



# 10998 Crier



**Sacred Heart  
Council 10998**

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**December 2008**

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



We will host this annual event on Sunday December 14th. We need several brothers to show up at 5:30 AM (oh, is it really that early?!) to get everything started. Please call Deputy GK Rich Likely if you can help. We will need more help as the morning goes on, so not everyone needs to come early. Rich will be Santa again so the rest of us need to cook sausage, eggs and pancakes plus make biscuits and gravy and coffee and serve our parish families.

Grand Knight

- Will Villegas 691-3365

Chaplain

- Fr Hoa Nguyen

Deputy Grand Knight

- Rich Likely 855-5448

Warden

- Dan Schnick

Chancellor

- Jim Bracket

Financial Secretary

- Bob Crockett 692-6812

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- Jimmy Cook 592-4859

Recorder

- Cliff Schnick

Advocate

- Mike Carlton

Lecturer

- Thom Reed

Inside Guard

- James Mosley

Outside Guard

- Michael Martini

3rd Year Trustee

- Greg Frost

2nd Year Trustee

- Doug Berend

1st Year Trustee

- Ken Schnick

District Deputy

- Mark Watson

## CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISERS

The Council has scheduled three Casino Nights to raise money for the Council. The first will be on the 6th of December for AM Home Medical, the second will be on the 13th for City Concrete and the last will be in January on the 24th for the Wichita Falls Arts Center. We need men to help deal Blackjack at these events. If you can assist, please call as soon as possible to GK Will or PGK Ken Schnick (766-1989). Dress for these events is dark pants and white shirt. Plus you get a free meal and drinks!



## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



The Council is having a Dance on Dec 31st to ring in the New Year. There will be food trays, snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks. Music will be provided by a DJ. Cost is \$30 per couple and is open to everyone. So make your plans and bring your friends. And of course we will have black eyed peas for the midnight celebration!



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## News from the November Meeting

### Meeting:

A "Culture of Life Assessment" of \$3.00 per member has been levied by the Supreme Office. This will be used to fight for life issues and to oppose items such as same sex marriages. Our Council will pay \$579 to help in this campaign. Each member should have received a letter from New Haven asking for an individual contribution to this program. Please help!

The second vote to pay up to \$2000 for purchase of eight new chalices was passed. Fr. Hoa will decide which chalices he wants and they will be purchased by jointly with the Altar Society.

Brother James Mosley has stepped up to be the Youth Director for the Council. Thanks James and we will help you! The next event will be the annual Free Throw Contest and will be held at Notre Dame HS on January 25th.

The Cub Scouts and Boys Scouts have been notified that they need Liability Insurance like we have for the 3rd and 4th Degree and the Ladies Auxiliary. We can include them in our policy and pass some of the cost to them. A motion was made and passed that we pay the insurance costs for the scouts. There will be no additional cost to the Council.

Prayers were offered for the following (and please offer your prayers too):

Father Koch, Father Hoa, Father John Swistovich, Deacon Roland Benoit, Cletus Novotny, Henry Speice, Leroy and Bettie Lay and their son, Judy Shaw, Irene Bin-

del. Mary Clair Foley and Mary Ellen Maddox.

### RECOGNITION

Knight of the Month

**Bob Crockett**

Family of the Month



### James & Luzviminda Hamlett

Congratulations! Bob spent a lot of time working the Scholarship Dance and James and Luzviminda provided key support to make the Soccer Challenge a resounding success.

### MEMORIAL MASS

The annual Council Memorial Mass was held at 6:30 PM on November 19th. We offered remembrance for the following brothers from our Council who rest with God:

**Tony Bindel**

**Vinnie Lewis**

**Raymond Jones**

**J. W. Anderson**

**Rafael Garcia**

**Deacon Crowley**

**Leo Knezek**

**Ricky Ritchie**

**Vic Pastusek**

Also GK Will Villegas' uncle

**John Joe Romias**

## **The Grand Knight's Message**

### ***Brother Knights,***

December is a busy month with a list of events to keep us busy. We will begin the Christmas Season with Light Up For Christ on December 2nd at 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart. Come out for caroling and the lighting of Sacred Heart's Christmas tree. This is a time honored tradition with Sacred Heart and the Knights of Columbus. By the way, our brothers will be lighting Christmas trees world-wide. For a list of other events throughout, please refer to the schedule of events contained within this newsletter.

Thank you so much for those who came out to help re-surface the casino tables. To Sir Knight Ken Schnick thank you for leading this effort. And to Sir Knight Joe Ryckoff thank you for letting the Council store casino tables and materials at your house. You will note we have two casino nights this month, 6 Dec and 13 Dec, respectively. On January 24th, we have confirmed a third casino night for the Kemp Arts Center. This event will only require two black jack tables and one craps table. We have taken on three casino nights due to the recent disbursements on council funds. We will write checks for the State Per Capita bill for \$1,511.50, and the Culture Of Life Fund where Supreme assessed the Council \$3.00 per active member (approximately \$500.00). We have agreed to split the purchase with Alter Society for eight chalices (approximately \$500.00 per chalice). Math in public, we will have depleted the Council's checking account to below the \$1,000.00 threshold. With this, we need your help in generating funds through the casino nights and the upcoming Winter Fest Dinner-Dance. There is a lot of time and labor to make these events successful so we will need your active participation. I hope you will join me in supporting these events.

On February 19-22 there is the Annual WF Iwo Jima Reunion. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps has been asked to participate in the opening ceremony for the All Forces Banquet which is scheduled on Saturday, February 21 at 6:00 PM. Even though you are not an Iwo Jima Survivor, all Knights of Columbus, especially veterans, are encouraged to participate in this reunion. I attended the reunion last year, and my wife and I had a wonderful time. We had the pleasure to meet the founder, Lt JG Cy Young, U. S. Navy, Retired, who was a boat driver during the attack of the Iwo Jima Island. It is not every day one is privileged to be surrounded with heroes. The following is a tentative schedule of events: February 19th - Opening Ceremony, Maverick Feed, USO Show and Dance; February 20th - Flag Raising Reenactment, All Forces Banquet; February 21st - Memorial Service on Sunday morning. If you are interest in attending and/or volunteering, please contact me for details.

***Fraternally,***  
***Will Villegas***

# Merry Christmas

May God bless you at this time of His birth.

“While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her first born son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn”

Luke 2: 6 and 7



## BE AWARE

Brothers, one of the great benefits you have is K of C Life Insurance.

BUT REGARDLESS OF WHAT INSURANCE COMPANY YOU ARE WITH, you need to know that there are unscrupulous people who will try to cheat you by offering great deals and get rich quick schemes. If someone offers you a deal that sounds too good to be true—it probably is! A professor once expounded on the line “there are no free lunches”. The depression era soup kitchens offered a “free” meal, but you couldn’t eat until the preacher offered his sermon. And I offer to you that you need to be careful about who you listen to when they are selling you something that is a “good deal that you can’t afford to miss”. Please be careful in these times of financial crisis.

## VOCATIONS

We have a new seminarian to support. His name is Keith Garvin and is currently studying at the Theological College of Catholic University. He was a priest in the Episcopal Church and became a Catholic in September 2007. He is already a 4th Degree Knight and is working toward his ordination in our diocese. He spent some time in the Navy as an Episcopal Chaplain. He has spent some time on staff at the Immaculate Conception parish in Denton. Please keep Keith in your prayers.

Also, starting in January, Fr. Ray McDaniel will hold a “Day of Discernment” each month for anyone who wants to learn more about a possible vocation in the church. Dates and times will be in the Parish Bulletin. If you or anyone you know has been thinking of a life of service to the church, contact Fr. Ray.

## Council 10998 Calendar

- Dec 2nd - Light up for Christ - Church Courtyard at 6:30 PM (about 20 minutes)  
Dec 3rd - Officers Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30 PM  
Dec 6th - Casino Night for AM Home Medical  
Dec 12th - 6:30 PM "**Hanging of the Greens**" in the church  
Dec 13th - Casino Night for City Concrete  
Dec 14th - Breakfast with Santa  
Dec 16th - Serve Meal at Faith Mission - 7:30 PM  
Dec 17th - Business Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30PM - short meeting followed by members preparing the Christmas Food Baskets and Gifts for needy families  
Dec 31st - **New Years Eve Dance** at Parish Hall - open to everyone \$30 per couple  
Jan 7th - Officers Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30 PM  
Jan 17th - Major Degree (2nd and 3rd Degrees will be conferred)  
Jan 17th - Winterfest Dinner/Dance in the Parish Hall  
Jan 20th - Serve Meal at Faith Mission - 7:30 PM  
Jan 21st - Business Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30PM  
Jan 24th - Casino Night for Kemp Arts Center  
Jan 25th - Free Throw Contest at NDHS at 1:30 PM  
Feb 4th - Officers Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30 PM  
Feb 17th - Serve Meal at Faith Mission - 7:30 PM  
Feb 18th - Business Meeting at S.H. Parish Annex - 7:30PM  
Feb 19th - 22nd - Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion

## FOCA - Freedom of Choice Act

"Abortion rights groups and their allies in Congress are promoting a radical bill called the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). If this extreme measure is enacted, widely-supported and constitutionally-sound abortion regulations will be knocked down nationwide." ( this is from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

FOCA would force taxpayers to fund abortions.

FOCA would require all states to allow partial birth and other late term abortions.

FOCA would violate the consciences of health care providers.

Each brother Knight needs to research this bill to see what is being considered by our elected representatives.

President elect Obama said he has been a constant supporter of what he calls "reproductive justice". If this bill is enacted, he will sign it into law.

That law means death to the unborn. Abortion is infanticide, providing routine death to a child that has yet to be born. Please contact you elected representatives and ask them to fight against this bill.

For more information see [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org)

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**Council Meetings: 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 PM  
in the Pastoral Center Annex!**

**Pray the Rosary!**



# **Keep Christ in Christmas**