

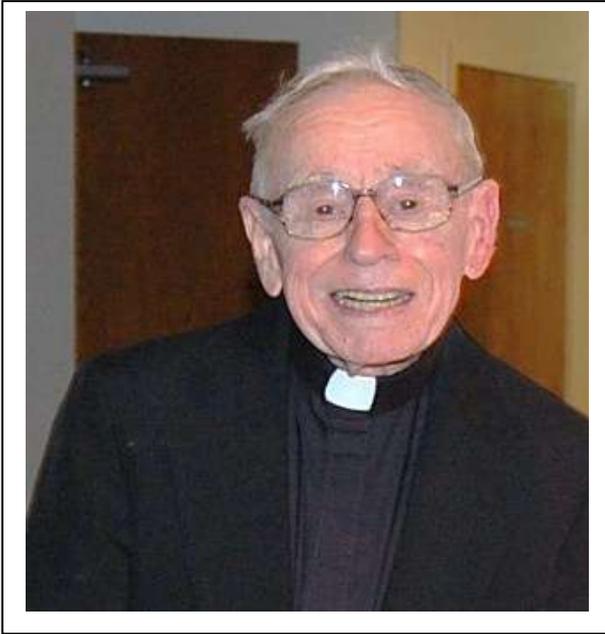
Annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Dinner Enjoyed by All

The K of C Annual Christmas Dinner was held on Tuesday December 4th at the Family Center. The banquet-like setting featured a beautifully decorated hall and festive atmosphere with colorful red poinsettias on all the tables. The buffet dinner included marinated and grilled chicken breast with all the trimmings. Father Joseph Grace, our long-time Council Chaplain, opened the evening with grace and a song. That was just the beginning and after the wonderful meal there was much anticipation by the numerous children present for...you guessed it...**Santa Claus**. Check out our feature pictures of Santa doing his thing. Perhaps you can guess who is present in the pictures? Christmas spirit was in the air and the event can only be described as **Terrific!**



Santa was the hit of the evening!

Some more Christmas Party Photos



Our Chaplain, Father Joseph Grace, opened the dinner with prayer and we all sang "Immaculate Mary." Thanks for your for all your support, Father...

Grand Knight Tom McComish with wife Carol wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



**Waiting patiently for the dinner to begin:
Pictured L – R are Lauren Muzzarelli, Missy Hathaway, Jack Young, David Hathaway,
and Kim Muzzarelli.**



Deputy Grand Knight Jim Carnes (top) with his wife Jeanette (L) and her sisters: Marilyn Weaver (center) and Rita Brocki (R) after dinner.

Knight and Family Director Greg Smith with wife Susan.



Our Financial Secretary, Knight Dan Waechter with wife Jane (L), daughter Rachel (Center), and son Noah (R).

Fr David Hesser to Visit at January 15th Meeting to Speak on Vocations

Fr David Hesser, Church Ministry Director of the Office of Vocations, will visit the Council on January 15th in support of diocese seminarians. He will review where we are with Vocations in the diocese and the financial impact of the success we have had with these many new vocations. Bob Giczewski, of Council 11044 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carmel, IN, will summarize what is going on with the funds that 29 councils (including our own) raised with the Corvette Raffle two years ago. Please plan to attend this important update involving the seminarians.

Take Note of the Following:

1. Start Planning Now and Mark Your Calendars...FEBRUARY 9th Chili Cook-off

The Chili Cook-off is back. For the third year in a row the Knight of Columbus Hall will be filled with "Chefs" presenting their own secret recipes for all to sample. Please plan to join us. The event is open to everyone. Whether you want to show off your cooking skills, or if you just want to sample some of the finest chili around, we invite you. Contact Mike Clohessy (765-744-8864 or rainscapesinc@aol.com) for details.

2. Plan to Attend St Mary Main Event on February 2nd: Dinner, Auctions, and Fun!

On February 2, 2013, the Parent Teacher Association of St. Mary Elementary and Blessed Pope John Paul II Middle School will be sponsoring the Main Event and Art Auction. This year's event will be held at the Knights of Columbus Family Center and will offer guests dinner, raffles, both silent and live auctions, and live entertainment. Funds raised from this event will support specific school needs such as student development programs and instructional materials.

3. Round Table Meeting Postponed

The next Round Table Meeting scheduled for 01/15/2013 is being **postponed until a later date**. Contact Mike Clohessy (rainscapesinc@aol.com) more information.

4. Knights of Columbus Year of Faith and Our Council*

Pope Benedict XVI called for a "renewal of the Church...through the witness offered by the lives of believers." Our more than 1.8 million Catholic men in 15,000 Knights of Columbus Councils are asked to take a leadership role in the Year of Faith (YOF),

The YOF started October 11, 2012 and will close on November 24, 2013 on the Feast of Christ the King. This year plus time period is allows for councils to seek out faith formation activities and charitable programs that provide immediate and practical aid to those in need. "The Orders YOF are based on the four categories outlined by Pope Benedict in his document *Porta Fidei* (Door of Faith)." It is designed to lead believers to a deeper relationship with Christ and the Church. The featured categories are *Faith* PROFESSED, *Faith* LIVED, *Faith* CELEBRATED, and *Faith* PRAYED.

***Faith* PROFESSED:** Learning more about our faith allows us to better witness Christ in our lives, our families, our charitable work, and all the efforts we undertake in our council. Our Order provides many resources to help Knights and their families and parishioners to deepen in faith.

***Faith* LIVED:** Our principle as Knights is charity: the love of God and our neighbors. We should live out our faith in all aspects of our lives especially our charitable work. We should focus our work on those who need our help. In doing this we can live our faith in a practical and public way.

***Faith* CELEBRATED:** Our faith promotes charitable and spiritual activities in our lives. We should gather in the spirit of unity with each other, our families, and our Church. This will promote our faith and strengthen us with our priests and bishop.

***Faith* PRAYED:** We know as Knights we are to love God and our neighbor as ourselves. Prayer is our source of unity and strength. With it we express our love of God and neighbor. Prayer reveals to Christ our love and strengthens our love with our families, parishes, and council.

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