



**FOURTH DEGREE  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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## **Faithful Navigator's Message**

My Brother Sir Knights,

### **Assembly Finances**

In the aftermath of Tuesday's meeting, here are some clarifications for the financial proposals discussed by officers and others in attendance at the Assembly planning meeting on October 8, 2008. In addition, I'll add some personal commentary on the proposals; and I ask that you read those comments understanding the frustration that I still feel in the aftermath of that meeting.

Several options for getting the Assembly back on firmer financial footing were discussed at the last planning meeting. Among the items discussed: raising the price of the pre-meeting fellowship dinner, eliminating the free meal for monthly birthdays, and restructuring or eliminating the "If" drawing.

The reason that we started looking at the dinner for solutions is very simple. We identified that the dinners, as a general trend, are subtracting from the Assembly's bottom line rather than adding to it. Pure and simple.

But make no mistake. We get a first-class meal before every meeting. Sir Knight Mike Breverly and associates keep us better than well-fed. For less than the cost of even the skimpiest appetizer at most restaurants, we get a full dinner including main course, side dishes, bread, and dessert. And the meal is not only better than what you get at most restaurants; you're never limited to just one plate.

While the meals are fit for a King, they are selected and prepared frugally. SK Breverly finds us the best deals he can, and from time to time is even able to procure items for meals for free. And the price of the pre-meeting meal has been the same for two years.

I don't know about you, but my grocery bill has increased during the past two years (and no, it's not because I'm eating more.)

Let's review where we are so far in this exercise. We identified a problem—the Assembly's expenses are exceeding its income. And we identified a cause for the problem—we're losing money on the pre-meeting meals. To my feeble mind, you solve a problem by addressing a cause (sometimes the simplest solutions really are best).

So, one of the ideas that arose out of the discussion at the planning meeting was to raise the price of the pre-meeting meal **ONE** dollar. Personally, I thought the price should be increased by more if for no other reason than the quality of the meal versus what it costs. In simple economic terms, that is called supply and demand. After the reaction I got to proposing a one dollar increase in the per dinner cost, I'm glad I kept my mouth shut about raising the price even more.

Now to explain the rationale for eliminating the free meal for those who have a birthday that month. Again, keep in mind the thought process being that the way to solve a problem is to address a cause for the problem. The original thinking for the free meal was to help boost attendance at meetings. As the Assembly has grown, meeting attendance has not been a major concern. And it does cost the Assembly money.

In fact, if all the Sir Knights with a birthday in September had attended last month, the cost to the Assembly for the complimentary meals would have been \$66.00. That amount alone is the difference between making money and losing money. And even without everyone with a birthday attending in the month, we're still losing money.

I don't understand what the big flipping controversy is. In reading a past issue of the Mitre, the cost of the dinner was increased unilaterally...without any input, advice, or consent from the membership. For the life of me, I can't think of the reason why I thought it would be a good idea to discuss the possibilities rather than just impose the price hike and other measures and just be done with it.

I appreciate the other suggestions we got. But you'll have to pardon me if I can't understand why some of you want to solve a problem without addressing a root cause for that problem. The solution to eliminating financial losses on our pre-meeting meal is to address costs of the meal itself, not

increasing membership dues or raiding the building fund.

If those proposals were to be accepted, we might solve the immediate cash flow problem; but we've done nothing to address the fact that we lose money on the meal. All we've done is pushed the problem into the future where someone else will have to deal with it, and where the action they must take in the future will be much more severe than what we can do right now.

I can't fault the members for suggesting those other unrelated measures, as that is the example set for us by our state legislature and the congress. And it certainly goes a long way toward explaining the sorry condition that this state and country are in.

That and the fact that too many of us are apparently unwilling to pay our own way; especially if we can figure out a way to make someone else foot the bill.

**John Brodie**  
**Faithful Navigator**



## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **NOVEMBER**

12 November Planning Meeting  
25 November Business Meeting

Business meeting starts at 6:30  
Planning Meeting starts at 7:00

### **DECEMBER**

10 December Planning Meeting  
**NO BUSINESS MEETING**



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## Greetings Fellow SKs:

Here it is Nov. already and Thanksgiving is upon us all and we should be thankful for all that we have at the present and what is ahead of us. I'm very thankful that I became Color Corp Commander a few month's ago and have a great team behind me and that they want to be active and they sure have been.

We just completed a sad outing for the funeral of our Brother Sir Knight Ken Stone at St. Joseph's church on Oct 18th. We had 8 team members there and are sure proud of all of them for all that we did. Felix, Fred, Beora, Mike, Bill, Percy, Dan and myself attended and this group did a excellent job.

Fr. Bosque appreciated it along with the Stone family in which we had a lot of compliments from all.

I'm asking any 4th degree member that wants to join the color corps please give me a call or contact me whenever you see me or any of the team we can always use more members.

We will be having a meeting coming up in Nov. once I can get a date set and it will be to go over our manual and operation of the sword mainly. I'm in the process of getting everyone color corps cards and those that have not been certified I'm checking into doing that to you so.

Again THANK YOU ALL COLOR CORP MEMBERS FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE OUR TEAM # 1...

Have a Happy Thanksgiving to all and God Bless you.

**Russ Tereau**  
**Color Corps Commander**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you should see any of these fine Sir Knights, wish them a happy birthday and remind them that if they come to the business meeting, dinner is on the assembly.

Sir Knight	Antonio Vazquez	5 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Lupe Escobar	9 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Michael Hernandez	9 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Ken Becker	10 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	David Brabender	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Ronald Rader	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Daniel Wayne	13 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Tom Wootton Jr.	14 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Rodrigo Ramirez	16 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Walter Dos Santos	17 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Matt Dariano	18 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Frank Heinz	21 <sup>st</sup>
Sir Knight	Larry Armer	22 <sup>rd</sup>
Sir Knight	James Nwabeke	24 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Emmanuel Diala	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Carlos Vina	25 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Gary Banicki	26 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	Michael Hargan	26 <sup>th</sup>
Sir Knight	William Hamrol	28 <sup>th</sup>



**Winner of the 50/50 Drawing was SK Walter Dos Santos..\$20.00**



## “IF” Drawing:

**At our General Business Meeting every month a drawing is made from all members’ names to win some cash.**

**“IF” SK Marion Mitchell would have been in attendance he would have won the drawing for **\$100. 00** You must be present to win.**



## Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

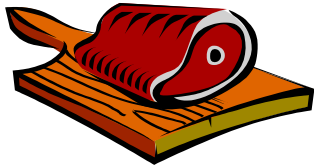


## **CONGRATULATIONS**

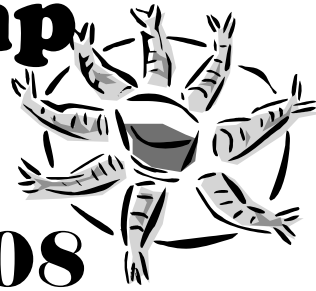
**SIR KNIGHT OF THE YEAR  
MICHAEL JONES**

**Happy Thanksgiving**





# **Prime Rib and Shrimp Dinner**



**Saturday November 15, 2008**

**St. Christopher Catholic community  
Center.**

**No-host cocktails 5:00 pm.**

**Dinner 6:00 pm.**

\$25/person for Prime Rib, all you can eat shrimp and various accouterments.

Each table will receive two bottles of wine.  
Tickets will be available at the meeting or from selected Sir Knights including one at your parish.

Seating will be limited to 80 people.

## **Tickets**

**MUST BE PURCHASED BY: Wednesday,  
November 12 (planning meeting).**