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Grand Knight's Report



Worthy Brother Knights,

November was a very busy month. Our first event was our annual Memorial Mass on November 10th. Rev. Jean Marie Mvumbi Phongo from, Divine Providence Catholic Church was the celebrant. Thank you for the beautiful service. We remembered 154 brother knights and 55 widows and members of the Ladies Auxiliary. who have gone to be with the lord. I want to thank Brother Knights Walter Hughen, Amado Gonzalez, Fernando Herrera, Larry Espree, Eddie Gil, Jimmie Elizondo, Ray Johnson, Gene Espree, Sam Pestello who served during the ceremony. I would also like to thank Lecturer Ralph Garcia, Felix Campos, and Alfredo Salazar for the delicious meal of BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans. Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for a variety of delicious desserts.

On Friday November 11 Council celebrated Veterans Day with a Flag Raising Ceremony by the 4th Degree Assembly 2040. Thanks to all Sir Knights and ladies who came out to honor our veterans. Special thanks to Faithful Navigator SK Richard Gonzales, Color Corp Commander SK Earl Mills, and Trumpeter SK Max Gonzales. Continental Breakfast was held for guests and participants. Thanks to Brothers Mike Kaiser and Fidencio Gomez for setting up.

Religious Appreciation Banquet on November 20, 2011 went very well thanks to the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary and brother knights who came out to help. Sixty three religious guests were served a delicious meal of ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, salad, and dinner roll. I want to thank our Financial Secretary Fernando Herrera for Chairing this event. The Ladies Auxiliary for decorating the tables, donating the beautiful decorations and door prizes, greeting and serving the guests. Thanks to the head chef, Amado Gonzalez, who was assisted by Carl La Valle and Rosemarie, Joseph Miller, Ray and Elsie Johnson, Leo Romanelli, Mike Kaiser and Fidencio Gomez. Also thanks to Otis Rankin for calling bingo Fernando Herrera, Jimmie Elizondo and Leo Romanelli for verifying the bingo numbers and Brothers Richard Gonzales, Walter Hughen, Oscar Gutierrez, for serving as greeters.

December will also be a busy month. Please review calendar for details on Admissions Com-

Chaplain's Report



My dear brothers Knights, on Christmas Eve we will sing together ***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.***

And who are these people of his good will if not the poor, the watchful, and the expectant, those who hope in God's goodness and seek him, looking to him from afar? The Fathers of the Church offer a remarkable commentary on the song that the angels sang to greet the Redeemer. Until that moment –the Fathers say– the angels had known God in the grandeur of the universe, in the reason and the beauty of the cosmos that come from him and are a reflection of him. They had heard, so to speak, creation's silent song of praise and had transformed it into celestial music. But now something new had happened, something that astounded them. The One of whom the universe speaks, the God who sustains all things and bears them in his hands – he himself had entered into human history; he had become someone who acts and suffers within history. From the joyful amazement that this unimaginable event called forth, from God's new and further way of making himself known – say the Fathers – a new song was born, one verse of which the Christmas Gospel has preserved for us: "Glory to God in the highest heavens and peace to his people on earth". God's glory is in the highest heavens, but his high state is now found in the stable – what was lowly has now become sublime. God's glory is on the earth, it is the glory of humility and love. And even more: the glory of God is peace. Wherever he is, there is peace. He is present wherever human beings do not attempt, apart from him, and even violently, to turn earth into heaven. He is with those of watchful hearts; with the humble and those who meet him at the level of his own "height", the height of humility and love. To these people he gives his peace, so that through them, peace can enter this world ■ Fr. Agustín.

mittee meeting, First degree ceremony, and Christmas Party. Cost person is \$3.00. RSVP 674-3346 by Dec 10,

On behalf of the Council I want to extend condolences to Lilia A Perryman of Decatur IL, Loretta J Stubleski of Ann Arbor MI, Lorraine R Delhi of

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Financial Secretary's Report



The financial situation in our council, bingo and bar & grill are critical. We need your support and ideas for fundraisers to keep supporting our worthwhile charities. The calendar year is drawing to a close; please make a New Year's resolution to support our council.

The annual membership billing statements will go out before the December 8th meeting. Please pay the \$28.00 annual dues by then or earlier. Make checks payable to, "St Vincent De Paul Council 5262."

Also, the Fraternal Activity individual worksheet forms will be available at the hall. This is an important form that justifies our non-profit status, so please fill out and return it as soon as possible.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Fernando Herrera, Financial Secretary

Grand Knight's Report (cont)

San Antonio on the loss of their father Brother Harry Klein who passed away on Nov 20, 2011. Also to Brother Martin Burrell on the passing of his wife Margaret on Nov 25, and to the Family of James P Stuckey of Houston who passed away on November 27. May they rest in peace.

Let us remember in prayer our brother knights who are ill: David Ramon, Jack Hunter, Norman Buihner, Rudy Guerrero,, James Hale, Felix Aguilar, Ted Gapinski, and Deacon Charlie Von Allmen. Also Bishop Tom Flanagan, Oscar Garcia, Richard Gonzales, Oscar Gutierrez, Walter Hughen, Robert Moore, Otis Rankin, Don Smallwood and Gloria Elizondo

Let us also pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces. Pray especially for our Brother Knights Omar Hernandez, Rosenbert A Hernandez, Reuben Rendon Jr, William Ramos, PJ Riopel, Dr Daniel Bates, Fr Patrick Beck and Fr Richard Poole.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Juan Garza, Grand Knight

Religious Appreciation Photos - left to right, Joseph Miller, Carl La Valle, Leo Romanelli, Amado Gonzales, and Fernando Herrera



Birthdays

- 01 Frank L Battle
- 01 Msgr. Joseph P Petsch
- 02 Mario A Estrada
- 02 John A Wilson
- 06 David D Perez
- 07 Donnie Smallwood Jr.
- 09 Ernest E Raddatz
- 10 David Ramon
- 11 Joseph B. Miller
- 13 Rafael G Garcia
- 14 Nicolas Villela
- 15 Margarito R Salinas
- 16 Benito A Perez Jr.

- 19 Rev Alejandro De Jesus
- 22 Charlie Campos Jr.
- 24 Byron A Glunz
- 24 Rodolfo Olazaba Sr.
- 26 Jimmy Rodriguez
- 27 Jesse Barrera
- 30 Rudy Salinas

Wives

- 08 Carol Rankin
- 16 Roselea Llano
- 22 Ofelia Hernandez
- 27 Regina Aune

Ladies Auxiliary

Christmas Greeting to all the ladies,

I want to thank Grace Trevino, from St John Berchman, for bringing a cake to the Memorial Mass on Wednesday, Nov 9th as well as all our ladies who brought cake as well on Nov 9th and Nov 10th.

Thank you for attending the meeting on Nov 17th. We had a working meeting where all the ladies present worked on completing the fruit baskets for the Religious Appreciation Banquet. Special thanks to Nancy Hughen for making all 100 beautiful and hand crafted turkey decorations. Additional thanks to Connie Miller for bring the peanuts and candies for all the tables. Thanks to Marcela Rodriguez for donating all the vases that were raffled off as door prizes and thanks to all the ladies who brought gifts for the bingo winners. Ladies, you did a fantastic job of serving the Religious, especially for serving the salad. The salad was supposed to be self-served; however, the majorities of the nuns and sisters are elderly and have difficulty getting around. Well Done, Ladies! Thanks to the lady President for bring the cake.

We finally have an additional seminarian to support. Keep all the husbands and ladies who have medical problems in prayer. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Odilia E Herrera
President

Sisters waiting to be served.



with his presence.

Bishop Tom Flanagan honored us

Wedding Anniversaries

- 09 Joe M & Rachel Gonzales
- 14 Juan C & Ellen Diaz
- 15 Byron & Janie Glunz
- 15 Peter G & Eudelia Leon
- 19 Patrick & Diane Ard
- 21 Paul & Diane Revilla
- 22 Adolfo G & Mary Helen Navarez
- 24 Gilbert & Lottie Vidaurri
- 26 Juan & Esther Garza
- 28 Johnny M & Pat Ramirez
- 29 Andy I & Carolyn Diaz
- 29 Reymundo & Maria Garcia



DECEMBER 2011

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 7pm Game Night Kitchen Team 3 Bake Team 1	3
4	5	6 6pm Admissions Committee Meeting	7	8 Council 5262 7pm Rosary 7:30 General Mem- bership meeting	9 7pm Game Night Kitchen Team 4 Bake Team 2	10
11	12	13 7pm First Degree Exemplification	14 Assembly 2040 7pm Mass Open meeting	15 Ladies Auxiliary 7pm Auxiliary and Council Christmas Party	16 7pm Game Night Kitchen Team 3 Bake Team 3	17
18	19	20	21 Chapter meeting @ Our Lady of Grace	22	23 7pm Game Night Kitchen Team 4 Bake Team 4	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 7pm Columbus Club Meeting 8PM Council Officers Meeting	29	30 7pm Game Night Kitchen Team 3 Bake Team 1	31 New Years Eve

Pray the Rosary



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2011 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$151 million to charitable and benevolent causes and over 69 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the Information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2011. Please separate Council and Assembly activities. Do not double count.

1. Number of visits you made during the year to:
 - Sick - caring for the sick.....
 - Bereaved - visits of condolence.....
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during the year
3. Estimated hours of volunteer service during 2011:
 - Church Activities - service in all Church related activities
 - Community Activities - service in all community related activities.....
 - Youth Activities - service in all youth related activities.....
 - Habitat for Humanity – service in all related projects.....
 - Miscellaneous Activities - service in areas not outlined above.....
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2011:
 - Sick/disabled members and their families - household chores, transportation, and tutoring