



St. Cecilia Assembly

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From the Faithful Navigator Walt Jones, FDD, PGK

Merry Christmas:

Advent is now here and everyone's thoughts are turning towards our Savior's birthday. It seems to get harder and harder each year to filter out all the seasonal activities that seem to omit the real purpose of this day in the liturgical year. Here are some things that your Knights of Columbus and Scouting units are doing to keep Christ as the central focus of this coming month:

Our church **Youth Group** (which the council acts as a Charter Organization for it as a BSA Venture Crew) is holding a fundraiser right now that delivers a message...why not help them spread that message by purchasing a **Keep Christ In Christmas car magnet**. Buy them as gifts (1 for \$5 or 2 for \$8). You can buy them after Masses. The youth group is also sorting the canned goods brought in by our Cub Scout Pack 4216. This food will be distributed those in need.

Our **PSR youth** have also participated in the 4th year of the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest. Our Council sponsors this event and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in 5 categories receive medals and a shot at winning at the Diocesan and State levels.

Each year our council members set up and take down the **Christmas decorations** outdoors at Church. It has become an annual ritual and part of the Order's **Light Up for Christ** appeal on the first Tuesday of December at 8 p.m. Please volunteer on Nov 28th to help set-up the lights and crèche and wait til Dec 2nd to light up your Lights.

St Cecilia **Cub Scout Pack 4216** is learning about charity and giving. The boys are making **blankets** and will be presenting them to the Glen Carbon

Police Department at the Village Board meeting on December 8th. The blankets will be given to victims of auto crashes etc. As an added act of good will, SK Eliot Deters (owner of the **MailBox Store** with offices in Collinsville and Bethalto) is **donating Beanie Babies** along with the blankets the boys are making. Hopefully this act will ease the sadness of any tragedies.

Before Thanksgiving the **St Cecilia Boy Scout Troop 1216 and Cub Scout Pack 4216** collected food throughout the Glen Carbon area for **food pantries**. As a result of that effort several thousands of food items helped stocked bare shelves. Our Cub Scout Pack 4216 alone brought over 5,300 items to the St Cecilia Food Pantry for distribution to the needy.

Here are some other updates

- **Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to the winners of the 4th Degree Assembly 3113 Raffle. \$50 gift certificates (choice of Scrip) are being awarded to the following folks. Many thanks to everyone who participated:
 - Aurea Frerker
 - James Grover
 - Gerard Winterbottom
 - Debbie Tutka
 - Lisa Maynard
 - Dave McCausland
- **Steak Fry:** Our Steak Fry was on Sunday, November 22nd (Feast Day of St. Cecilia) at church. We had 19 in attendance and from all accounts everyone had a good time. We had Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Salad and Rolls. Many thanks to everyone who attended and especially to those who helped make this a special first event:

○ Kelly Jones

- o Patti Dettenmeier
- o SK Eliot Deters

Upcoming 4th Degree Exemptions

Effingham – (tentative) August 21, 2010

- **Corporate Communion:** Our Council's 7th Charter Anniversary aligned with our Patron St. Cecilia Feast Day on Nov 22. In celebration of this event and in memory of our departed Brothers we provided an Honor Guard at the 11 a.m. Mass. Many thanks to the following Sir Knights who participated:

1. CGC SK LeRoy Horvath
2. SK Gary Sutter
3. SK Eliot Deters
4. SK Rick Tutka
5. SK Ben Maliszewski
6. SK Don Hilmes
7. SK Dennis Liliensiek
8. SK Jon Hicks
9. SK Gordon Wright

- **March to the Glen Carbon Veterans Memorial:** The Glen Carbon March to the Veteran's Memorial in Old Town Glen Carbon on Sunday, November 8th went well. This is a short event, but important. In a sense it is a shame that more in Glen Carbon don't turn out for the ceremony. Many thanks to the following SKs who did and who marched:

1. SK Spencer Chapman
2. CGC LeRoy Horvath
3. SK Gary Gorrel, PFN
4. SK Brian Heal
5. SK Jon Hicks
6. SK Bo Semith
7. SK Joe Snyder

- **First Friday Adoration:** Have you signed up yet for First Friday Adoration? If not, try and make a special effort to do so. This is a wonderful time to quietly and without distraction bring our prayers to the Lord.

December Happy Birthdays

Joseph E Snyder 12-03
Greg E Roosevelt 12-30
James R Grover 12-31

December Happy Anniversaries

Dennis and Charlotte Liliensiek 12-01 (36th)
Le Roy and Cindy Horvath 12-22 (42nd)

Color Guard Report

SK LeRoy Horvath, Color Guard Commander

Known upcoming Color/Honor Guard activities include:

No activities are presently scheduled for remainder of 2009. The next known activity is our Annual Flag Day Retirement Ceremony with St. Cecilia Boy Scout Troop 1216 and Cub Scout Pack 4216.

The possibility exists that we may be called upon for Confirmation Services, but that is still TBD.

Upcoming Events

December

Dec 1 – Light Up For Christ – 8 p.m.

Dec 3 - Assembly Meets 7 p.m., Social 6 p.m.

Dec 4 - First Friday Adoration

Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception Holy Day

Dec 16 – Pot-Luck Dinner (for all)

Dec 25 – Christmas Day

January

Jan 1 – New Years Day

Jan 7 - **Assembly Meets 7 p.m., Social 6 p.m.**

Jan TBD – Italian Dinner

February

Feb 4 - **Assembly Meets 7 p.m., Social 6 p.m.**

Feb 17 – Ash Wednesday

Feb 17 – Council Fish Fry (volunteer)

The Good of the Order

If you know of any Knight or family member that is Sick or in Distress, let us know.

SK George Gonzalez's wife Mary Ann

Br. Ed Twesten's wife Elaine

SK Joe Michelletto

Br. Tim Lupton's daughter Nicki

SK Stan Welch, PFN (Assembly 0225)

Did You Know ...that four of our Assembly 3113

Brother Knights volunteer monthly at the United Services Organization (USO) Welcome Center at Lambert Airport in St. Louis? They have been doing so since late last year...they are SKs Bob Diesbach, LeRoy Horvath, Gary Gorrel and Joe Snyder. Thanks guys for looking out for our servicemen and women.