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EVANGELIZATION AND PRAYER

-----MAKE THE FOLLOWING YOUR DAILY PRAYER-----

Lord we are your people.

Please, dear Lord, work through Your Knights of Columbus

That we will respond to give healing to the wounded,

That we will give of self,

So we may touch those in pain, cleanse the soiled, warm the cold.

Help us to know the Father's love through you and through your Spirit.

Help us to live up that love and show it all over the land.

Help all of us, as Knights, to build love on justice.

Help us, dear Lord, in our efforts at our Knights of Columbus facility,

that we may better serve in our ministry to you.

Renew the Knights of Columbus that we may help to renew the face of the earth.

KC RAFFLE

Our council is sponsoring its 8th annual "Raffle" with the proceeds to benefit the St. John Vianney School. The SJV School continues to need our financial help in order to ensure its very future and a Catholic Educational opportunity for the children of our parishes. This "stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results" is the cornerstone of our success in this program.. The financial results over the past 7 years has been fantastic and noted below:

Total tickets available in 2005---250	Total tickets sold in 2005---250	Profit given to the SJV School in 2005---\$17,500
Total tickets available in 2006---300	Total tickets sold in 2006---300	Profit given to the SJV School in 2006---\$18,000
Total tickets available in 2007---350	Total tickets sold in 2007---350	Profit given to the SJV School in 2007---\$21,000
Total tickets available in 2008---400	Total tickets sold in 2008---400	Profit given to the SJV School in 2008---\$24,000
Total tickets available in 2009---450	Total tickets sold in 2009---429	Profit given to the SJV School in 2009---\$24,900
Total tickets available in 2010---450	Total tickets sold in 2010---450	Profit given to the SJV School in 2010---\$27,000
Total tickets available in 2011---500	Total tickets sold in 2011---500	Profit given to the SJV School in 2011---\$30,000

This year we will keep the same basic format as in the past. The ticket prices continue to be \$100 each. The number of tickets has been increased from 500 to 550 and the cash prizes have also been increased from \$20,000 to \$22,000. The **prize payouts will be the following:**

1st prize--\$10,000 2nd prize--\$3,000 3rd prize--\$2,000 4th prize--\$1,000 5th prize--\$1,000
6th prize--\$500 7th prize--\$500 8th prize--\$500 9th prize--\$500 prizes 10 thru 13--\$250
prizes 14 thru 18--\$200 prizes 19 thru 28--\$100.

We continue to realize the importance of this project and once again ask that all members please consider purchasing a ticket. The future of our school does depend on each of our decisions. To date the following have supported our efforts and purchased a ticket/s:

Bill Gunther	Mary Lucas	Patricia Murphy	Kurt Unke	Deb Baldus	Kevin Nowicki	Milt Zenk
Jerald Berndt	Ken Steuber	Mary Ruth Baldus	Sue Homan	David Schiltz	*Mike Garry	*Willard Forster
Anne Keusemann	Virginia Krause	*David Baaron	*Randy Grathwohl	Diane Runkle	*Robert Clark	Lisa Izen
Danny Janssen	Elton Kuderer	Jeff Nelson	Diane Hendricks	Dave Vogel	Harold Schweiss	Jr Zimmer
Tom Sonnek	Fred Hoops	*Louis Bulfer	Ron Sandhurst	Gary Hoehn	Ardis Schleining	Leon Schleining
*Terry Maakestad	Madonna Milow	*Dave Shimon	Ross Wohlhuter	Chrissy Lutterman	Harland Johnson	LuAnn Hahn
*Mark Lenort	*Chris Pierce	Lonny Watson	Fr. Quinn	Bruce Gemmill	Marian Youngwirth	Diane Maday
Doris Clark	*Larry Lau	Duane Nawrocki	Dick Akin	Gary Feia	Eunice Eisenmenger	Barb Gorackowski
Don Grandgenett	Tom Doherty	*Stormy Carter	*Shawna O'Hair	Melissa Sanvig	Steve Fogelson	*Jim Schoener
Scott Fausch	Dorie Meyer	Bart Eriksen	*Jim Dick	Evelyn Betts	Steve Guetter	Ed Murphy
Glenn Becker	Ron Arens	*Denny Militello	Betsy Fricklas	*Jim Eberhard	Jim Droegemueller	Dick Norman
Jim Bulfer	Bill Krick	Keith Kenney	Phyllis Surprenant	Karla Ebert	Barb Raudenbush	Jim Wolf
Dorothy Potvin	Randy Rowan	Lorna Bremer	*Jim Simser	Steve Fausch	*Fern Bulfer	Doug Eisenmenger
Tom Zehnder	Jack Zimmer	Daron Johnson	Bob Millette	Louie Maday	Dareld Koopman	*Dan Harris
Denny Pytleski	*Pat Hardt	James Meyer	Gary Langer	John Anthony	*Mary Jane Hellyar	

The following members have been asked to help with this project and each have been sent tickets. Please begin selling your tickets immediately and once completed turn the completed ticket stubs, the completed solicitors form and the collected money in to Joe Schaffer.

We are asking that all tickets be sold and the ticket stubs, the completed solicitors form and the money be turned into Joe Schaffer by December 31st. Please do your very best to complete the process by this date. **Please note that our council will not be keeping any of the profit realized from this venture.** We are merely attempting to do God's work!!! Thank you in advance for your help:

John Eisenmenger	Steve Pierce	Denny Pytleski	Dave Kuhl	Leon Lammers	Red Holland	Bob Steger
Larry Swanson	Henry Smith	Mike Murphy	Pat Graif	Steve Sovell	Denny Farrow	Dave Mosley
Kevin Thate	Mike Brau	Leland Leichtnam	Andy Noll	Jim Busche	Larry Petrowiak	Gary Haeckel
Jerry Jorgenson	Paul Cihoski	Brian Hartwig	Bob Katzenberger	Harry Wade	Dan Gates	Bart Franta
Chad McGowan	Tim Siegler	Jim Hill	Nate Brown	Greg Cochran	Pat Bulfer	Neil Johnson
Abraham Joseph	Brian Ostlie	Jeff Militello	Joe Melsha	Paul Determan	Joe Schaffer	

Please remember this project can only be a success if you support it. Please consider purchasing a ticket and help to ensure the very future of our school and a Catholic Education opportunity for the children of our community. **When all tickets are sold a check for \$33,000 will be given to the St. John Vianney School.** Remember we are stepping forward in faith and trusting God for the results.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

During the month of December our monthly membership meeting will be on December 6th. The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm and all members are asked to please make an effort to attend. The future of our council does depend on your decision. On the third Tuesday of December, December 20th, we will be having a “Stag Party” in lieu of a membership meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The following members of our council will celebrate their “Birthday” during the month of December:

Ed Murphy	Merlin Oddan	Randy Sokoloski	Jack Newville	Bill Bulfer	Darwin Kotewa
Louie Maday	Keith Korolewski	Tony Wendler	Todd Segar	Gary Langer	Andy Noll
Jim Pope	Paul Detert	Jeff Militello	Randy Quiring	Dave Sanvig	James Wendler

We wish each of them a very Happy Birthday and express our gratitude to each for being a member of our council. If your name has been omitted or is listed in a wrong month please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 or (alucas@frontiernet.net) and our records will be changed accordingly: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COUNCIL!!!!**

KC PRAYER

By your example, Father McGivney teach me to see Jesus in others especially in my family members and in my fellow Knights. Help me to reach out to those in need. Give me the courage to follow God’s will. Under your care may the Good News of Christ be proclaimed through my living. Through your intercession may God guide me to accept the difficulties in my life and to work toward a happy and healthy solution. All of this I ask through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

LUNCH COMMITTEE

During the months of December the following members are being asked to serve lunch:

<u>December 6th</u>	<u>December 20th</u>
*Vince Landsteiner	STAG PARTY
Tim Clements	STAG PARTY

Lunch will be served immediately following the membership meetings. Thank you to the Officers for providing this service.

*Denotes the member who is responsible for picking up the lunch. The food (meat, chips, ice cream etc.) can be gotten at Hy-Vee, please pay for it and bring back the receipt for reimbursement, or you may charge it at Fareway Foods.

INSCRIBED PATIO PAVERS

Inscribed Patio Pavers are still available for anyone who might be interested in their purchase. The cost for each paver is \$125. and this will include up ‘3’ lines of printing, with up to ‘23’ characters per line. These pavers will be put into our patio area and as additional ones are sold, four existing brick pavers (that do not have any names on them) will be removed and the inscribed pavers will be added in their place. This continues to be an excellent way to permanently recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Red Holland at 728-8812. We have about a dozen blank pavers that are being held in reserve and once these are gone the purchased price will need to be increased. Once again this continues to be a great way to support our council, while at the same time establishing a permanent way to recognize your family or to memorialize a loved one. Contact Red today for information at 728-8812.

KC MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Remember to look for the “Blue Memorial Envelopes” when you are considering making a memorial donation for a friend or a loved one. These envelopes are located at the funeral home and also at the entrances to the Church. This continues to be an excellent way to support our council, while also paying tribute to the individual/s who have gone before us. We would very much like to have this process move along as quickly as possible so that the grieved and the donor receive their acknowledgments soon after the donations is made. If you have a memorial that you would like to give please send it to the following address:

Knights of Columbus 462 Amber Lake Drive Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

If you, as a member, have been given a memorial to turn in for someone else, please make every attempt to get it to Tom Johanneck (at the above address) as soon as possible. Tom, thank you for providing this service to our council for the past several years.

DECEMBER WORKERS FOR KC BINGO

Captain-----Mike Bless			
Cashier-----Mike Coady			
<u>December 7th</u>	<u>December 14th</u>	<u>December 21st</u>	<u>December 28th</u>
Caller-Pat	Caller-Brian	Caller-Denny	Caller-Rod
Pull Tabs-Red	Pull Tabs-Henry	Pull Tabs-Leland	Pull Tabs-Bob
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Gary Haeckel 238-4892	Steve Pierce 236-1416	Greg Borowski 238-2532	Mike Nowicki 773-4218
Leon Gerken 238-2516	Nate Brown 632-4640	Mark Salz 236-2438	Kevin Zimmer 773-4510
Brian Ostlie 236-2216	Scott Higgins 235-3956	Mark Lenort 399-9144	Brad Hady 238-4077

JANUARY WORKERS FOR KC BINGO

Captain-----Mike Bless			
Cashier-----Mike Coady			
<u>January 4th</u>	<u>January 11th</u>	<u>January 18th</u>	<u>January 25th</u>
Caller-Andy	Caller--Pat	Caller--Denny	Caller--Rod
Pull Tabs-Merlin	Pull Tabs-Red	Pull Tabs-Henry	Pull Tabs-Leland
Workers:	Workers:	Workers:	Workers:
Neil Johnson 236-1163	Mark Fujan 238-9525	Bob Petrowiak 238-5481	Paul Cihoski 235-5633
Randy Sokoloski 235-9830	Duane Nawrocki 235-2656	Ed Kotewa 235-3787	Ken Goraczkowski 235-3029
Dan Gates 235-8836	Keith Korolewski 235-9006	Darwin Kotewa 436-5584	Chuck Carlson 848-5052

KC INSURANCE

If you have any questions regarding your current KC Insurance or are interested to know what products (insurance, annuities, rest home insurance etc.) that the Knights of Columbus have available please contact our Field Agent, Doug Hartke. Doug would be happy to answer any questions that you might have and would also be willing to set up a meeting if desired. Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns our KC Field Insurance agent, Doug Hartke can help. Contact him today at 507 236 1700 or doug.hartke@kofc.org

BARTENDERS

We are looking for a few members who would be interested in bartending at our hall during weekend rentals. If this is something that you would like to try or would like additional information please feel free to contact our Bar Manager, Ken Gorackowski, at 235-3029. The present bartenders at our facility are:

Dave Segar	Andy Lucas	Steve Pavich	Steve Petrowiak	Denny Pytleski
Mike Coady	Henry Smith	Bob Steger	Randy Quiring	Ken Gorackowski

SUPPORT YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

Have you thought about getting your old furnace/air conditioner replaced with a new high efficient model that will help you to save money on your utility bills? Maybe you have not had your present furnace cleaned and are looking for someone you can trust to do the job. Why not contact Brother Steve Kotewa at Green's Plumbing, Heating & Cooling. Steve has the knowledge and the expertise to get the job done right the first time at a very affordable price. Call Steve today at 238-9330. This is another business who supports our council by advertising on our cover, therefore, making the publishing of our newsletter possible. Please thank them by supporting them whenever possible.

HALL RENTAL COSTS

The cost for a "Full Building Rental" is \$300 for Friday & Saturday rentals. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our facility, as well as the patio area. The patio area "**WILL NOT**" have tables and chairs set up. The cost for a "Full Building Rental" + a furnished patio area is \$350 for Friday & Saturday Rentals. This will provide access to the large and small hall areas of our building, as well as the patio area. The patio area "**WILL**" have tables and chairs set up that will seat an additional 100 people (weather permitting). Included in this fee will be the extension of the inside PA system to the patio area. Members of our council will receive a 25% discount off these prices. Anyone interested in renting our facility for the remaining days (Sunday thru Thursday--no membership discounts apply) the cost is only \$1 per person, with a *\$50 minimum charge for '1' room or \$1 per person, with a \$100 minimum charge when using both rooms or \$150 minimum charge when using the entire facility (all three areas). The three areas available to rent are both halls and the patio area. These are very competitive rates, while also providing a great service for our community. Call 238-9340 to make your reservation. Your call will be answered by an answering service, so be prepared to leave a message. The maximum weekday/weekend rental cost for a member is \$262 (75% of \$350), while the maximum cost for non-members is \$350. ***Please note that the \$50 minimum fee applies to a ½ day (4 hr) rental. Rentals in excess of '4' hours will result in a minimum rental fee of \$100.**

COMMITTEE'S IN OUR FACILITY

Thank you to all members who were involved in the **success** of our council during the month of November by working on "Cleanup", "Setup", "Dishes", "Security", "Bar Manager", "Building Manager", etc., etc... Your help and support is much appreciated. If you are scheduled to help on a various committee **PLEASE** do your best to do so. It is certainly understandable that you can not always help when asked to do so, if this is the case, **please find a substitute if you can not help when assigned** (trade with a member on another committee). Please also let the captain of your committee know that you will not be able to help and that you have found someone to take your place. **If you are not able to be involved, or would rather be assigned to some different duties PLEASE contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 and the schedule will be adjusted accordingly.** Time is our most valuable asset and the sharing of this asset is the true measure of **success**. **Success** that is not measured in the amount of financial wealth you have accumulated, but rather measured by the feeling that you have in your heart when you put the interest of others before your own. This feeling is something that money can not buy, but rather is the instant gratification for a job well done. Thank you to each member for the contributions that you have made in our quest to make the Fairmont Area a little better place in which to live. **The following are the Bar, Dish, & Security activities scheduled for the months of December and January:**

12-10-11--Bio Fuels Rental

Steve Petrowiak & Denny Pytleski
Dishes--Graif & Higgins Team
Security-Pat

12-17-11--KC Christmas Party

Steve Pavich & Henry Smith
Dishes--Committee Members
Security--Committee Members

1-28-11--SJV School Dinner/Dance

Ken Gorackowski & Mike Coady
Dishes--Lenort Team
Security--Scott

December & January Rentals

12-1-11-Profinium Bank
12-11-11--Youth for Christ Benefit
12-20-11--County Election
1-28-11--SJV Dinner/Dance

12-7-11--Human Rental
12-13-11--Rural Advantage
12-24-11--Pytleski Rental

12-8-11--Bio Fuel Rental
12-17-11--KC Christmas Party
1-10-12--Fujan Rental

12-10-11--Bio Fuel Party
12-19-11--Election Setup
1-23-11--Dollars for Scholars Rental

Dish Committee--Dec/Jan/Feb

*Pat Graif & Scott Higgins Capts
Randy Sokoloski Kevin Nowicki
Tom Zehnder Joe Melsha 399-2053
Geg Leiferman Don Waletich
Mike Brau Leland Leithnam

Dish Committee--Dec/Jan/Feb

*Mark Lenort--Captain
Mark Salz Robert Lenort
Louie Maday Larry Petrowiak
Troy Jensen Bernie Petrowiak
Kevin Zimmer Mark Kleven

Setup Committee--Dec/Jan/Feb

*Ed Langford--Captain
Brad Hady Loren Kleven
Leon Gerken Wendy Fowler
Brian Schultz Joe Rosol
Denny Farrow Brian Petrowiak

Cleanup Committee--Dec/Jan

*Gary Langer--Captain
Jim Bulfer Bill Bulfer
Andy Lucas Mike Bless
Greg Borowski

*All captains are asked to please contact all the members of their committee's and remind them that their help is needed. If a worker is not able to help, ask them to trade or find their own replacement. All tasks do not take a great deal of time if all the assigned workers are available to help when asked to do so, We continue to do our very best in the attempt to rotate all members in the various duties of our council. So please do your very best to help when asked to do so, it makes it much easier for everyone. If you would rather be scheduled on a different committee in the future please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213 and he will do his best to accommodate your request.

BINGO CALLERS

We could use a couple of members to call bingo on Wednesday evenings. You would be asked to work about once a month, less often if we can find a couple of new callers, for about 2.5 hours. If you are interested in helping please or would like additional information please contact our gambling chairman, Don Moritz, at 399-9230. The current bingo callers are: Denny Pytleski, Pat Graif, Rod DeBoer and Andy Lucas.

WELL WISHER

If you know of a member of our council, or a members family, who is celebrating a special birthday, anniversary, who is sick or who has died, please contact Well Wisher, Bob Millette at 235-9833 (E-Mail millette@midco.net). Bob will send a card offering congratulations, wishing a speedy recovery or extending our council's sympathy. Thank you Bob for the many years that you have provided this service for our council!!!!

WINE & CHEESE PARTY

Our council's annual Wine & Cheese Party was held at our hall on Thursday, November 11th. It appears that this years event was the best attended of recent past, resulting in a profit of about \$1,300.. Thank you to Jim Anderson and Dave Kuhl for chairing this event and to the following members for being willing to help:

Leon Lammers	Ed Murphy	Joe Corona	Ken Rusch	Mark Kotewa
Duane Nawrocki	Bob Young	Mark Lenort		

HALL MONITORS

The members of the Hall Monitor Committee had a couple of busy months during October and November. Thank you to each member for being willing to step forward and become involved. Your involvement certainly helps to continue the tradition of success in our council. Each member of the committee will be receiving a work list for the months of December and January. We will also include a copy of a form that will be on the desk at the KC office. The form will be used for billing purposes and will includes questions about the number of people in attendance, the hours, items used at the hall etc.. Each of you will be asked to complete a form each time you are at the hall for a rental. The completed forms will be forwarded to Dave Segar and he will use the information to bill the renter.

Harry Wade	Denny Farrow	Bob Steger	Ron Mosloski	Don Mosloski
Harold Nowak	Vince Landsteiner	John Eisenmenger	Red Holland	Jack Newville

Thank you once again to each of the above members for your willingness to become involved and making a difference. If you would be willing to help on this committee please contact Andy Lucas at 238-1213.

DECEMBER/JANUARY HALL MONITOR ASSIGNMENTS

12-1-11 (Profinium--10 am until 3:00 pm)--Ron Mosloski	12-7-11 (Humana Rental--10 am until noon)--Denny Farrow
12-8-11 (Bio Fuel)--Don Mosloski	12-10-11(Bio Fuel Party)--Harold Nowak
12-13-11 (Rural Advantage)--Don Moritz	12-19-11 (County Election)--John Eisenmenger
12-20-11 (County Election)--Vince Landsteiner, Harry Wade, Red Holland, Mel George	
1-10-12 (Mark Fujan)--Denny Farrow	1-23-11 (Dollars for Scholars)--Ron Mosloski

A special thank you to Bob Steger for being willing to be the captain of this committee. We certainly do appreciate your efforts. Please note Mike Carr (230-0233) is willing to help as a sub when you are assigned for an event and are not able to do so. Thank you once again for all who are involved.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Our council's 13th annual "Ice Cream Social" honoring the widows of our former members was held at our hall on Sunday, October 23rd. Those in attendance enjoyed card games, won prizes, socialized, and finished up the afternoon with coffee, pie & ice cream. Thank you to the following ladies for attending:

Doris Anderson	Donna Applen	Rose Bancks	Pat Borowski	Fern Bulfer	Vivian Denton
Lucille Fausch	Thelma Horgan	Dorothy Maday	Mary Anne Mayberry	Madalyn McCaffrey	Betty Smietana
Delores Style	Clara Wolter				

Thank you to Leon Lammer and Ken Rusch for once again chairing the event. Thank you also to the following members for being willing to make calls and or attend the event:

Don Feuerhake	Vince Landsteiner	Hank Meester	Harry Wade	Don Grandgenett
Bob Young	Harland Johnson	Jack Zimmer	Duane Nawrocki	Larry Siegler

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

Our council once again sponsored its annual "Pancake & Sausage Breakfast" with the proceeds to benefit the St. John Vianney School. The event was held on Sunday, October 31st, at St. Theresa's Hall. Thank you to Joe Schaffer and Dave Mosley for chairing this event and to the following members for being willing to help:

Abraham Joseph	Tim Clements	Tom Doherty	Chris Pierce	Larry Swanson	Jim Busche
Jim Hahn	Tom Rodgers	Randy Quiring	Harold Nowak	Bart Franta	

A profit of about \$1,300 was realized and will be presented to the school at the December 6th membership meeting.

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND-RAISER

Our council sponsored its annual "Good Samaritan" fund-raiser on Sunday, November 20th at St. Theresa's Hall. Pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee were served from 9:00 am until noon, with a Free Will Offering taken. Thank you to Mike Murphy for being willing to chair this event and to the following members for being willing to help when asked to do so:

Brian Hartwig	Nate Brown	Jim Hill	Paul Determan	Merlin Oddan	Tim Siegler
Dave Schiltz	Mike Garry	Bob Steger	Neil Johnson	Randy Quiring	Gary Haeckel

A profit of \$839 was realized and presented to Fr. Schuster for the parish Good Samaritan. I am sure the need is great during this Holiday Season, so if you were not able to attend please consider making a donation (Good Samaritan on envelope--put into collection basket).

Thank you to all who came to the event and supported it. Your presence was greatly appreciate.

1st DEGREE

A 1st Degree has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at our hall. Registration will begin at 7:30 pm, with the 1st Degree beginning at 8:00 pm. Letters have been sent to about '50' prospective members. We have also assigned these potential members to current members for follow up. The following members have been sent letters along with a list of potential candidates to contact. Please return the candidate form in the envelope provided by December 1st:

Leon Lammers	Henry Smith	Bob Millette	Gene Gaworski	Leland Leichtnam
Jeff Militello	Dave Vogel	Gary Langer	Joe Schaffer	Ed Langford
Dave Kuhl	Mike Murphy	Bob Steger	Red Holland	Tom Hammer
Tim Siegler				

Letters have also been sent out to the Grand Knights in Blue Earth, Sherburn, St. James, Jackson and Windom. For additional information contact Leland Leichtnam at 399-1303 or Don Grandgenett at 236-8092. Please consider asking a fellow male parishioner to become a member of the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus, we truly have much to offer.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our council tentatively is planning on having a Youth Christmas Party at our hall on December 11th. The chairmen of the event are being asked to finalize the details. Chad McGowan, Paul Determan and Jeff Militello are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Jim Busche	Paul Cihoski	Pat Graif	Joe Melsha	Dan Gates	Leland Leichtnam
Brian Schultz	Neil Johnson	Steve Seifried	Mike O'Rourke	Scott Higgins	

This would be a great event to sponsor on a annual basis, hopefully it will happen sooner rather than later.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our council's annual Christmas Party will be held at our hall on Saturday, December 17th. An informational letter, along with an RSVP card have been sent out to all members, as well as to widows of former members. If you are interested in attending please return the RSVP card in the envelope provided, along with a check, by December 12th. The cost for the evening will be \$15 per person and will include: Chicken Breast with Wild Rice, Green Bean Casserole, Strawberry Pretzel Salad, French Bread, Dessert, Coffee and Complimentary Wine. Dorr Prizes will be given. Tom Johanneck and Chuck Carlson are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Pat Erwin	Merlin Oddan	Dennis Farrow	Dave Kuhl	Kevin Moore	Larry Swanson
Larry Siegler	Duane Nawrocki	Ed Murphy	Leon Lammers	Jerry Jorgenson	
Loren Kleven	Larry Lau	John Grotte	Joe Corona	Bob Millette	

Please consider attending as the future of our social events does depend on it.

TOM & JERRY STAG PARTY/CARD TOURNAMENT

Our council will be sponsoring its annual Christmas Stag Party on Tuesday, December 20th. The evening will consist of an "All You Can Eat" soup & sandwich buffet. Raffles will be held throughout the evening. The doors will open at 5:00 pm, with the buffet beginning at 6:00 pm. The card tournament will begin at 7:00pm, with Tom & Jerry's being served at 8:00 pm. The cost is **ONLY** \$3 for KC members and \$5 for non-members. Henry Smith and Andy Lucas are being asked to be the overall chairmen, with the following members being asked to help:

Food--Henry Smith & Andy Lucas **Cards**--Duane Petrowiak & Henry Smith **Tickets**--Mike Brau & Ron Kopischke

Raffles--Todd Segar & Dave Schiltz **Chairs Workers**: Paul Determan, Dan Thiesse, Kevin Moore, Brad Hady, , Mike Murphy

Tom & Jerry's--Larry Siegler & Dave Segar **Chairs Workers**: Don Grandgenett, Brian Ostlie, Mike Lundgren, Steve Schmitz, Paul Betts, Don Mosloski, Tom Hammer, and Steve Jette

CALENDARS

Each year our council buys Calendars for the members of our three parishes. This year at the St. John Vianney Parish we decided to hand them out to prevent calendars not being available when members are leaving church. Calendars will be given out at the Masses on December 10th and on December 11th. John Eisenmenger and Red Holland are being asked to be the overall chairmen and the following members are being asked to help:

<u>5:30 pm Mass</u>		<u>8:00 am Mass</u>		<u>10:00 am Mass</u>	
Ed Langford--Captain		Don Moritz--Captain		Dave Segar--Captain	
Harry Wade	Joe Corona	Larry Lau	Paul Detert	Don Grandgenett	Pat Bulfer
Tom Doherty	Rod DeBoer	Darwin Kotewa	Dave Kuhl	Greg Borowski	Leon Gerken
Jack Newville	Mike O'Rourke	Denny Pytelski	Jim Pope	Scott Poppe	Don Mosloski

The chairmen are asked to contact the captains with additional information. The captains are asked to call each of their assigned members and to get additional help from KC members at Mass if needed.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS

Our Council will once again be involved with the Salvation Army Bell Ringing program. Bob Millette and Vince Landsteiner are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Stan Sukalski	Archie Farnham	Henry Smith	Willard Forster	Duane Nawrocki	Charles Pearson	Joe Burns
Ed Kotewa	Mike Kennedy	Mike Garry	Ralph Wimmer	Ron Mosloski	Mel George	Bob Young
Arnie Wolfe	Leo Krumholz	Mike Carr	Dave Kuhl	Don Mosloski	Red Holland	Don Grandgenett

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST BENEFIT BREAKFAST

Our council will be sponsoring a Youth For Christ benefit "Pancake & Sausage Breakfast" on Sunday December 11th at our hall. Pancakes, Sausage, Milk, Juice and Coffee will be served from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. A "Free Will" Offering will be taken and all the proceeds will be given to our local Youth for Christ organization. Mike Murphy and Andy Lucas are being asked to chair this event and the following members are being asked to help:

Mark Kiecker	Henry Smith	Bob Petrowiak	Chris Pierce	Stan Sukalski	Jim Pope
Denny Pytelski	Mike Garry	Tom Rodgers	Scott Higgins	Chad McGowan	Dan Gates

The above members will be contacted with additional information.

BENEFIT BREAKFASTS

There has been a great deal of discussion as to the number of benefit breakfasts that our council should be sponsoring on a yearly basis. Last year our council sponsored '8' of them and it appeared the more benefits we did, the less people who were in attendance, resulting in less money donated. We felt that we should try reducing the number of benefit breakfasts to three per year. We would rotate these benefits among area non-profits over a three year period. We will schedule dates for all these events now, making them available to all the non-profits involved and ask all the non-profits that will benefit from our efforts to support each other. We will be sending letters out to all the affected non-profits, making them aware of the scheduled date and asking for their support. We will try this method for the first year and if support is not received we will consider cancelled these projects completed. Below find the schedule for these upcoming events:

Youth For Christ 12-11-2011	Humane Society 2-19-2012	CREST 4-15-2012
Cedar Point Scouts 12-9-2012	Historical Society 2-10-2013	Habitat for Humanity 4-7-2012
Dollars for Scholars 12-8-2013	Let's Go Fishing 2-9-2014	

If all non-profits support each other and we continue to get support from our parishes, as well as from our membership each non-profit should fair at least as well as they have in the past.

KNIGHTS NOTES

Thank you to all members for the support that they continue to give our council. It is indeed very gratifying to belong to an organization like the Fairmont Area Knights of Columbus. Thanks once again to all members for your dedication and support.---On December 6th we will be having a 1st Degree, please ask a fellow male parishioner to join our council. The more active members that we have the more we, as a council, can accomplish. The future of our council does indeed depend on each of our actions.---Thank you to Joe Schaffer for the great job that he is doing picking up some of the duties of our Building Manager. It is still our intent to rotate this job among members, so we will not be so dependent on one individual. This will certainly help to ensure our future and the success of our council. If you are interested in more information regarding these duties contact Andy Lucas.---Remember our council's 8th annual raffle to benefit the SJV School. If you have not purchased your ticket please consider doing so in the near future. All tickets sold = \$33,000 donation to the SJV School. Have a great Thanksgiving and continue your involvement in our council. You certainly do make a difference!!!--Have a GREAT WEEK!!