

# Northfield Knightly News



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## Grand Knight's Report ~ Chuck Jutz

First, I hope that all my Brother Knights and your families had a Blessed and memorable Christmas. Aside from the heavy snow (which I guess makes the holiday memorable!) ours was quiet and peaceful until Saturday with children and spouses and five grandchildren under seven, at which time things got plenty lively!

Our January meeting is coming soon, and it would be a good time to have as many Knights as possible attend, as we have some decisions to make. At our December meeting a motion was passed to donate a sum of money to the St. Dominic School sponsored trip to Mexico, to be given to host families in Maltrata. Per our by-laws, it was left for this meeting to be given final approval. Our Scout leader will also be requesting our continued support for our Scout troop. Please come and get the good news of our Scouts' activities and progress this past year.

2010 also marks Council 1516's Centennial year of our Charter. Some discussion has already been occurring about a project to mark the occasion, centering on the old Church bell; perhaps installing it in a permanent base on St. Dominic Church grounds. If this idea is to become reality, we need to get serious about this proposal. If anyone cares to bring this up again, let's get a committee working to come up with a plan.

Finally, it was suggested to me that perhaps a challenge is due. I am challenging myself to recruit at least one new member this year. I challenge each of you to do the same. Imagine what it would mean for our Council if you took on that challenge! Think what a pleasant problem it would be to have more help than we need at every event. Imagine having more members at every meeting. Now don't just imagine it, help make it reality by recruiting just one new member. That would make 2010 a very good New Year indeed



## 2010 Dues are due !

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Member billing statements for the 2010 Calendar Year are now being prepared. Dues are expected to be paid by January 31 to maintain full privileges in the council. Dues are as follows...

- Regular Member - \$25
- Honorary Member - \$10
- Honorary Life Member - \$0 (yes zero)

In addition to receiving your dues statement, you will also be asked to participate in the Minnesota Knight Foundation 2009 - 2010 Statewide Raffle. This will be mailed to all members. The raffle sheet consists of 2 raffle tickets for \$5 each (\$10 total). There are \$20,000 in prizes.

Checks are made payable to the Minnesota Knights Foundation however at the conclusion of the raffle, our council will receive 50% of each ticket sold. Your \$10 contribution get you 2 raffle tickets and contributes \$5 to our local council. Please return all tickets to myself (purchased or not) and more tickets are available if you would like to purchase more.

Some members have already submitted their payment and it is greatly appreciated. For anyone who would like to pay their dues before I stuff envelopes and pay the postage, dues and raffle ticket money can be made at the next council meeting, catch me at church (usually 8:00 mass), stop by my home, or feel free to mail me your payment.

Feel free to contact me any way that is convenient for questions.

## Chaplain's Corner ~ Deacon Len Gruber

Dear Fellow Knights:

Mary, our holy Mother ordained by God, how many times we turn from you. How many days we never give thought to you. Your loving Son you gave to us, He who was Lord of all, and yet we burdened Him with all our sins, anger and hatred. He took them on the cross with Himself. There He said "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do," and He died there for you and me. How can we forget what He gave to us? How can we turn again to sin against our Father? How can we, children of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, forget so easily what He has given to us? We cry. We wail. We promise to change, and we are swayed by the evil one to sin once more.

Oh, Mary, Mother of Jesus we pray, give strength and love to us so we can follow Jesus this day. As we welcomed the birth of Jesus we promised ourselves to do His will, and yet again we will follow the road of selfish and arrogant self. Mary, we ask you to guide us with your love, so as this year ends and a new one is born, we will follow Jesus. Give us strength to walk His path of pain and death to one day be with Him in Paradise.

Deacon Len

## Fund Raising

- Turkey Bingo brought in \$727.64, Kitchen brought in \$114.00. Same number of attendees as last year.
- Pancake Breakfast brought in \$2,655.50. This was designated for Birthright.
- The KC Foundation will again be running their raffle. You can purchase a ticket for \$5 and you can buy as many as you'd like. Half of the ticket sales come back to us.
- We will donate \$250 to support the Pro-Life Ad in the Northfield News.

Announcing our Centennial Anniversary!

This year marks the 100th year of the Northfield Knights of Columbus, and the banquet will celebrate a century of giving.

Look for dates and information in the next bulletin.



Recently Vicki Marvin & Jane Bartho from St. Dominic School spoke in regards to the upcoming 7th/8th grade trip to Maltrata, Mexico in Jan 2010. The trip takes place every other year. The students and adult leaders will take part in community immersion. They will stay in small groups with host families & build relationships with the people of Mexico - many of whom have relatives here in Northfield. They will hike around the region, share time with their host families, study, attend Mass and so much more. Each person will pay roughly \$570/person to participate. This includes their airfare, bus transportation, small stipend for their host families (roughly \$5/day/per person). There are at current count 32 people going on the trip - 14 of which are students. **Donate \$560 to the students going. This money is to be used to cover the cost of their host family gifts.**

Matt Blumkin did a short presentation on Totus Tu, a group he would like to bring to St. Dominics in 2010. They will conduct Vacation Bible School and youth group programs. They will stay with host families while here. Total cost is roughly \$1,400. **Donate \$800 (1/2 the cost of the program + \$100 for advertising expenses).**



## Good of the Order

Lord, our Father, may Your everlasting strength and resolve help solidify and bring together Your Nation of devoted followers to work towards uplifting the economy. We pray for You to forgive foreclosures, for the Nation's dollar to be strong in value once again, and for the government to make wise and Godly decisions with the country's national resources. Let us pray to You, oh Lord, to provide relief to those impoverished and in dire need; and for those of us with wealth and abundance to increase our charity and support as we were taught through Your divine teachings.  
Amen



## POT O' GOLD & RAFFLE:

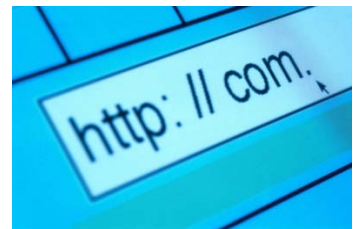
Congratulations to T. Wirtzfeld on winning January's raffle.

**Pot O' Gold winners could have been but were not present:**

Jeff Eckhoff, Dave Mazurek, Dan Smisek, Bob Sullivan & Ed Klinkhammer

## Calendar of Events

January 7	KC Meeting	Officers 6:30, General Meeting 7:30
February 4	KC Meeting	Officers 6:30, General Meeting 7:30
February 27	St. Dominic School Auction	
March 4	KC Meeting	Officers 6:30, General Meeting 7:30
March 14	First Degree Exemplification. New Prague	



Please visit [www.kc1516.org](http://www.kc1516.org) Send your comments and suggestions to Brother Jerry at [chrismanj@gmail.com](mailto:chrismanj@gmail.com)

## January Birthday's

Happy Birthday to the following Knights celebrating in January ...

Thomas Devney	Thomas Neuville	
James Estrem	Daniel Skluzacek	Thomas Meagher
Dan Freiermuth	John Becker	Gerald Odette
Brian Goerd	John Fink	Francis Petricka
David Hinderscheit	Peter Grossman	Dale Touchette
Joe Hollinger	Marvin Grundhoefer	Fred Van Son
Chuck Jutz	Jerome Kalina	Albert Warner



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## On The Lighter Side ...

Little Johnny's teacher asks, "George Washington not only chopped down his father's Cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Do any of you know why his father didn't punish him?"

Little Johnny replies, "Because George was the one holding the axe?"

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