

Knights of Columbus Council 7199

St. Therese Catholic Church

October 2017

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Members and raffle tickets.

That's our story right now. One we want to acquire, and the other we want to sell. We have to do both very well to ensure our success. And when I say, "we," I'm not talking about just the officers, or the membership committee. I'm talking about every single one of us.

Everyone should know by now that our membership is as low as it's been for many years. This is partly due to a recent cleansing of our rolls, but mostly due to the difficulties we (and other councils) have in attracting new members. We all need to play a role in finding new members. It's simple, really. All you do is ask. You don't have to "hard sell" anyone or pester them to distraction; just ask. You just never know when you'll ask the one person who is just waiting for someone to show some interest.

If we don't all take an interest in membership growth now, we'll just continue to shrink.

Speaking of asking, that's also the key to selling raffle tickets. Just ask. Ask everyone. True, it's \$50, so sometimes a shared ticket sounds good to reluctant buyers. Sometimes just making sure they know the profits will go to our many charities makes a difference.

How important is the raffle? It's huge. It's vital. Without the money generated by the raffle we have very little to give to seminarians, youth groups, Little Sisters of the Poor, Special Olympics, the food pantry, our own church and

many other deserving causes. We do a lot, but we can't do it without money.

So I urge you to get out there and ask your friends, family and co-workers. Buy one yourself if you can. If you need tickets, contact me (816-516-9693) or Ray Miller (816-813-1918), and we'll get them to you. The drawing is Dec. 3. Time is short and the need is great.

**Vivat Jesus,
Rob Perschau,
Grand Knight**

Chaplain's Report

I just wanted to come to a meeting. Thank you for all you do. Thanks for the books we gave to the parents of students receiving First Reconciliation. Thanks for your help at SAVOR. There are a lot of services that even a large parish cannot do, so please help with the Annual Catholic Appeal. Also, we will have the parish appeal coming up soon.

We bought the Reineke property. Mike Birkel made it a point to be friends with him in the past. We are exploring options as to what to do with the 84 acres. We got it for \$156,000. I hate debt, but this was the right thing to do. Do any of you know anyone who does salvage and demolition? The house possibly could have asbestos. The information we have says it doesn't have it, but that information could be wrong.

Again thank you for what you do for the parish, the community, and the life of the Church

Bills and Communications

Thank You's

From Mia Tyler, scholarship winner

Communications

Nothing New

Bills

\$1,365 for Tootsie Rolls. The net to the council is \$585, with the remainder paid by other councils ordering through us. They have already paid.

Donations Requested

None

Financial Secretary's Report

We have 294 members, 13 Honorary, and 57 Honorary Life.

(Honorary is age 65 plus 25 years uninterrupted service to the council, and Honorary Life is age 70 with 25 years of uninterrupted service to the council.)

Our newest Honorary Life members are Don Armatrott and Tony Tomasich.

Joseph Garrick is our newest Honorary member.

First Friday Dance

We had 142 people there. It was a good crowd, and they came in quick. Most of them got there by 7:30. We had about 10 volunteers there. It is still a little short, but better than the month before. This was the same weekend as the Drive for the Developmentally Disabled, so that may have affected the result.

Drive for the Developmentally Disabled (Tootsie Roll)

We made over \$10,000. From our records it is \$10,500. We could not take to the bank today because it is Columbus Day, so we don't have an official count. We had 72 Knights involved. Thanks to the Knights that took extra shifts. We had 285 man-hours from the Knights. We had 11 "others" (wives, children, etc.), bring the total to 328 man-hours. Thanks to all who helped. We don't do more places due to lack of volunteers...

We may get rid of Walmart. We keep track of

money collected by location by denomination. We keep track to this detail so we can determine where the most good would be if someone has to cover someone else's shift.

If you are interested in the detailed report, see Len.

We had 3 brother Knights that are fighting cancer that stood out there for 3 hours.

Thanks to Len for all he did.

Thanks to all who helped call volunteers. We call people 3 times (people who don't have a valid email address, because sign up genius only works with email addresses).

First Degree Team

We still need members for the First Degree team. According to our District Deputy, even First Degree members can be members of the First Degree team. Contact Nick Athie if you are interested.

Fourth Degree

The October 4th Degree Meeting was cancelled because of Dick Adamek's funeral.

Old Business

Raffle

We would like everyone here to take 5 tickets and buy them or sell them. The drawing is December 3. There is an announcement in the bulletin starting this week. 1 in 300 chance to win, prize is \$5000. Wayne Schneider sold a bunch of tickets last year, and one of them won.

NOTE: We will be selling tickets at the Ministry Fair 11/4 & after masses Nov. 11th & 12th. Stop by & purchase one.

Dinner with Our Priests

Dinner with our Priests will happen on November 2 at 6pm at Le Bistro on Prairie View Rd.. Rob has made the reservation and we are all set.

New Business

Teen Dance Funds

Since we are not paying for a DJ, we can transfer funds from our Teen Dance account for youth programs quicker. Officers recommend keeping only \$1000 in there instead of \$1500. We will still move funds to the general account quarterly.

PayPal/Square Accounts for the Council

We are working in that direction, as a means of accepting dues and donations without checks. More details will be available at the next meeting.

Elvis Night Fund Raiser

This is a new idea from Mike Deghelder. Bobby Simpkins is an Elvis tribute artist. He puts on a really good show. Mike knows Bobby's PR agent. He brings his own sound system and spotlight. They had it in the Masonic Lodge in Independence. People were trying to dance even though there were tables filling up most of the space. The Masonic Lodge charged \$20 per ticket. He charges \$500 per hour & a one hour minimum. He also asks for the ability to sell his CDs and t-shirts.

This would cost \$750 total, with a \$100 deposit. \$650 is due the night of the performance. We could serve wine and beer for free will donations, and serve popcorn for free (we want people thirsty!). In addition, we could do a 50/50 raffle and a prize raffle during the intermission. If we use the Good Shepard Hall, we would have room for dance floor in front.

The idea has been approved by the parish & is set for March 10, 2018.

New Committee: Century 21 Commission

This is a group that would look at our council and how it should look in the 21st century. We need to attract new younger members. We need to make sure to involve the new members, and look into ways to market the organization, develop new activities and vet the activities we come up with. Right now we have Greg Fiudo and Maurice Egon

on this committee. We can make new members automatically a part of this committee.

Many people get First Degree and have no idea what is next for them. We have a lot of work to do just organizing. The committee still has not decided when and where it will meet. Anyone can be on this committee if they want.

Idea: Can we do prizes for attending meetings? Dinner gift certificates, etc.

Bill: We have brochures for the Developmentally Disabled. We need Brochures for our council: We need something that shows what people can do as Knights. We need to get the brochures into the welcome center.

We do have a new insurance agent Jorge. He will be here in November and every other month.

Adopt a Family (St. Vincent de Paul)

Normally we adopt a family. Officers recommend a financial donation to help if a family backs out of donating at the last minute.

Motion to donate up to \$250 carried.

Other

Nocles thanked the council for supporting him when his daughter passed.

District Deputy's Report

The Family Fully Alive pamphlet is available for free (you pay postage).

The Supreme Family of the Month applications were due on October 15.

There will Family Night at the Mavericks on January 27, 2018. The per-person cost is \$35/ticket. For each ticket, \$5 goes to the Vitae Society.

The District Deputy presented the Columbian Award Plaque to our council.



Membership Committee

Welcome to new transfer member Sam from Texas

Highway Cleanup

We will not do a highway cleanup this month.

Field Agents Report

No Report

Prayers for the Good of the Order

For the Soul of Etienne Kilgore and the Kilgore family, For the soul of Dale Fick and the Fick family, Al & Kathleen Renczarski, Tom Stacey's wife Barbara, Jim McKay and for the soul of his wife Dorothy, Jackie Pratt, for the soul of Dick Adamek and family, Ed Burgess, Albert & Lynn Daniels, John & Dolores Gioia, Mike McKenna, Cleo Woody Nollette, Clarence Stratman, Lionel White, Bob Guardado, Tommy Welliver, Wayne Reynolds, Greg Fiudo, Bill Marcotte, Rob Dorn's grandmother Margaret Hollenshead, Dan Dykstra, Families of- and all victims of the Las Vegas shooting, including Melissa Schlueter, the victims of the recent hurricanes

Upcoming Events

11/2/17 – Dinner w/ Father Joe @ BC Bistro (on Prairie View Rd) 6:00 PM

11/3/17 – First Friday Dance in Gymnasium arrive between 6:00 & 7:00

11/4/17 – Help @ the Bread Bake anytime but especially 4-6 PM in Good Shepherd Hall

11/4 & 11/5 – Ministry Fair. Help Man our table after your mass & sell Raffle Tickets

11/7/17- Officers meeting, Knights Hall, 7 PM

11/11 & 11/12- Sell Raffle tickets after masses

11/13/17- General Meeting Knights Hall 7 PM

11/17/17 - Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 10:00 masses

11/19/17 – Donor Recognition Mass & dinner at Conception Abbey

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Deputy Grand Knight
Bill Robinette



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Meet: 2nd Monday of Month