



Knights of Columbus
Blessed Trinity Parish
St. Patrick's Council, No. 6463

Newsletter December 2014

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving.

Old Business

1. Media Kiosk is still in building stage. The hardware (lock and hinges) are purchased, the sides, top and bottom and some of the interior dividers are rough cut as well. Deputy Grand Knight, Rich LaVold had a discussion with a member of St. Al's parish who runs their kiosk and it is report that the kiosk almost funds itself.
2. The nut sales seem to be going well. Nuts are sold after weekend masses and will be for sale at the cookie walk.
3. The soup and sandwich dinner was not well received. Since it is not profitable, we will not be holding another soup supper.

New Business

1. **Party, Party, Party:** The K.C. Potluck **Christmas party is December 6th** after the 4:45 mass (or 6 pm). The council will provide the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.
2. There is a Fourth Degree Exemplification on January 17, 2015, in Burlington or February 7, 2015 in Deforest. Any third degree member that would like to join the Fourth Degree can contact the Grand Knight or any Fourth Degree member.
3. In order to keep our exempt status, volunteer hours are recorded. Please let the know the Grand Knight know how many volunteer hours you works in 2014. Hours have been recorded for the chicken dinner, St. Michael's pancake breakfast, If you helped at St. Vincent de Paul, nursing homes, parish events, or other volunteer work, please report your hours.
4. December Birthdays: Robert J. Barman, Anthony J. Boshell, Daniel S. Bruening, Roderick M. Culp, Lenard G. Hendricks, Gerald R. Hilliker, Thomas P. McDun, Bruce A. Taylor.
5. Please remember the sick and disabled in your prayers: Jim Roth, Thomas Grebe, Joe Rubesch, Dave L. Munz, Tubby Schroeder, Marie Ryan, Mike Hochstein, Geraldine Pelanek, Arlene Michels, Helen Karl's son Tom, Amelda Lochner, Lyman (junior) Hahn, Philip Baebler.
6. The next regular meeting is on **January 13, 2015** at 7:30 p.m.
7. The next officer's meeting is **January 22, 2015** at 7:30 p.m.

At our last regular meeting, Father Chad read, "[In these Dark Days, the Church Needs Her Men to be Men](#)" by Msgr. Charles Pope, Archdiocese of Washington. A summary of the reading is on page

2. Be a man, be a Knight.

Wishing you and your family a very blessed Christmas.

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In these Dark Days, the Church Needs Her Men to be Men"
by Msgr. Charles Pope

When most of us were growing up in our fathers would exhort us to be a man, don't cry, or be a man and do what's right, not what is popular. A real man will announce the truth and insist upon it wherever they have authority, men will stop being passive fathers and husbands. It has often been observed that men are rather disengaged from the practice of faith and attendance at the Sacred Liturgy. Frankly there is a reason: There is much talk in the church about forgiveness and love, about receptivity and about being "nicer". These are fine virtues, all of them necessary, but men also want to be engaged, or to be sent into battle, to go forth and make a difference.

A normal boy is full of spit and vinegar, is aggressive, competitive and anxious to test his wings. But many boys are scolded, punished and even medicated for these normal tendencies. It is granted that limits are necessary, but the tendency for boys to rough house in normal. Boys are told to behave more like girls and to be nicer, to get along.

In the past the Church has done a poor job of engaging men as men and equipping them to be strong husbands, fathers and priests. Virtues related to bold leadership and use of authority are in short supply whereas other virtues such as collaboration, listening, empathy, and understanding are overemphasized.

This lack of balance, wherein traditionally manly virtues are downplayed, even shamed, has led many men to become disengaged from the church. When men become disengaged from the church, they become passive fathers and husbands. They have not matured in their faith and remain in a spiritual childhood. They are not spiritual leaders in their home (when Scripture summons them to be). If they go to church at all, their wife has to drag them there. They do not teach their children to pray. Too often, they leave this for their wife to do.

Thankfully, many men take up their proper role. They live courageously and are leaders. They are willing to battle for the truth and to speak up for what is right.

You see, the Lord is looking for a few good men. Have you reached spiritual manhood? this not come merely with age. It comes when we pray, hear and heed Scripture and the teachings of the Church. It comes when we live the faith courageously and summon others to follow Jesus without compromise. It comes when we fear God and thus fear no man. For when we kneel before God, we can stand before any human threat.