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## Grand Knights Report

Happy New Year!

Brother Knights, It is the time of year when we become preoccupied with Christmas and the beginning of a New Year and all the activities associated with them. With that in mind I want to thank everyone who has found time to help out with lawn sign sales, car magnet sales, raffle ticket sales, organizing our annual Christmas social, shopping for and delivering food baskets to four very appreciative families just before Christmas, setting up and taking down the Nativity scene, organizing and staffing the breakfasts, filming and editing the magnificent Father Taaffe tribute DVD and all the other activities that were accomplished during the last couple of months.

I also want to encourage those brothers that have not yet found the time to get involved to do so. It is our council and we all come from different political, social, ethnic and family backgrounds and we can only represent all of us if we all get involved. Please make time to come to our general membership meetings the second Tuesday of each month in the lower social hall. There are many activities coming up that we need your help with.

In January we have the youth free throw contest on January 12<sup>th</sup> and an all Parish breakfast on the 27<sup>th</sup>. In February there is the Father –Daughter dance on the 9<sup>th</sup> and we have our Friday fish fry every Friday of Lent on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>. We need your help on all of these events and all the others that are fast approaching. We are always looking for more ways we can help within the church, with our youth or in the community and if you have any ideas or are aware of a situation where we might be able to help please bring it to my attention.

Ask yourself have I made a difference in some simple little way? Have I brightened someone's life? Have I caused a smile today? If you want to answer yes than come to our next meeting, get involved and we'll do it together.

Wishing you and your family a Holy, and Happy New Year!

God Bless,  
Stan Nored, GK

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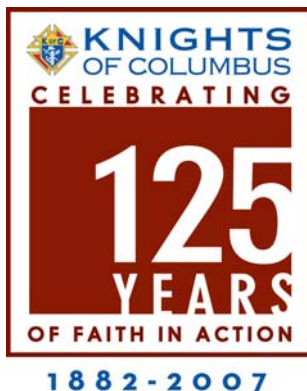
## Financial Secretaries Report

By Dick Paradis

By now you should have gotten your bill for your 2008 membership dues. Please let me know if you think your bill is not correct or if you haven't received it. If anyone has a problem paying dues, let me know and I'm sure we can work something out. I assure you that it will not be known to anybody. I hope that this does offend anybody and it is not meant to in any way.

If you are not on the list to receive the Courier by email and want to be let me know. As always keep me information about in changes in your address, phone or email so that I can keep my records up to date.

Please see *Financial Secretary* on page 2



*Financial Secretary from Page 1*

I have some council shirts for sale and they are \$17.00. I think that I have a couple that are large and a couple that are extra large. I will have them at the council meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there.

Dick Paradis  
Financial Secretary

## District Deputies Report

By Bob Kish

Hello Brother Knights of 1785,

I hope you all had a safe, fun and Christ filled Christmas. This was our first Christmas without our daughter Jamie. Most of you know she moved to Florida in June and loves it there. It was difficult not having us all together for our traditional Christmas morning. Now I know how my folks must feel every year since I moved from Pennsylvania to Oregon in 1989. I know this is just another chapter in our lives but this is one I don't care for very much.

Speaking of chapters...we are half way through the KC year. Only half way through the KC year and 1785 needs only one more new member to reach the quota of 8. What a fantastic job to be this close to the recruitment goal this early. It is obvious that this Council is doing something right when membership continues to grow. I know this is a very active Council. Not only did this Council serve a Parish breakfast 3 months in a row, they cooked at the Philomath Anniversary Celebration on a rainy October Saturday the day before one of the breakfasts. What a way to show off for the community and get the Knights recognized outside the Church.

The Knights and this Council have always supported pro-life but now 1785 has a team of dedicated Knights and their families that have taken our pro-life committee

to a whole new level. I am so very proud of the works this pro-life committee has done lately and look forward their future projects.

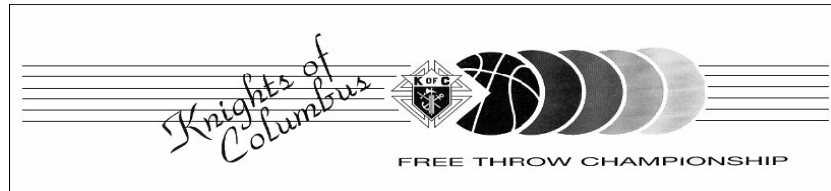
I am also very happy to announce that Dick Paradis has recruited a few more Brother Knights to serve at the 7:00 masses. We now have 6 Knights serving. This is a welcome help says Brother Dick. Thanks to the Knights who stepped forward to serve our parish and the Lord.

I will be attending the mid-year State meeting in January. I look forward to reporting news from the meeting in our next news letter.

Thanks again Brother Knights for your hard work and dedication to the Order.

Fraternally,  
Bob Kish  
District Deputy #7

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## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship January 12, 2008, Saturday Boys and Girls, ages 10-14

- Linus Pauling Middle School Gym, 1111 NW Cleveland Ave, Corvallis.
- A free event co-sponsored by the Knight of Columbus and Corvallis Parks and Recreation.
- Entry forms will be available at the gym.
- Registration starts anytime between 9am and start of contest.
- Contest begins immediately following the Elks contest, approximately at 11:00 am.
- Winners will have a chance to compete in regional and state finals.
- Pre-register by sending a blank e-mail to: [freethrow@juno.com](mailto:freethrow@juno.com)
- Questions can be directed to the same e-mail address.
- Age eligibility is your age on January 1, 2008

### HELP NEEDED!

Knights needed for:

Scorers, Judges, Check-in, Award printing, Re-bouncers (or bring your kids to help!)

Questions or want to sign up: email: [freethrow@juno.com](mailto:freethrow@juno.com)



## Father/Daughter Dance



Where: St. Mary's Gym  
Date: Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 6:30 to 9:30pm

It's time for the annual Knights of Columbus Father/Daughter dance. We invite all fathers, grandfather, and/or father figures to bring their daughters of all ages to come and enjoy spending quality time together for a "formal evening" of dance and fun! "Dads", this is your chance to show your girl/girls how they should be treated on a "date". God has blessed you with each other, come and help us celebrate this blessing!!!

Ticket prices will be \$8.00 for Fathers and \$4.00 for young ladies and will be sold at the door the night of the dance. Memory photos will be taken. Snacks, beverages and door prizes will be provided too.

**For more information or if you want to help, contact Bob Kish 929-6884.**

## Insurance Corner

By Jim Walton

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 2007 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 guarantee. 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.

Jim Walton FICF  
Field Agent  
541-563-2662

## A Long Lasting Commitment

By John Kleespies, GK Brookings 5511  
Submitted by: Paul Bousquet, PSD

How does Sears treat its employees who are called up for military duty? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up.

Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called-up reservist employees for up to two years.

I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its terrific contribution. I suggest we all shop at Sears, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves.

I decided to check this out and sent an e-mail to the Sears Customer Service Department and this was their answer:

*Dear Customer: Thank you for contacting Sears. The information is factual. We appreciate your positive feedback. Sears regards service to our country as one of the greatest sacrifices our young men and women can make. "We are happy to do our part to lessen the burden they bear at this time.*

*Bill Thorn*

Sears Customer Care [webcenter@sears.com](mailto:webcenter@sears.com)

Sears needs to be recognized for this outstanding contribution and we need to show them as Americans, we do appreciate what they are doing for our military!

## Congratulations Raffle Ticket Winners!

- 1st Prize---\$500 Cash---Susan Neuman
- 2nd Prize---\$250 Gift Card Fred Meyer---Greg Gerding
- 3rd Prize---Two Night stay at the coast---Don Woelfle
- 4th Prize---Golf from Corvallis Country Club---Jay Celorie
- 5th Prize---McKenzie fishing trip---Andrew Duncan
- 6th Prize---\$150 Gas Money---Al Begin
- 7th Prize---Boy Scouts Labor at Home---Doug Johnson
- 8th Prize---Fly Tying Lessons---Rich Brockamp
- 9th Prize---Hp 385 Photo Printer---Dan Begin
- 10th Prize--8x10 Painting--Dan Begin
- 11th Prize--8x10 Painting---Sandee Hlebichuk
- 12th Prize--Oil Change---Susan Neuman
- 13th Prize--Oil Change---Sharon Gibson

## Who packs your parachute?

By Charlie Plumb

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

<http://www.charlieplumb.com/book-insights.htm>

Thank you to all Brother Knights for what you do for the Knights of Columbus and for packing our parachute.



### January Birthdays

John Kuske	Richard Gerding
Darrell Schumacher	Paul Bousquet
Timothy Gerding	David Mandel
Terrance Gerding	Peter Mittmann
Timothy Sullivan	Justin Gerding
Eric Sandoval	Robert Flint
Stephen Geer	

### February Birthdays

Frank Adams	James Bousquet
Peter Rosenast	Michael Cihak
Gregg Oberlin	David Cudo
Jeffrey Barricks	Geoff Gerding
Richard Gerding	Nate Gerding
Jay Celorie	Jack Peters
Frank Kessel	Mark Wright
Mike Hungreder	Nason McCullough

### Year End Financial Info

General account: \$5,649.79  
 Short term charity account: \$2,693.28  
 Long term charity account: \$2,374.51

Grand total: \$10,717.58

## ***Congratulations !***

*October Knight Month:*

*Jerry Jackson*

*October Family of Month:*

*Mark Wright Family*

*November Knight Month:*

*Dick Paradis*

*November Family Month:*

*Doug Johnson Family*

## Calendar of Events:

### January

1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	
8	6-7pm Officers Meeting	LSH
8	7-9pm General Member Meeting	LSH
12	~11-2pm Free Throw Contest	Linus Pauling MS GYM
20	Roe vs Wade Memorial Rally	Capitol, Salem
20	12:30-4pm 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Degrees	Oregon City
26	ORTL Life is Sacred Conference	Port. Expo Center
27	6am All Parish Breakfast	Gym/ Kitchen

### February

2	6-11pm Mardi Gras Ball	CH2M Hill
5	6-7pm Officers Meeting	LSH
6	Ash Wednesday	
8	4:30-8:30 Lenten All Parish Meal	GYM/Kitchen
9	6:30-9:30 Father-Daughter Dance	Gym
12	General Membership Meeting	LSH
15	4:30-8:30 Lenten All Parish Meal	GYM/Kitchen
22	4:30-8:30 Lenten All Parish Meal	GYM/Kitchen
29	4:30-8:30 Lenten All Parish Meal	GYM/Kitchen

## Attention 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Members

Provided By Paul Bousquet  
State Ceremonials Chairman

First Degree members: This is a good opportunity to get your second and third degrees.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees of the Order will be conferred Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at St. John the Apostle Parish Hall in Oregon City at 417 Washington St. located between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Registration for all Degrees is from 12:30-1:00pm.

1<sup>st</sup> Degree: 1:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree: 2:00pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: 3:00pm

RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY by Jan 16<sup>th</sup>  
Call Tom Morgan DD at 503-658-8709  
Or Mark Welters FS at 503-657-9232

A no-host "Get-To-Know-You-Better" Ladies' luncheon program is planned.

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