

Knights of Columbus Fr McEnery Council 2357

MEETING Monday, December 7, 2009
ICC Hall 7:00pm

BY-LAWS were acted on at the last meeting and have been sent in to the Supreme to be printed so all members can have a copy.

SANTA CLAUS DAY was held on November 28th with about 80 children attending. Everyone enjoyed pictures, cookies, hot chocolate, apple cider and coloring.

POLO SHIRTS Interest has been shown in having a polo shirt to wear at KC events such as the Fair booth, Tootsie Roll drive, initiations or meetings. The shirts would be dark blue with the emblem and name. Cost will be approximately \$18.00. The Council will pick up half the cost, so come and try on a shirt so we get the correct size.

FISH FRIES are scheduled for February 19th, 26th & March 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th. Mark your calendars and be prepared to help out. We will have the work schedules at the next three meetings so you can choose your own dates to work.

DONUT SUNDAY is being sponsored by our council on the third Sunday of the month after the 8:00 & 10:00am Masses.

E-MAIL We are still getting members that are sending us their e-mail addresses. There are now 45 members that are saving our council \$19.80 per month in postage. Send your name and e-mail to Cary Rootkie crootkie@yahoo.com

DUES INCENTIVE Those members that pay their dues by the end of January will have their name put in a drawing for one year free dues at the February meeting. A combination mailing will be made next month with the dues statement, two tickets for the Minnesota Knights Foundation raffle and your January newsletter.

MINNESOTA KNIGHTS FOUNDATION This is our 2nd Annual Raffle. Last year's raffle raised \$125,000.00 with over \$60,000.00 going back to local councils as a commission. All tickets must be sold between now and May 1, 2010, so we can do the drawing at the State KC Convention. The one change they made is that instead of monthly payments for a year there will be one time cash prizes.

1 st prize \$5,000.00	2 nd prize \$4,000.00
3 rd prize \$3,000.00	4 th prize \$2,000.00
5 th prize \$1,000.00	5 prizes @\$500.00
5 prizes @\$300.00	10 prizes @\$100.00
TOTAL PRIZES=\$20,000.00	

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Send religious Christmas cards instead of the general cards. Put up a Nativity scene, be it a small one inside or a larger one outside. Use an Advent wreath as a centerpiece for family activities.

ATTENDANCE PRIZE This months prize is \$20.00. Dalbert Steele could have won \$15.00 last month by attending the meeting.

OFFICER'S MEETING Monday,
December 21, 2009 7:00pm

THE 24-HOUR KNIGHT

In today's world, a man faces multiple commitments to his spouse, children, workplace, community and Church. Every day these responsibilities seem to grow while the time to meet them seemingly dwindles. It can be daunting for today's man to find time to volunteer.

Imagine if you were able to tell a man that if he could give just 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active member of the Order. Even with this minimal commitment he can be an important part of his council and reap the benefits membership offers to him and his family. Try breaking down the time commitment in this way.

Six hours a year on a council sponsored Church, community, council, family, pro-life or youth project of his choosing.

Four hours a year attending two council meetings.

Four hours a year enjoying (with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

Four hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities (Tootsie Roll drive), K of C Soccer Challenge or similar event.

Four hours a year attending, with his family, a council prayer service at his parish.

One hour a year reading the State council Web site and the Supreme Council Web site.

One hour a year visiting with a Knights of Columbus Field Agent to ensure that his family is protected now and in the years to come.

That's only 24 hours a year, which practically any man can fit into his schedule.

When you present the time commitment of joining the Order in this way, it doesn't seem very intimidating at all.

Once a man becomes a member and sees how rewarding being a Knight is, he'll want to dedicate more of his time to the Order.

There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights of Columbus 24 of those hours a man can be a better Catholic, father, husband and person. Think of the difference the Knights of Columbus can make in our communities if these men join us. We only have to let each qualified prospect know that he already has the time – only 24 hours – to join and make a difference in his Church and community.