



The Knight Informer

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Brother Knights,

What a night we all enjoyed at our Christmas Dinner Social. Thanks to all the Brothers who made the event possible and to the 140 attendees from young Joey Neisen to not as young Will Yetzer. Congratulations to our Knight of the Year Dan Steinhagen- a faithful navigator for me and our council the past year. What an honor to have our Fathers Larry, Martin and Bill in attendance along with our Sisters from St Bernard.

We have lots to do in our council. We're trying our best to enhance our Catholic faith within ourselves, our parish, our family and community. We can use your help. Keep your eyes and heart open. See you at the next meeting. And let us know of anyone worthy to be called a Knight of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Scott Rynerson, Grand Knight

Thank You for meeting December Food Shelf Challenge!

Thanks to all who brought some canned and non-perishable foods to the Christmas Social! I didn't get the exact count, but we surpassed the goal of **40 cans** set by brother Ken Jacobs! In fact, we were able to **OVERFILL** a grocery cart! Good job, brother knights! **Next goal is a minimum of 31 cans.** (Can anyone guess why I picked "31" arbitrarily?) Bring them to the next meeting on January 17th. Again, thank you and bless you for your generosity!

Mark your Calendars!

May 11-12 is the Governor's Fishing Opener right here on Lake Waconia and on **May 18-20** is the Knights State convention in Rochester, MN.

Christmas Social Photos



Knight of the Year



Knight of the Month



Congratulations!



Fr. Larry Stylin'!



**I thought you said
to wear RED!?!??**



Smile for the Camera!



Ms. McPhee on the Piano



Good Attendance!

Thanks to Karen Rynerson and Mary Camilon for taking pictures also. More pictures in color can be seen on our website: www.waconiaknightsofcolumbus.com. Please check them out! If you missed this year's party, we'll see you next year!

Last Call for Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Worksheet Please take a moment to fill out the worksheet found in this newsletter and return it to Grand Knight Scott or any other board member no later than the upcoming January meeting. This report is due to the Supreme Council by **Jan 31!** You may also email your total directly to rynerson@embarqmail.com.

Business Meeting -The Board met on January 3rd. All agreed that Grand Knight Scott led a wonderful Christmas Party from "guest speakers" to a surprise but moving "Silent Night" rendition in German! We collected \$818 in free will donations to help offset the cost of the event. Next big dinner will be on Ascension Thursday (May 17).

GK Scott discussed a request from one local fraternal group to use our fish trailer for the Fishing Opener in May. After some discussion, we decided to table the discussion until we can determine if the Knights would like to use it first or in tandem with this other organization.

January 15 at 7 pm will be the **Free Throw Contest** in the School gym. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

Brother Manny brought in some initial bids for the replacement church kitchen stove and for a garbage disposal as well. Brother Manny is also awaiting bids from Premier Food Equipment and will pass that info onto Alice Wickenhauser who is leading the purchases.

Upcoming events include a 1st Degree Emplification here on Jan 17, the Pro-life Breakfast (Jan 22) and sausage stuffing (Jan 20 at School), Free Throw contest and monthly meetings. Busy month but lots of opportunities for becoming a "24-Hour Knight" for 2012!

It was mentioned in the Sunday bulletin that they are looking for volunteers to read for the students! If any of the brother knights would like to do this – or work a student, share a special skill or talent, or maybe share some history on our town of Waconia, please contact the school office at 952-442-4500.

Meeting was adjourned.

Still looking for volunteers! If you'd like to help Chef Brother Dan Niesen on our monthly meeting meals, why not come early on the 17th and help make chili and cornbread for the January meeting. Don't forget to share your favorite recipe as well!

New Insurance Rep! See our new insurance rep Glenn McCadden's ad on this newsletter and call him if you have questions on your insurance! He can be reached at glennmccadden@kofc.org or by phone at 763-772-3411.

Knight of the Month – Looking for suggestions for the Knight of the month for January! Please let the grand knight or deputy grand knight know if you wish to recommend a fellow brother!

The Waconia Knights of Columbus website has so much to offer!! You will find an array of services and information on our website such as photographs of our events, times and dates for special events and notices, general membership lists and our board and committee member contact information. We have your "Meeting and Events Calendar" posted on the site for your convenience! Check us out at www.waconiaknightsofcolumbus.com. Another good resource site can be found at www.mnknights.org for more helpful information and interesting articles about the Knights of Columbus.

1st Degree Emplification - January 17th - 7 pm in the St. Joseph's Parish Center. Please show support by coming to the first degree ceremony. There will be no Chaplets of Divine Mercy prayer meeting beforehand and the Regular KC meeting will follow.

Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast - January 22 A breakfast will be served after masses in the Parish Center on Sunday January 22nd. Prices: 9 years and Under (Free) and 10 years and older are \$7.00. Help is needed on Friday January 20th at 7 pm to prepare sausage. If you haven't tried this, you gotta! Volunteers are needed!

Pray for and keep in your thoughts the following members and/or family members who are ill and recuperating: Gus Johnson, Tony Bauer, Florian Kerber, Norbert Rademacher, and Gerald Poppler. We also want to express our sincerest sympathies and prayers to brother Roger Deleeuw on the passing of his wife this last week.

And Lastly... Just want to wrap this up this newsletter by saying the Christmas Party was well attended and it was a lot of fun! Kudos to the Waconia Jazz Band and to Hugo McPhee's daughter for providing wonderful Christmas music. Our speakers were serious ...and funny...but definitely captivating!! The food was delicious and the beverages were simply "intoxicating"! And what a wonderful opportunity to talk to the band leader... who turns out to be a brother knight but out of Glencoe (?) and wants to transfer over to our Waconia Knights! More to come! Lesson learned: When you're out and about, do take a moment to talk to men about what the Knights of Columbus do and practice. We are looking for men of quality to join us, so eyes open and look for those opportunities! Brother Manny, Editor and Deputy Grand Knight

New KC 2012 Winter Schedule

Event	Date	Time	Location
Jan Board Meeting	January 3	7 pm	St. Joe's Parish Center
Free Throw Contest	January 15	7 pm	St. Joseph's School Gym
1 st Degree Exemplification & Regular Meeting	January 17	7 pm	St. Joe's Parish Center
Sausage Stuffing	January 20	7 pm	St. Joe's School Gym
Pro-Life Pancake Breakfast	January 22	8 am	St. Joe's Parish Center

Thanks for contributing this month! Thanks to Scott Rynerson, Dan Niesen, Dan Steinhagen, and Ted Shugg for their contributions to this month's newsletter! Bring articles, want ads, requests, etc. to the general meetings, or mail them to me at *KC Editor, 2057 Starlight Dr. Waconia, 55387* or mnmanny@embarqmail.com. You may also call me at 612-644-2292.

 (Cut on dotted line or make copy, and return to board members by Dec or January .)

**ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY
 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET**

Each year, the Knights of Columbus contributed millions of dollars to charitable & benevolent causes and countless volunteer hours of community service to aid the less fortunate, whether it's fundraising, helping at the breakfasts, driving church members to events, or visiting the sick and bereaved. These are what the Supreme Council wants to know! Please take a moment to fill out the following worksheet and **submit it back to the board** at our Dec and Jan meetings!

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| 1. Number of visits you made in 2011 to: | Hours |
| Sick – caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals | _____ |
| Bereaved – visits of condolence | _____ |
| 2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2011 | _____ |
| 3. Estimated hours of community volunteer services in 2011 | |
| Church Activities – service in all church related activities | _____ |
| Community Activities – service in all community activities | _____ |
| Youth Activities – service in your related activities | _____ |
| Habitat for Humanity – service in youth related | _____ |
| Pro-Life Activities – service in youth related | _____ |
| Miscellaneous Activities - service in area not outlined above | _____ |
| 4. Number of hours of fraternal services in 2011L | |
| Sick/disabled members and their families – household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc. | _____ |

Thanks for helping us prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office. Please complete the above survey and return it at our next meeting in December or January.

