



Knights Corner



FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN

ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH,
January 2013

Grand Knight's Message:

Dick Alberico

Dear Brother Knights and Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR—MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED, HAPPY, AND PROPEROUS YEAR!

Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas — great time to gather as a family.

We, the Knights will be having various activities during the year and I ask each Knight to try and volunteer for 1 or 2 of the activities and also try to attend 1 or 2 of the Membership meetings. It would be great to meet everyone face to face.

I would like everyone to circle the last weekend of April. It is for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Come as a family and support our largest fund raiser of the year. The funds are used to provide programs for individuals with disabilities. A portion of it stays at St Al's for Barb Walhood's program. Be a part of this activity and help make it as success. REMEMBER THE LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL.

Thanks to all the Knights who volunteer for so many of the activities during the year — much appreciated — . We need more! Let's make our Council one of the top ones in the state, as Father Walters would say "Think about it"

May God bless you and your families.

Dick Alberico, GK

NICOLLET ASSEMBLY & 4TH DEGREE NEWS

Have you seen the symbol of the Fourth Degree? This can be seen in the pins, co-located with a flag, that we wear on our formalwear, and at various Fourth Degree events. It is circular in shape, with a white background, on which the following appears: (1) A blue globe, with the lands of the Western Hemisphere in white, symbolizing God the Father, Creator of the Universe. (2) A red cross with gold borders, and gold knobs at the end (con't on page 2 NEWS)

WAFFLE BREAKFAST REPORT—

The Knights of Columbus 6772 thanks all those who helped and ate at the Waffle Breakfast. We served over 300 people who enjoyed the breakfast. The 50% of the proceeds will be given to the Health Ministry for their needs.

MENS RETREAT @ KINGS HOUSE

• BUFFALO

ROOMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

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 and some quiet time, come, get away from it all.

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IN SYMPATHY FOR BRO. RAY BOWERSOX

Bro Ray was always around the Church doing some task. Whether it was small or big he did it with a smile. He did many routine tasks like taking care of unlocking and locking the church doors. He enjoyed being a Knight of Columbus.. Like it stated in St. Al's bulletin, he was the "ball bearing". He will now be the "ball bearing" in heaven. He can now intercede for us. REST IN PEACE brother Knight..



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FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Council will be hosting the free throw contest. This will be done on Friday Feb 1. The winners of the Posters' and Essays' contest will also be presented at that time.

The start time of the event still has not been set. The children at Saint Al's will be cheering for the free throw contestants. If you can spare some time, you can volunteer to help. It is fun and easy to do. Contact the Dick Alberico 763-561-2363 or Al Kowalczyk 763-315-0520 to volunteer.

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



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Family

Bro Ray
Bowersox

If you know of someone who
may benefit from a card,
please contact Simon Fehn at
763-560-3971 or
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of the points forming the ends of the arms of the Isabella Cross, symbolizing God the Son, Redeemer of Mankind, and (3) A white dove, symbolizing God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of Humanity. These colors are, of course, in the flag of our County in which our Order originated, and are used to stress the basic principle of the Fourth Degree, which is Patriotism. We have one of these pins for you, as we will place them on your tuxedo jacket, on the day of your Fourth Degree Exemplification ceremony. Are you ready for a pin?

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 all my Brother Knights and your families, and to each of you, a blessed and peaceful month of Advent, and the beginnings of our Christmas Season. For me, Advent and Christmas always bring back memories of my childhood. When I was nine, I belonged to a neighborhood group known as "The Dukes." We were big fans of John Wayne, and even had shirts with our names on the back, and "The Dukes" on the front. We would talk like John Wayne, watch all of his movies, and even wear cowboy hats and carry a holster. As I mentioned, we were fans of John Wayne; but, I suppose we also formed this group, because we wanted to be accepted by others, and belong to a group of people that shared a special purpose. For most of us, I suppose John Wayne would not be considered a special purpose; but, you understand the need to belong to something bigger than ourselves.

For we Catholics, the seasons of Advent and Christmas are our special purpose, as they call us to share the hope and promise of the Incarnation. These seasons remind us that in belonging to God's Holy Church, we can make a difference in the world, through the gifts God has given us. I pray that each of us are able to see, within ourselves, gifts of prayer, good works, and sacrifice. The good news is that these gifts are synonymous with Advent, and the "Year of Faith." My prayer is that we begin, by not allowing the business of the seasons to overwhelm us

Then, we can take time to follow our guidelines for the Year of Faith: to offer prayers at meals, spend time in silent prayer, read the Lives of the Saints, be faithful to the Holy Eucharist, and reach out to people who are in need. I've already spoken to several parish families who will have special Advent prayers before meals, and others who will forego some Christmas gifts, in order to give money to special charities. My Brother Knights, what special gifts will we share in these Advent and Christmas Seasons, to help others feel a sense of belonging?

More than ever, our world needs the light of Christ, a light that shines even brighter, when we reach out to support each other in these challenging times. May God's continued blessings be with you and your families, throughout this month of Advent and Christmas, and please remember in your prayers all who are sick, in distress, and grieving, in this busy and emotional time of year. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas! You are in my prayers always

Sincerely Yours in Christ Fr. Bradley C. Baldwin T.O.R



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New date CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER
MASS, BREAKFAST & WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION

The date is Sunday Feb 10th, 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.**

We apologize for the date change but the weather made it too dangerous to be driving especially driving home. Thanks for your understanding. We tried to contact everyone so if you dove to discover it was canceled, we deeply apologize.

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





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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.

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SPECIAL DAYS

- Dec 25 Christmas
- Jan 1 New Years Day
- Jan 6 Epiphany
- Jan 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 13 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 18 President's Day
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday



The Ladies Auxilians hope that the year of 2013 will be very special one for you and all of your families.

During the month of January, the Auxilians are relaxing and enjoying God' beauty of winter.

We will update you of the upcoming events in our future articles.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dates to Remember

- 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
See the details in the article on page 1
- Feb 1, Free Throw Contest, Essay & Posters Con**
test Winners presented time TBD, St Al's
school gym. Contact the Dick Alberico or Al

Kowalczyk to volunteer. See article page 2 for phone numbers and details.

- Feb 7 Membership Meeting** 7 PM school cafeteria
- Feb 10 Christmas Fund Raiser** SEE DETAILS ON
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- Feb 21 Officer's Meeting** 7 PM Faith Formation Bldg,
- Feb 10 Postponed Christmas Fund Raiser** 9:30 am
Dehn's Manor SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3