting the Featured Programs initiative in conjunction with the Surge ... With Service Program and its six specific program areas - Church, Community, Council, Family, Culture of Life, and Youth.

By successfully completing a Featured Program listed for one Surge program area, a council fulfills all four activity requirements for that area. The Featured Program for the Church category highlighted this month is the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). By completing a RSVP program for this fraternal year, a council fulfills all Columbian Award requirements for the Church category.

Full details of the Featured Programs initiative are being sent to all Grand Knights and District Deputies very soon. Featured Programs that fulfill all requirements for the Columbian Award categories include:

Community - The two featured programs are Habitat for Humanity and the Global Wheelchair Mission Participation in either program satisfies all requirements for the Community Activity category. For more information visit their prospective websites: www.habitat.org and www.amwheelchair.org.

Council - Council involvement in and support Special Olympics satisfies all requirements in Council Activities category. For details on getting involved with Special Olympics contact the State Special Olympics Chairman.

Family - The featured program for Family Activities category is the Knights of Columbus Food for Families program. Conducting a Food for Families program earns full credit for all requirements in the Family Activities category. Go to

www.kofc.org/un/en/service/community/food_drive/index.

Culture of Life - A council can satisfy all requirements for the Culture of Life Activities category by participating in either of two programs - the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative (www.kofc.org/ultrasound) or a local, regional or national March for Life by involving at least 100 council members/family members/parishioners. For complete guidelines on the Ultrasound Initiative go to the [websitewww.kofc.org/ultrasound](http://www.kofc.org/ultrasound). For details, contact your State Pro-Life Chair-Couple.

Youth - Participating in the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids (www.kofc.org/coats) program meets all requirements in the Youth Activities category.

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) Through the Knights of Columbus Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), councils, assemblies and Squires circles "adopt" one or more seminarians or postulants and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. RSVP money is used by seminarians' and those in religious formation for personal Newsletter expenses.

EVERY PROGRAM REPRESENTS A
MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT
OPPORTUNITY.

DECEMBER, 2011

DECEMBER 1ST

3rd Degree Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall

DECEMBER 11TH

All American Breakfast, with Santa, serving from 8:00 – Noon, Parish Hall

DECEMBER 15TH

Christmas Boat Ride, Sims Park Boat Dock, Board 5:30pm, 2 hour ride, \$10 per person, Bring your own refreshments

DECEMBER 22TH

4th Degree Business Meeting, 7:30pm, Parish Hall

DECEMBER 25TH

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Richard H. Bourgeois
David Cruz
Vincent Dougherty
Anthony Esposito
Robert W. Fagan
William Fuhrmann
Keith Gosnell
Angel F. Jusino
Robert McLennan
John J. Oswald
Jack Petroski
Thomas Rose
Lawrence Scarpace
Robin Yates

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph E. and Eleanor June
Kenneth A. and Vanessa Schalk

January Copy Deadline

Please have your copy for the **January, 2012** issue of the Knightly News to me by **December 20** at the latest.

Any Chairmen of any committee that wishes to promote their projects are responsible to get their copy to me.

Tom Cleary, Editor

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Fr. Joseph Pastick, prayers for continued health.
Dennis Magner, under treatment for cancer.
Tom Nordengreen, at home, recovering from surgery.

Annual CHRISTMAS Boat Ride

Brothers/Sir Knights:

Our annual Christmas Boat Ride on the Cotee River will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 6 to 8 PM. (2 hours). We will meet at the City Park (Sims) at 5:45 PM.

Bring your own food and drink.

THE BOAT WILL LEAVE THE DOCK AT 6:00 PM SHARP.

PRICE: \$ 10.00 PER PERSON

Sign up sheet will be at our December 1st meeting.

Joseph (Joe) Menicola , PGK, PFN