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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:

As I said before our 2007 Convention Committee has accomplished much over the past year. Our fundraising to offset our convention costs has been going very well. I will soon be wrapping-up my push for ad sales in the first part of March. If you still want to place an ad in our convention booklet please contact me before mid-march so that we could make arrangements. My cell phone number is 651-276-7231. I will need to start putting the convention book together and getting it to the printer by early May.

I am also happy to report to you all that we have one new member that we put through our First Degree Exemplification in the February meeting. We have an excellent start this year but we will still need a number of new members if we are to make Star Council again this year. I encourage each of you to try to get a new member into the council for our next exemplification in March. That's right, I felt the need to push it up to March as we have so much going on this April and May.

Just a reminder, the Region 12 - Free Throw Contest on Saturday, February 24th will be hosted at Faithful Shepherd School once again in Eagan. Registration starts 9:30 am. Thanks again for your continuing support of our council and its various activities over this busy year.

Chuck Stanek
Grand Knight

CHAPLAINS MESSAGE::

Greetings!
There is an old story, told in many variations, of an elderly choir director who died and went to heaven. Upon entering the "pearly gates", the choir director was amazed to see, down there on earth, every choir heard. One choir had over 100 singers, but only 3 could be heard. Another had 40 voices but only the sour notes could be heard. Complaining to St. Peter, the Choir Director wondered why so little of the In this Season of fasting, almsgiving and prayer, there are a variety of practices that mark the season of Lent. Our Scripture readings on Ash Wednesday and during this first week of Lent remind us that ex-pleasing to God.

In this Lenten Season, may be put our hearts into whatever we are giving up from our lives or adding to our lives. In the examples of the Sacre-

NOTES FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:::

1. The First Degree Team exemplified a new member, Orazio Lombardi. Please welcome him to our council.
2. Grand Knight, Chuck Stanek reminded the members that he was working on the convention booklet and if anyone wanted to place an ad in the booklet to let him know.
3. Art Hendricks gave the gambling report. For the month of January we generated about \$2800 for donations giving us about \$25500 on hand. The council approved all necessary expenses for the operation of pull-tabs for the next month. The council also approved the following donations: St. John Neumann/CAC Food Shelf, \$4000; and Girl Scout Troop #1081, \$200. Art also reported that the Gambling Control Board was very pleased with our response to the compliance review. We are being audited by the IRS on February 20 results will be reported at the next meeting. Art also ask for council approval to look into securing a new accounting firm to do our annual audit to save some expenses. The council gave their approval. The complete report is on file and can be read by calling 651-452-6779.
4. Dave Novack reported that the Pancake Breakfast on February 4th was very successful we cleared a little over \$300.
5. Scott Messner and Al Kramer reported that we had 23 participants in the Free Throw Contest. They will go to the District Contest on February 4th.
6. General agent, Dale Robinson welcomed our new member and stated that a agent would be calling on him very soon. He also told us a that the insurance program is one of the very best in the country paying dividends of about 8%. He also stated that he was looking for more agents and that it was a very rewarding job.
7. District Deputy, Loren Sworski, welcomed our new member and encouraged him to become active in the council, the more you put into the Knights the more you will enjoy your membership. Loren also reported that the District Free Throw Contest was very successful and that the Regional Contest would be February 24th at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. Registration starts at 9:30 and shooting starts at 10.
8. Our prayers were asked for the following: Niel Heiden's granddaughter, who had surgery; Father Vince Colon who wasn't feeling well; Father Tom Brioschi who has been diagnosed with cancer; and Deacon Marty from St. Peter's who had surgery.
9. Art Hendricks reported that we were having another Pancake Breakfast

at Applebee's on March 24th from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. to help raise money for the State Convention. Any one that can help please give Art a call at 651-452-6779 to volunteer. 10. Grand Knight, Chuck Stanek awarded Kevin Zenner "The Knight Of The Month" and the Kraig Runquist Family as "the Family Of The Month" 11. **Richard Mushel's** name was drawn in the attendance drawing and would have won \$30.00 if he had been present. The drawing at our March 12th meeting will be for \$35.00. Hope to see you there.

NOTICE

Your 2007 membership dues are now past due. Please send them in as soon as possible. Save us from sending out a second notice. REMEMBER your and your spouses FREE accidental death insurance in not enforce unless your dues are paid.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following have Birthdays in March:

02 Stephen Boawright	31 Patrick Connolly
15 Theodore Daley	20 James Green
03 Gary Gwaltney	09 Richard Hanson
13 Fred Hauenstein	11 Thomas King
21 James Marshall	05 Lawrence Merck
12 Terrence Miller	19 Richard Mushel
05 Bruce Musolf	27 David Rottjakob
09 Kraig Runquist	26 David J Ryan
22 Michael Schimekl	02 Melvin Schommer
29 Timothy Stretar	20 Christopher Thelen
28 Kae Vandeputte	08 Thomas VanThomme
11 Mary Woida	15 James Wuertz

A. P. B.

We are having a Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on March 24th from 8:00 to 10:00. If you can help with this project please call Art at 651-452-6779 to volunteer. This is the last breakfast that we will be doing to raise money for the State Convention. Please help make this a success. If you can't volunteer to help plan to bring your family out for breakfast, Cost is \$5.00 per person and children under 4 years of age are free,

STATE CONVENTION

Did you know..... that you are welcome to attend the State Convention Banquet? If you would like to attend this big event, that our council is hosting, **Please** contact Art. The cost for this banquet is \$27.00 per person. This is a good opportunity to introduce your wife or significant other to one of the great events that we as Knights have. Also we are looking for volunteers to help with the State Convention. We need people to take tickets at meals, help with registration and answer questions for our guests. Call Art at 651-452-6779 for all the perks.

F. F. D.

Dan Dixon is chairing a Fish Fry on March 30th at Faithful Shepherd Catholic School. If You can help with this project please give him a call at 651-452-8611. And if you can't help please plan to bring your family out to dinner.

E. T. G.

On April 5 – 6 – 7 we will be doing guard duty at the Parishes for the all night vigil. If you have a special time that you would like to help out please call Art at 651-452-6779 before your time is filled. This will also help keep Art off the phone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12

Knights of Columbus meeting at FSCS after 6:30 Mass at SJN. The Auxiliary will be meeting at the president's home at 7:30

March 12

Exemplification of the First Degree have candidates there by 7:15

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

March 17

Advance ticket sales for Applebee's Pancake Breakfast at St. John Neumann after all Masses

March 24

Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Town Centre 8:00 to 10:00

March 30

Fish Fry at Faithful Shepherd School

April 5-6-7

Guard duty at the parishes for the Easter Tritium

April 7

Easter Egg Hunt at all three parishes

April 9

Knights of Columbus and Auxiliary meeting 7:30 at FSCS after 6:30 Mass at SJN

April 9

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

April 27-28-29

TOOTSIE ROLL PROGRAM

May 14

Knights of Columbus and Auxiliary meeting 7:30 at FSCS after 6:30 Mass at SJN

May 14

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

May 18-19-20

Hosting the Knights of Columbus State Convention: "A SLICE OF HEAVEN IN 2007"

June 11

Knights of Columbus meeting and election of Officers for the next year.

NO AUXILIARY MEETING.

MARCH 2007 AUXILIARY NEWS
NEXT MEETING MARCH 12, 7:30 P.M.
AT THE PRESIDENTS HOME

Lent is when Jesus prepared himself to face the suffering and death he was to undergo in order to redeem humanity by fasting and praying for forty days in the desert.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their volunteer hours. Seventy-five percent of our members submitted a total of 3,339 hours. We are busy ladies.

The next Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's in Eagan is Saturday March 24 from 8:00 to 10:00. Volunteers are needed starting at 7:30. If you would like to help contact Art or myself. Remember to count this time toward your volunteer hours. If you can't work, come and eat. Only \$5.00 per person. All members were sent a volunteer hour tally sheet with their dues. Please keep track of your hours.

State Auxiliary Convention is Saturday, April 28. Lakeville Auxiliary will host the convention at All Saints Church in Lakeville. This year's theme is "Totally Yours - To Jesus Through Mary". A great day is being planned with fellowship, great food, awards, speaker and Mass will be celebrated by our State Chaplain, Fr. Martin Siebenaler. There is always door prizes. It is a great way to meet ladies from all over the state and learn more about the Auxiliary. The day is usually done by 3:00. If interested in attending let me know.

The State Knights of Columbus Convention our council is hosting is fast approaching. It is May 18-20 at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel. Many of your spouses are involved. We need ladies to help with the ladies luncheon. KARE 11's Bobby Jensen will be the luncheon speaker. If you would like to attend the cost is \$25.00. Bring your gardening questions for Bobby. At Friday evenings ice-breaker dinner we will have St. John Neumann's talented pianist Dan Walczak entertain us. Cost for Friday's Chicken Dinner is \$22.00. Dan will also be the accompanist for the Saturday morning Memorial Mass and the Sunday Morning Closing Mass. Archbishop Flynn will celebrate the Sunday Mass. Saturday evenings Sirloin Steak Dinner is \$27.00. Vegetarian meals are also provided upon request. If you are interested in attending let Art or myself know. Registrations are due by April. As always the State Hospitality Room will be open Friday and Saturday evenings for fellowship from 9:00 to 11:00 P.M.

March 12th Auxiliary meeting will be at my house as the Knights are having an Exemplification of the First Degree at their meeting.

Have a prayerful Lent
Margaret Hendricks
Auxiliary President