

K of C Newsletter February, 2009
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Grand Knight's message -

Due to newsletter deadlines I am writing this letter only hours before I board an airplane headed to Las Vegas. Since this is our first newsletter to be published, I want to start out by saying "Thank you" to all you Knights who have made our Council the success that it is. For a Council that's still in its first year, we have accomplished much more than I could have ever anticipated and we are making ourselves well known in the Cathedral Parish. As we grow and establish our place in this parish, we are proving that we are able to accomplish many of the things that needed to happen at the Cathedral. Before I sign off for this time, here is an idea to toss around for a fundraiser – start an ongoing aluminum can fundraiser and anyone can bring their crushed cans to our meeting once a month. We can vote on this when I get back or perhaps someone will have a better idea for a fundraiser.

Vivat Jesus!

John Parks



Co-Editor Jim Koren's remarks

This newsletter is finally getting off the ground. The slow start was in part that there wasn't a whole lot to report while we were getting up to speed on our council roles. After finishing our semi-annual council audit this morning, I decided to keep my attention on Council issues and get this project started. I would like to thank everyone who assisted with the audit process: GK John Parks, Outgoing Financial Secretary Paul Theirl, Incoming Financial Secretary Rick Hubbard, Treasurer John Wyker, Trustees Ken Fowler and Sal Lo Giudice who worked hard as we balanced our books, give or take 40 cents. I am happy to report that we have \$396 in the bank.

Cathedral Mardi Gras & Volunteer Appreciation Party

There will be a Mardi Gras Party on Friday, February 20th at 6:30 PM sponsored by the Cathedral Guild and the Knights. Those who are able to assist with preparation are asked to be available on Thursday, 2/19 during the day. Contact GK for details and time. For the Party everyone is asked to bring a potluck dish to share for dinner and an optional bottle of your favorite wine to

share if you so desire. The DJ Extraordinaire will once again be Dr. Mario Pearson. Come prepared to enjoy camaraderie, good food and music and dance to your heart's content. Last year's event was a blast! This year will be even better as the word has gotten out. And do let Brother Jim Koren know that you are available to assist with the duties we share, such as fifty-fifty and assisting with the drinks. Assuming twenty knights/ladies show up you would only need to share 9 minutes of the three hour party. Laissez le bons temps roulez!

January meeting news

-G.K. Parks let us know that the blood drive that was held in December was a great success. -DGK Gary Evans reports that the Roses for Life campaign was successful resulting in the receipt of about 400 signatures. -District Deputy Book Lawrence was present and opened our January Council meeting by thanking everyone for conducting the meeting in a traditional manner; "like it should be done". He mentioned that membership is down from last year and that we should all be trying our best to recruit men to the Knights. He also discussed the events going on, both locally and statewide.

St. Joseph's Table

There will be a St. Joseph's Table on March 15th. Although it won't be a Knights of Columbus project it will be a Parish project. We should all try to help, either by lending a hand or cooking some bread, cookies, or pastries for the table. This is a great time to prove your skills as a chef! Our Deputy Grand Knight, Sir Knight Gary Evans' wife, Frances, is in charge of the St. Joseph's table, so let's see what we can do to help.

Parish retreat

There will be a Parish Retreat March 1 – 5th. Jim Randolph would really like our help on this particularly large undertaking.

March for Life

The annual March for Life was held in Washington D.C. January 21st. This year's march was especially important this year due to the Freedom of Choice Act coming to the floor of the House of Reps later this month. It is a very horrible act and we are asked to pray for its overwhelming defeat.