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St. Anthony of Saranac
Council 11113

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Brother Knights,

As we close 2016, we mark the halfway point of the K of C fraternal year. I hope all are enjoying the season and taking advantage of the opportunities to be charitable to those in need and also to friends and family.

In the first half of 2016 your council has been busy running programs and providing monetary support for good causes both here in our community, and also for natural and man made disasters when we can. A brief list of programs and causes that 11113 has helped are listed below. If you have not been part of a fund raiser or council program in a while, come to a council business meeting and rediscover the reason you became a Knight in the first place. There is plenty to do: chair a council program, volunteer to work a service program or fund raiser, help the council recruit new members, or consider service to the council as an officer.

God Bless,

Greg Price
Grand Knight

Recap of July through December Activities...

Knights of the council participated in: Officer Training, Golf Outing, 2 Blood Drives, "Fair Well" party for Msgr. Hankiewicz along with a gift banner for his new parish, Welcome Party for Rev. Fr. Aaron Ferris, Parish Festival, Kitchen Cleaning before inspection, October after Mass Rosaries, Food Drive, Baby Bottle Collection, 2 Church Drives for membership, Council Social hosted by the Hotchkiss family, Life Chain in Lowell, visiting the sick, Lead Rosary at visitation, Ionia County Right to Life Dinner, Coats for Kids, Purchase of Magnificat Advent booklets, & "Keep Christ in Christmas" signs.

Charitable Efforts of Council 11113...

In 2016 we have donated funds to: RSVP (support for seminarians), Ionia County Right to Life, Special Olympics Area 6, Freedom Acres School, Ionia, Starfish (Haitian relief), Disaster Relief after Gulf Coast flooding, Relief for Christians in Syria and Iraq, St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, Positive Choices • Informed Decisions, R.A.V.E., relief for Individual hardships, Priests for Life, membership dues relief for members unable to pay.

Upcoming Important Dates:

January Business Meeting - Thursday, Jan. 5. Time: 7:00 PM @ St. Anthony's
District 68 Winter Meeting - Monday, Jan. 9. Time: 6:00 PM @ St. Edward's
Annual Kids Free throw Competition - Saturday, Jan. 14, Time: TBD @ Saranac High School
1st Lenten Friday Fish Dinner of 2017 - Friday, Mar. 3 @ St. Anthony's

Please keep in mind that though our council has many charities, programs, and activities to fund, we have only a few sources of income. These are the Lenten Fish Dinners, the 52 Week Raffle, the Annual KofC Pie Sale and Council Dues. Your active participation is appreciated!

This January we are starting a new council program we are calling PRAYER WARRIORS. This is a powerful yet simple program. We will be (randomly) given a name of a brother Knight who is also participating in the Prayer Warriors Program. In the course of a month you will commit to Praying for the Knight who's name you receive and likewise, know that a fellow council member is praying for you. May this program deepen our faith in prayer and give us unity and strength as Catholic men. To be a part of this program, tell Ed Zigmont at a meeting, after church, or e-mail Greg Price @ gprice829@gmail.com or call Greg at 642-0052. If you miss the start of the program you are welcome to jump in at any time.

Speaking of jumping in (and Brrrr)... did you know that fellow Knight Dan Lauer, is taking part in the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics? The event will be held at Turk Lake on Feb. 11, 2017. His goal is \$500 and donations can be made @ <https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/dan-lauer-1/turklake2017>, or contact Dan directly.

From Our Insurance Agent:

Insurance check-up for 2017

Where did 2016 go? Time surely does fly!

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this new year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions, like improving your health.

An insurance check-up can be as important as an annual physical. Unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance, long-term care or disability income insurance. You also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did you take time out of your schedule last year to meet with me? If you did, thank you for seeing me and helping secure your financial future. I will be in touch with you to schedule your annual review to verify that everything is heading in the right direction. We'll make sure that if your goals and budget have changed, your plan still works for you.

If you didn't have a meeting with me last year, I hope you will answer my invitation this year. It's a wise idea to have an expert look at your finances. Schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, and I'll provide an insurance check-up that will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could be providing value to you and your family for generations? And I'll come to your house when it fits your schedule. Call me today.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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