

# Baraboo Knights of Columbus

## Monsignor O'Reilly Council 746

### 2011 Year End Newsletter

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To begin, I wish a happy and Merry Christmas to all Knights and their families. I hope this very special time of year affords you the opportunity to grow in faith and understanding of this great gift we received with the birth of Jesus. An event of such humility, it can escape understanding by its contradiction of the secular paradigm of power and glory. One thing the Catholic Church is really good at is celebrations. We don't have just a single day of Christmas but we celebrate Christmas for over 2 weeks!

**So please join your brother Knights and families for the end of the Christmas season at the Baraboo Pizza Ranch on Sunday January 8, 2012 starting at 6:00 PM.** The Pizza Ranch serves a buffet of pizza and other good stuff with a variety of beverages or you can order dinner items from the menu. The Pizza Ranch is operated by Ken Dressen, a member of the Baraboo Knights council and his wife Mary, both parishioners at St. Josephs.

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I have been a member of the Baraboo council for almost 3 years and continue to be impressed by the acts of charity this councils accomplishes. So many members

give of their time, talent and treasure to support others in need. We were able to give over \$2,000 to Special Olympics and local schools for those with intellectually disabilities. All of these groups were extremely appreciative of our ongoing support.

Many Knights made time to be at the post to collect for parking at the Sauk county fair. This is a good fund raiser for our council and with so many chipping in to man the gates this becomes an easy project for the amount raised

The council once again provided 2 dozen coats for kids this year with funds from our charity account.

Another successful rummage sale was organized by Peter Walechka with assistance from many brother Knights. Proceeds went to the charity and building accounts.

Fund raisers were held for Jeff Hoeben who is in a battle with lymphoma and for Jon Beaton and his wife Kattie who are trying to keep their first child alive until he is strong enough to survive after birth. Please continue to pray for these find young men and their families as they fight these health, emotional and financial challenges. Thanks to the many members who supported these fund raisers with special thanks to Bryan

Thompson and Dan Fitzpatrick for organizing these fund raisers.

We have a number of fund raising projects coming up. Enclosed please find some tickets for the State KC raffle. Proceeds from tickets sales support charitable donations around the state as well as within our own Baraboo community. Please purchase or sell the enclosed tickets as soon as possible so together we continue to support those in need.

We also have the Tootsie Roll fund raiser coming up. Please be ready to support this project by being available to distribute these after Mass or at one of the other locations around town.

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Charity is the first order and foundation of the Knights of Columbus. The efforts of the Baraboo council are very much appreciated by many within the Baraboo community. Thanks for your ongoing participation.

There are many projects and activities that are coordinated the Knights of Columbus at the national, state and local levels. The Baraboo council has been quite active in many projects, some mentioned above. In addition to these brother Knights assisted with the Holly Jolly Light parade pulling the parish float as well as our Keep Christ in Christmas entry. Our Keep Christ in Christmas has been on display around town thanks to David Kehoe and Sam Garcia. Of course we have the ongoing pancake breakfasts that many volunteer to work at or stop in for breakfast. There is the upcoming Free Throw competition that is once again being coordinated by Greg

Befera. If you enjoy basketball please consider making yourself available to assist Greg with this project.

Our Pro-Life champion Bob Dorn continues to be an effective leader in our pro life projects including the side walk ministry in front of Planned Parenthood in Madison. Numerous brother Knights support Bob in the great work. Remember our Rosary for Life every second Saturday held at St. Joseph's during the winter and inclement weather or in front of the KC hall.

We have a new council chaplain with the departure of Fr. Bakke. Fr. Tim Renz is our new chaplain. Please offer your appreciation to him as his presents is very much appreciated.

We have almost 200 members in our council and with a little participation by all we accomplish great things!

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There is a second degree ceremony on February 4, 2012 at the Reedsburg KC hall beginning at noon. I encourage all 1<sup>st</sup> degree members to consider growing in their membership in the Knights of Columbus by attending this session. The second principle of our order is unity. Please contact me at [cskriv@gmail.com](mailto:cskriv@gmail.com) or at 448-4343 to attend or if you have any questions regarding this ceremony. There is no cost to those who participate in the ceremony.

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May God's blessings be with you all in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus.