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UP – Coming Council Events:

**Business Meeting: Tuesday January 3rd @ 7:30 PM. Planning/Social Meeting: Tuesday January 17th @ 7:30 PM.
Hope to see you at one or both!**

**Knight's Night Out dinner is January 31, 2006 (6:30 P.M.) at Peking Super Buffet 1062 Highway A1A, Satellite Bch.
Please RSVP to Ron Stinton 726-6530 or Dale Saunders 727-1937**

**Tootsie Roll Drive - to be scheduled for March 10,11,12. Jim Lawler needs help organizing the schedule so please someone
step forward and offer assistance.**

*******See Calendar for other events*******

Committee on Room Space Availability VOTE MAY BE NEEDED

As you are aware we have put together an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of using some of the building funds to try to get a commitment from HNJ for space within the new build out. This will be reported on and may need a vote at the next meeting. There also may be some spending items to vote on that are above the \$100 limit so be prepared to discuss.

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From Your Grand Knight:

Frank Montelione

We face many challenges in our day to day life. For some just mustering the will power to get out of bed in the morning is a challenge. Others bound out the door ready to take on any problem and face the world ready to confront the joy of another day.

Problems are just challenges looking for a resolution. Learning is a lifetime project. The important thing to remember is that no matter how small an action it affects large groups of people. Just today I heard the age old excuse "what difference does it make".

When I spoke to a high school class and that sentence was used I used this analogy:

You are late for class so you swing open a door. You hit the star athlete who sprains his ankle. The biggest game of the year is this weekend and college recruiters will be in attendance. The star of the team can't play, lost his chance for an athletic scholarship; your team loses the chance to bring home the championship trophy. So "what difference did it make"? All this from simply opening a door.

Over the Christmas season we should have opened our hearts to those less fortunate. For many years I've participated in a drive to bring some joy to those most in need. Our office provides upwards to 40 families with gifts that will adorn their tree Christmas morning.

What difference did it make?

A father came in at the last minute because he was too proud to ask for a handout. When I gathered gifts for his children tears were in his eyes, partly because he couldn't do for his family himself but mostly for the generosity shown by anonymous donors. My answer to him was that this was not a hand out but a hand up and let's pray we don't need to do this again next year.

God gave us his only son. Christ gave His life for us. What a difference that made. Give the gift of time even if it's an hour, the gift of patience, which I'm still working on, the gift of understanding. These are all free. **James Baldwin wrote: "Fires can't be made with dead embers nor can enthusiasm be stirred by spiritless men. Enthusiasm in our daily work lightens effort and turns every labour into pleasant tasks".**

The Knights of Columbus should exemplify that spirit every day. To those who know us - we are Knights. May the spirit of Christmas be with us the whole year through and we always make a positive difference everyday of the year. "**When one door of happiness closes, another opens; But often we look so long at the closed door That we do not see the new one that has been opened for us.**" **Helen Keller**

The Grand Knights Christmas Party brought one big surprise – the number of people that attended. I want to thank all for the strong show of support for the Council and hope all had a wonderful time. The food and drink were plentiful, the good cheer and company was warming. I was going to name a few Knights that have been so helpful to the Council over the past year but everyone who participates in our programs, whether it's a Knights Night Out, the Tootsie Roll Drive, the Christmas Tree Lot or just being there when you are needed, I want to say Thank You, you have made this a most successful year. But don't stare at the door, let's open it wider.

Special Thanks to Don Winterich for his help in organizing the Tree Lot Schedule. Don, all of us involved really appreciate the excellent work and help. Many thanks to everyone that showed up to help set up and man the tree lot. All trees sold and guess what George is still only as grumpy as before so I guess it was a success!!!

Great GK party, great fun, now let's make 2006 really special by turning this Council into the best it can be!!!!

Hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and hope this year brings you your wildest dreams.

Speaking of dreams---that's what we all need to do for this council as if we dream it, it could happen!!! If you dream it they will come!!! If you dream it, well at least it was thought of!!!

Get involved, get others involved and let's really make the Knights of HNJ the envy of the community!!!!

Join me we can make a difference!!!

Let's get this Council really doing things within our parish---Thank you!!!

Spotlight on George Adams

He is Father Christmas to this Council!!!

I know I've already spotlighted George and therefore I should move on to someone else but as I worked the Christmas Tree Lot I saw something that most of you have already seen---George is the Tree Lot. He lives it and really loves the joy it brings to many of his customers that ask specifically for him. He has his funny one liners: "this one has your name on it", "straight---it's a telephone pole", "This one's so fresh I saw her slap a customer for touching her inappropriately". Yea he loves the lot and truly is Mr. KoC Christmas Tree Lot. For that we all owe him a huge thank you and congratulations for the excellent job one more year.

Rick Broderick and Dale Saunders as well as many others really tried to step up and offer the assistance George was looking for and really needs. I for one am hoping George will continue on as the lead for this project for a long time to come with the kind of support and assistance all have showed this year. There were many helpers setting up the tree lot and many unloading the trees. Don Winterich did an outstanding job of getting the schedule put together and most slots were filled and most brothers actually showed up to help sell those trees. Thanks to everyone that participated and special thanks to the wives for putting up with the missing in action.

Back to George, he was there everyday opening and closing the lot and I know even a terrible cold or the crud as we would heard him called it, couldn't keep him away. He is beyond dedicated and this council really needs to understand this. I suggest we consider him as Knight of the Year and again I thank him for the help, friendship and downright enjoyment of sharing his time and knowledge with me and others so this will have a life beyond his tenure in the council.

George, thanks for being there and thanks for the hard work. Hopefully you have seen that this council can stand up and assist and even could struggle to run this lot as a result of your ability to teach others the secrets. Thanks and please continue to run this with help from your friends cause otherwise we'll need to regroup and run this differently as none of us have the time and energy (or even the passion) you continue to show for this project.

Potpourri from the Deputy Grand Knight—December 16, 2005

Dale Saunders

To All: Whew! KC involvement in December has been active! Approximately 40 Knights, wives children/grandchildren & friends of children participated in the Bible on Parade on a most beautiful first Saturday of December with our effort receiving kind comments from the parade organizers as well as spectators along the parade route! Families Broderick, Dallape, Kornmeyer, Morrongiello, Rouzer, Szydowski and Zinkiewicz participated as family units, providing tremendous energy and enthusiasm including stretching costume efforts to the limits! Special thanks to my wife Sue, as without her assistance this project could easily have been significantly less successful! The committee that evolved already has ideas to improve our effort next year.

Christmas Tree Sales have once again been successfully concluded and the lot panels are on the ground awaiting transport back to the storage area at HNJ. We may have needed an extra day for sales this year, however per Mr. "Christmas Tree" (George Adams) the additional 20 trees ordered pushed net revenue to record levels! Details will be shared at the next meeting. Council participation at every stage of the event was terrific, and once again the event turned out the largest numbers of brothers in support of any project we run. I was very gratified to have met numerous brothers I was only familiar with by name from the roster. **Please try and keep the comments/intentions expressed to reactivate with the council in the coming year!**

Finally, Frank & Ruthie entertained some 50+ Knights, wives, family and **clergy** at the Grand Knights Christmas social on 12/17, on a day we also managed to get several Knights to a major Degree Exemplification in Palm Bay! What a great way to wind down the month and calendar year.

What's ahead in January? Business meeting 1/3/06, and reactivation of the KC basketball "**Free Throw Championship**" for HNJ youth, which is being promoted and chaired this year by brothers Tim O'Toole & John Roche. New to the council this year is a **Pinewood Derby for DADS** scheduled for mid-January in conjunction with the same event for the HNJ Cub Scout Pack. The project is designed as a "teaser" to get local Cub Scout dads together to participate in an event sponsored by the Knights, and hopefully capitalize on the potential new member possibility. Frank Montelione & Don Zimmerman are spearheading the event.

For those who have participated in and enjoyed the camaraderie of our "Knights Night Out", we are planning a "working" KC breakfast for as many brothers as indicate interest for Saturday, January 21st 2006. Time and location to be announced, cost is anticipated to be nominal. The event is designed to let us review our Plan of the Year, see where we have come, what still fits, what needs to be revised and what this Council can still achieve by the fraternal year end in June. **PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND.** This is an excellent forum for the 10 new members, recent transfer members, seasonal 'snowbird' members and those who have expressed an interest in reactivating with the council to meet, get acquainted and see if we are on track with what fits your interests. In short, a brainstorming event full of the New Year's resolution. Come and share your ideas, we're all soldiers in this army!

We have developed a core list of potential new member names from the Christmas Tree Sales and are planning another new member Information Night in February. Note this will not involve us setting up a table after Masses to solicit names, these are names we already have. Any brother with a potential new member name, please call David Rouzer 779-3035, or Dale Saunders 727-1937 and we will follow and try to get them there. Our last KC Information Night was a success and we know the format, let's make this one better. Random thought, instead of a visiting team, or having to take membership prospects we sign elsewhere for a 1st degree, **how about using our own team?** Bet this could get fleshed out at our mid year evaluation and be a quick reality!

Hopefully each of you had a blessed and Merry Christmas, please resolve in the New Year to increase your KC participation to the fullest extent possible, there is a lot of God's work to do out there and together we can make a difference!

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Fraternal Activity

Thank God for the Holidays and thank God for Family!!!

Didn't we all have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas??? Yes let's use the word Christmas. Yea I know it's now over or well is it? Isn't the 2006 Christmas season just beginning??? I think so and I think we should try to say Merry Christmas more this year than ever. Let's make it a point to raise the awareness of Christmas with after Christmas sales, Christmas markdowns and just post Christmas fun. Christmas is coming.

Don't just put Christ back in Christmas but let's make Him a part of our everyday lives. I'm probably guiltier of this than most so I pledge to start each day trying to live my life in Christ's image and trying to spread his kindness and examples. What a wonderful world this could be if we all made a conscious effort to try to do something that says I am glad to be a follower and believer in Christ. What a guy, what a God!!! What an absolutely powerful statement and change we would see in the world. This is a positive action and can only be looked at that way and hopefully followed by others. If we only all tried hard to do one thing every day during 2006 that really said Jesus I appreciate the way you lived your life for others and I therefore do this thing for you today---**WOW!!!!** No it won't solve all the world's problems and no we won't always feel good as a result of this one action, but it will make a difference and maybe, just maybe others will join you and the world will be that much better.

It could happen and I'm going to try to start with me, will any of you join me???

Happy New Year and God be with you!!!

Let me be the first to wish you a very Merry 2006 Christmas and enjoy this extended Christmas season, tell everyone that Christmas is coming and this year live as if it is!!! Enjoy!!!

Rick Broderick

PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

A teacher at a Catholic high school was dismissed from her job by Sacramento Bishop William Weigand when she was seen escorting a woman into a Planned Parenthood abortion facility.

The Bishop said, "Public participation in the procurement of abortion is morally inappropriate and unacceptable." Bishop Weigand requested the teacher's dismissal to be handled with dignity and sensitivity, and it was. The Catholic school superintendent Dom Puglisi said, "Teachers' public actions can't conflict with the teachings of the Church. Parents have made a commitment to send their children to a Catholic school so they have certain expectations of us".

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) seeks to gut the Hyde-Weldon amendment that provides conscience protections to pro-life doctors. "Doctors who morally object to abortion should be required to refer patients to other physicians who will provide appropriate care," the ACOG said in a letter to every Senator. The ACOG also asked Senators to increase funding for condom-based education at the expense of abstinence funds, and has lobbied against a parental notification bill pending before the lawmakers in the Senate.

Calendar

Jan	3 rd	KoC Business Mtg
	17 th	KoC Social Mtg
	31 st	Knights Night Out