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Knights of Columbus St Mary Council 6993 Mokena, Illinois

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

NOVEMBER

THURSDAY 23: THANKSGIVING DAY Give thanks to God for

our many blessings.

WEDNESDAY 29: MEN'S FRATERNITY—Burnett Hall 6 AM

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 2: MANGER SET UP

Meet at 9 AM at St Mary School.

MONDAY 4: FOURTH DEGREE OPEN HOUSE AND MEETING

Prospective Sir Knights are invited to Council 4400 hall at 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 6: MEN'S FRATERNITY—Burnett Hall, 6 AM

FRIDAY 8: MANGER BLESSING

Annual blessing of the nativity set. At St Mary School, 7:15 PM

SATURDAY 9: NUN'S BINGO

The annual Christmas Party for retired

sisters at St Francis of the Woods. Come help a lovely very old lady play her bingo cards. 1:30 PM at the convent

SATURDAY 9: THE CHRISTMAS

PARTY: After the 5 PM Mass in Burnett Hall. All knights and families should attend. Bring your grand kids, nephews, etc.. Santa will come. This will be a pot luck event if your last name begins in A through O bring a main dish—others bring dessert. Santa asks for your RSVP

TUESDAY 12: OFFICER MEETING: At 7 PM before the Council

TUESDAY 12: COUNCIL MEETING: Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 13: MEN'S FRATERNITY:—Burnett Hall, 6 AM

(The Men's Fraternity will not meet on December 20 or December 27.)

MONDAY 25; CHRISTMAS DAY:

We celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus the Christ.



OFFICERS 2006-2007

CHAPLAIN: Fr. James Dvorscak

GRAND KNIGHT: Joost Sluis

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT: Joe Doyle

CHANCELLOR: Peter Baker

ADVOCATE: Michael Doyle

RECORDER: George Griffiths

TREASURER: Donald Bauc

FIN. SECRETARY: Dan Michalak

WARDEN: Joe Kral

INSIDE GUARD: Tom Gill

OUTSIDE GUARD: Frank Borich

TRUSTEES:

Jim Peppmuller—3yr

Guy Mikulich—2yr

Greg Quinn—1yr

INSURANCE: Jim Librizzi



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If you are not currently an LTC policy holder and you would like more information on how you can avail yourself of this benefit, give me a call.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JIM LIBRIZZI YOUR INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

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SUPPORT OUR TEENS!

Except for a few Socialist slave states, the United States of America is the only country in the world where a pregnant woman in labor has the "choice" of murdering her child through abortion instead of delivering it to life. This utterly disgusting fact is an excellent example of the need to support the Knights of Columbus' Pro Life activities.

St Mary Church is sponsoring a trip to Washington DC for a group of our teens so that they can participate in the annual pro life rally to protest the Supreme Court decisions that outlawed the protection of the unborn. The cost of the trip is expensive for many families at about \$300 per person. The teens will spend several days in Washington and will fly round trip. The enclosed flyer explains the trip.

Please be generous in your

Support of the Teens

Vivat Jesus

Joost Sluis



NEW MEMBERS?

If you have received this news letter and are not already a Knight of Columbus, you have been selected by our Council as a prospective member of the Knights. Our standards are high—you must be a Catholic gentleman in full communion with the Church. We require that all Knights attend Mass regularly and go to confession at least once per year. If you are eighteen years of age or older, if you believe the faith of the Catholic Church, if you want to make a difference by helping the poor and helpless through your involvement and active participation when you can, then you should be a Knight. Many of us find that we can't participate in all activities of the Knights because of busy lives—this is normal and should not prevent you from considering Knighthood. You are also invited to our Christmas party (please RSVP).

To get involved, call: Jim Peppmuller at (708) 479 9799 or Tim Cosgrove at (815) 485 5599



wheelchairfoundation.org

The Wheelchair Foundation is a California based organization that has so far provided hundreds of thousands of free wheel chairs to amputees and others in poor nations of the Americas, Africa and Asia. This wonderful organization arrives in a local city with a truck full of wheel chairs and a list of those who need them. The list is made by local churches and charities. Each person receiving a chair is given it without strings attached.

The Knights of Columbus has recently become one of the sponsors of the Wheelchair Foundation. For every \$75 we raise and send one wheel chair will be provided by the Foundation. This is a wonderful charity that we should support.

COME PLAY WITH THE NUNS!

A long standing Council tradition is the annual Christmas Bingo party for the retired sisters at St Francis of the Woods mother house. The mother house operates a nursing facility for these wonderful old ladies. All knights who can make it should bring their kids/grand kids, and wives to help the old and sometimes blind sisters play their Bingo cards. It is a wonderful event.



THESE MEN THEY CALL KNIGHTS

Our council of St Mary with 117 members is a small cog in a mighty machine of Catholic men that exists to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Our 1.7 million members world wide are the largest lay evangelical organization in the world. With 71,000 knights in Illinois and 8,000 in the Joliet Diocese we are a small company in a huge army of Christian Knights whose purpose is to serve the Lord and each other. We are non-political. Our motto is "In service to One—In service to All".

Knights do not have a distinctive uniform or badge. Many church members are unaware that their church ushers, lectors, Religious Education teachers and other volunteers are often Knights. These quiet Christian men raise money for the poor and handicapped, volunteer labor for worthy projects and raise over 100 Million dollars per year for charity and evangelization. Each local Council is headed by a Grand Knight. The state organization is headed by the state Deputy to the Supreme Knight. The Supreme Knight heads all branches and organizations of the Knights of Columbus

Each Council of the Order has a supervisor called a District Deputy. The District Deputy represents the state organization as inspector and assistant to ensure that the protocols and rules of the order are followed by the officers of the Council. Each Diocese also has a diocesan organization called the Chapter that supervises the Councils for the Bishop. The Joliet Diocese has fifty eight councils in its Chapter. The Chapter organization is headed by a President

A separate order of Knights is the Fourth Degree. Local organizations are called an Assembly and these men, "Sir Knights", wear the distinctive uniforms associated with the Knights of Columbus. The head of each Assembly of the Fourth Degree is the Faithful Navigator. Members of the Councils who have attained fully the Third Degree of the order and who have been a Knight for at least one year may be advanced to the Fourth Degree on a voluntary basis. The State organization of the Fourth Degree is headed by a Master and is separate from the Third Degree organization.



THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Negotiations with Santa have been completed and he promises to visit our Council during the evening of December 9! We are planning a fun time for everyone and urge all knights, their friends and all the little grand kids, nephews, etc. to come to the party. There will be a pot luck meal (with some extras bought by the council), the bar will be available, there will be pop and juice for the kids. In order to buy a gift for each child who attends, and in order to plan for the right number of adults, it is important that everyone who plans to come return the RSVP on the back of this news letter. (A phone call is OK—if you get Joe's answering machine leave the essential information as requested on the form. Email is OK also.)

"Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all people. For today in the City of David, a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. Luke 2:10-12"



THE COUNCIL 6993 ANNUAL



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: Burnett Hall, St Mary

When: 6 PM Saturday Dec. 9



Who: All Knights, friends, and relatives

How: A potluck meal, Santa will come, gifts for the kids under 12. Plan to sing!

Potluck: bring a dish to pass if your last name starts with A through O, others should bring a dessert.

RESERVATION (deadline December 1)

I will bring: _____Adults and these kids:

NAME _____AGE _____

NAME _____AGE _____

NAME _____AGE _____

Mail this form to Joe Sluis at 11533 St. Vincent Ct., Mokena, IL 60448 or call Joe's house at (815) 469 9204 with the names of the kids and their ages.