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3rd Quarter down one to go!

Since our last newsletter, lots have gone on in our Council. The Nativity Scene got boxed up and stored safely; the stable got dismantled and stored.

We had our first every chili cook off. The Bailey family



took first place.

Thanks to SK Bill Sabanos it was a huge success. Although Bill wasn't able to attend he made many phone calls while in the hospital to make sure it was a success. Unfortunately we loss Bill this month, but I had the good fortune to meet Bills family. They are waiting to hear when the cook off will be next year so then can attend. Bill was so excited about the results of the cook off he already making was making plans for next year's cook off. Who's going to step up and keep the Bill Sabanos chili cook off going?



Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership.

Our free throw and essay contests were conducted during this quarter. The Council has finally put together a budget to present to the membership. We held our first ever Fraternal Benefits Knight. Those who attended heard great tips on taxes, funeral planning, insurance and financial planning.



The annual Spring MI Drive (Tootsie roll) was held on Palm Sunday weekend. Over \$2400 was collected for MI Special Olympics.



The Knights hosting the annual Soup and Salad at the Parish on Good Friday, over 100 people attending and enjoyed great fellowship.

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Next, I would like talk about some of the changes since our last newsletter. Most of the changes revolve around retention and membership. Last July, the Council started the process of suspending members who were very delinquent on their dues. This is a very long process and requires many contacts to make sure everyone is given every chance to avoid suspension. Suspending these members is very important to the Council's viability because the Council is required to pay "per capita" to the State and Supreme regardless if a member pays his dues. Thus, please remember the importance of paying your dues and please contact me if you are unable to pay your dues to discuss a hardship request. I would like to remind everyone that there are nearly 1600 families who are St Mary's Parish members. Despite this very large membership pool, we only have approximately 150 Council members. I know there are many good Knights yet that need to be discovered in our Parish, let's all help out and recruit one new member.

Thank you to everyone for all your help and support. Together we can continue to support our Parish and Community.

Vivat Jesus,
Forrest—GK

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