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MR Drive Donations Up From Last Year

This year's MR Drive was a big success, according to Brother Jack Ryan. Collections at both Red Bridge & Holmes on Friday, October 10 and at weekend Masses exceeded last year's totals. Over \$2,000 will be divided between statewide charities and our local charities.

Insurance Report

■ **Brother Kevin Pierce**, Field Agent



Tempus fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially as we prepare to ring in another new year. I hope that 2008 was a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the new year. If I may, I'd like to add to your list of resolutions by two. First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can—guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's—as they say in the credit card commercial—priceless.

Give me a call at 816-645-6961 or email me at Kevin.Pierce@kofc.org.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The Fourth Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament benefiting F.I.R.E. Fund and Children's Mercy Cancer Center will be held Saturday & Sunday, December 27 & 28, in St. Thomas More Gym, 11800 Holmes Road.

For more details, see the November issue of *Knights News*, or contact Kathy Hopfinger at kathop45@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

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| Tuesday, December 2 | 1st Degree Ceremony (first Tuesday of even months) | Archbishop O'Hara Council #4387 5111 E 112th Terrace | 7:30 PM |
| Thursday, December 4 | STM Council #14270 Leadership Meeting (first Thursday of every month) | St. Thomas More Huhmann Room | 7:00 PM |
| Thursday, December 11 | STM Council #14270 Business Meeting (second Thursday of every month) | St. Thomas More More Hall | 7:15 PM |
| Thursday, January 15 | Fourth Degree Assembly #566 Meeting (third Thursday of odd months) | Raytown Council #4962 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday, January 21 | 1st Degree Ceremony (third Wednesday of odd months) | Belton Council #5586 700 Trevis Avenue | 6:30 PM |

Belton Council is at 700 Trevis Ave, Belton MO 64012. Degree ceremony starts at 7 PM; candidates arrive by 6:30 PM.

O'Hara Council is at 5111 East 112th Terrace, Kansas City MO 64137. Degree ceremony starts at 8 PM; candidates arrive by 7:30 PM.

Items of Interest

■ Council **membership stands at 95**—grab some Form 100's and let's get up to a hundred by the end of the year! Talk to your friends, neighbors, guys at your *That Man Is You* table, etc.

■ As the end of 2008 approaches, our council will be making several **donations to worthy causes**. Bring your suggestions to the December meeting.

■ Thanks to Jim Easley for donating a **half page ad** in the STM auction program.

■ **Roses for Life** is coming up January 10 and 11. Volunteers are needed before and after Masses.

■ With the success of the Columbus Day dinner, Family Director Larry LeFebvre is planning **more dinners** for the upcoming year. Be on the lookout for the next event, and pass on suggested locations to Larry.

■ If you know of a brother Knight that is **not receiving the newsletter** by email, or that does not have an email address, contact the editor.

■ Council **name badges** are available for purchase. Pin-on and slip-on pocket badges are \$9 and magnetic badges are \$11. Order forms are available at each meeting, or call Brother John Kelly at 816-942-3226.

■ *Knights News* will be published on the last day of each month during 2009. Submit all newsletter items by the **fourth Thursday** of the month. An email reminder will go out to all members on the third Thursday.

December Milestones

KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS

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| 07 ... Tyler Barr | 18 ... Mike Gaughan |
| 09 ... Ed O'Reilly | 19 ... Rocky Hembree |
| 10 ... Joe Wynn | 22 ... Gene Gray |
| 11 ... Edgar Palacias | 23 ... Patrick Reidy |
| 14 ... John McLaury | |

SPOUSES BIRTHDAYS

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| 04 ... Kathryn Thomas | 30 ... Becky Kenagy |
| 20 ... Diane Easley | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| 02 ... Patrick and Mary Kim Henehan |
| 29 ... Marvin and Nancy Lang |
| 30 ... Mike and Tina Gaughan |

And last but not least, *Knights News* regrets omitting Leo and Bev Amor's anniversary from the last issue. On November 10, they celebrated their 52nd anniversary.

Compiled by Brother Tom Steffens (*who had the anniversaries correct last month, but the editor lost one!*). Email him at tom.steffens@charter.net with additional milestones.

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