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KC's 'Christmas Angels' get their wings, goodwill takes flight in time for Christmas

While working a Dec. 7 pancake breakfast at Presentation Church, Sister Kathy Rademacher came to some of the Knights afterwards asking for the leftover food, like cooked eggs, pancake batter, ham .. whatever she could get to provide it to some needy families.

Brother Mike Braun and his wife Debbie knew Sr. Kathy and the work she does at Presentation and in the surrounding community. Debbie introduced Sr. Kathy to council member Mike Schilling and between the three of them, a flurry of donations and goodwill began to take flight.

Schilling asked her some questions and found out the needy families needed basic necessities, like food, socks, underwear, clothing and oil changes. Schilling introduced Sister Kathy to council member Ken Chevrette, who owns the "Toy Box," and together they worked out an arrangement where the oil changes might be accomplished.


After the breakfast, the Knights decided to also donate the left over food (11 dozen eggs, 1.5 gallons of milk, 9 lbs. of sliced ham and four cans frozen orange juice) to Sr. Kathy to provide to the families.

Sr. Kathy then explained to Schilling and Debbie Braun about her efforts to provide these families with some gifts to for Christmas. Sr. Kathy gave the Brauns 53 Christmas Angels, that featured gift request items for various needy families.

These Christmas Angel requests – and the challenge it represented – were presented to the Knights and their families who attended the Dec. 13 Christmas Caroling program and pot luck.

In response, some Knights and their families decided to take help the "Angel requests" take flight. At the Dec. 16 KC officers meeting, some members offered to donate about \$230 to the Council to help with this cause and the Fr. Finley officers increased this amount to \$700 to assist needy families. Wow!

Coming events

- Jan. 25 Pancake Breakfast
Presentation School
- Jan. 27 First Degree
Transfiguration
- Feb. 3 General meeting 
Transfiguration
- Feb. 8 Pancake Breakfast
St. Casmir's
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Dinner
Summerhill Cooperative
- Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday



Some of the "Christmas Angel" shoppers that took flight to help were Debbie and Mike Braun, Jan Schilling and Beth Braun.

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Grand Knight's message:

Brothers,

How many times have you heard the word "change" lately?

I want to challenge you to take that word and make it personal. If you want a better whatever (country, marriage, church or golf game) you are the person that needs to change and you are the only one that can do it.

When I joined the Knights of Columbus I changed. When I turned off the T.V. and got to my first meeting I changed. When I attended my first pancake breakfast I changed.

The Knights of Columbus can change your life for the better, but you need to change your patterns.

Make a New Year's resolution to change for the better! The church, this country and your family would benefit from a better you.

If you are able-bodied, get involved, if not please keep the Knights of Columbus in your prayers. See you at the next meeting.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Mencke
Grand Knight



KC breakfast profits help provide meal for homebound



A crowd of more than 100 people were served a roast beef and ham dinner Dec. 19 at the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. The meal was made possible by profits from a previous KC breakfast at St. Thomas. Ready to serve are St. Thomas members Bill Tricka and Pat Schaffer, plus Fr. Finley Knights: Bill Krammer, Mike Schilling, Ron Gorka, Greg Mencke and Lloyd Maus. Thanks to Maus, Gorka or any others who did the lion's share to make this event a reality.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January birthdays

- Jan. 2 Joseph Boland
- Jan. 2 Joseph Peisert
- Jan. 6 Dr. Steven Geis (70)
- Jan. 6 Kelly Leahy
- Jan. 6 Dale Solheid
- Jan. 8 David McCabe
- Jan. 8 Gregory Mencke
- Jan. 14 Daniel Godfrey
- Jan. 14 Leroy Martin
- Jan. 14 Michael J. Ellenz
- Jan. 16 Wilfred Chartrand Jr. (30)
- Jan. 16 Richard Petterssen PGK
- Jan. 19 Gilbert Motz
- Jan. 16 Thomas Wash
- Jan. 16 Ronald Holman
- Jan. 21 Richard Acosta
- Jan. 24 Ariel Lacsamana
- Jan. 26 Chester Jablonski
- Jan. 27 Michael Schilling PGK
- Jan. 27 Timothy Zylla
- Jan. 29 Ervin Barrett
- Jan. 29 John Fick PGK
- Jan. 30 Steven Meis
- Jan. 30 Nicholas Stark

February birthdays

- Feb. 3 Mark Pariseau
- Feb. 4 Kent Collins
- Feb. 7 Paul Donlin
- Feb. 7 Rev. Jerome Higgins (80)
- Feb. 10 William Aguirre (85)
- Feb. 11 Victorin Ruhland PGK (75)
- Feb. 11 Lloyd Maus (70)
- Feb. 11 Francis Kaiser
- Feb. 12 Rt. Rev. Richard Pates (65)
- Feb. 18 Rev. Jerry E. Fenton (70)
- Feb. 20 Rev. Joseph M. Ferraioli
- Feb. 20 Daniel Garhofer (45)
- Feb. 21 Charles Glaraton III
- Feb. 24 Thomas Smolik
- Feb. 24 Quentin Smith



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Within a week, those few Knights and their contacts collected an additional \$1,120 in food, clothing and gift cards. The total amount now collected was more than \$1,800.

Trinity Mission received about \$400 for a needy family sponsored by the council and more than \$1,400 went to the needy families Sr. Kathy had brought to the KC's attention.

Some KC families and friends, spent hours shopping to fill the Christmas Angel requests and to package the items for delivery to Sr. Kathy.

This included: Flo Roering; Ken and LeeAnn Chevrette; Mike Debbie and Beth Braun (and a friend of Debbie's); Mike and Jan Schilling and their daughter DauNae Santerre.

Schilling was quoted as saying, "Don't ever give me those Christmas Angels again," as he was concerned because he lost about nine of them during the shopping. Luckily, Mike Braun had entered the requests in a computer file before giving the angels to Mike Schilling. That saved the day.

On Dec. 19, Greg Mencke delivered to Sr. Kathy some surplus food – 300 lbs. of potatoes and 20 bags of groceries – from Transfiguration's food shelf program.

Then on Dec. 22, KC's Mencke and Schilling delivered 1,200 lbs. of potatoes and about 75 bags of groceries to Trinity Mission, again from the surplus at Transfiguration Church.

The Knights were told the recipient of the needy family sponsored by the council at Trinity Mission was very emotional about the food items presented to them. The recipient could not believe the KC's brought them cookies just like the homemade ones of their grandmother.

"We were always told it is better to give than to receive," said Schilling. "But we were never told how much you can receive in the act of giving to others."

The KC's want to thank all those who helped in any way with this year's KC's Needy Family Program. May God bless you.



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Turkey Bingo results

\$1,345 grossed for council! Thanks to all who helped with this event.



Council donates to 'Feed My Starving Children'

The Fr. Finley Council conducted a pancake breakfast in October for the "Feed My Starving Children" and donated more than \$1,000.

FMSC is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children that are hungry in body and spirit.

'40 Days for Life' during Lent; begins Feb. 25

The 2009 Twin Cities "40 Days for Life Vigil" will begin Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

Our council will once again take part in a Sunday night prayer vigil outside the hospital from 7 to 8 p.m. All KC's are invited to join us in prayer, fasting and peaceful activism to turn hearts and minds to a culture of life.

The 40 Days campaign will end April 5 (Palm Sunday).



Presentation Christmas breakfast and a visit from St. Nick

KC's and their family members helped spread Christmas cheer at Presentation's Dec. 3 Christmas breakfast. The event served 312 people and the KC's donated \$900 to help the parish. At left: Jake Vang shows St. Nicholas (Deacon Jim Saumweber) the art of flipping pancakes. At right: Nic Winkel, Lisa Vang, Justin Girling and Bob Dollerschell are a blizzard of activity in the kitchen.

KC's help parish buys nativity set

The KC's donated \$400 from a Dec. 3 breakfast event at Blessed Sacrament church. The money was used to buy statues of the three wise men for the parish's nativity scene. In 2007, the KC's donated \$600 from pancake breakfast profits and applied those funds to cover the cost of Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Insurance portfolio update

The KC's updated its life insurance portfolio. Some highlights are:

- Lower premiums on term and permanent life insurance policies.
- Addition of new underwriting classifications (premier/ultra premier).
- Higher maturity age on new life insurance policies (to 120 years old).
- Higher age in which a new annuity policy can be purchased (now 85 1/2).
- New member annuity plan for only \$100 deposit (current interest rate is up to 4.5%).

– Lloyd Cybart, FIC
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Homeowner has KC's on their 'side' to raise money for church

The Knights recently helped salvage some aluminum siding removed from a Transfiguration parishioner's home. Nic Winkel and Greg Mencke loaded and transported 940 pounds of aluminum to a recycler. The result: a happy home owner and a parish donation of \$188.

Annual Valentine's Dinner at Summerhill



Join the KC's and their families Feb. 14 at Summerhill (935 Ferndale Street) for a relaxing evening of good food, fun, door prizes and entertainment at an affordable cost.

Menu includes dinner salad, roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls and dessert. Wine will be provided at each table. Beer, wine and pop will be available.

Social hour at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, see enclosed flier.

Your chance to win \$500 month in the Minnesota Knights Raffle

Our council has a packet of raffle tickets and it could be your chance to win valuable prizes.

The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each. Local councils need to send all funds to the Minnesota Knights Foundation and our council will receive half back for its share.

The 10 prizes range from \$500 per month for one year to \$25 per month for one year. Winners will be drawn May 16 at the State Convention in St Cloud.

Call Deputy GK Tim Roering at (651) 779-7581 to purchase tickets.



KC breakfasts in fall net charitable Christmas gifts for all



At the December council meeting, the KC's showed their support for life as they presented fellow KC Tom Somlick with a check for \$1,025 for Lifecare Center East. The profits were from a Nov. 2, 2008, Transfiguration pancake breakfast that served 342 people.

Three breakfasts in two weeks adds up to donations

The Fr. Finley Council conducted three pancake breakfasts in two weeks this past fall. The Knights not only fed 737 people, they donated \$2,500 in return.

On the weekend of Oct. 26, the KC's conducted pancake breakfasts at St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Patrick's. Then on Nov. 2, the KC's took action to show their support for life by conducted a breakfast at Transfiguration for LifeCare Center East.

Thanks to all KC's who worked the breakfasts this past fall, your time and effort made early Christmas gifts for all.



Fr. Tony Andrade thanks Grand Knight Greg Mencke for a check for \$650 to benefit the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. The KC's hosted a pancake breakfast Oct. 26 at the church that served 185 people.



A check in hand for \$825 brings smiles to Tom Nordgren, St. Patrick's Church, and Greg Mencke.

Year-end inventory taken of Fr. Finley's 'Knights of the Month'



At the Jan. 6 meeting, Grand Knight Greg Mencke's new year resolution was to take a year-end inventory and recognize the "Knight of the Month" for past six months.

Congratulations to the following KC's who were recognized:

- James Honerman (July)
- Mike Braun (December)
- Ray Bennett (November)
- Arne Kaiser (October)
- Bill Krammer (September)
- Joe Peisert (August)

Vivat Jesus!



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Good of the Order: Pray for these KC's and their families

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Prayer 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 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. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.