



JANUARY

2018

Council 207

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Happy New Year to you and your Families in 2018. May God Bless you with a Prosperous, Healthy, Happy and Fun New Year. Take time to reflect on the past year. We always ask ourselves and others - what happened, where did the time and days go, I didn't finish what I set out to complete etc., etc., etc.

Time, one of our most precious commodities, cannot be stored, saved or held for a rainy day. So where did your time go? Take the time to reflect on your activities over the past year. Good or bad. The prediction is, whether good or bad we all learn something. Your learning experiences will be stored as memories, which unlike time, can be saved for future use. Did you really do something each day to help make a positive difference in someone's life?

Activities and charitable events remain steady in January. Though the 1st quarter is a relatively slower time of the year at The Knights, we remain strong in activities and attendance and are projecting growth in 2018 vs last year.

We also continue to stay in line with our budgets. Margins are stable and expenses as a % vs. gross are also stable and below industry averages. A good outcome to have. The more we can improve our margins the better we are able to help those in need as well as support our Council. We continue to maintain a better than average cost ratio vs. industry standards. Revenue is also up vs last year (YTD December 2017 vs YTD December 2016) At this time we do not have mid term (fiscal) final numbers for Council and Home Corp. We will deliver a detailed update of Council and Home Corp. results at the Council meeting on January 25.

Supported by 47 carolers we visited 5 nursing homes + Matthew House during our annual caroling event. Thanks also to Big “D’s” limo and Lee Vanderpool for their donation of a limo and driver. Our soup kitchen kick off began in December and will continue thru January and February. (Tuesdays 4:00-6:00) Thanks to the great outpouring of volunteers and donors in support of this cause. Through the generosity of our donors and other contributions, all 10 soup kitchens are fully funded. Our annual Christmas Appeal was also a great success. We exceeded last years appeal by 32% and were able to provide donations to all the Catholic Parishes, food pantries, Salvation Army, Tyburn, St Joseph's, Matthew House + 12 Families. In addition we provided 6 Families with special Christmas dinners.

We will begin Rosary prayer sessions prior to Council meetings at 6:30 beginning with the January 25th Council meeting. Deacon John and Mike Skomsky will lead the service. We will also launch and display The Family Image in jaguar. (see update included) A great turnout of over 260 individuals during our January 1st open house and membership drive at Council. Abundant appetizer, buffet and desert stations greeted all not to mention the bowl win by Notre Dame. Bill Cowmeyer also expressed appreciation for my 3 minutes vs 30 minute greeting and welcome at the open house.

Our continued improvement in both Council and Home Corp. has provided us with additional funds to distribute to the needy with in our community.

Thanks to all of our volunteers for your tireless efforts and help in supporting out activities and functions.

REMINDER:

Council membership annual dues is due for 2018. If you have not paid your 2018 annual membership dues of \$45.00 please mail or leave your payment at Council, Att: Mark Carr, Financial Secretary. If you have paid your dues = Thanks

Fraternally,

Jack

Jack Baraczek, Grand Knight Council 207

A True Life Story (By Jack B.)

The Story of the \$100.00 Bill

We used and promoted a consistent motto of reflection in 2017. "Have you done your part to make a positive difference in someone's life today and each day of the year". You can truly make difference".

I truly try and live by this motto daily however just the opposite happened to me a few weeks prior to Christmas.

I was on my way in to Tops Markets to meet with the store manager to ask for a donation for our weekly soup night for the needy and homeless. On my way in to Tops I passed a lady ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. After my presentation to the store manager and his agreement to help us out I proceeded to leave the store. Upon exiting the store the lady from the Salvation Army asked if she could speak to me. I soon discovered that she had overheard my conversation with the Tops store manager reference the soup kitchen and without hesitation she indicated that she wanted to make contributions to each of our 10 soup kitchen nights.

Honestly I didn't know what to say other than "thank you very much for your contribution and the donation would go a long way in support of our soup kitchens." She went on to say that she and her husband had inherited her Father's business after her Father passed away. Her Father was a kind and very generous man and always gave to those in need. She wanted to carry on in his memory and continue to give back to the needy and homeless and saw The Knights as a Great conduit in helping with her mission.

The Knights of Columbus Council along with the needy and homeless were the benefactors of her generosity.

Before leaving, she stopped me again and took a \$100.00 bill from her purse to help get us started. Since then she has donated an additional \$600.00 for a total of \$700.00 to cover the costs associated with the soup kitchens to include supplementing the winter coats, hats, gloves etc. we also give out to the needy.

Instead of me trying to make a difference in someone's life that day, just the opposite happened. She made a difference in my life that day and I will never forget it.

God "Winks" in many ways. You just need to be patient.

Our benefactor's name is Heather Tanner and she and her husband own MC Townsend Construction in Montezuma. In getting to know Heather, she is a quiet and unassuming individual with a generous and big heart and she is on a mission to help those in need in honor of her Father. Thank you Heather for making a difference in my day and in the lives that you will touch through your donations. You and your Family are always welcome at the Knights of Columbus.

Have you done your part to make a positive difference in someone's life today and each day of the year? You can truly make a difference?

As always with a commitment to our core principles - Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism

A New Years Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all splees and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes:

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most.

Let go of anything weighting you down and step across the threshold of this New Year with open arms.

Special Thanks - I would like to give “Special Thanks and Recognition” to the following individuals: The list grows.....

Families - Thanks to our Families for your support, understanding and participation in our KOC activities.

Finance committee - The mission continues - year over year improvements continue— Bob Pine-Mark Carr-John Montone-Rich Kloster-Pat Crawford-Bruce Sherman-Dave Henry - for their continued efforts , professionalism and commitment to stay the course

Tom and Chris Carter - Grand Knight Volunteers of the month January

Bruce Sherman, Tom Carter, Alex Vanderpool - thanks for stepping up and volunteering to fill our vacancies with in the Officers and Trustees positions. Elections January 25 4:00-6:30 at Council

Veterans - thanks always to our Veterans - we celebrate you not only on Veterans Day but each and every day of the year - thank you for your service to our Great Country.

January 1st open house - Thanks to Tim Chadwick for a great buffet - thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary for Great desserts - Thanks to the Special Efforts of so many that worked hard to make this day a great event. Mark Carr, Bruce Sherman, Tom and Chris Carter, JD Pabis, John Breanick, Kevin Kiernan, Sandy Jorgensen, Tom Crawford, Dave Catafano, Brian Maher, Janet Weston, Ann Shaw, Nancy Villanova, Mena Hansinger

Food donations = Council 207 - Donna Quinn, Jean Shutter, Don/Ginny Chalanick, Sue Butera, Norma West, Terry Nolan, Alice Abate, Chris Carter, Mena Hansinger, Sue Conway, Joann Rocco, Nancy Vilano, Kate Horbal, Sandy Jorgensen, Denise Bellerdine, Sara Podolak, Gail Sullivan, Sue Fritz, Janet Weston, Ann Shaw, Joanne Field, Linda Herbig, Leanne Kolczynski, Barb Collins, Sherri Finizio, Sharon Shafer, Jeanne, Tardibone, (hope I did not miss anyone)

Father Enright - thanks for your spiritual guidance as our Chaplin and your support of Council 207.

Father Brown - Thank you for helping out as our Chaplin in Father Enright's absence. Jan-March

Soup kitchens - Jean Baraczek, Sandy Jorgensen, Ann Shaw, Janet Weston, Tony Bellerdine, Tim Donovan, Tom and Chris Carter and Family, Bill Brown, Council 207 and The Ladies Auxiliary

Patrick Carbonaro - your continued council and guidance in support of the KOC are appreciated

Lee Vanderpool - thanks for your continued support of the newsletter and your donation of the Limo and driver for our Christmas caroling at the nursing homes

Paul Vanderpool - thanks for your help and decorating of the firetruck for the Christmas parade

Mark Carr - as our new interim Financial Secretary - thanks for your continued help and support in filling in as we look to recommend a new Financial Secretary for Council 207. Your help does not go unnoticed. Mark will be official appointed as Financial Secretary in Jan 2018

Tim Chadwick - our resident Martha Stewart continues to donate his time each week in cooking for events

Dave Henry - our resident Everyday Bunny - for your tireless contributions to Council - you are admired by all - your continued actions and deeds do not go unnoticed

Don Poole - all of us appreciate your event and schedule coordination - event fees in 2017 = \$2,200.00 in revenue. Fees in 2016 = “0 \$’s” = Awesome

Jim LaMay - thanks for your continued time and efforts in managing the bar and your newsletter updates

Bartenders - thanks for your continued wit, your humor, your infectious smiles and putting up with the antics of our patrons Patrons - thanks Patrons for putting up with our bartenders - welcome Kate Horbel to the TEAM as bartender on Tuesday's

“THE” Ladies Auxiliary - Sandy and TEAM - thank always for your continued charitable contributions to our community and Council - your efforts and that of the Ladies Auxiliary

Council 207 Brothers and Ladies Auxiliary members - thanks for helping to promote Council 207 and also for your participation in Council activities and visiting the KOC.

Special thanks - to the many volunteers that continue to appear in this section each month.

Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or just to talk. I would welcome your input. My contact information: Phone: 315 415-5325 E mail: jackbaraczek@gmail

Newsletter Updates: We will solicit e mail addresses during our membership campaign. We remain stuck at 375 member emails vs 807 members. Postal rates have gone up. Please update and verify your e mail addresses thru Rich Kloster or thru the bartenders at Council. We are currently spending approximately \$85.00/month or \$1,020/year on newsletter mailings. Each additional e mail address is a cost savings to Council.

Grand Knight Suggestion Box: I am always interested in any and all suggestions and recommendations that are in the Best interest of Council 207. There is a Grand Knight Suggestion Box located at the table near the front door. Your input and ideas are welcome.

Christian Activities: We will continue to expand our involvement in Catholic Christian Activities throughout the year. Increased involvement by Council in activities at Tyburn Academy, St Joseph, Catholic Parishes, Champions for Life, Special Council Masses, Seminarians, Christian couple's events, Deacon Dennis Virtues events, local Pastors and Deacons, KOC Supreme special events and activities, Young men's group activities, etc. Important that we all work together to ensure success and sustainability for these projects now and in future years.

Work is complete in constructing a special permanent display area at the KOC to remind us all of our Catholic parishes and Catholic Christian affiliates and their roles in our faith community. Displays will be posted in January.

Notable Events: Planned for end of year 2017 and 1st qtr 2018 = ethnic dinners continue (Jan 2018) - sports night - casino night - Christian Couples night (Oct-June 2018)- clam/seafood night (1st qtr 2018 Old timers recognition dinner - Wine Tasting Auburn Discount Liquor (Jan) Past Grand Knight cocktail hour - KOC Mass Dedication at Sacred Heart Church - Police officers/Firemen recognition day (1st qtr 2018) - Pancake breakfasts fall - Mass at KOC - I have met with Father Brown at Sacred Heart/Saint Ann's and plans are also under way to host a "Special Mass" of recognition for Council 207 (1st qtr 2018). If anyone has Council 207 memorabilia, please advise me "ASAP"

Ongoing Updates: Please forward additional weekly update request directly to Rich Kloster each Monday. E mail updates will be sent to all Council members + Ladies Auxiliary members that have an e mail on file. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist Rich in updating the council web site.

News and Views: Results year over year continue to be very favorable, YTD November 2017 vs YTD November 2016 = Council + 47% - Home Corp + 21%. Our financial committee will next meet in January. Mark Carr (our interim Financial Secretary) will also provide an update on our fiscal performance, YTD, for both Council and Home Corp. Detailed financial updates are available at monthly Council meetings. Activities are also on the increase and consistent with double digit growth vs last year. Many organizations are booking their events/meetings into 2018. December bookings were a sell out with every day in the month booked. (some days with multiple bookings)

Changes - Officers / Trustees: Dave Henry tendered his resignation as Deputy Grand Knight during our November Council meeting due to ongoing medical issues. Mike Maher also tendered his resignation as Trustee for personal reasons. As a result I announced several interim position appointments at the November Council meeting. Bruce Sherman will assume the role of Deputy Grand Knight, Tom Carter will step in as Treasurer and Alex Vanderpool will take on the role as Trustee, Kevan Kiernan - Recorder. Subject appointments will be effective immediately and stay in place until a special election is held on January 25, 2018. (see election notice following)

Special election: January 25, 2018 - 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Knights - Position - Deputy Grand Knight - candidate = Bruce Sherman - Position - treasurer - Candidate = Tom Carter - Position - Trustee - candidate Alex Vanderpool - Position - Recorder - Candidate = Kevin Kiernan. Candidates elected will fill the remaining terms of subject open positions. This is an open, mid term, election. All candidates are welcome. Candidates are to advise Jack Baraczek (315 415-5325 - jackbaraczek@gmail.com) if interested.

Building Fund: we began Building Fund drive discussions for Council over the past several weeks and anticipate this campaign will launch in January 2018 and conclude December 31 2018. Though we currently have a reserve fund in our current building fund, we anticipate a large expenditure will be required to install a new roof on our building. The current roof is 20 years old and requires constant repairs. Bids are currently being solicited and we will update Council in January 2018. We are looking for a chair(s) to head up this important campaign.

Degree Updates: We anticipate both a 1st and 2nd Degree ceremony in the 1st quarter of 2018.

Please ensure that all applications are submitted ASAP. We currently have 12 candidates for the 1st Degree in 2018 and over 150 current 1st Degree members in Council.

3rd Degree March 17, Elmira - 4th Degree April 21, Buffalo.

Contacts: Jack Baraczek at 315-415-5325, Dave Henry 315-730-5595, Joe LoPiccolo 315-246-8943

By-Laws: Our Advocate, Patrick Carbonaro, has advised me that the current BY-Laws for both Council and Home Corp. require updating. Patrick has also reviewed same with our former Advocate, John Rossi.

We will be working closely with Patrick, Jeff Gage, Mark Carr, Bruce Sherman, Pat Crawford, John Montone and Alex Vanderpool to begin the updating process. As a guide we will follow the current BY-Law and Charter Constitution Laws received by Supreme.

Council reductions: We have received additional notices from Supreme that a total of 103 members have been removed from our active membership population. The majority of reductions were at the request of subject members or for failure to pay annual dues.

Additional Council members: In the past several months Council has added 28 new 1st Degree members. We also anticipate adding approximately 50 new 1st Degree members in 2018. The Ladies Auxiliary had also increased their membership to 160 and anticipate continued growth in 2018.

New look: Improvements and reconfigurations continue at Council. Reconfiguration of the back office will complete our updating by year end. Volunteers needed for some sweat equity to refresh the outside of our building along with some painting and general housekeeping.

NOTE: use of our facility by members and guests is "Welcome" - please police all areas that are used and ensure that all items used are returned to their original location(s). Thanks.

Council has also voted to raise the cost of our facility rental. Current = \$25.00 member - \$50.00 non-member. New = \$50.00 member - \$75.00 non-member. Effective Jan 1, 2018 = new rentals.

Events: It is very important that you schedule your event "ASAP" with Don Poole. Depending on the event, we can also host multiple events at the same time. We continue to host simultaneous events in the front room + the main bar area + the back room.

Prayer Intentions: Nancy Villano - Dave Henry - Ann Scanlon - Gloria Geherin - Rich Kloster - the Condes and Giangreco Families - World Peace - Our Veterans - Pope Francis - Hurricane victims - earthquake victims - the homeless and the needy

Volunteers: We continue to receive requests from individuals to volunteer for events and committees. Large upcoming events = - Soup Kitchen - Continuing Membership drive - Building fund Drive - Charitable contributions committee. All hands on deck. All are welcome and your participation is appreciated. Volunteers can sign up for events at Council or can fill out a volunteer form and drop off at the bar.

Grand Knight Volunteer of the Month: January—Tom and Chris Carter: Two of our most giving and selfless volunteers. Tom and Chris are always front and center in volunteering where and when needed. Planning, set up, kitchen detail, cooking for the soup kitchen, membership drives, open house, \$100.00 raffle, building fund, Christmas appeal, Christmas dinners for the needy, etc. are just a few of the projects Tom and Chris have been involved in. In addition Tom was instrumental in securing \$330.00 from his company as a donation to the soup kitchen. Tom and Chris can always be counted on to help support the many activities of Council 207. Tom is also our interim Treasurer for Council 207 and part of the finance committee. Thanks Tom and Chris, your efforts, actions and deeds do not go unnoticed. An example for all to follow. Congratulations on your self appointment as Grand Knight Volunteers of the month for January 2018.

JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS.....

JANUARY	FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR 3:00-6:00
JANUARY	FRIDAY - HOT APPETIZERS
JANUARY	CLUB OPEN SUNDAY'S 12:00
JANUARY	BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN
JANUARY	DEACON DENNIS COUPLES DINNER - TBA
JANUARY 1	KOC OPEN HOUSE - DUES - BUFFET - BAR SPECIALS
JANUARY 2	FLSC - FRONT ROOM
JANUARY 2	SOUP KITCHEN - 4:00-6:00
JANUARY 3	SU @ WAKE FOREST - 7:00
JANUARY 6	SU VS NOTRE DAME - 3:15 - FOOD SPECIALS
JANUARY 7	GUEST BARTENDER
JANUARY 8	LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING
JANUARY 9	SOUP KITCHEN - 4:00 - 6:00
JANUARY 9	SU @ VIRGINIA - 8:00
JANUARY 9	ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 13	SU @ FLORIDA STATE - 2:00
JANUARY 14	GUEST BARTENDER
JANUARY 14	23 POINT CLUB FOOTBALL 1:00
JANUARY 16	VIRTUES MEETING
JANUARY 16	SOUP KITCHEN 4:00-6:00
JANUARY 16	SU VS PITTSBURG - 4:00 - FOOD SPECIALS
JANUARY 18	FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING 7:30 AM
JANUARY 21	GUEST BARTENDER
JANUARY 22	THE HOLY FAMILY IMAGE DISPLAY
JANUARY 23	SOUP KITCHEN - 4:00-6:00
JANUARY 25	COUNCIL MID TERM ELECTIONS - 4:00-6:30
JANUARY 25	ROSARY SESSION 6:30
JANUARY 25	COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 - ELECTION RESULTS ETC.
JANUARY 27	AHS HOCKEY CLUB 4:00-9:00
JANUARY 28	GUEST BARTENDER
JANUARY 28	TYBURN RAFFLE - 2:00
JANUARY 30	SOUP KITCHEN - 4:00-6:00
JANUARY 31	SU @ GEORGIA TEC - 8:00



TYBURN ACADEMY



October 13, 2017

Dear Friends and Alumni,

Our annual \$100 raffle ticket event is set for **Sunday January 28, 2018** at the Knights of Columbus from **1pm-3pm** where \$10,000 in cash prizes will be given away. Your \$100 tax deductible donation allows for you and a guest to enjoy delicious appetizers catered by Balloons restaurant and open bar, along with a chance at several cash prizes.

Ten thousand dollars in prizes to be given away will be as follows: 1st Prize: \$5,000.00, 2nd Prize: \$1,000.00, 3rd and 4th Prizes: \$500.00 each, 5th-10th Prizes: \$100.00 each. Additionally, an early bird drawing for a prize of \$500.00 will be held on December 14, 2017 for paid up ticket holders. Sharing the cost of a \$100.00 ticket is encouraged for those who choose; ask friends, relatives or co-workers to join you. It could be surprising to you to see how many people would like to take a chance at winning \$5,000.00 or \$1,000.00 or any of the other cash prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold-better chances than the lottery!

Be advised that we may now accept checks as a form of payment! Please make checks out to St. Joseph School. Cash is also accepted.

Please consider supporting this important fundraiser, as it is one of our larger fundraisers with proceeds directly benefiting St. Joseph School. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the school office at (315) 253-8327 or stop by during regular school hours.

Sincerely,

Christine DeProspero

Co-Chair

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Gerald F. Oliver, 68 of Tubman Lane ,Auburn died Thursday, October 5, 2017. Born in Auburn on August 24, 1949 he was the son of the late Bernard P. Oliver Sr. and Rose Catalano Oliver. Graduate of Mt. Carmel High School in Auburn. Retired from the NY Telephone Company after 42 years of employment. Jerry was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 207. He served as the Council's Grand Knight from 1988-1991.

Our heartfelt condolences and continued prayers go out to the family of Jerry Oliver our Past Grand Knight. Jerry's kindness, love of family and giving and caring spirit will live on in our hearts, souls and memories.

Rest in Peace Grand Knight. You will always be remembered.

Visit us on the web at www.kofc207.com



LADIES AUXILIARY UPDATE FROM SANDY JORGENSEN.....



Happy New Year - Can you believe that 2018 is here. What is or will be your resolution for this new year?

In the past, like so many other people, I make a resolution and within 2 weeks I have failed. The intentions are always good but for some reason I end up right back to where I started. So kudos to all that make a resolution and can stick to it. I would love your secret into how you do it.

As some of you may know, the Knights of Columbus has started a Soup Kitchen for the needy and homeless. The first two were held on December 7th and 14th. It has been slow going but once the word is out and circulating around the city we are sure that it will be a big success. In the month of January and February the Soup Kitchen will be opened every Tuesday from 4 - 6 PM. Volunteers are always welcome to help out. If you are interested contact Jack or myself or just show up on Tuesdays at 4 PM.

Our annual Children's Christmas Party was an enormous success this year. There were approximately 75 children present with their family members. Santa stopped in for a visit and each child received a gift. Pizza, cupcakes, punch and cookies were served to all that attended. Thank you to Nancy Slayton for donating the delicious Christmas cookies for the party. Also special thanks to Dave Conway for taking photos of all of the children as they visited with Santa. I would also like to thank Nancy Assmann's granddaughter Nina and her friend as well as Katie Currier for their face painting expertise. The kids loved it!! Another thank you goes out to Tim Zentner and his Dad for donating their time and talents with balloon art. This was a HUGE HIT and one of the highlights of the day for our children. Last but not least special thanks to Ann Shaw and Donna Quinn for all of their help that day in making my job easier. If I left anyone out please accept my apologies as I truly appreciate the help that each and every one of you give to the success of this great organization.

The Ladies Auxiliary held their annual Christmas party on Monday December 11th. The meal was catered by Tim Chadwick and absolutely delicious. The party was attended by 50 of the members as well as our guest Jack Baraczak. The night was filled with many laughs, a visit from Santa and a bit of singing. Thanks to Janet Weston, Sara Podolak, Amie Vanderpool, Ann Shaw and Laurie Webster for organizing this event.

Our annual Christmas Caroling trip to the area nursing homes on Sunday December 10th was another enjoyable event. This year we were very pleased with the number of people who joined us to serenade the residents with Christmas Carols. Thanks to all who helped us spread joy to those who are shut in for the holidays. Special thanks to Paul Salterello for directing us and accompanying us with his mandolin. A special shout out to Nancy Assmann for her donation of Chicken and Dumplings for all of us to enjoy at the end of our trip that day. It was scrumptious!!!!

The Ladies Auxiliary collected gifts during Thanksgiving until December 8th to pass out to the residents at Auburn Nursing Home and Ann Shaw, Joanne Field, Sara Podolak, Mena Hansinger, Adam Hansinger and The Jorgensen Family each donated CD players that were donated to The Commons. Thanks to all who contributed to this event.

Our annual open house is January 1st. It begins at 12 Noon and is the biggest day of the year for the club. This is the day that yearly dues are collected. There will be a buffet provided for you to enjoy. Come for a drink and to enjoy your fellow Knights and Auxiliary members ring in the New Year.

In February we will be holding our second annual Polish/Ukrainian Dinner. Keep your eyes open for posters as to details this month.

I would like to welcome our newest members, Nancy Assmann, Mary Beth Brown, Sheila English, Denise Bellerdine, Leanne Kolzynski, and Linda Herbig. Our Auxiliary continues to grow each month. Thanks to all of our veteran members and new members for all of your support and volunteerism.

Again I wish you all a Happy Healthy 2018. May your lives be filled with good fortune and laughter. See you at the club and remember.....bring a friend.

Sandy Jorgensen
nanajorg03@verizon.net

BAR UPDATE FROM JIM LAMAY....



As always, thanks for your continued support, loyalty and patronage of Council 207. We look forward to kicking off the New Year in a positive way. Though we continue to be busy, we are now heading into our slower months in the 1st quarter of the new year. Snow birds leaving, winter weather, all are a factor but our activities still remain strong.

Guest bartender slots are filling up. Please sign on early to reserve a spot. A good time by all and bring a friend(s).

Year over year revenues and margins continue to be very positive. December revenue will = or exceed last year. A VG month. January will also be = to or better vs last year. Spending is also down as a % of revenue.

Hot appetizers during happy hour 4-6 PM is going well. So far so good and enjoyed by all. Looking for volunteers and those interested in pitching in with your favorite Friday appetizer are welcome. Sign up sheets at the bar. If we have a major event scheduled for the same time we will hold off on the appetizers.

We will continue to offer happy hour pricing and pizza for all SU and basketball games. Also feel free to bring in appetizers etc. to pass during the games. SU basketball is 11 -2 and off to a good start. We will be setting up a "Plate to Pass" for some of the special games. Stay tuned for dates.

I look forward to seeing you soon and don't forget to bring a friend. Any recommendations or ideas you may have are always welcome. Please see me at the bar.

Thanks,
Jim

Knights of Columbus #207

Weekly Soup Kitchen for the Needy

Tuesday 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday's January + February

Knights of Columbus Council 207

Follow entrance sign at back of building

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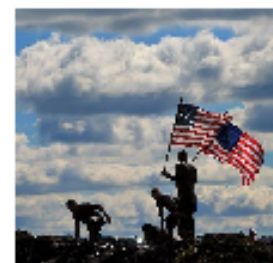
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UPDATES FROM CHAMPIONS FOR LIFE, INC.

Welcome to 2018!

WHEW! And just like that, 2017 is put to bed, and we are embarking on a whole new year! Champions for Life, Inc. has been wildly fortunate, and more than a little blessed, in 2017:

- Over 60 families with children who have life-threatening illnesses or other life-altering challenges stayed with us at the Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage, enjoying quality family time and the unique peace that the BBHC has to offer.
- 235 lacrosse, field hockey, and soccer teams participated in one or more of the Finger Lakes Tournament Series at Everest Park and at the CFL Sports Center
- 1180 people got dirty at the Finger Lakes Mud Run (our 6th year!)
- 175 cyclists participated in the Finger Lakes Cyclo-Cross at Everest Park, the first and only event of its kind in Cayuga County
- 300 volunteers gave time and energy to one or more of our CFL events in 2017
- Over 100 children with developmental disabilities were included in our classes at CFL Sports Center, or met one on one with a mentor, in our Family Support Services Recreation Program
- 180 Auburn public and parochial fifth graders, Auburn Junior High students, and BTW summer program participants were part of our LOFTY (Lead in Five, Blueprint II, and BTW Leadership) programs in 2017
- 35 children were provided with over \$4000 in scholarships for CFL programming
- Nearly 1200 people played tennis, worked out, perfected their summersaults, competed, kicked the soccer ball, learned more about their faith, or jumped on the trampoline, at the CFL Sports Center
- 200 people joined us at the Springside for the first Celebration of Champions, where we honored folks who've overcome great odds and given back to our community
- Over 10,000 people were welcomed through the gates at Everest Park
- 45 presents were delivered to families coming out of homelessness and living at the Auburn Rescue Mission's Transitional Housing Program from our CFL Toy Drive



We are grateful to our donors, to our volunteers, our members and participants, and our supporters. Thank you for a wonderful year!

As we begin 2018, we do so with a grateful heart, and a hopeful spirit. Join the CFL fitness center, send your kids to programming at the Sports Center, come play in the mud at the Finger Lakes Mud Run, or support a family at the Brian Bisgrove Home of Courage – be a part of our 2018! It's going to be a great year, and we can't wait to see what it brings!

Happy New Year! Melissa Carbonaro-Gravius

Executive Director, Champions for Life, Inc.

Melissa

Yesterday's News

K of C Bulletin

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New Years Celebrations, Clergy Night, First Degree, P. G. K. Schattinger Testimonial Dinner In January

Grand Knight's Column

Armond O. Iaia

May I at this time thank you very much for the response to our Christmas party letter. The results were very gratifying. An acknowledgement to all the generous members who contributed to the fund will be printed in the February Bulletin.

As the year's end approaches rapidly, I look back to my first six months in office. With the money cleared from the Bazaar we have paid off all outstanding indebtedness so that we owe no one, and our Council is financially in the black. At the present time we are papering and painting our dining room and kitchen and have replenished our kitchen with new dishes, glasses and silverware. We now plan to carpet the entrance hall and dining room. All these accomplishments have been made possible by your cooperation and support.

However, there remains two big fields where improvement is desired. The first, which I mentioned in a previous column, is membership. This is something about which we can not stand idly by and do nothing; we must try to get new members. The second field for improvement is Charity. One of the basic fundamentals of our order is charity and this we must practice. There will be more on this subject shortly.

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Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Clarence W. Gardner, Chaplain

A NEW YEAR'S IDEA

May the New Year witness your finding more and more of the happiness of Christ! And may I suggest you quit complaining and get down to the business of putting this happiness into your hearts?

So many people would rather complain than try. This is so true of people who are not as good Catholics as they know they should be: they prefer to blame their parents or lack of them; their school or lack of it; their "breaks" or lack of them.

But complaining will not justify you before Almighty God and I'll prove it to you.

First, there is only one you: there is no other in the world exactly like you, there never was and there never will be such a one. If you do not amount to all you should in the eyes of God, the loss is irrevocable. And if you are capable of reading this, you are capable of remedying any past deficiency; hence, you and you alone are responsible forevermore.

Second, you are free to choose your thoughts. Oh, it is true you must think of your job, and emergency measures at times, but you generally choose your thoughts or permit someone to choose them for you. And if you do not have beautiful, inspiring

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New Year's Eve Party

The final event of the year 1966 will be held at the K. of C. Home on Saturday, evening, December 31st, beginning at 9:30 p.m. and lasting until all are exhausted. The New Year's Party this year has been placed under the capable supervision of Joe and Bill Shaw, backed up by Jess McKeon, so it is safe to assume that this will be one of the best parties of the season, so come and bring your friends.

We hope that the members will support this last program of the year by turning out in great numbers. The affair is open to all members, their wives and invited guests. Why not make up a party and join in the fun on New Years Eve. Tables may be reserved.

New Year's Day

The first event of 1967 will be the traditional Open House for members on Sunday, January 1st. The officers hope that every member who can possible do so will at least drop in to say "Hello" to their Brother Knights, or spend the afternoon visiting with old friends, watching the football games and enjoying a fine hot meal which will be provided by Al Landry and his Kitchen Committee, and prepared by Tony Mazzeo. The buffet dinner will be served from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Clergy Night

Thursday evening, January 12th, has been set aside as the date for our annual Clergy Night—a time when we honor all the priests of the Cayuga Deanery. William F. Murphy and Charles E. McKeon have been appointed co-chairmen of this very important Council activity. The pro-

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Building Fund Raffle Tickets

Available on January 1st to purchase for \$100.00.

Only 250 tickets will be sold – need not be present to win.

Drawing will be held on November 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The \$250.00 early bird drawing will be held on April 15th – August 26th and October 26th

All previous ticket holders from 2017 will be contacted first to see if you still want a ticket for 2018 and all others will be added to a wait list.

Get your ticket early because we sold out last year!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS \$100.00 BENEFIT RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE - \$5,000.00

2nd Prize - \$1,500 • 3rd Prize - \$1,000

4th-7th Prizes - \$500 ea. • 8th-10th - \$200 • 11th - \$150

(Prizes based on 250 tickets sold - need not be present to win)

Drawing - November 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus, Market Street, Auburn

Open Bar & Buffet - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

DONATION - \$100.00 ~ GUEST - \$20.00 extra

\$250 Early Bird Drawings:

April 15, 2018 ~ August 26, 2018 ~ October 26, 2018

(tickets paid in full only)

Name _____
Email _____
Contact No. _____
Ticket Seller _____

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SPECIAL EVENTS**

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*Catering is available for an additional fee,
or you may use our kitchen facilities*

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2018 Mid Term Elections
January 25, 2018
4:00 - 6:30
KOC Council 207

Position	Candidate	Vote
Deputy Grand Knight	Bruce Sherman	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write in: _____	
Treasurer	Tom Carter	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write in: _____	
Recorder	Kevin Kiernan	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write in: _____	
Trustee	Alex Vanderpool	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write in: _____	
Election: - 4:00 - 6:30 PM - KOC Council 207		
Home Corporation	Joe Fiorenzo	<input type="checkbox"/>
	John Allen	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Write in _____	

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Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

Offered in Solidarity with Pope Francis

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Virtue of the Month—JANUARY

By Deacon Dennis Donahue

Fortitude

Fortitude, also known as courage, is the virtue that allows us to do the right thing even if that means personal hardship. It is not the opposite of cowardice but lies between cowardice and brashness on a continuum. Fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues which allow for the practice of other virtues that are bolstered by them. "In order to have courage you must have fear and in order to have fear one must have love" so fortitude can be defined as being able to overcome fear to pursue the greater good when the thing we most fear losing is the love of another. In the highest for it would be fear of losing the love of God. Think about this from Jesus commandments to 'love the Lord your God with all you heart, all your soul and all your mind and to love your neighbor as yourself'. If this were truly the love we all held dearest we would create heaven on earth through fortitude.

So how do we create fortitude in our children and why bother. First we create a loving environment where our children do what is right not out of fear of punishment but rather out of fear of disappointing the parents they love. Then we explain to them and show them by our example how God is that same kind of loving parent who we do not wish to disappoint by our choices. Recent research in positive psychology on a characteristic called Grit has shown great promise to explain success in life. It's two components are perseverance and passion making it an incomplete variation of fortitude. This begs the question of the how much more success one who displays the full virtue of fortitude would have in life. The answer can be found in the lives of the Saints and other great hero's of history!

For Our Service Men & Women

For the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God,

those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy.

Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

May the power of your love enable them to return home

in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.



Holy Father Prayer Image Program

Reference the attached I have arranged to receive and display the

Holy Family Image at Council 207

We will receive the Image mid January 2018

and Display Thru the end of March 2017

We will update and discuss the overall program at

our January 24, 2018 Council meeting

Thanks - Jack Baraczek

Holy Family Prayer Program

2015 - 2017

The Holy Family Prayer Program was introduced at the 133rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, in August 2015. This program features a beautiful image of the Holy Family. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction received several Holy Family images, which will be the centerpiece of prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the program.

The Holy Family Prayer Program is the 17th Marian Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, beginning with the first program – honoring Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe - in 1979. Since then, the Blessed Mother has been honored by her Knights under her titles of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Charity.

These Order-wide programs of Marian Prayer have gathered together more than 17 million people at some 147,000 masses and prayer services conducted at local councils and parishes. A copy is now available for circulation throughout the Finger Lakes Chapter.

The Board of District Deputies has developed a plan for circulating the image thru the local District Deputies.

Council 207 will display The Image beginning Mid January 2018 thru the end of March 2018.

Prayer booklets and Prayer Cards will also be available for distribution.



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