Godfrey Knights of Columbus Gazette

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GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT
Here we are at the close of the year. Since our last report, we have accomplished a lot. We conducted a First Degree for our newest member, Delaine Dressman. Welcome Delaine. We supported the Salvation Army Bell Ringing on December 10 (more info below), and participated in the St. Ambrose Advent Giving Tree project (also below). We will begin the New Year with some continuing activities including our annual spelling bee, free throw contest and pizza drive.

The Council has been so successful in large part because of the dedication and work of a fraction of our membership. Because of their dedication, this group will continue to keep that success going strong. Every council member benefits from that success in ways that are not always obvious. We are well known in this community for our activities. I encourage all brother knights to become an active participant in our success story. Merry Christmas to each of you and may God bless you and keep you safe.

ANNUAL PIZZA SALES
Please turn and read the reverse side of the attached order form. There will be a free pizza party on Friday, Jan.13th at 6 PM. This is our big fund raiser, which allows us to fund the many charity events we do. So please help out.

FREE THROW COMPETITION This year's competition is for boys and girls (ages 10–14) will be held at St. Ambrose gym on Sunday, January 29. Gym doors will open around 11:00 am with competition starting a 12 noon. Age groups are determined by their age on Jan 1 Forms can be filled out by parents prior to competition starting. A copy of birth certificate is required. Any questions, please contact Max Heinz at 466-7424 or e-mail at mheinz@dishmail.net. I will need help from members who can count to fifteen. Thanks.

COUNCIL SPELLING BEE The council level of the spelling bee will be held at St. Ambrose gym on Tuesday, January 31 starting at 12 noon. Competition is open to all students in grades 6-8. NOTE: This contest is open to all students attending public or other private schools. If your child or grandchild will be coming from another school, please let me know, so I can get spelling info for them to study and it will give me an accurate count on how many students will be attending. Again my number is 466-7424 or email at mheinz@dishmail.net.

SCIENCE FAIR St. Ambrose School will again need judges to judge their science fair entries on Wednesday, Feb. 1 starting at 7:30 am. Some of you have helped on this event for the last several years and if you can help again, it will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you Max Heinz, 466-7424

ADVENT GIVING TREE Every year, St. Ambrose's church staff solicits agencies for items which they will need to help the less fortunate at Christmas time. This year Grand Knight, Sam Gulotta and Jim Green went shopping and spent council monies to purchase needed items. Toys, balls, dolls, fishing poles and cooking utensils were given to St. Ambrose for their Advent Tree. These items as well as many more donated by church members were then delivered to six agencies by volunteer council members.

FR. DOMINIC GARRAMONE Will Be At the Hall
We still have tickets for this great event. Fr. Dominic will be demonstrating and baking at the Hall on Sunday, January 29, 2012. He was host of the cooking show "Breaking Bread with Father Dominic". Tickets are $15 per person for this limited seating 1:30 PM show. No tickets will be sold at the door. Please call Marcia Wheeler at 466-3946 or her cell 567-9257. His shows are always a sell out, so get your tickets now.

BELL RINGING Thanks to everyone who braved the bright brisk late Fall Saturday to help with a most worthy cause. Here art the volunteers in shift order: Ellebracht and Smith dads and daughters; Cesare Salvestrini and Sam Gulotta; Harry Schwab and Joe Wegener; Bill Albrecht and Paul Hans; Bob Speidel and Jeff Krepel; Dale Krepel and Chuck Sethaler; yours truly and Ben Droste; Delaine Dressman; Don Tungett. Thanks again to all. Dan Bolin

LADIES AUXILIARY
Have you seen the newly renovated grotto? We are so fortunate to have a Budde family Boy Scout, Zach Budde, come forward looking for a project to earn his Eagle Scout Award. The timing was just right. We want to thank Zach, his family, and scout friends for a marvelous job on this grotto and for moving the smaller statue to a new location on the hill to lower parking lot. This is very visible from Pierce Lane.

Thank you, Sandy Bechtold for organizing the St. Ambrose special needs children's Christmas party. Also thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Santa and all the Auxiliary members who brought cookies and who helped.

Remember ladies, the January 11th meeting will be our Anniversary meeting at Holiday Inn at 6 PM.

February 24th will be the first fish fry. Edna Sommars will be contacting you for desserts. Please make this another successful year. This is our biggest fund raiser.

MEETINGS
Jan. 4th, 7:30 pm McNicholas Club Meeting, 8:00 Regular Business Meeting
Jan.18th, 7:00 pm 4th Degree Meeting followed by social hour
Feb. 1st, 7:30 pm McNicholas Club Meeting, 8:00 Regular Business Meeting
Feb. 15th, 7:00 pm 4th Degree Meeting followed by social hour.

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