

# ***Knightly News***

**Marian Council 9522**

**Serving St. Joseph Parish**

**Manchester, MO**

**February 2011**



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## **Marian Council 9522**

### **Monthly Planning Meetings:**

generally scheduled on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month in the Emmaus House at 7:00 p.m.

### **Monthly Council Meetings:**

second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are currently held at the Emmaus House and are preceded by a Rosary at 6:20 p.m.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- **Family Mass** Jan.30
- **Soup Kitchen** Jan. 31
- **Trivia Night** Feb.5
- **Business Mtg.** Feb. 10
- **Soup Kitchen** Feb. 14
- **St. Joseph Dinner** Feb.27
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree** Mar. 5



## February Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROTHER KNIGHTS**

- **George Chase**
- **John Curran**
- **John Donnelly Jr.**
- **Ron Hantak**
- **Scott Kasting**
- **Richard Metzger**
- **Steve Mosbacher**
- **Timothy Nolan**
- **Jim Robinson**
- **John Schilling**
- **Patrick Stewart**
- **Greg Tate**
- **Doug Westerfield**

## 2011 Degree Dates

### FIRST DEGREE INITIATIONS

- February 8 Holy Infant 7:30 p.m.
- March 1 St. Alban Roe 7:00 p.m.
- April 6 St. Clare 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 Christ Pr. Peace 7:30 p.m.

### SECOND/THIRD DEGREE INITIATIONS

Congratulations to Brother Fred Lueckenotte, a charter member, who took his second and third degree on January 16<sup>th</sup>. He will take his fourth degree in March.

#### Upcoming Dates

- January 30 Washington, Mo. 1:00 p.m.
- February 20 Incarnate Word 1:30 p.m.

The initiations listed above are in our immediate area. If none is convenient, consult the Knights of Columbus state [website](#) -- or contact [Larry Moore](#) -- for other locations, some of which are less than an hour's drive from Manchester.

# Service Opportunities

Many studies have led researchers to conclude and that people who regularly engage in volunteer charitable activity are both healthier and happier than those who do not. Typical is a [ten-year study](#) in Michigan which discovered those who regularly volunteered had death rates two and one-half times lower than those who did not.

There is compelling statistical evidence which reveals a link between helping others and the quality of life. Professor Paul Whitely of Essex University has conducted a [number of valuable studies](#) on the effects of charitable volunteer work not only upon individuals but also upon the community: “It seems that when we focus on the needs of others, we may also reap benefits ourselves....Volunteer work within the community is associated with better health, lower crime, better educational results, and greater life satisfaction.

So many potential spiritual and physical benefits! Ironically, however, if an individual’s knee-jerk reaction to an invitation to volunteer is to ask, ‘What’s in it for me?’ there is no possibility of benefit to anyone.

The “ME” hurdle must first be cleared.

## *Felice Cuores*

[Gary Smith](#)

Phone: (636) 256-6786

## **Soup Kitchen and Handy Helpers**

[Jim Schuessler](#)

Phone: (636) 527-1934

## **Golf Tournament**

[Dave Shaw](#)

Phone: (636) 386-8613

## **Trivia Night**

[Joe Caratenuto](#)

Phone: (636) 225-8296

## **Essay Contest**

[Vince Burkemper](#)

Phone: (636) 227-8913

## ***FELICE CUORES***

Brother Gary Smith reports that despite the cold weather, 194 guests and 29 volunteers attended the January dance. The next dance will be the Valentine Party on February 12.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



Vince Burkemper reports that the 2011 March for Life representatives from St. Joseph Parish departed by motor coach for Washington, D.C. on January 23. On board were young adults, parents, chaperones, and baskets of “Roses for Life” for presentation to our elected representatives. Brother Vince, thanks for your organizational efforts.



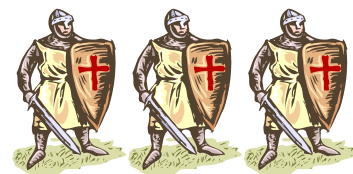
Bro. Paul Listenberger requests the council’s support for Boy Scout Troop 751’s annual Spaghetti Dinner to be held on January 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

## **GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Brothers D. Shaw and Tamboli will be meeting with a representative from Holy Infant Council to discuss the possibility of a jointly sponsored golf tournament this summer. Also under discussion is moving the event to a Friday. If you have been a participant, a hole sponsor, or a worker at our council’s golf tournaments in the past, please share your opinion on these matters with Dave or Mark.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

At the January 13 Initiation, Dick Glatz and Jim Lyon became First Degree knights of our council. During the subsequent meeting, Bro. Jim Winkler introduced Bruce Verkruyse, a recent transfer from St. Daniel the Prophet council in Wheaton, Illinois.



# COMMUNITY

## Message from the Grand Knight

### HANDY HELPERS

Jim Schuessler reports that in early December he and Larry Moore raked leaves for two elderly women of the parish who then made an unsolicited contribution to our council.

On January 5, the “Handy Helpers” visited brother Sol Hamway who is recovering from cancer. After having said the rosary with Sol, they took down his front yard Christmas decorations and stored them in his basement. They noticed that his storm door would not shut properly, so Jim and Harold Sharpmack returned on January 7 to repair the door.

Good news: Sol reports that his cancer is gone and that he is getting stronger each day. Please continue to pray for Sol’s speedy recovery.

### SOUP KITCHEN

On January 10, John Kaestner and Jim Schuessler helped to serve 47 meals. Once again the guests were treated to fried chicken donated by the students of St. Joseph School and prepared the same morning by Young’s Restaurant in Valley Park.

Jim reports that the Nativity scene (see the article in the January edition), having survived both the elements and the vagaries of the neighborhood, was wistfully disassembled

Jim Schuessler wants to pass on the thanks of the Missionaries of Charity for the thoughtful donation of food by brother Mark Tamboli on December 17.

The next Soup Kitchen date is January 31. Jim Schuessler requests extra help because “...our numbers seem to be dwindling.”

*The Bishop's Blast* recruitment drive is scheduled for the first two weekends in February. There will be a letter from Archbishop Carlson inserted into the bulletin on the weekend of Feb. 5/ 6. This letter encourages the men of the parish to consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

The following weekend, Feb. 12/13, Knights will be present at the end of each mass to answer questions and try to recruit perspective members.

When we received notification of this drive, no other organization had yet sponsored the Donut Sunday for that weekend, so Knights will be doing so after the 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 masses. We will position Knights at the doors of the church after the other masses.

Let’s make certain that we take full advantage of the Archbishop’s influence and support. Let’s seize this opportunity to recruit new members to our council and to add to our organization’s prestige in the parish.

We’re going to need you to step up and help. Contact [Phil Desloge](#) or [Larry Moore](#) to sign up for a time slot on February 12 or 13.



# FREE THROW TOURNAMENT RESULTS

## GIRLS

AGE	WINNERS
10	Tie: Olivia Neidenbach, Anna Brackett
11	Hannah Moellering
12	Tie: Marie Bear, Virginia Dalton, Amanda Worland
13	Tie: Laura Vogt, Grace Hartman
14	Dia Shire

## BOYS

10	Tie: Matthew Hayes, Nathan Rauschenbach
11	Eddie Cooney
12	Mitch Carder
13	Ryan Oberle
14	Ryan Higgins

Photos by Tom Brown



**Best of luck to these winners in the District Tournament!**

# THE GIFT

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*Even before we begin, apologies are in order. Apologies are due the reader because you will have to do all the heavy lifting: you will have to put the meaning on what is to follow. An example is the title itself: you will have to decide not only the giver and the receiver of the gift, but also the very nature of the gift.*

*More apologies are due to both the reader and to the contributors because of the limitations of space. This narrative is in three parts, the first part in this issue and the others in subsequent issues. The “whole story” of Mother Teresa’s impact on the world would fill libraries and even the very small part of that story which we attempt to delineate deserves much more space and attention than a newsletter can provide.*

*All apologies notwithstanding, I hope that you find as much to value in this abbreviated history as I found in assembling it. At the least, it may help to preserve some shining moments in the history of our council. If these moments were allowed to fade into the past, our heritage would be greatly diminished.*

*- Gerry Wilkes*

## **PART ONE**

### **GIFT WRAPPING**

During a June, 1988 visit to St. Louis to address a Presbyterian conference, Mother Teresa met Mayor Vincent Schoemehl, who, as it happened, was that day accompanied by his mother, Lucille. She told Mayor Schoemehl, “I’m very proud to be in your city...and I’d like you to donate a building to my sisters so they can feed the hungry here.” Mother Teresa, well known for making her point quickly and closing discussion with an equal celerity, then turned to Lucille Schoemehl and said, “I’m going to hold you responsible to see that he does it.”

Work began on the center in early 1989.

The following are excerpts from a November, 1989 Post Dispatch article by Philip Dine:

Early one frigid morning this week, while many people were enjoying another cup of coffee...Charley Thompson was laying a sidewalk outside a new building which he had helped put up in north St. Louis.

For no pay.

Working alongside him to build the crisp, even sidewalk with its wheelchair access ramp were...officials of Cement Mason's Local 527. Like Thompson, they were working for free.

Inside the new building at the corner of North Spring and Cottage in a rough area near the site of the old Sportsman Park...an apprentice instructor for Painters District Council 2 was busy plying his trade with three apprentice painters.

For free.

A sign on the building proclaimed: "MOTHER TERESA MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY, Future Home of GIFT OF MARY CENTER..."

The building of the center is an example of what can be accomplished when labor, management, and government cooperate. It also illustrates the altruism that runs through unionism at its best.

Since last spring, 250 workers, half of them bricklayers, have donated their efforts....sheet metal workers, glaziers, Teamsters and others are forsaking paying jobs or are on their free time. In some cases, contractors have brought in their regular employees [to work on the project and have paid them scale].

The City of St. Louis sold the building site to the Missionaries of Charity for one dollar and Mayor Schoemehl made available [his special assistant to the project for the purposes of coordination]....

Local food and restaurant equipment suppliers have pledged to outfit the kitchen.

Alberta White [wife of Westport Plaza developer, Thomas J. White] has given \$85,000 for bricks and concrete for the new center and has bought an abandoned building near the center which will be renovated as a convent....

Sister Brenda, who heads the four nuns [currently in St. Louis] is moved by what she has seen. "The sisters have run similar programs in other cities, but this is the first time unions and businesses have provided free labor and materials," she said. "It was beautiful to see the great effort of the people and the generosity, not only giving money but their time and love in doing the work. It was beautiful to see – with so much love they have labored for it."

Archbishop John May during the early months of 1989 had approached the Knights of Columbus to supply volunteers to work at Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen. Joe McLaughlin of the Fourth Degree Assembly invited the 34 Councils in the area to attend a meeting for the purpose of exacting commitments for workers.

The representative from Marian Council was Bill Lynn.

Fortunately, copies of the minutes of that meeting and subsequent organizational meetings and transcripts of conversations regarding the "Soup Kitchen" are in the possession of Barbara Lynn who has made them available. These are some of the details from those first meetings:

(From a meeting held on June 1, 1989 at the St. Louis Knights of Columbus Chapter Building, 4331 Lindell Blvd.):

Joe McLaughlin called the meeting to order....Eleven councils were represented...." They would like to have an opening date of July 1, 1989. Sister Brenda has six nuns now with a possibility of two more." There have been many donations already [from the parishes]. Infant of Prague and Sacred Heart statues, a portrait of Pope John Paul, vestments, patton, ciborium, chalice, a case of candles, Stations of the Cross for the Chapel. [There are also promises] of produce and food. The City will donate cobblestones for the Grotto.

A priest will come and say Mass in the Chapel [which will] seat 120....Two trucks are available for picking up food."

There will be shower stalls available for both men and women; and clean clothes will be donated to them."

The center will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday for now. It will not be open on Holy Days. They do not know [yet about] holidays.

The nuns could not attend the meeting: they are not allowed to socialize at night.

Joe then called on our State Deputy, Bob Melsheimer, who said that the Supreme Knight has requested that all Knights be active in Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchens [and that] Supreme Council had made a \$10,000.00 stipend to Mother Teresa [for the work of the Missionaries of Charity] in the United States...

The Center does not want donations of money; [they are] more interested in the sweat of your brow. The Knights want to keep it strictly Knights of Columbus volunteers. [The goal is to have] each council volunteer 4 or 5 people one day each month. Women [will] work in the kitchen, men [will] work giving out soap and towels for showers and by driving trucks to pick up food.

The Center is located in a bad area, but there will be guards...also an alarm system. The center will serve street people. There will be no overnight facilities. The nuns will be the bosses, we'll be the workers.

(From a telephone conversation with Joe McLaughlin on July 16, 1989):

Opening of the Soup Kitchen is about [six weeks away]....Four more councils have signed up to work.

(From the notes taken by Bill Lynn of Marian Council at the final organizational meeting on November 29, 1989.

From now on the Center will be known as the Gift of Mary Center. It will no longer be referred to as Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen. The Center will be open [every day of the week] except Thursday which is clean-up day. In the afternoons, [the nuns] will have religion classes for children and adults...also help the children with homework.

The parking lot has an 8' fence with barbed wire on the top so workers will not have to worry about their cars...Some of the fill-in workers will even be non-Catholic, just people dedicated to Mother Teresa's ideas of helping the poor.

**The nuns will be doing all the washing by hand. They were given washers and dryers but had them returned. Mother Teresa said that the poor don't have washers and dryers.**

In the eating area they will have 24 tables and 150 chairs.

[Marian Council] will work the second Mondays of each month. We are to follow the instructions of the nuns. **We are not to offer any advice on how to do things differently. They are in charge.**

Despite intense effort and planning, there occurred the inevitable delays in completing the interior of the building. The space which had originally been set aside for the chapel had to be reduced to make room for a small office and a restroom for use of the nuns and the volunteers. The kitchen stoves had to be "special ordered" to fit existing space and skeptics began to doubt that the project would be completed prior to the dedication. Those closer to the project, however, who were aware that Mother Teresa had personally set the date of December 8, 1989 for the formal dedication of the center, were not even mildly surprised when the sheet metal workers completed the project just hours before Archbishop John L. May began the ceremony. Mother Teresa always chose a Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin for the opening of each of her centers, and Mother Teresa had friends in high places.

*In the March edition of **Knighly News***

THE GIFT

Part II

*"The Opening of the Present,"*

*Marian Council and The Gift of Mary Center*