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This Month's Calendar

January 10 - Rosary at the Vets Home, 4pm in the Chapel
January 13 ~ Pancake Breakfast, 8:30am-11:00am
January 24 ~ Council Meeting, 6:30pm in Thaddeus Center
January 28 ~ Bingo at Saint Mary's, 6:00pm

*In Memoriam ~ Worthy Brother Stephen P. Kuberski
May 30, 1958 - December 11, 2007*

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, Oh Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.



~ From the Council Chaplain ~

~ From the Desk of the Grand Knight ~

We're in the midst of the big holidays. Hopefully souls and spirits are keeping up with the glitter and sparkle of the commercial "come-ons". After all — when all is said, done, bought, sold, given, and gotten—our internal attitudes are the big realities that really count. Our Christ is born! "God rest you merry Gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay..." (Verse 1, line 1). This holy tide of Christmas all other doth efface (Verse 5, line3). "O tidings of comfort and joy..." (refrain)



Happy New Year! Hello out there in the Land of the Knights of Columbus. The Land of so many needs that really do need our attention. Charity, Unity and Fraternity are the principles that the Knights stand for. But we must also be involved in prayer. My intention this year is to continue our rosary service at the Vets Home on the second Thursday of every month at 4:00 P.M. in the Chapel. I am also looking forward to a Rosary with Vespers, on or near special days, at St. Jude. Of special note: upcoming this year, please plan to be a part of the Marian Prayer Program. The Icon of Our Lady of Charity will arrive at St. Jude Parish on April 14, 2008. It will be traveling across the entire State and I know that the Council will support whatever religious program is planned by our Chaplain Fr. Mike Danner.



*Happy New Year.
Peace in Christ,
Father Mike.*



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The Council Christmas Celebration at Boulder Creek Country Club was a very memorable gathering complete with snow! Just over 60 Council members, their ladies, family members, and special guests attended. Worthy Knight Angelo Tiberio, Master of Ceremonies, did a great job covering the Council's year in review. Father Mike opened the celebration with prayer and Father Mark closed the celebration with prayer. Father Mike bestowed a special blessing and certificate to three couples with milestone wedding anniversaries attained this year: Worthy Sir Knight Angelo and Lady Rose Tiberio with 50 years; Worthy Sir Knight Daryl and Lady Mary Mick with 35 years; and Worthy Knight Joe and Lady Becky Fohey with 20 years. Unable to attend were Worthy Outside Guard Boo and Lady Hazel Allen with 60 years; and Worthy Treasurer Ed and Lady Judy Kuberski with 40 years. They will receive their certificates and a copy of Father Mike's anniversary blessing at a later date.

Worthy Knight Dave Klemmer led us in songs of the Christmas season. There were door prizes including the beautiful poinsettias that Worthy Knight Tom Samuelson provided. The prize drawings were handled by Worthy Knight Jon Wright and Lady Chris.

Angelo also announced a special recognition for one of our Past Grand Knights. "Our Council 389 is privileged to have as one of its members, a member of the VFW Honor Roll. He has been a VFW member since 1961. His branch of military service was the U.S. Navy.

A Word about Dues from your Financial Secretary.

Your membership is important. A portion of your dues supports our charities program at the State and Supreme level, your contribution of time and talent helps the Council support programs vital to our churches and community.

A member who is not in good standing is ineligible to receive the Council's survivor benefit.

The Theater of Operations he served in were: Asiatic-Pacific and European-African-Middle Eastern Theaters: landings at Normandy, Southern France, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. His Military Medals include five ribbons with Battle Stars. We are proud of our own Henry Baltruczak. Congratulations Hank!

In addition to our Chaplain Father Mike, special guests who were also able to join us were Father Mark Peacock, Associate Pastor of St. Jude and Deacon Larry Hoogeboom and his wife Donna. We were very pleased they could attend. The Council presented Father Mike a Certificate of Appreciation with a check. His thank you letter is included with this newsletter.

We also reflected on the passing of five of our Worthy Knights: Past Grand Knight William White; Past Grand Knight Peter Kelley; Past Grand Knight James Rettig; Worthy Knight Charles Muys and most recently Worthy Knight Stephen Kuberski.

Lastly I have to mention the great success of our December Pancake Breakfast. We made dollars, we made friends, and we were honored to have Santa Claus remain with us the entire time. Be sure to check the Council website for photos and be prepared to pitch in at the January breakfast. I will see you there. On behalf of Lady Carla and myself, New Years blessings to each of you and your families. Vivat Jesus! Bob Foster, Grand Knight.

We are not interested in suspending members, but we are interested in knowing your status.

2008 dues will be mailed out shortly. If you are experiencing financial or personal difficulties, the Grand Knight might be able to waive your dues. Please make us aware of your personal status. Call either Financial Secretary Daryl Mick, or Grand Knight, Bob Foster—phone numbers are on the front page of this newsletter.

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Dear Supreme Knight:

When my husband became a Knight, we were introduced to our insurance agent, Mike Walther. We could sense right away that he thought of his career as more of a 'ministry' than a sales position. Little did I know then how much his sense of ministry would mean to me.

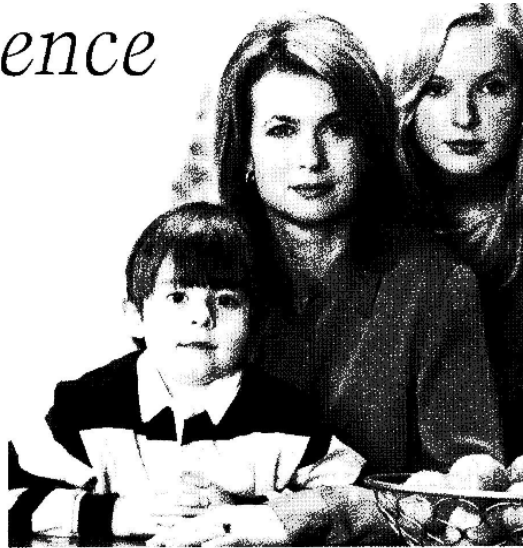
During our meetings, we weren't easy to persuade. Never willing to give up, Mike worked to show us that we had a need, and he was able to help us understand the value of being protected with life insurance.

My husband died suddenly last fall. His death was a shock to everyone. Although from a medical standpoint it shouldn't have happened, I guess God felt his work on Earth was done. Mike was there for me immediately. He was at the wake and the funeral, and then stayed by my side and helped with whatever I needed. He cried for my husband just like I did.

I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.

— Beverly Buchanan*

*Based on an actual letter. Names have been altered to preserve anonymity.



The above is based on an actual letter. Names have been altered to preserve anonymity. I can relate to this subject because I have experienced it – locally - several times. Contact me to set the help in place for your family. **J. Michael Taylor – 356-1186**

Happy Birthday!

1/13 Joseph Fohey
 1/14 Edwin Kuberski
 1/16 Craig Johnson
 1/25 Peter Gonzalez
 1/25 Richard Streng

Happy Anniversary

1/17 Francis King Doyle – 63 years
 1/25 Joseph Spica – 54 years
 1/27 Lewis Peck Green – 19 years
 1/1 Kyran Eardley – 7 years
 1/3 Daniel Hughes – 5 years
 1/27 Craig Johnson – 5 years
 1/3 Richard Newville – 5 years
 1/3 Jonathan Wright – 5 years
 1/19 Russ Banaszak – 3 years

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Dear Knights,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$500.00 to St. Jude Parish.

Your generous donation will be applied to our Debt Reduction Fund to help reduce the mortgage incurred while building our Millennium Center.

Your tireless efforts to support our parish are truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Reverend Michael A. Danner,
Pastor St. Jude Parish

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