



Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,
December 2012

Grand Knight's Message: Dick Alberico

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

I hope everyone is doing well and preparing for Thanksgiving. I wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all Brother Knights and their families. I'm happy to say we have signed one new member into the council and making arrangements with several others to sign them also.

The Special Olympics was a success — and a thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make is a success. A special thanks to Ray and Jan Wojtysiak who did a great job organizing the 1500 meals swerved over the 3 days of the Classic at Brunswick Bowl in Brooklyn Park.

The Waffle breakfast was held on November 18th in the CSSR Hall. It was a success and thanks to all the Knights and the Health Ministry people who helped.

On Dec 9th, we will be having our annual Christmas mass and breakfast with a white elephant auction to follow. See page 3 for more details. Hope to see many of you there.

Christmas is just around the corner— Remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas". It is a great time of the year for you and your family to celebrate.

I wish you and your families a very Merry and Blessed Christmas.

God Bless you and your Families
Dick Alberico, GK

FALL BOWLING CLASSIC— NOV 9th, 10th, & 11th

As the Grand Knight stated in his message that it was a success. Ray W. relayed there were 1400 athletes who bowled 2,800 lines of bowling just at Brooklyn Park bowling alley. These numbers do not include the 2 days of bowling at the bowling alley in Blaine or the two days of bowling at the bowling alley in Lakeville. It has grown from 1 bowling alley to 3.

This is the climax of the funds the Knights raise during our tootsie roll drive in the spring of each yr. The Special Olympics athletes enjoyed it.

AGAIN THANKS TO ALL

MENS RETREAT @ KINGS HOUSE

• BUFFALO

This year's retreat theme is "WE WALK BY FAITH." Our council is going the weekend of January 18-20th. Retreat check-in registration at Friday 7pm and concludes on Sunday 12:45pm. During our lifetime we walk thousands of miles and along the way we ask friends to show us the way to arrive at the right place. Come join your brother knights at King's House as we reflect on how we are called to "walk by faith." Pope Benedict XVI has declared October 2012-2013 a Year of Faith. A non-refundable deposit of \$30.00 per person must be received in order to reserve a room. Our retreat suggested offering this year will be \$140.00. King's House policy continues to be that their retreats are available even to those who cannot afford this suggested offering. As you begin to make plans for your retreat, I encourage you to invite another person to come with you. Please get your retreat reservation in early before the rooms fill up. To make reservations or to find out more about the retreat, contact Kings House at telephone# 763-682-1394 or visit their website at www.kingshouse.com

Carpooling available- contact Jim Stalberger at telephone# 763.424.8774 – Take time for yourself... take time to be quiet, come get away from it all.

COATS FOR KIDS



On Monday Oct 29th, Grand Knight Dick Alberico and Simon Fehn delivered the coats for "The Coats for Kids" project to Principle Kari Staples for distribution.

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A FOND FAREWELL TO FATHER WILL LOWERY

Father Will Lowery's going away party was on Nov 4. We and especially the Knight of Columbus at St Al's wish you the best on your next assignment of retirement. We will always appreciate all you did for us and your kind words. The knights presented him a gift for his use. We will have a paver for him at the grotto to remind us of him. He will now join Brother Ray Bowersox in Ligouri who we still remember. God bless you and we wish you the best of health from your Brother Knights and families. I am sure the parish and the people you touched during your stay here wish you the same. His date of arrival in Ligouri was last Wednesday, Nov 12.

Remember in your Prayers



Mary Watson
Fr Brian Gilles
Joe Astuto's, dad Joe
Craig Solarz, nephew Tim
Kevin Haeg's, dad Marcus
Patty Roberts
Dick Alberico's friend, Steve

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

CARDS SENT TO

GET WELL



Simon Fehn
Roger Borowicz
Ed Zeller
Lee Stangl
Mary Watson

If you know of someone who may benefit from a card, please contact Simon Fehn at 763-560-3971 or simon.f@usfamily.net

Christmas Cards in CSSR Hall

We will be selling religious Christmas cards at the KC WAFFLE BREAKFAST on Sunday, November 18. If you need to buy Christmas cards to send to your family and friends, please consider buying your religious cards from the knights. Cards will be sold in the CSSR hall during the breakfast. All proceeds raised go to support our council charities. Remember to keep Christ in Christmas! Keep Jim Stalberger busy selling.

VESTS

I had the honor to be part of the honor guard on Sun Oct 14 at the 8:30 mass. I noticed many of the knights from our council were wearing their vests. It was impressive to see since they stood out. In order for us to be more visibility, we should have more knights wearing their vests and others purchasing vests to wear. We will be letting the parish know who we are as well as other men who may want to join us. I, for one, will wear mine more often. Contact Ray Petersen to order one.

From the Editor:

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month. If anyone has information to be published, Please feel free to mail it to 2001 Whitewater Trl. BP, MN 55444 or e-mail it to simon.f@usfamily.net
THANKS

FR. BRAD BALDWIN MESSAGE

Greetings and Peace to my Brother Knights and your families, and a blessed December you, as we begin our holiday season: with Thanksgiving Day for all families, and Black Friday, for all of you serious shoppers.

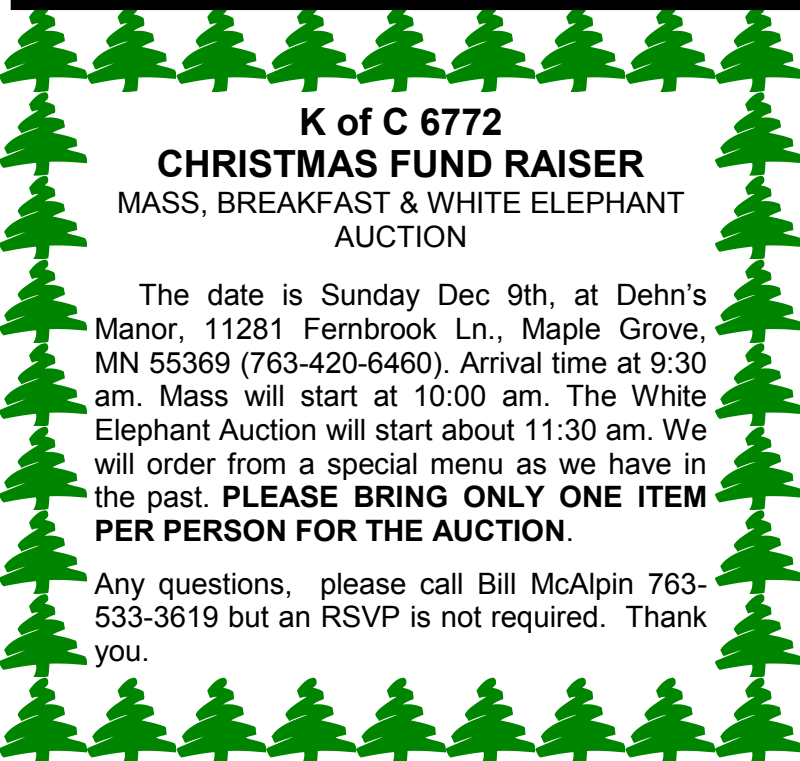
One of my favorite hospital memories is the story of a woman who had cancer. She was the mother of ten children, and she told me that her greatest pain was not from the cancer, but from seven of her children who had stopped going to church. "I taught them better, Father, and I feel partially responsible," she would say. I could only listen, and assure her of my prayers for her and the children. The week before she died, some wonderful things began to happen. On Monday, her oldest son asked if I would hear his confession. So, we went down to the chapel, and celebrated the sacrament. Within the next three days, seven of her children went to confession. Intrigued and deeply touched by this, I asked the oldest child about these confessions. "Well Father," she said, "we're the seven children who don't go to church, and we know our mother is suffering because of cancer and us. So, we decided to make good confessions, and return to Sunday Mass, as a gift to our mother and ourselves. She doesn't ask for much, and we know what this means to her."

Their mother did pass away; but to the best of my knowledge, these children are now active members of their parishes. My Brother Knights, the point is that we never know the impact our sacrifices and struggles can have on our families, friends, and the church. Once again, we trust that God will use us for the building of His Kingdom. This also makes us aware, as we draw closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, of our present sacrifices, for Lent is not the only season of sacrifice. What do we continue to offer to God, that will help our families and the world?

Last week, when I visited two people in the hospital, one told me that she was offering her suffering for her sick grandson. Another told me that she was offering her illness for the successful passage of the Marriage Amendment. What will our offering be today, and who will that offering benefit? Let this be our meditation for November, as we thank God for His many blessings, and His Presence in our struggles. God bless you, my brothers, and have a Happy November. Please pray for our Knights and family members who are sick or in distress, and pray for our country during these election days, that we will make good voting decisions, based on our prayers and our conscience. I look forward to seeing you soon. God's blessings and peace to you all.

Sincerely Yours in Christ

Fr. Bradley C. Baldwin T.O.R



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CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER
MASS, BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT
AUCTION**

The date is Sunday Dec 9th, at Dehn's Manor, 11281 Fernbrook Ln., Maple Grove, MN 55369 (763-420-6460). Arrival time at 9:30 am. Mass will start at 10:00 am. The White Elephant Auction will start about 11:30 am. We will order from a special menu as we have in the past. **PLEASE BRING ONLY ONE ITEM PER PERSON FOR THE AUCTION.**

Any questions, please call Bill McAlpin 763-533-3619 but an RSVP is not required. Thank you.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS
to
ALL



**Knights
Corner**

Membership Meeting, 7 PM
First Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus CSSR Hall South End
Planning Meeting, 7 PM
Third Thursday of the Month
St. Alphonsus CCD Building
St. Clement's Room 4111-71st Ave. N.

SPECIAL DAYS

- Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
- Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 3 Epiphany
- Jan 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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The Ladies Auxilians had a most enjoyable game day at Jean's house on Sunday afternoon, October 28. The lucky ladies were Bette Knox, Jean Stalberger, Gladys Clasemann, and Nancy Robinson.

Ladies. Please plan to attend with your Knights, the Knights of Columbus Mass and Brunch/white elephant auction on Sunday morning, December 9. This is always a very special holiday event and beautiful treasures/memories to take home with you.

We extend heartfelt thanks to Father Will Lowery for all the dedicated service to our Knights of Columbus council and Ladies Auxiliary. We wish Father Lowery God's special blessings in his new endeavors and well-deserved retirement.

Wishing everyone Blessed, grace-filled Advent and Christmas Season

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Dates to Remember

Dec 2 Clergy Appreciation Plymouth Playhouse 2 PM
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Dec 6 Membership Meeting 7 PM school cafeteria

Dec 8 Christmas Fund Raiser SEE DETAILS ON
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Dec 20 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg,
St Clements room

Jan 3 Membership Meeting 7 PM school cafeteria

Jan 17 Officer's Meeting 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg,
St Clements room

Jan 18, 19, 20 Kings House Retreat Buffalo. MN
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