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Meets First Wednesday
Each Month @ 8PM @
O'Fallon Knights of
Columbus Hall

Greetings from the desk of the Faithful Navigator:

As you receive this newsletter hopefully you are still excited by the joy of Christmas and anticipation of great opportunities in the coming New Year. We held our assembly Christmas party on December 7 at Holy Trinity Church with over 30 Sir Knights, guests and Seminarians attending. This was another successful event, with the opportunity to socialize with brother Knights, enjoy good music and recognize several individuals for what they have done and what they are going to do. As Catholics, one of our major concerns is the number of young men choosing the priesthood as a vocation. Showing our support for these individuals is one of our goals, so it was a real pleasure that we had 3 of our 4 Seminarians in attendance. All 4 were provided a check in recognition of our gratitude for the life course they have chosen. Every successful event happens as a result of great leadership and planning, and our party was no different. Many thanks to Rich Battas, Mike Gilmore and Ken Kenney for making this year's event so enjoyable. From the arrangements to the Christmas music, everything turned out great. We need to especially thank Father Ray for allowing us to be a part of the Mass prior to the party. As Catholic Gentlemen, support of our church is central to our purpose. What better way to demonstrate that, and showing our fellow parishioners who we are, than by participating in the Mass. It was my honor to be able to recognize PFN Larry Wessels as our Knight of the Year for 2013. I can't emphasize enough the positive contributions Larry provided to the Assembly during his time as FN. This was an easy decision as Larry provided exceptional leadership and energy during this fraternal year, and as I stated at the party, he challenged us to try things out of our comfort zone. His contributions continue as he provides guidance to me and is instrumental in recruitment of new Sir Knights. I say again, an easy decision.

WAGON OF SPIRITS:

We held our drawing for the Wagon of Spirits at the O'Fallon KC Hall on December 21, during half time of the Missouri/Illinois basketball game. This is a change from past drawings, in an attempt to take advantage of the increased number of patrons, and potential ticket purchases, at the hall during the month of December. As a result of our efforts there was a gain in the number of tickets we were able to sell. The winning ticket this year was held by Sir Knight Ted Stites. Congratulations Ted. Ted also kindly donated the wagon back to the assembly to be used next year. Our thanks go out to him for getting us started on next year's project. Thanks also to Sir Knight John Bechtoldt for chairing this year's project, and to all those Sir Knights who made donations to the wagon. John told me that we made \$678 this year. Well done.

EXEMPLIFICATION:

The Next scheduled exemplification is March 22, 2014, at the Shrine of Our Lady of

the Snows. Invite your 3rd degree brothers to join us at this exemplification. The Shrine is an outstanding venue, and close. I encourage all Sir Knights to attend both the exemplification and banquet as I believe we have at least 2 candidates. With your efforts we could have many more.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Kudos to everyone who donated a stocking cap for our wounded warriors. I'm sure the recipients were much appreciative of our contributions to their comfort/wellbeing.

If you haven't already paid your dues for 2014 be sure to get your check/dollars to our Faithful Comptroller, Joe Shuster. Also, don't forget to provide him a tabulation of your volunteer hours for the 2013 Annual Fraternal Activities Survey. He is required to report these by the end of January.

If you want to receive the periodic notices I send out (meeting reminders, etc.) be sure to send me a current email address. I have about 50 addresses out of our approximately 100 members, so if you don't receive my emailings it's because I don't have an address for you.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, Feb 5. Hope to see you all there.

Finally, let's remember to continue our prayers for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney: "God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Vivat Jesus

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