



Saint Mary Queen of the Universe Council 8196 Newsletter December 2012

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**Newsletter
Scott Gordine &
Lawrence Wetter**

2012- 2013 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

- Dec** 24 Christmas Luminaries
- Jan 2013:** 6 Birthright Benefit Breakfast
8 Council Meeting
19 Bunko Party
20 Local Free Throw Contest
? District Meeting
- Feb** 3 District Free Throw Contest
5 Council Meeting
9 Ladies Appreciation Party
17 Major Degrees (@ Council 601)
- March** 3 State Free Throw Contest
5 Council Meeting
8 Fish Fry
17 CYO Benefit Breakfast
24 Rosary for Unborn
25 Mass for Unborn
- April** 2 Council Meeting
16 First Degree
21 Corporate Communion
Breakfast
- May** 3-5 State Convention @ Olathe
7 Council Meeting
- June** 4 Family Picnic @ Lakewood
Park
18 First Degree

Knight of the Month

Sept: Ian Tinsley
Oct: Scott Gordine
Nov: Charley Rhein

Family of the Month

Sept: Adam Bonillas
Oct: Scott Gordines
Nov: Mel Robbins

RECENT ACTIVITIES

Life Chain

October is Respect Life month and annually on the first Sunday of October a Life Chain assembly gathers at the corner of Crawford and Ninth Street to pray and exhibit pro-life messages. Below our Council's Family Director, Charley Rhein is leading the gatherers.



Tootsie Rolls

October 12-14 was our annual Tootsie Roll campaign to help the intellectually disabled. 36 of our council members dedicated a couple of hours of their time to help pass out Tootsie Rolls at the Dillons stores on Crawford, Ninth St and Ohio St. This year we were able to bring in over \$3200 for this cause with \$2800 of that amount staying right here in Salina.

Deputy GK Tom Katafiasz giving a Tootsie Roll to a young kid at Dillons Superstore



Seminarian Breakfast

On November 18th our council hosted a breakfast to support the Seminarians in our Diocese. The menu included pancakes, eggs, sausage and fruit. As an effort to inform as many of our parishioners as possible about the breakfast, Brother Lawrence Wetter built a double sided easel that was placed at the front entrance of the church. The breakfast was a huge success and many thanks go to the several Brother Knights who assisted.

Ron Evel collecting a donation during the Tootsie Roll Drive



Here is a picture of the sign created by Lawrence Wetter



Coats for Kids

On November 4th our Deputy Grand Knight Tom Katafiasz presented Salina Catholic Charities with a couple dozen new coats as a part of the Coats for Kids program.

A crowd of parishioners moves through the line at the Seminarian breakfast



Brother Knights Jerry Base, Terry Hauschel and Harold Klein help serve breakfast.



Council Christmas Party

December 9th was also our Council's Christmas party. Fried chicken, macaroni and cheese (for the kids and adults) as well as several delicious side dishes and desserts were part of the menu this year for the well attended final event of 2012.



Christmas Caroling

On December 9th, our council of Knights and their families sang Christmas carols to the residents of several nursing homes in town.

Led by Brother Charley Rhein, the congregation is seen here singing for the folks at Windsor Estates.



After dinner at the Christmas party, the kids (and adults) enjoyed several games including pin the beard on Santa and the marshmallow toss.





Towards the end of the evening Santa Claus made his grand entrance to everyone's delight and took pictures with all the kids



1st Degree

On November 13th, we initiated two new members to our fraternal organization. Congratulations to Dr. Shane Fredricksen and Gage Cranmer for joining council 8196. Dr. Fredricksen is a podiatrist here in Salina and Gage Cranmer is an officer on the Salina police force. We also had one member transfer in to our council, Richard Dorenkamp.

Grand Knight Doug Mergen poses with our two new members Dr. Shane Frederiksen and Gage Cranmer



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
As we approach the halfway point of my final year as Grand Knight, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the trustees, officers, directors and members for the wonderful efforts and contributions toward another successful year. We have conducted Corporate Communion breakfasts, fundraisers for our council and the seminarians we support. We have grilled for the parish picnic and organized a Christmas party, caroling and ringing bells for the Salvation Army to celebrate the season. Our Tootsie Roll campaign amassed over \$3500 to assist the intellectually disabled. We have inducted 4 new members for our council at two First Degrees. We have donated funds to assist the parish in sidewalk improvements, helped purchase educational materials for the grade school and helped paint parking lot

lines. We have donated to Catholic Charities by participating in the Knight's "Coats for Kids" program. A very busy 6 months.

But, now is not the time to rest on our laurels. In the next 3 months, we will host a major degree at Council 601, hold a fundraising breakfast for Birthright and CYO, co-ordinate local, district and state free throw championships. There will be a Bunko night, Ladies Appreciation dinner and Lenten Fish Fry. So, I am asking all our members to say "YES" when you are asked to volunteer or participate at any of these events. Even better, call or email me, anytime, to express your interest in joining your brother Knights at these worthwhile activities. Signing up is easy at our meetings. If you are unable to join us then, consider making a phone call.

Finally, keep membership recruitment in mind as you visit with friends and family this Christmas season. Membership in the Knights is a gift that any Catholic man should appreciate. New members are our lifeblood. Please mark February 17, 2013 on your calendar. We will host a major degree (and first degree) on that date. Plan on attending if you have not completed your degree work or have sponsored a candidate you can bring to complete his degree work.

Vivat Jesu,
Doug Mergen, Grand Knight

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WISHING YOU A

Merry Christmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From my family to yours
Your Knights of Columbus Field Agent
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Chaplain's Corner

Blessings on all of yours.

I am writing this on last day of Advent. I am thinking about Christmas. And I cannot help but reflect on how God chose to enter our lives.

God could have chosen a number of different ways to enter into our lives, but the way God did it revealed incredible generosity. The magi followed the star, bringing some of their treasures with them to give to the newborn King. These magi didn't know much about Judaism or the Jewish Messiah. They didn't even know where to find Him, so they had to ask for directions. They only had limited knowledge, but they knew the basics: you give a King the best of what you have.

The shepherds didn't give their money to the King, but they gave their time. They knew exactly what was happening as their angelic visitors revealed it to them. They stopped what they were doing and responded by going to see. They put aside their time for the King.

Joseph was betrothed to Mary. We don't know much about Joseph, but we marvel at how he accepted a pregnant fiancée! Joseph was ready to divorce Mary quietly, but the angelic dream convinced him otherwise. He gave up his reputation for this King. For the rest of Joseph's life, many would misunderstand him. He looked like a fool. He willingly followed the ways of God regardless what the neighbors might think. God is worth more than our reputation.

Finally, God the Father shows us the highest form of generosity in the Christmas story. The most difficult thing to give away is whatever is most precious to you. This might be a possession, a dream, a mate, or a child. That's the sacrifice God made. Jesus gave His life, but God gave His own precious Son.

Do you notice a progression in this story? Some gave their possessions or their time. Others were asked to give much more. All, other than God Himself, gave as a response to God's love.

Many of you Knights have given so much of your time, talent and treasure to our organization, to our Church and, ultimately, to our God. May God bless each of you and your families with a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed New Year for your generosity.

Father Kerry Ninemire

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