



Knight Talk
Orate Pro Pace
Knights of Columbus
St. Clare of Assisi Council 12963
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Past Grand Knights

2001-2002 Ron Vincoli
2003-2004 Michael Dash
2005-2006 Jason Seiler

2002-2003 James Adams
2004-2005 Dick Nadolski
2006-2007 Richard Coffman

Grand Knight's Article:

Ave,

To all, I wish you a most happy, holy, healthy, prosperous new year.

With the New Year comes the opportunity, sometimes resolution, to do something that will arguably make our lives better - lose weight, give up smoking, practice golf more, spend more quality time with our families, friends, etc. Well, your Council is providing lots of opportunities for you to participate in that, hopefully, will make your lives better - or at least offer a bit of fun.

On February 2nd, together with the Ladies of St. Clare, we will support the Parish's first annual Chili Cookoff and currently have several Knights who have indicated their intention to enter their favorite chili recipe in the contest for the Parish Top Chili honor.

Later, on February 16th we will assist our Pastor, Fr. Lehning, in a Parish morning of reflection for men. We'll provide a light breakfast after Mass for men of the Parish attending this period of reflection, and later a light lunch at the program concludes.

On February 22 - 24 the Parish will have its Annual Eucharist Devotions where the Eucharist will be exposed for various periods of time permitting us, and the entire Parish the opportunity to visit Church and continue our resolution to make our lives better in 2008. 4th Degree members of our Council will be asked to identify specific periods (hours) that they will attend in regalia.

On March 15th we are planning to support a Parish St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance at the Clifton Town Hall. More to follow on this, and an opportunity for many of us to join in some good, wholesome fun as both a Parish and Council family.

Around February 1st we will be mailing this year's auto raffle tickets to all Parish families. This is our primary fund-raiser for the year and a major source of revenue to support our charitable works. The raffle drawings will be conducted at All Saints Church on April 26th.

Include in this of activities a potential blood drive, road clean up, Easter egg hunt for the children and possible yard sale in the Spring. Opportunities abound!

It continues to be a tremendous source of pride and humility to be permitted to serve as your Grand Knight. Your fellowship and true concern for our brother Knights and their families is a source of great admiration. Please continue to remember those less fortunate than us in the new year, in particular brother Knights who are sick or in distress.

Vivat Jesu,
Jim

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Council Officers

2007-2008 Fraternal Year:

Grand Knight	Jim Adams
Chaplain	Fr. Lehning
Deputy Grand Knight	Rich Stretton
Chancellor	John Rulison
Recorder	Bill Ossenfort
Advocate	Mike Rath
Treasurer	Art Luna
Inside Guard	Bob Strzelecki
Outside Guard	KC Cavallaro
Trustee Three Year	Skip Coffman
Trustee Two Year	Jason Seiler
Trustee One Year	Dick Nadolski
Financial Secretary	Brian Turner
Lecturer	Mike Dash

Council Delegates

2007-2008 Fraternal Year:

GK Delegate	Jim Adams
PGK Delegate	Skip Coffman
Alt GK Delegate	Rich Stretton
Alt PGK Delegate	John Rulison

Knight of the Month for December.

A number of Knights were very active and helpful in our Thanksgiving Food Drive, but none more so than *Frank Preston*. He was not only there during most of the drive itself, sorting and packaging boxes of food stuff, but he donated the use of his pickup truck for loading and delivering completed meals to the Fr. Cilinski Council collection point. Frank clearly takes to heart the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, is an example to us all in doing what he can for others, and is deserving of our recognition as our December Knight of the Month. Thank you Frank, for all that you do.

January Knight of the Month.

A Knight who quietly helps the Parish and the Council in so many ways is *Tom Leonardo*, our selection for January Knight of the Month. A key and essential task Tom happily undertakes each year for us is preparing Parish lables for our annual aotomobile raffle and delivering completed letters to the post office for mailing. An otherwise very demanding task Tom routinely accomplishes this for us, is core to our primary annual fund-raiser, and deserving of our recognition as our January Knight of the Month. Thank you Tom for all that you do.

Family of the Month for December.

For December our Family of the Month is the *Dash family*. It is never more apparent the wonderful service Mary Dash provides our Parish than at Christmas, most particularly this year at the Children's Mass. Mary, routinely supporting vigil and Sunday Masses, and Mike, a frequent Mass lecturer, and selfless servant of our Council as lecturer represent the best of Catholic families and most deserving of our gratitude and recognition. Thank you, Mike and Mary for all that you do.

January Family of the Month.

One of the core tenets of our order is 'Youth' and no doubt the greatest program in support of the youth of our Parish is the CCD educational program managed by *Peggy Mattei*. Her selfless contribution to the children as well as her support in assisting volunteer CCD teachers is the essence of the program, made all the more effective by the support of her family. We are all blessed to have serving our community this exem-

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plary Catholic family most deserving of our recognition as Family of the Month. Thank you, Matties for all that you do.

Thanksgiving Food Drive Proceeds:

Regarding the disposition of funds collected during the November 2007 Thanksgiving Food Drive, at our January 10th, 2008 Council meeting a motion was made, seconded, and tabled "To donate, of the \$1345.00 collected, \$100.00 to the Fr. Cilinski Knights of Columbus Council for supply of boxes to St. Clare Council along with assistance to transport, via refrigerated truck, completed meals to distributing agencies, and \$1245.00 to the St. Vincent De Paul Pantry to defray costs of feeding an average monthly 200 needy people from Clifton, Centreville and Chantilly areas."

The motion will be untabled, discussed and voted at a later Council meeting.

January Saint of the Month:

I chose St. Francis de Sales, whose feastday is January 24th, as our January saint because he is the patron saint of journalists. The difficulties I encountered publishing this newsletter –due to some "technical challenges" – pale in comparison to what he encountered during his life. (Editor's note)

Here's the link to his story:
<http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php? saint>

Military Knights in Action:

Hello All:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of men and women in uniform. Attached, please find the first 2008 issue of "Military Knights in Action."

We're beginning this newsletter's third year, and subscription is now at an all-time high. If you know anyone else that would like to receive the newsletter on a monthly basis, simply send their name and e-mail address to: patrick.scalisi@kofc.org.

Many, many councils have reported military-related charitable giving during the holidays, and some of these reports are featured in the attached issue. Keep the great reports coming!

Here's hoping 2008 will see further strides toward peace, not only in the Middle East, but in all troubled parts of the world. As always, stay safe.

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January Birthdays

Robert J. Shafer	1/1
George J. Seiler	1/2
Robert E. Strzelecki	1/11
Jim Adams	1/16

February Birthdays:

Mike Rolince	2/1
Stephen T. O'Keefe	2/4
Raymond M. Cwalina	2/15
Gerald H. Welsh	2/25

January – February 2008 Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Jan 22	23	24 7:00 PM Rosary, followed by Council Meeting	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	Feb 1 7:30 PM First Friday Services	Feb 2 Chili cook-off after 5:30 Mass	3
4	5 Mardi Gras!	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 7:00 PM Rosary, followed by Council Meeting	15	16 Morning of Reflection	17
18	19	20	21	22 Eucharistic Devotions	23 Eucharistic Devotions	24 Eucharistic Devotions
25	26	27	28 7:00 PM Rosary, followed by Council Meeting	29		