



SHINING ARMOR GAZETTE

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My Brother Knights:

Vivat Jesus!

At the December Business Meeting it was unanimously decided that we will NOT hold a Social Meeting in December. So, if you were planning to attend the monthly social on December 16th, please make other plans. There will be, however, a Knights Night social on December 30th at The Mousetrap, 2711 Middleburg Drive. It should be a fun and relaxing evening, and all are welcome!

Brother Jim Albert has been elected to fill the Inside Guard position vacated by Brother Andy Nelson who is relocating with his family to Minnesota later this week. Congratulations, Jim, and best wishes to Andy and his family!

Our Treasurer, Jack Davis, informed us at the December meeting that he will be stepping down from his position after the February meeting. Therefore, we must find a candidate to fill this vitally important position. If you would be interested in holding this position, please contact one of our Trustees (Jim Corbett, Sam Kopack, or Greg Lamberty) soon. As Jack will tell you, it isn't a difficult job, but one that is critical to our successful operation.

The month of December has gotten off to a great start with a successful pancake breakfast in support of St. Vincent de Paul Society where we were able to raise \$250 for those in need in our community. And just yesterday, our annual Blood Drive, chaired by Brother Bernie Chapman, raised 37 pints for the American Red Cross! Thanks to everyone who participated in these life-sustaining programs.

In addition, our final day to collect specialty foods for the Diocesan Hispanic Ministry was yesterday, however if you would still like to make a donation, please drop your items off at the Church Office ASAP! Specialty food items needed include: *Maseca* brand corn flour, dried black or pinto beans, white rice, pasta (shells, elbows, or spaghetti), bacalao/salted cod fish, any other canned fish, and canned whole kernel corn. *Goya* brand is popular and can be found in the Hispanic/Mexican aisle of most super markets.

Our Keep Christ in Christmas auto magnets are still available for \$5 each in the Church Office. These are great stocking stuffers! Yet yours while supplies last.

If you've ordered a Council Golf Shirt, you can pick it up at our January 6th Business Meeting. If you have not yet paid for your shirt, please do so by the 6th, or it will be made available to someone else. If you didn't order one, but would like one we will be placing another order in January or February.

Our Columbiette Auxiliary will next meet on January 6th at 7PM in the Education Building. The ladies will be electing officers and completing the initial formation process. If you know of a Catholic Lady who may be interested, please let her know about this meeting. Information on the Columbiettes is available by contacting Thursa Sotak, Supreme Director, at 803-648-8002 or thursasotak@bellsouth.net.

We need at least four 4th Degree Sir Knights with Full Regalia to attend the St. Joseph School Epiphany Mass at 8:15AM on January 7th at to visit the classrooms to briefly talk about the Knights to the children. They really get excited over the "pirates" with their chapeaus and swords. Contact me if you will be available to participate in this important youth outreach program.

Congratulations to our November Knight of the Month, Chris Slota, and to our Knight Family of the Month, Sam Kopack! Best wishes to all of our Brother Knights celebrating birthdays this month: Charles Bondurant, Lawrence Doolen, Charles Hill, PGK, Bill Jones, Robert Kraus, Kevin Mason, Mickey Mauldin, Deacon David Nerbun, and John Staab.

Lastly, let me remind you that our Financial Secretary will be sending out bills for annual dues this week. Please promptly remit your dues payment without delay. Our Council dues are only \$36, but if you are in a financial hardship, please communicate your situation with the FS, Lester Johnson, so that you don't risk suspension. If you are disabled, you may also qualify for a waiver of payment of dues. A simple form available from the FS could alleviate you of the annual dues obligation.

In closing, I wish you and your families a very Merry of Christmas, and God's blessings for a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Swinton W. "Skip" Hudson, III



Upcoming Events

1/15 - The largest Pro-Life rally and march in the state takes place here in Columbia, beginning at the USC Russell House and concluding at the State House. We need to have a good showing at this event! John Staab is the chairman.

1/20 - Fraternal Benefits Night is dedicated to educating the membership and prospective members about our Insurance Program. We'll be inviting prospective Knights to attend this event. Skip Hudson is the chairman.

1/22 - We will hold another family activity in the form of a Card and Board Game Night like we did last year, but in a smaller setting. More details to come. Jim Corbett is the chairman.

1/28-29 - State Council Mid-Winter Meeting and Charity Ball, OLOTH. All officers are encouraged to attend.

1/30 - The last pancake breakfast for the year will be our largest, and will benefit St. Joseph School. This is the beginning of Catholic Schools week and coincides with an open house at the School. We will be getting a lot of support from Rose Tindall and hopefully the PTO. We will run this breakfast as a brunch and serve until 2pm. This means we will need all hands on deck! There will be a few additions to the menu especially for this event at Rose's request. Rob Wiggs is the chairman.

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The Council currently meets in the Parish House at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Columbia on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month, unless otherwise published. Regular Business Meetings, closed but to the membership, are held at 7:30pm on the 1st Thursday, preceded by dinner at 6:30pm. Social Meetings, open to all, are held at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday, and consist of a potluck dinner and program, which is preceded by an Officer/Director Meeting at 6:30pm, if applicable.

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