



# Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,  
DECEMBER 2009

## Grand Knight's Message:

Ray Roberge

Brother Knights and Families,

When I think of the month of December, I always associate that with Christmas. Christmas! The very word brings joy to our hearts. No matter how we may dread the rush, the long Christmas lists for gifts and cards to be bought and given, when Christmas Day comes there is still the same warm feeling we had as children, the same warmth that enfolds our hearts and our homes.

Over the years we Knights have followed the "Keep Christ in Christmas" theme, but what does that mean exactly? It seems a time when all things religious are being discouraged and swept away, it's refreshing to know that our Order sponsors the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign to remind people that Christmas is above all "a holy day celebrating the birth of Christ". Keeping Christ in Christmas is keeping the very heart and meaning of the Christmas celebration alive by celebrating the birth of the Son of God. ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org))

Let us be ever mindful that while gift giving has become one of the mainstays of Christmas, the greatest gift we have ever, and could ever receive is the gift of salvation. "For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

Let the Jesus in YOU shine through, and may your homes be filled with Christmas joy, days of happiness and love.

As always,  
I remain yours in Christ

Ray Roberge

## MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

"Jesus Conquers Fear" is the theme for the weekend retreat on January 22-24, 2010 at King's House in Buffalo, Minnesota. The retreat will be presented by 3 priests and sister. Friday night check-in from 7-8pm. Retreat closes at 1pm Sunday afternoon. \$25.00 Deposit for private room (no refund). Carpooling available. Get your reservations in early.

For more information, contact Jim Stalberger #763.424.8774.

## MAJOR DEGREE

District Deputy Jim Stalberger reported there would be a major degree held on Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. It is planned to be held at St Vincent's church in Osseo. This is an opportune time for you recruit a new member or to have a 1st degree receive the other degrees in our local area. We need fresh members to maintain our council vibrant. They can be young or old since they can make use of insurance and annuity programs offered by the Knights. They even have a long term health care which may fit your needs. With all that, you will have many more people you know & are friends with.

Contact any of the council officers for more information.

**HAVE A BLESSED & JOYOUS CHRISTMAS**

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**What—district meeting**

**When**—Monday Night Nov 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Where**—St. Alphonsus Catholic Church (CSSR HALL—WEST SIDE OF CHURCH)

**Time**—lite supper at 6:30  
Meeting start time—7:00pm

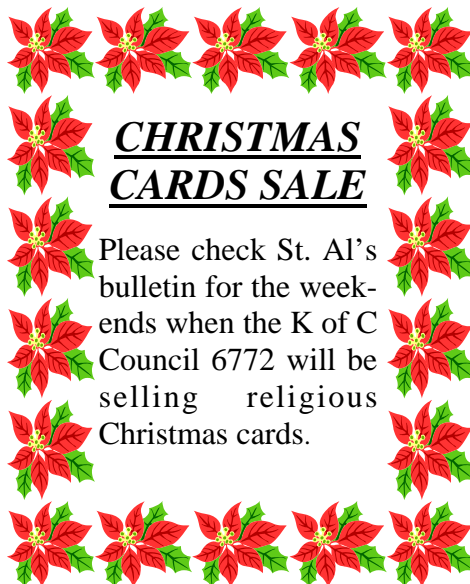
**AGENDA**—UPCOMING DISTRICT AND COUNCIL EVENTS; MAJOR DEGREE PLANNING (January 16, 2010) and membership recruitment

Please come prepared to share your ideas on membership recruitment on how your COUNCIL IS planning to meet and exceed your council new membership goals for the year.

PLEASE INVITE GRAND KNIGHTS, PAST GRAND KNIGHTS, INSURANCE AGENTS, FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S, TRUSTEES, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE'S—ALL ARE WELCOME!

RSVP PLEASE--- FOR FOOD COUNT BY NOVEMBER 27TH

Jim Stalberger 763-424-8774



**CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE**

Please check St. Al's bulletin for the week-ends when the K of C Council 6772 will be selling religious Christmas cards.

**Remember in your Prayers**

Brian McAlpin  
Bob Turner,  
Larry Tillmen brother in law  
Maxine Gillen  
Don Carson  
Loretta Richard  
Don Kramer  
Pete Taufen  
Jack Larson  
Joe Svobodny  
Matt Roers  
JoAnn Roberge  
Mike's family, friend of Kevin Haeg  
Ken Holst, bro of Dave Holst  
Ken McIntosh  
Jean Stalberger  
Matt Robinson's friend Kathy  
Tuan Huynh  
Father Jim

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

Those who have died

Sister of Rose Denn  
Mother of Pat Gerber

**CARDS SENT TO**



**GET WELL**

Matt Roers  
Joe Svobodny  
Ken McIntosh  
Jean Stalberger  
Gary Marsyla  
Bette Martian  
Ray Klukken

**SYMPATHY CARD**

SYMPATHY // DECEASED

Rose Denn .// Sister's death  
Pat Gerber // Mother's death

## Minnesota K of C 2009 Special "O"

The 2009 State Bowling Tournament (Fall Classic) was another great success. We have not received the final counts regarding number of athletes, coaches and volunteers involved in this year's event, but we served over 2300 lunches at Marian Hall and Maplewood Lanes. A very "Big" Thank You to all our council members and wives that once again worked one, two and three days at the event. We also thank all of you who volunteered to work on Sunday at the lanes, but due to last minute venue changes were canceled. Please keep us in mind for next year.

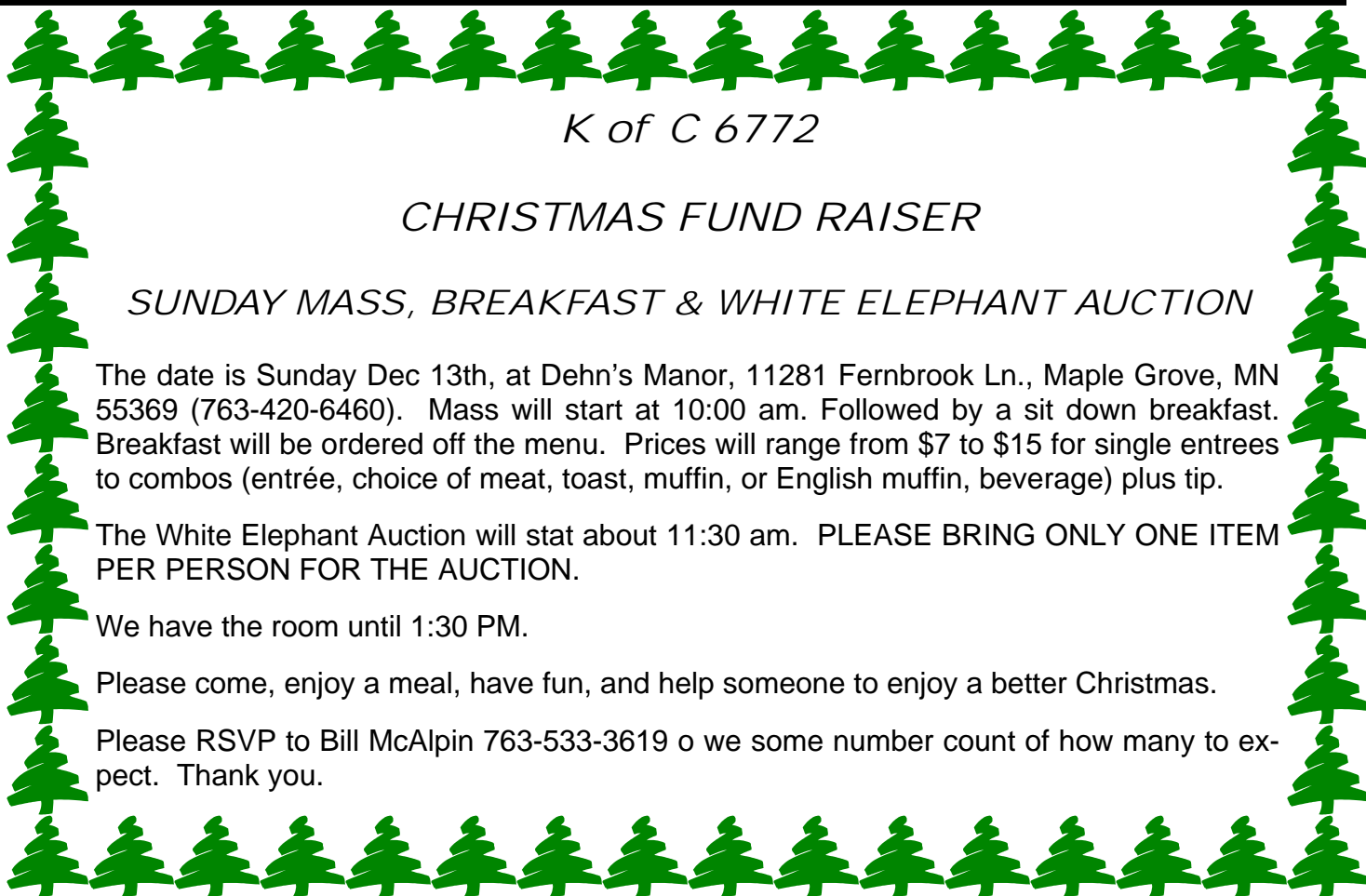
May God Bless each and every one of you for sharing your time to serve his special athletes and their families. Remember it would not happen without you. We will notify you of the "2010" event schedule when it becomes available.

Again thanks for your support and hope to see you next year.

Ray and Jan Wojtysiak

**May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
Have never a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize,  
And may your Holiday dinner  
Stay off your thighs!**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**



*K of C 6772*

### *CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER*

#### *SUNDAY MASS, BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION*

The date is Sunday Dec 13th, at Dehn's Manor, 11281 Fernbrook Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369 (763-420-6460). Mass will start at 10:00 am. Followed by a sit down breakfast. Breakfast will be ordered off the menu. Prices will range from \$7 to \$15 for single entrees to combos (entrée, choice of meat, toast, muffin, or English muffin, beverage) plus tip.

The White Elephant Auction will start about 11:30 am. PLEASE BRING ONLY ONE ITEM PER PERSON FOR THE AUCTION.

We have the room until 1:30 PM.

Please come, enjoy a meal, have fun, and help someone to enjoy a better Christmas.

Please RSVP to Bill McAlpin 763-533-3619 or we some number count of how many to expect. Thank you.



**Knights  
Corner**

**Membership Meeting, 7:30 PM  
First Thursday of the Month  
St. Alphonsus School Cafeteria**

Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM  
Third Thursday of the Month  
St. Alphonsus CCD Building  
St. Gerard's Room 4111-71st Ave. N.

**SPECIAL DAYS**

- Dec 6 St Nicholas Day
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
- Dec 25 Christmas

**BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

And

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 6 Epiphany
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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**NOTICE:**

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Sunday, Dec 13, is our annual Knights of Columbus Christmas, breakfast, and white elephant auction. This year's festivities will be held at Dehn's Country Manor 11281 Fernbrook, Maple Grove, MN beginning with Mass at 10:00 am. Do not forget to bring **ONLY ONE** wrapped white elephant treasure for the auction.

The Ladies Auxilians are sponsoring a family of four for Christmas. The family consists of a single mother who is a day care provider, a daughter age 8 and 2 sons age 12 & 15. We would appreciate if could bring a food item, a gift, or a gift card with you on Sunday to make a brighter Christmas for this family. If you have questions, call Jean at 763-424-8774. Wishing everyone a Holy Advent and a Blessed Christmas Season.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Nov 22 KC Waffle Breakfast,** 7:30 to noon, CSSR Hall  
See article for details in last month Nov newsletter on page 1.

**Nov 30 District Meeting** at St Al's CSSR Hall.6:30 PM  
light supper, 7:00 PM Meeting

**Dec 3 Membership Meeting,** 7:30 pm, at St. Alphon  
sus Church, school cafeteria

**Dec 13 Dehn's** 9:30 am start, 10:00 am mass Christ

mas Breakfast & White Elephant Auction,  
see details on page 3

**Dec 17 Planning Meeting,** 7:30 pm Faith Formation,  
St. Gerard Room

**Jan 7 Membership Meeting,** 7:30 pm, at St. Alphon  
sus Church, school cafeteria

**Jan 16 Major Degree** 1st,2nd,3rd at St Vincent's  
Church in Osseo details in next issue.

**Jan 21 Planning Meeting,** 7:30 pm Faith Formation,  
St. Gerard Room