



THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

--A Newsletter for Brother Knights and Parishioners--

KNIGHTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS FOUR NEW MEMBERS

Four new members were welcomed into the Council in December. Two, of these Catholic gentlemen, joined the Order and our Council in a First-degree exemplification ceremony conducted by the Elkins Council's Degree-team. Following the ceremony, the members enjoyed pizza, drinks and fellowship, as we greeted our new Brother Knights into the Order. These new Knights are:

Ray Seech **Holy Rosary**
Brian Taylor **St. Brendan**

In addition, two Knights transferred into the Elkins Council. They are:

Michael Ashley **Holy Rosary**
Conrad Smith **St. Brendan**

Brother Michael transferred to us from Council #776 in Woodstock, Illinois, and Brother Conrad was previous in the Thomas Council #2010.



District Deputy Frank, Grand Knight Bob, NEW KNIGHTS Brothers Ray and Brian, Trustee-recruiter Brother Ron and Field Agent Mark Wilgenbush.

KNIGHTS HONOR GUARD CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS



Sir Knights (l-r) Jack Lewis, Richard Humphrey, Neil Williams, Jim Leombruno, John Sainato, Bob Hammer and Fr. Don

FAMOUS ITALIAN SAUSAGE SUPER BOWL SUBS



On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, the Knights will be preparing Italian sausage subs. The Chairman of the event is chief cook Brother John Vallelonga. The subs will sell

for \$3.00, and consist of hot Italian sausage, peppers and sauce on a sub-roll.

Subs will be **pre-sold** with a special offer of buying ten and getting one free. Brother Knights will prepare the subs



Sunday morning, and they will be available for pickup after the Mass in the St. Brendan parish hall from noon to 5:00 PM. A 100% of the funds raised from this event will go toward our Parish Capital Pledge. Sub-tickets will be available from Brother Knights, and sold after Masses on the weekends throughout January. Get ten tickets, sell ten or more, and enjoy a Italian Sausage Super Bowl sub before or during the big game.

LENTEN FISH FRIES

BEGIN NEXT MONTH



Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, is the start of the Lenten season, and the Knights of Columbus' Fish Fries will begin the following Friday. The

Council will be hosting our annual Friday Night Fish Fries each and every Friday during Lent. Again, the meals will consist of fish, fries, cole slaw, bread, drink and a dessert, and are still



priced at \$7.00. So, when planning your Friday nights during the upcoming Lenten season, come out for a fish fry, bring the family and invite a friend. The first fish fry will begin Friday February 24th at 4:30 PM, serving to 7:00, in the St. Brendan parish hall. Customers can take out a dinner, or are welcome to enjoy their meal in the parish hall with friends and family. Brother Knights come out and lend a hand. See you there!

SEMINARIAN TO ROME

Congratulations!

Our Seminarian, John Paul Nardelli will be going to the Pontifical College in Rome beginning with the fall semester of 2012. The Council will continue to support JP as he pursues his studies for the priesthood.



SCOUTS EARN AMERICAN SAINTS PATCH

Five Scouts earned their Footsteps of American Saints patch for St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, the patron saint of immigrants. Congratulations go out to Michael and Ryan DiBacco, Dylan Ford, Andrew Guire and Andrew Hedrick



4th CHRISTMAS DINNER



Faithful Navigator Ron, his wife Barbara, and the Our Lady of the Mountains Assembly #3159 gather for their annual Christmas dinner at 1863 Restaurant.

COUNCIL HISTORY, the fifties....

FOUR SALESIANS OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

FOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS

In 1951, the fiftieth anniversary of the Elkins Council, there were four priests from the Don Bosco Agricultural School in Huttonsville on our roster, besides our Chaplain, Fr. Paul Helsley, than Pastor of St. Brendan. The four Salesian Priests were Rev. Aloysius M Bianchi, Rev. J. Daniel O'Donovan, Rev. Alvin Manni, and Rev. Leo Winterschiedt. Fr. Bianchi was the Father Director of the school at that time. He arrived in the Tygart Valley in 1947 along with Fr. Daniel O'Donovan to establish the school. They both remained here until 1954,



Rev. O'Donovan, Bianchi, Manni, and Winterschiedt

when Fr. Aloysius was transferred to Don Bosco College in Newton New Jersey. When they first arrived, they stayed with then Pastor Joseph Sieber in Elkins. Fr. Dan taught religion and business math; was editor of the school newsletter the "Salesian Sentinel"; and was the track and field coach. When Pastor Helsley had an automobile accident in spring of 1951, it was Fr. Dan who officiated at the St. Brendan's First Communion service that year. He was transfer in 1954 to the Mary Help of Christian Orphanage in Tampa Florida, but later returned to the Huttonsville School. Fr. Manni taught English and Composition, and was the Father Director from 1960 until the school closed in 1962. He was also the Faithful Navigator of the Elkins' Assembly in the early 1950's. The fourth priest was Rev Leo Winterschiedt, who was the basketball coach, algebra and driver's education instructor and also the school's disciplinarian. Fr. O'Donovan and Fr Manni participated in our golden anniversary program. The Elkins Council was very supportive of the school. The Knights provided an Honor Guard when the statue of St. John Bosco was dedicated and blessed by Bishop Swint in 1951. They,



Knights with Top hats, priests and students at the dedication of the statue of St. John Bosco

along with their wives, attend a number of social functions at the school including a corn roast in September 1953. Dr. T. Martin Goodwin the 4th Degree Knights were on site when Queen Silvia XVII visited the school in October of that year. In January of 1956, the Council provided the boys of Don Bosco the opportunity to see and meet the Harlem Globetrotters, who performed at the D&E gymnasium. Today, we continue serving youth through a number of our service projects, and have a number of Don Bosco's alumni as Brother Knights, including Brothers Bill Hagarty, John Lothes, and Champ Lothes.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Have you thought about your responsibilities as a Catholic citizen in our society today? Well, over twenty of our Religious Education students took the time to consider that point, the issues facing them and their responsibilities as Catholics. They looked at human right, the needs of others, charity, respect of life issues and caring for the earth. They reflected on their volunteerism in our church and community and the practicing of their faith. Then, they composed their Essays for the annual Knights of Columbus contest. The winners by grade are:

**9th Grade: Allysa Baldwin
Monica Rossi**

**10th Grade: Dalton Bobes
Isabella Nieves**



Each essay reflected their awareness of their Catholic faith, and discussed some of their responsibilities as a citizen in our country's free society. Congratulations to all the winners and each of the entrants for their participation. A \$25 gift card and certificates will be present to the winners, and participation certificates to all.

UPCOMING ACTIVITES:

► **Super Bowl Subs:** Sales after Masses on Saturday and Sunday during January and pickup on Super Bowl Sunday February 5th.

► **March for Life, Washington DC:** This Monday, January 23rd

► **Scout Sunday Mass:** February 5th, 11:00 AM

► **Our Lady of the Mountains, Assembly #3159:** Tuesday February 7th at 6:30 PM in parish hall

► **Council #603 Monthly Meeting:** Tuesday February 14th at 6:30 PM at St. Brendan's parish hall.

► **District #4 Free-throw shoot off:** To be scheduled at Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, host by Council #872

► **Ash Wednesday:** February 22nd

► **Friday Night Fish Fries:** Begin Friday February 24th from 4:30 to 7:00 in St. Brendan parish hall

► **2nd & 3rd Degree:** Sunday February 26th in Weston at 1:00 PM. *Please let John Sainato (304-63-3026) know if you plan to attend.*

And A Look Ahead...

► **State Free-throw Championships:** March 4th at St. Patrick gymnasium in Weston at 1:00 PM, host by Weston Council #1415

KNIGHTS HELP WITH "HART" SENIOR DINNER

Again this year, Brother Knights helped with the Hart-Senior dinner, which took place in mid-December. Brother Knights helped clean and prepare the turkeys for baking and then on that Sunday assisted in serving the meals to more than 600 guests. The annual Christmas event is supported by many local businesses and organizations, and appreciated by seniors from Elkins, Randolph County and the surrounding area. It took place at Orchard hall, as seniors



Brothers Thom Kendall and Joe Bertelli wash the birds, and Brother John Vallelonga wraps the turkeys in preparation for roasting

arrive by the bus full from as far away as Philippi. The crowd appreciated the turkey and chopped steak dinners, gifts and generosity of all.



"THE KNIGHTLY NEWS"

Comments/Input Requested

Each month, as the editor of the Knightly News, I try to highlight both the recently past and currently planned activities of the Elkins Council. I have also added informational pieces on the Order and the history of the Council. I would however, appreciate your input or comments on subject matter, contributions of photos (old or new) or items of interest or bits of history for our members. Over the past year, I have researched and include articles on the history of the Elkins Council and its Past Grand Knights including accomplishments during their tenure in each issue. [Such as the Salesian priest, see p.2] If you have any reflection on the past or other information I could use to develop an article, please give me your thoughts. Comments can be given to me at a meeting, after Mass or by e-mail. I will continue to publish the "NEWS" but your comments are always appreciated. Frank Koenig, Editor (frank@wv.net)



SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER CONTEST

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Saying “NO” to alcohol or drugs was the theme echoed on the various posters that were submitted by the entrants in our annual Knights of Columbus’ Substance Abuse Poster Contest. They were judged on their slogans, artwork and their potential impact on others to not abuse drugs or alcohol. The contestants competed in two divisions with two age groups, drugs abuse and alcohol awareness and ages 8-11 and 12-14.

It was not easy to narrow the potential field to the four winners, however after tallying the points our 2012 winners are:

Ages 8-11

Drug Abuse: **Michael DiBacco**

“DRUGS...Don’t End Your Life, Enjoy It”

Alcohol Awareness: **Sofia Triplett**

“Don’t Drink, The End of the Road-The End of Your Life”

Ages 12-14

Drug Abuse: **Derk Lewis**

“El Cracko is El Wacko-Don’t Do Drugs”

Alcohol Awareness: **Olivia Ferguson**

Don’t Drink “It can hurt your life and someone else”

In addition, we recognized two posters in an open class. These included a detailed pencil drawn poster with an anti-smoking message of “Don’t Smoke, It’s as simple as Black & White” and depicted the “Bad News Cemetery” by Kaci Gatehouse, and an over-sized poster entitled “Don’t be a Silly Goose, Don’t Practice Substance Abuse” by Kaci Zopp. The four-age class winning posters will be forward to compete in the State competition and International level. The Council winners received a Wal-Mart gift card and certificate. Congratulations to the winners, and all the entrants, as they embraced the message of “Just Saying NO.”



COUNCIL’S FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPLETED



Nearly sixty young athletes, boys and girls, between the ages of 10 and 14, took to the hard-court at the Elkins Middle School to vie for the Council’s Knights of Columbus Free-throw Championship crowns. Brother Knights were there to record the results, as the contestants toed the line and shot their three warm-ups and 15 foul shots. The ten-year-old boy’s winner was Dominic Hussion. Lauren Silvester took the eleven-year-old girls bracket after a five shot shoot-off, hitting three of the five, when she, Kaylee Dudley and Sidney Oldaker tied after the first 15-shoots. George Triplett took the boy’s age eleven title. The twelve and thirteen year old boy’s champs were Kyle Riggelman and Dalton Hamrick, respectively, each missing only one of their fifteen attempts. They each took the 2011 Council title in their age class last January, with Dalton went on to take the 2011 Age-12 State Championship. The age twelve girl’s champion was Taylor Maynard, and Jarrah Reams took the thirteen-year-old bracket by hitting ten of her fifteen shots. The age fourteen winners were Cody Pingley and Tierra Knox. These Council Champions will represent the Elkins Council in the District tournament in February at Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg with a chance to go on to the Knights’ State shoot-off hosted by the Weston Council in March.

Boys (l-r) George Triplett, Kyle Riggelman, Dalton Hamrick, and Cody Pingley [not available] Dominic Hussion]



Girls (l-r) Jarrah Reams, Taylor Maynard and Lauren Silvester [not available] Tierra Knox]