

THE KEALEY KNIGHT LETTER

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From The Grand Knights Desk,

Dear Brother Knights and Family

I trust this report finds you fresh from celebrating your blessings at Thanksgiving and building toward the joys of Christmas. In reviewing the upcoming calendar of events for this month, I can't help but wonder where 2009 has gone. It's hard to believe that we have celebrated Thanksgiving and in just four short weeks we will be celebrating Christmas.

Over the past month we have had a very busy schedule. I appreciate every Brother Knight's contribution to these events which made them a great success. This council is strong because of its membership. The council survives by the good work that each of you as Knights do for the council. Thanks go out to Brother Dave Nelson and his Team for putting on a great Oyster Roast, the Friday Night Dinner crews, PGK Bob Wood for coordinating the Memorial Mass and Priest appreciation Sunday, all BINGO team members and everyone that contributed to the Thanksgiving food baskets.

December's events include the Council Christmas Party on 18 December the Annual Christmas Concert on 19 December, and the Children's Christmas Party on 20 December

It is my pleasure to announce the Knight and Family of the Month for November. For Knight of the Month I have selected a brother who is very active in the church, he is a member of the choir and he helps out at the council with every function. He has a can-do attitude and can be depended upon to assist no matter what the task. The only fault I can find with this brother is that he needs to learn how to tell a joke! The Knight I have selected for Knight of the month for November is Richard Gustwiller. I have selected Barry and Linda Clark as family of the month. I can't say enough about this couple. They participate in just about everything that goes on in the council. As an example, Barry is on the Parade Committee, works BINGO every week, is on the board of directors of the Columbian



**FATHER ROBERT B. KEALEY
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Club, organizes the clean-up of our adopted street and council grounds, Linda belongs to LOTKA, assists at Friday Night Dinners, and helps puts on like Children's Christmas Party, Widows Luncheon, Easter Egg hunt and so much more. They are also active in the church and community and well deserving of Family of the month.

We still need BINGO callers.. Anyone that would like to call or knows someone who would like to call please contact any one of the bingo managers, PGK Ed Lambe, PGK Ken Wiley, PGK Tim Dolan, PGK Berry Clark or myself and we will get them trained and on a team. It is only once every fifth week for a few hours and well worth the effort. Remember, the proceeds from bingo are used to keep the council operating.

With Christmas just around the corner lets all keep a prayer in our hearts for those less fortunate and give thanks for all we have. I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas from my family to yours. Remember, "Keep Christ in Christmas"

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Dewey

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Pete Wellman is in charge of the locker rentals. Rents for the 2009-2010 year are now due at \$5 per year. Please contact Pete by January 30 to retain your locker' Call Pete at 480-9332 for more information.

KOVAR

We are honored to again help those in our community with mental retardation through our Knights of Virginia Assistance for the Retarded Program. Let us all remember our many blessings and recognize those mentally retarded children and adults require love, understanding and acceptance with a chance to grow and develop as we all do. Our council goal for the 2009-2010 campaign will be announced. May God bless you and your families with his eternal love and peace.

Just a reminder when you contribute to the United Way or your Combined Federal Campaign. You can contribute to KOVAR by writing in the code # 42569. Thanks again, all I need is a copy of the receipt so I can have proof that the council has contributed the reported amount.

Matt Telinde

Deputy Grand Knight Report

I hope everyone had a beautiful and blessed Thanksgiving! Thank you goes out to all our brothers and their families for helping supply the food to make 50 Thanksgiving baskets and a very special thank you to our Grand Knight, Bill Dewy for the donation of 50 turkeys. You are all very special and again thank you for helping to bring the true meaning of Thanksgiving to those in need.

And now, with Christmas just around the corner, it is time to mark our calendars for the holiday events:

Tuesday, December 1st.....Keeping Christ in

Christmas: We will begin the season with our annual "Light up for Christ" celebration.

Friday December 18th.....Council Christmas party in the bar 7:30

Saturday, December 19thChristmas Concert – If you have never been, please join us for a beautiful night of caroling. This special night supports the local food bank. The admission fee is cans or non perishable food.

Sunday, December 20thChildren's Christmas party.

Sunday, December 20thBreakfast at the council

Saturday, January 16th.....Polish Nights is coming back (*more details to come*)

Thank you Brothers for your continued support this past year. A special thanks goes out to all those who contributed their time, from the cooks to the dishwashers and the many that helped make each event a success. Most recently Dave Nelson and his team produced a great Oyster Roast and a special thanks to our 50/50 ladies who raised \$422.00 for KOVAC.

2010 is just around the corner and we will have many events for the coming year. Please bring your family and friends....Whether to cheer on your favorite teams or just enjoy one of the many coming events.

For all who enjoyed those Friday night dinners, we will need your help to bring them back. If you want to do a dinner but don't know how to go about it, please contact me. There is money set aside for this purpose....sooooo why not give it a shot!

A Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year to Everyone!

Fraternally, Don Fuss

Deputy Grand Knight.

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December Birthdays

Roy Berry, Joseph Beck, James R Black, Brian Cabaniss, Patrick Callahan, Francis Campbell, Freddie Cano, Leonard Clark, Mario D'Auria, Thomas Davidson, Edward Davis Jr, Rev John Fitzgerald, Charles Fleetwood, Charles Fox, Richard Fraley, Christopher Fronk, Ronald Fulton, Robert Gajdek, Thomas Graham, Matthew Guzur, James Holloman, Daniel Holmes, Nabbie John Jr, Curtis Kavanaugh, Jack Kavanaugh, Edward Kavanaugh Jr, Paul Kazmierski, Lucian Montagna, Patrick Moore, David Nelson, Justin Norman, Michael O'Toole, Walter Pollard, Andrew Reese, Anthony Ritter, George Schaefer, James Shaw, Gary Sovine, Bernard Spalding, Thomas Sumner, Leo Thomas, Martin Thomas Jr, Theodore Tost, Miguel Ullom, Dale Vigneault, Charles Willis.

Sick & Distressed

Any member who knows of a member or spouse who is sick or in distress please contact

Ed Lambe at 464-1075

LOTKA

Contact Joan Waller at 587-4667

Insurance

Two top financial research and analysis companies recently reaffirmed their highest ratings for the Knights of Columbus insurance program. Both A.M. Best and Standard & Poor's concluded that the 127-year-old Catholic fraternal order's financial strength and stability remains strong despite a weak economy.

This marks the 34th consecutive year in which the Knights of Columbus has earned A.M. Best's A++ (Superior) rating, and the 17th successive year the Order has earned the AAA (Extremely Strong) rating from S&P.

Over the past decade, the amount of Knights of Columbus insurance in force has more than doubled, to \$72 billion. The Knights of Columbus is also certified by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA) for ethical and honest business practices. It is one of only four U.S. insurers with both IMSA certification and top ratings from S&P and A.M. Best, and the only insurance company in Canada to do so.