

Knights Council 11187

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Santa Claus will visit Bishop Herrmann Hall on December 6th

MERRY CHRISTMAS



What's Happening

The New Year's Eve Dance is fast approaching. The cost is \$25 a person. Chairpersons George Williams and Charlie Giametta ask all Knights to volunteer for the preparation, cooking, serving, and preparation activities. Please fill in the coupon included in this newsletter with your availability.



Santa Claus will visit Bishop Herrmann Hall on December 6th, from 12:30 to 3:00. All parish children are invited to participate. One of Santa's helpers will read a



Christmas story. The kids will all receive a small goodie bag, along with a picture of them with Santa.

Knew Knights

On Monday Nov. 16, 1998 the First Degree Team inducted:

- ◆ Dave Criminski
- ◆ Dale Durthalea
- ◆ Don Graft
- ◆ Mark Holroyd
- ◆ John Olejniczak
- ◆ Jonathan Rolwing

Let's all welcome our new Brother Knights.

Star Council Awarded

We have previously reported that Council 11187 has earned the prestigious Star Council Award for the 1997-1998 season. This was the first time our council has gotten the award in it's five year history.



At the business meeting held on November 9th, 1998, District Deputy Bob Dougherty presented the award plaque to former Grand Knight George Williams, under whose leadership our council earned the award. The picture shows Bob (on the left) presenting the plaque to George.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

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Star Council Award
1997 - 1998
Council 11187
Pickerington
George F. Williams,
Grand Knight*

We are part of an elite group of councils — only 8 out of 314 councils in Ohio received the Star Council Award last year.

In order to become a Star Council, a council has earned three awards: the Columbian

Award (charitable gifts), the Father McGivney Award (membership level), and the Founder's Award (insurance participation).

We were fortunate to have a great Activities Director last year, Brother Fran Vendetta. Fran organized, managed, and recorded the activities performed by the group and kept us focused on our charitable goals. Current Activities Director Mark Kassouf has gotten the group off to another great start.

Congratulations to all the Brother Knights of Council 11187. Let's make receiving this award an annual tradition.

Upcoming Events!

December 5th
9:00 AM: First Saturday Mass
10:00 AM: Officer's Meeting

December 6th
12:30-3:00: Santa's Visit

December 8th
Feast of Immaculate Conception

December 14th
8:00 PM: Business Meeting

December 25th
Christmas (All Pay!)

December 28th
8:00 PM: Social Meeting
New Year's Eve Preparation

December 30th
Cook New Year's Eve Dinner

December 31st
Serve New Year's Eve Dinner
New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance

January 10th
Pancake Breakfast

January 14th
2:00-4:00 PM: Free Throw Contest

Knights' Golf League

I checked with Father Steve about Mass on the 8th of December. There will be no evening Mass on Assumption. The evening Mass will be on the evening *before* the Assumption.

Therefore: There will be a meeting at 8 p.m. on December 8, 1998 in the Knights loft. This will be a discussion to determine the venue for the league. Bring all ideas that you want to present.



Last Year we played at Pine Hill Golf Course in Carroll, Ohio. If you have other places that we might play, please find out all the details before your presentation because there is not time for another discussion before we have to nail down our night of the week and the starting time.

As of now we can again play at Pine Hill but there will be a restriction on playing early—we won't be able to play early on weekends. If we're not able to play early, we must have subs, and that means that the subs will have to establish their handicap before they can sub.

In order to get a handicap the subs will have to have a score on the front and the back nine. There were also some grumblings about our treatment by the course.

The secretary has heard all kind of ideas and courses suggested. Again please *do* have the contacts made at those courses that you want to suggest before the meeting and present your case. We will listen to all ideas!!

Bud Joos
Golf League Secretary



December Birthdays

Rusty Boehm
Andy Durewicz
Don Graft**
Ed Haug
Dave Justus
Mark Kassouf
Bob McDonald*
John Morrison
John Olejniczak**
Dan Pascale
Geno Persichetti
Todd Pierce
Dave Shaver
Paul Thoburn
Larry Van Orman
Paul Seaman
Mitch Thomas

**New Knights
*Milestone

Around the Council

Annual Dues statements will be sent in December. There will be a \$30 charge for dues and an optional \$5 charge for clipper's tickets (pay it and you will get 5 Clipper's tickets). The council is assessed for the cost of at least 500 tickets.

John Hamilton is resigning from the Membership Committee co-chairmanship because of increased job requirements. Brother Larry Van Ormer will continue in that position.

Brother Hector Ramos ran in the Columbus Marathon November 8th, and came in at 77th place. He qualified for the Boston Marathon by 32 seconds.

Steve Walter reported that our council sold over 200 coupon books for the "On the Road Again" raffle.

Activities Director Mark Kassouf will be reporting 5 gifts and 8 electives for November & December, among them participation in: Pasta Dinner, Halloween Haunted House, Parish Funds Campaign, Wives' Appreciation Dinner, Santa's Visit, Memorial Mass, and Council Press Coverage. Please report any other charitable activities you may be involved in to Mark — they count toward the Star Council award.

If you ever don't get a copy of our newsletter, check Bud Joos' church mailbox for extra copies.

Invitation to Join Renew

The Bowie's and the Joos' are on the "RENEW Small Faith Sharing Groups" committee to enable the continuation of the small faith sharing groups. We know that there are many Knights in these groups but there have been many comments that it would be better if more men were involved in these groups.



Already there are many groups that will continue. From the present feedback some groups will meet in the two seasons of Lent and Advent only, and then there are some that will meet once a month. At this time the materials to be used will be based on the Lectionary and the publication that we follow called 'Quest.'

So, if time restraints were a problem before, there will be more flexibility forthcoming.

There will be more news about this in the upcoming weeks. We will announce the time and place for a meeting to be held in January that everyone who is interested in staying involved or becoming involved should attend.

It is never too late to start the Renew process!

Thank you;

Bud Joos
Advocate

Wives' Knight Out

The Wives' Appreciation Dinner was held November 23rd for the wives of Council 11187. A total of 33 wives were served. In keeping with tradition, Knights did all of the work, while the wives enjoyed the evening.



Violinist
Charlene Adzima provided

soothing dinner music, while the Knights served the dinner:

- ◆ Boneless Chicken Cordon Bleu
- ◆ Mixed Vegetables
- ◆ Baked Potato with butter and sour cream
- ◆ Tossed Salad
- ◆ Rolls
- ◆ Dessert

The wives were also had wine served by a "Wine Stud" (Mark Kassouf). Brothers Bob Snider and Bob McDonald cooked the meal, and there were plenty of volunteers to serve and clean up.

Pasta Dinner

Council 11187 held Pasta Dinners on October 31st and November 1st. Although we were prepared to serve over 1000 meals, we only served 291 adult meals and 112 children's meals for a total of 403 meals.

Treasurer Joe Rossi reports that the dinners realized \$2,082.00 in revenue and \$1,057.98 in expenses, for a profit of \$1,054.02. Our projected profit was \$2,600.

The extra food will not go to waste. Some of the extra food was sent to the homeless shelter, some was used to feed the volunteers at the Wives' Appreciation dinner, and the rest will be sent to Crank's Creek.



We did have 35 volunteers for the dinners, which was a decent turnout. Bob McDonald and Bob Snider organized the cooking. Jim Michnowicz also spent over 5 hours cooking.

New Year's Eve Tickets and Volunteer Sign-up

The New Year's Eve dinner is a Knight's fundraiser. Please attend, and also sign up for whatever time you can spare. Knights that attend traditionally help serve and clean up, but you can also stop in just for serving or cleanup. Please fill this out and put it in George Williams' or Charlie Giametta's Mailbox (with a check for the tickets).

Your Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ X \$25 = _____

Dinner will be provided, along with beer, wine, and soda. A DJ will provide music

I will help: Serve Dinner Cleanup (9-11 PM)

Remember that you don't have to attend the dance in order to help.

Grand Knight Charlie Giametta received these prayers from Bishop Griffin and asked to have them published in the newsletter for your spiritual meditation.

A Prayer of Gratitude

We are grateful for eyes that can see and ponder, for taste buds that know the sensuous pleasures of eating and drinking, for hands that hold and touch and feel, for ears that can delight in music and the voice of a friend, for a nose that can smell the aroma of newly mown grass or delicious food, and can also breathe the air that gives us life.

We are grateful for the treasure of loved ones whose hearts of openness and acceptance have encouraged us to be who we are. We are grateful for their faithfulness, for standing by us when our weaknesses stood out glaringly, for being there when we were most in need, and for delighting with us in our good days and our joyful seasons.

We are grateful for the eyes of faith, for believing in the presence of God, giving us hope in our darkest days, encouraging us to listen to our spirit's hunger, and reminding us to trust in the blessings of God's presence in our most empty days.

We are grateful for the ongoing process of becoming who we are, for the seasons within, for the great adventure of life that challenges and comforts us at one and the same time.

We are grateful for the messengers of God — people, events,

written or spoken words — that came to us at just the right time and helped us grow.

We are grateful for God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service and use our talents in a responsible and just way.

We are grateful that we have the basic necessities of life, that we have the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and to respond with our abundance.

We are grateful for the miracle of life, for the green of our earth, for the amazing grace of our history; we are grateful that we still have time to decide the fate of the world by our choices and actions, grateful that we have it within our power to bring a divided world to peace.



Closing Prayer

Faithful God, you have lavished us with love. Keep us ever-mindful that you keep your promises. On our difficult days help us to remember that you are a refuge for those who need shelter, a comfort for those who feel empty and poor in spirit. On our joyful days, fill us with a deep sense of thanks-giving as we experience your ever-lasting love. Help us to share your graciousness with all those who need a touch of generous love.

AMEN

Annual Free Throw Contest

We will hold our council's Knight's of Columbus Free Throw Championship on January 24th, 1999. The event will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the Pickerington Junior High School.



Event Director John Morrison reports that there are ten competition categories: five boy's and five girl's, for ages 10 to 14. Contestants compete in their own gender and age categories to sink the most free throws out of 15 attempts. If there's a tie, five-shot tie-breaker rounds will determine the winner. Winners at the Council level are eligible to compete at the District Level. There are Regional, State, and International levels also. Call John at 837-6946 for information.

Get In on the Next "Dog" Golf Trip

Eight Knights went on a Golf Adventure to Santee, South Carolina last year, and came back christened with "Dog" names. Big Dog J.B. Boblett says the next trip will be the last week of February, 1999, and he needs to know who will be going



by December 10th. The cost is \$246 (plus tax) for a four night's stay, which comes with 18 holes of golf with cart per day and free

breakfasts. If weather permits, we play an extra round each day, which costs a nominal amount. Non-driving Dogs give \$30 per person for gas, which goes to the Dogs that drive. There are also wagers for Dog Skins and Team Dog games.

The Knights that attended last year will have first choice, and we can add others in groups of four on a first-come basis. Please leave a note in J.B.'s mailbox if you are interested, or call him for more information (home: 856-1612, work: (740)687-8682). Come along and get a Dog Name!