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| CALENDAR OF EVENTS | |
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| Jan 1 | Happy New Year! |
| Jan 6 | Christmas Dinner for Visitation Staff |
| Jan 10 | January Business Meeting |
| Jan 16 | 1 st Degree at St. Maximillion Kolbe |
| Jan 24 | January Social Meeting – Souper Bowl |
| Jan 24 | 1 st and 2 nd Degree at Harrison Council |
| Jan 26 | Three-Rivers Nursing Home Bingo 7 PM |
| Jan 28 | 2 nd Annual Tony Pagano Spaghetti Dinner |
| Feb 8 | 1 st and 2 nd Degree at The Athenaeum |
| Feb 14 | February Business Meeting |

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Mission Statement
St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council

To promote the Catholic values of all families, and particularly the families of the membership of St. Joseph of the Three Rivers Council, through activities and assistance, and to proclaim the teaching of our Catholic faith while sharing our material wealth with those in need of our help

Member News

Prayers Needed

- Please keep in your prayers all council members, families, and friends who are sick or in distress:

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| Betty Hertenberg | <i>Fr. Harry Gerdes</i> |
| Bruce Goins | Brandon Criddle |
| Gary Beckemeyer | Mary Beth Friedhoff |
| Jill Kent | Peggy Hundemer |
| Mike Nocheck | Sarah Pfaffinger |
| Steve Kruse | Thomas Hiltz |
| Bob Joesting | |

- Please especially remember fellow Brother Knight Ray Walter, who passed away in December.

Grand Knight Messages

- Remember there is a Supreme Membership incentive drive going on now thru the end of June 2012.
- This includes receiving Medallion Awards for those recruiting new members.
- New this year is that anyone who recruits a new member is now eligible to receive the Shining Armor Award, even if the recruiting occurs beyond your own first year of membership!
- Also new is a revised format for the 3rd degree exemplification ceremony.
- Those members taking their 3rd degree will now receive a special medallion at completion.
- And to encourage existing 3rd degree members to go back and view the new ceremony format, any member who attends and observes the new ceremony will also receive the commemorative medallion.
- We are planning an organizational meeting in the near future to discuss forming a 1st Degree Team within our own council.
- Please contact Jim Bischoff if interested in becoming part of the degree team.

Our Members

- We will be saying the Rosary at Mary's grotto before each business meeting at 7 PM.
- Kevin Gardner would have won the \$5 November business meeting attendance prize! Next month the prize grows to \$10.
- Jerry Dehner won the \$46 November Split the Pot!
- Congratulations to Ben Staubach who was given his honorary life time membership to the Knights!
- We will likely meet our fraternal year membership quota, but keep the recruits coming!
- Upcoming Degree Ceremonies:
 - Monday, January 16th – St. Maximillion Kolbe 1st degree.
 - January 24th – Harrison Council 1st and 2nd degrees
 - February 8th – 1st and 2nd degrees at the Athenaeum.



From our Financial Secretary

- The latest KofC Buckeye Bulletin is available from Charlie Wilke.
- Annual dues notices have been either mailed or distributed at the December business meeting.
- Please return your annual dues promptly, and no later than the end of January.
- Dues will remain \$25 with optional \$3 Measure Up and \$5 "Gimme Five" suggested donations.
- Also included with your dues notice is a form to fill out for volunteer hours you have performed this year.
- It is important to fill out and return the form for your volunteer hours as it helps the KofC maintain its non-profit status. Exact numbers are not required, just provide a reasonable estimate.
- A new Form 100 New Member application is now in use. Please contact Jim Bischoff for the new forms.
- A change of note on the form is that the guaranteed 3% return on annuities has been removed.

Our Programs

Council Christmas Dinner

- This past month saw our 16th Annual Christmas Dinner at The Woodlands December 20th.
- We had 215 in total attendance including 73 kids!
- Fr. Pete McMullen from Our Lady of Visitation won the Nativity Set donated by Mike Pfaffinger, which netted the council \$192!
- Many thanks to our special guest coming in all the way from the North Pole - Santa Claus and his chief ELF!
- PS - Steve and Dan are looking for help chairing this event next year. Please contact them if interested.

Report of the 4th Degree

- If you recently made your 4th degree, membership cards are now ready. Please see Charlie Wilke.
- The Ohio 4th degree exemplification ceremony will take place on April 20th and 21st, 2012.
- See Charlie or any other 4th degree member if interested in becoming a full "Sir Knight".

Server Appreciation

- We have learned that there are over 100 young adults who are servers at masses at our council member parishes, including St. Joseph, St Al's on the Ohio, St. Jude, St. Bernard's, and Our Lady of Visitation.
- Instead of a Rosary for each server, we will most likely provide servers with a pizza lunch party due the great number of servers we have in our parishes.
- Stay tuned for helping with this youth program in June!

Keep Christ in Christmas

- Thanks to those who sold magnets after the December 3rd and 4th masses.
- All told we netted \$125 from magnet sales.

Display of Faith Program

- Remember to collect bulletins from churches at which you attend mass when out of town or on holiday.
- Turn these in to Church Director Steve Kruse.
- Every June we draw from the collection of bulletins, representing our commitment to attend mass wherever we may travel, and the winner receives a \$50 restaurant gift certificate.
- See Steve for more information and program rules.

Pro-Life Program

Liberty Nursing Home BINGO

- We run Bingo once a month at Liberty Nursing Home the 4th Thursday each month at 7 PM.
- Please volunteer for one hour one Thursday a month to help run this event. See Bob Nieporte for details.
- Our Lady of Visitation needs help bringing communion to Catholics living at Liberty Nursing Home.
- This would be on Sunday's during a televised mass starting at 9:00 AM.
- Please let Jim Bischoff know if you can periodically deliver communion to our nursing home residents.

Future Programs

Poster Contest

- We will be holding our annual youth poster contest in January. Letters have gone out to five local schools announcing the contest theme of anti-drug and anti-alcohol use by youths.
- Poster judging will now be by our council members after the February business meeting.
- There will be 4 winners each receiving a \$50 prize!
- Schools participating include Visitation, Three Rivers Middle School, St. Al's on the Ohio, St. Jude, and St. Bernard's.

2nd Annual Tony Pagano Spaghetti Dinner

- January 28th will be our 2nd annual Spaghetti Dinner in honor of Past Grand Knight and friend Tony Pagano.
- As you may recall last year we held our first "Tony Pagano Memorial Italian Dinner" at Our Lady of Visitation.
- Mike Pfaffinger will be chairing the dinner this year and he is asking for your help to lend a hand with the preparation and serving of this meal.
- There will be a meeting for the preparation of the dinner on Thursday, January 5th at 7 PM in Visi's cafeteria.
- If you cannot make the meeting but would like to be involved with the dinner, you can contact Mike Pfaffinger (mjpfaffinger@yahoo.com) or Dan Warnock (danjowarnock@yahoo.com).
- We hope you will consider offering your time and energy as we serve others.

January Social Event

- On January 24th we will have our annual "Souper" Bowl when members prepare their favorite soup or chili.
- Soups and chili will be sampled and voted on.
- Winner gets a Skyline gift certificate and bragging rights for the rest of the year!

March Social Event!

- Come join us to hear guest speaker Paul Brondhaver, armed services veteran of the Iraqi theatre, in what promises to be one of our best social events.
- Mr. Brondhaver is a survivor of a serious injury while serving our country and will talk with us about his experiences and his faith that helps him then and now.

Ladies Auxiliary

- The next Auxiliary meeting will be January 10th at the Miami Township Hall on Miami Avenue in Cleves (next to Argo Funeral Home.)
- We will say the Rosary at 7:15 PM and the meeting starts at 7:30 PM.
- Our social activity that evening will be learning how to play "Bunco". Come and have fun learning a new game!
- Please contact Maryann Schmidt at 825-6626 for more details.

Guest Column

Visitation Round Table

- Our Round Table coordinator Jim Bishoff is asking for help cooking for Our Lady of Visitation's staff Christmas dinner.
- On Friday January 6th starting at 1:30 PM in Visi's kitchen we'll begin prepare the dinner.
- Additional help is needed in the days leading up to the 6th to move food to the school refridgerators .
- About 120 teachers and staff members are being served.
- This counts as service project for our council and is a wonderful way to thank the Visi Staff and also attract new members!

Advertising

- If you would like to see your business, organization, or special message appear in each issue of the St. Joseph Worker, contact Dave Gerth to have your information included.
- For the price of \$15, you can have your ad included in each of the next 12 issues.

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