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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012

Wow! Has it really been six month already? It seems like only yesterday I accept the position of your Grand Knight and I truly must add it has exceeded all my expectations. You can never really be sure how the roads going to travel until you've walk it. Well to date the journey has been incredible. Has it been a challenge? Absolutely! Surprises? More than I expected, but that's what makes this all so exciting. And I'm sure we will continue to improve thru the wonderful efforts of all our volunteers. That includes BINGO, Pull Tabs, Queen of Hearts, Lucky Calendars, Meat Raffles and drawings. From the kitchen to the bar to the clubrooms & grounds – you are all incredible. To our Senior Knights and Ladies Auxiliary thank you for all you do. I do have one area of dire concern though, and that's our monthly meetings; where is everybody? Last month we had 6 members in attendance and we had some great topics for discussion. I ask you today to please try and attend our monthly meeting in January on Wed., Jan. 11th, 2012 at 7:00PM. We are going to purpose some By-law changes and changes to the constitution which I think you will find very positive. A great showing at this meeting would be very beneficial for you to hear this information first-hand and express your thoughts; also another nice way to start your New Year. Please, join us for this very important meeting. I remind you again of our Open House, Jan., 1st, 2012, 2:00PM, council lounge and on behalf of my family, officers and board God grant you all a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year. See you at the meeting!

Fraternally, GK Tom Bystryk

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun Jan 1 st	Open House 2PM	Sun Jan 1 st	Solemnity of Mary
Thur Jan 5 th	Senior Knights 1PM	Wed Jan 11 th	Council Meeting 7PM

LADIES OF THE KNIGHTS AUXILIARY NEWS – On Sat., Dec. 10th, 2011, the council, in conjunction with the Ladies Auxiliary, held yet another wonderful “Breakfast With Santa”. Mr. Claus had a gift for each child, the kitchen totally out did itself (thank you Frank & staff), there were prizes, split club and oh yes Santa (aka PGK Pat Gallagher) never looked better! Special thanks to PGK Jim Novak and former 1st Lady Dawn Novak for chairing this event. Santa had over 75 for breakfast; he hopes to see you all again next year. GK Tom Bystryk, on behalf of the council, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Ladies Auxiliary for their donation of \$500.00. Ladies your timing is incredible it will go to good use!

OPEN HOUSE – On Sunday, January 1st 2012, from 2:00 – 4:00PM, GK Tom Bystryk would like to extend a warm invitation to all members and their families for an annual Open House in the council lounge. What a nice way to start out the New Year – enjoying your fellow Knights! And please enjoy how warm and festive the council looks this holiday season thanks to Jim & Dawn Novak, their daughter Nicole and her friend Joe. Looks Wonderbar! Also a special “Thank You” to Barb & John Radwan for the beautiful chafing dish they donated for council functions. You'll also see Barb's beautiful nativity when you stop in!

SENIOR KNIGHTS HAPPENINGS

MEETING – Thurs., Jan. 5st at 1:00PM with lunch & refreshments.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS – Henry Bonarek 83, Mike Cusack 63, Tony Fredo “98” (almost there Tony), Bob Kroll 75, Mark Lowery 61, Gene O'Rourke 68, Donald Schott 75. Have a great “Special” Day!


DUES – Your 2012 Dues are due which are now \$5.00. Please send your payment to Al Harris, 31 Lynn St., Lackawanna, NY 14218, or drop them off at the council in an envelope marked ”SENIOR KNIGHTS”.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS – Matty Becker, Lou Marcey, John Radwan & Dan Schaefer.

HAM RAFFLE WINNERS – Art Pluta, Jack Heitzhaus & Ray Harig. Also thanks to Jim O'Malley who donated a bottle of liquor also won by Art Pluta (Art's luck day). The Sr. Knights would like to thank GK Tom Bystryk & PGK Chuck Minich for their assistance with the monthly luncheons.

H-E-L-P – I am reaching out to the membership for anyone who can give us a couple of hours for our Sunday BINGO. Without volunteers there would be no BINGO and Without BINGO, no building for meetings, functions or our social events. What a great New Year's Resolution – Sunday BINGO!

On behalf of all the officers we wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year. Pres. PGK Pat Gallagher

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4TH DEGREE NEWS MSGR. TOOMEY ASSEMBLY #2038 Next assembly meeting is Thurs., Jan. 5th, 7:00PM at Burke Council. Thanks to all who made this year's Christmas Party such a wonderful time. On Sat., Jan. 7th, 2012, 8:00-12:00, Hamburg Council will be hosting a Country N' Western Nite. Cost is \$7.00p/p, \$20.00 family admission. For more information please contact Hamburg Council. Happy New Year from the entire Toomey Assembly.

DARTS – On Monday, Dec. 12th, 2011 we played our last round of Darts for this season. Thanks again to Marilyn Gallagher and Lou Damstetter (and Pat & Demi too!) for another fine round. Frank our banquet was extra super this time can't wait till next round. Congratulations to Big Jim Novak finishing at the top of the heap (surprise, surprise)! Next round starts on Monday, Jan. 9th, 2012, 7:45PM. No sign up required, just show up, you won't regret it. Cost is \$5.00 weekly, format is blind draw. This evening is always fun filled – no exceptions!



KNIGHTS NEWS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – On Sat., Dec. 10th, 2011, the following were elected to the council Board of Directors: PGK Jim Novak, Brad Nutty & John Radwan (3 yr. terms) & Chuck Bridge (2 yr. term). Congratulations gentlemen, much success in all your endeavors. Thanks to all who voted!

COUNCIL DUES ARE DUE – Council dues for 2012 are currently being accepted. You may send them to the council, 2838 So. Park Ave., Lackawanna, NY, 14218 or to Fin Sect John Sowinski, 371 Summit Ave, O Park, NY 14127. Please do John a big favor and remit your payment early; saves him a lot of headaches! Please note: "If any member has medical restrictions, severe hardship, or in a financial dilemma please contact Fin Sect John Sowinski or GK Tom Bystryk. Special circumstances can be considered in regards to dues payment. This remains highly confidential."

LUCKY NUMBER CALENDARS – Calendars are still available in the council lounge or you may contact chairman Jack Heitzhaus at 822-9800. Bet some of your favorite #'s (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) are still left. Purchase price is \$50.00, total prize package of \$25,000.00. Sat. pays \$75, Sun \$100, Mon-Fri \$50. Winning # determined by the NYS Evening draw. Thank you for your support.

ADMISSIONS & DEGREES – On Tuesday, Dec. 13th, 2011 Baker Council was both pleased and honored to host the 2nd new Third Degree in WNY. Twenty-two candidates entered into the 3rd or Fraternal Degree, eight of which were from Baker Council: Matty Becker, Gonzo Gonsiorek, Daniel Minich, John Kruzer, Jerry Pasnik, Wayne Peszko, John Peszko and Chuck Shaw. Also present for the Degree were National Supreme Director PSD Arthur Harris, and state officers Michael Stanfie and Charles Ardello all who offered rave reviews for the degree team and Baker Council. Those of us who took the original 3rd Degree found this one quite different. GK Tom Bystryk wishes to announce that another 3rd Degree is being scheduled to be held at Baker Council, tentative date mid March. And now's the time to start thinking about your 4th Degree which will take place on April 21, 2012 at Adam's Mark Hotel. Any 3rd Degree Candidates interested in the 4th Degree should contact John Crane, Faithful Comptroller, at 648-5034.

BILLS BASKET WINNER – The drawing for the Bill's Sports Basket took place at the Wednesday Monthly Meeting (you know the one with 6 members in attendance) and the lucky winner was the Lovely Mrs. Bond, Mrs. James Bond, aka Tina Kovak. Sorry Tina guess Ken now knows what he's getting for Christmas.



BROTHERS-IN-NEED – Please remember in the kindness of your prayers brother Walter Muhar, Elderwood Nursing Home, and Jim Bohan Fr. Baker Manor Rehab. Also please notify the council of any member in sickness or distress, 825-5150.

B I N G O –. Every Sun. 7:15PM & Wed 12:45 PM. Still in need of volunteers, weekly, every other week, monthly what ever you can give. Also **Queen-of-Hearts** – This game is played @ Wed. & Sun BINGO and in the lounge on Sat. evenings at 6:00PM. ****Please note on Sun Jan. 1st there will be no bingo****

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