It's Christmas in America
There's carols in the air
The snow is falling on the ground
There's holly everywhere
The people they're all different too
Their troubles put aside
They smile a little brighter
It seems at Christmas time

It's Christmas in America
Let the angels sing
It's Christmas in America
Let freedom ring
Let peace resound throughout the world
Especially on this day
It's Christmas in America
God bless the USA

The kids get so excited
Preparing for the day
Their letters to Santa have all been sent
The cookies have been baked
The creche under the Christmas tree
Awaits the baby child
It seems to mean so much more this year
Than it has in a while

Because it's Christmas in America
Let the angels sing
It's Christmas in America
Let freedom ring
Let peace resound throughout the world
Especially on this day
It's Christmas in America
God bless the USA

So keep your babies close tonight
Hug your husband, kiss your wife
Be thankful for this way of life
We're fortunate to share
And not forget the ones we've lost
Their memory lives on in our hearts
They'll be forever in our thoughts
And always in our prayers

Unto this world a child is born
His gift was meant for everyone
The light of peace shines on and on
And never fades away
America, America indivisible we are
One Nation under God
And that will never change

Because it's Christmas in America
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GOD BLESS THE USA!

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brothers,

This month is going to be very busy with Christmas upon us. I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am very confident that in the New Year our Council functions are all going to be superb. Especially since our wonderful volunteers work so hard and dedicate as much time as they are able. I am truly blessed, in my position, to have so many volunteers that make it happen time-after-time.

I want to personally thank Ron Robinson and all the volunteers who represented our Council so well at the St. Joseph Ministry Fair. I also want to congratulate Father Noel and the St. Joseph Parish Keepers for stepping out of the box and doing something different from previous years. I believe that this is what made the Fair so successful; not only for us, but also for so many of the other ministries reaching out to folks.

Prospective Knights and families are waiting to be asked to join due to the strict value principles of the Knights of Columbus. When shown or reminded of the wonderful things we do, along with other possible activities, people’s eyes open to the true Knights of Columbus. *The true reason for becoming a Knight is because it is an extension of our faith.*

Supreme’s training taught me and our Deputy Grand Knight that a Council flourishes with “more activities”. So let me ask you, “What are your talents, what are your ideas, what have you seen that works in growing our faith and how can that be developed here?”

Ask yourself and prospective brothers another question, “Imagine joining a country club and not taking advantage of all the perks.” We own the country club!

My thanks to all who read my message last month and the many phone calls I received offering help in many of our functions. Our chairmen were delighted with all the help, keep it coming its going to be a great season. November dances, dinners, breakfast, building cleanup and Thanksgiving food drive were so successful. I also appreciate all of the support which was provided with Mike Fisk absent. I am very happy that Mike and Joan are back. We love you both and missed you. Our prayers are always with you and family.

For us, success came in the form of opportunity to speak to so many brother and sister Catholics. We met prospective new brother Knights, reinstatements and interested transfers. I found our volunteers promoting the wonderful functions performed by the Knights around the world and how we stand on our Catholic faith principles.

FROM THE JOHNSON FAMILY TO ALL OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

GOD BLESS,
Tim Johnson
Grand Knight
DECEMBER: A Season for Giving

With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is a good time to sit down with your Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family’s current financial circumstances and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:
* Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?
* Provide a way for you to ensure that money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?
* Ensure your family’s financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it’s by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some resolutions for the New Year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family’s financial protection - come what may. With a Knights of Columbus life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead… and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking the appropriate steps now, you protect your loved ones against financial calamity in the event of your death. What’s more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family – and, possibly, for you as well. I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Call me today to find out more.

Mike Cavenaugh
Benefit Administrator
561-791-9629
NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY-12/10 AT 11:30 AM
FOLLOWED BY
A HOLIDAY LUNCH

My sincere thanks to those Members who filled in for those Officers who have had surgery and are now recuperating. You have all done a magnificent job in view of the circumstances. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Sister Columbiettes, please do not forget to bring or send your Christmas Gift Food Card Donation for the Children of Hope Rural School.

President Josephine De Carlo is home after seven weeks stay at the Waters Edge Rehab. She thanks everyone for their prayers and good wishes. She will be attending and presiding at the December Meeting. Try to attend this meeting to greet her after all these months. Both Past President Eleanor and Financial Secretary Rosa Jackson will also be present.

Your prayers are always needed for our Sister Columbiettes and Brother Knights who are either ill or recovering from illness or recent surgery. Also please pray for those members who have gone to their eternal rest.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

Dolores Allen, Geraldine Mansbury, Cecelia Moerck, Carol Ann Parolin, Rita Rooker, Geraldine Shetzi and Theresa Weiner

DECEMBER BINGO TEAMS

TEAM B - 12/7/08: E. Robinson, T. Simone, C. Zdeb, M. Cucci
TEAM C - 12/14/08: Y. Rollando, T. Fox, A. Norelli, J. DiGiorgio
TEAM D - 12/21/08: B. Pollis, D. Allen, R. Muller, B. Guido
TEAM A - 12/28/08: J. De Carlo, T. Abruzzio, M. McCarthy

WHEN THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins:
... to find the lost,
... to heal those broken in spirit,
... to feed the hungry,
... to release the oppressed,
... to rebuild the nations,
... to bring peace among all peoples,
... to make a little music with the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
every day, in every way,
in all that we do and in all that we say.

Then, the work of Christmas begins.

A MERRY & HOLY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE
WITH BEST WISHES FOR A
HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR
MERRY CHRISTMAS/HAPPY NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

"X"
"XXX"
"XXXXX"
"GOD JUL"
"BUON ANNO"
"FELIZ NATAL"
"JOYEUX NOEL"
"VESELE VANOCE"
"MELE KALIKIMAKA"
"NODLAG SONA DHUIT"
"BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA"
"BOAS FESTAS"
"FELIZ NAVIDAD"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS"
"KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"VROLIJK KERSTFEEST"
"FROHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN"
"BUON NATALE-GODT NYTAR"
"HUAN YING SHENG TAN CHIEH"
"WESOLYCH SWIAT-SRETAN BOZIC"
"MOADIM LESIMHA-LINKSMU KALEDU"
"HAUSKAA JOULUA-AID SAID MOUBARK"
"N PRETTIG KERSTMIS"
"ONNZLLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA"
"Z ROZHDESTVOM KHRYSTOYVM"
"NADOLIG LLAWEN-GOTT NYTTSAR"
"FELIC NADAL-GOJAN KRISTNASKON"
"S NOVYM GODOM-FELIZ ANO NUEVO"
"GLEDILEG JOL-NOELINIZ KUTLU OLSUM"
"EEN GELUKKIG NIEUWJAAR-SRETAN BOSIC"
"KRIHSTLINDJA GEZUAR-KALA CHRISTOUGENA"
"SELAMAT HARI NATAL - LAHINGU NAJU METU"
"SARBATORI FERICITE-BUON ANNO"
"ZORIONEKO GABON-HRISTOS SE RODI"
"BOLDOG KARACSONNY-VESELE VIANOCE"
"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR"
"ROOMSAID JOULU PUHI -KUNG HO SHENG TEN"
"FELICES PASUAS - EIN GLUCKICHES NEUJAHR"
"PRIECIGUS ZIEMAN SVETKUS SARBATORI VESLLE"
"BONNE ANNEBLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDADFELIZ NATAL"


~ Author Unknown ~
WANTED

- Fresh innovative ideas
- Suggestions to help your council meet its charitable goals
- Knights to get involved

This means you!
This is your chance to tell the Grand Knight what your thoughts are!

Don't wait...

Call Tim Johnson NOW!
UPCOMING EVENTS

KNIGHT’S SLAM BREAKFAST
SUNDAY – DECEMBER 7TH

OUR KNIGHTS SLAM BREAKFAST IS A BREAKFAST FIT FOR A KING, A QUEEN, A PRINCE AND A PRINCESS. 8 AM TO 12 NOON @ $5.00 PER PERSON.
KIDS: AGES 6 TO 12 $2.00 - UNDER 6 – FREE.
› BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
› BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
› BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS!

PLEASE SEE AD PAGE FOR MENU.

ATTENTION

WE SUPPORT THE US MARINE CORPS “TOYS FOR TOTS” PROGRAM.

BRING A TOY VALUED AT $5.00 AND EAT FOR FREE!

♫ TO VOLUNTEER ♫

PLEASE CALL JOHN ROLLANDO @ 231-1134

NOTE
JOHN HAS TO STAY OFF HIS FEET AND NEEDS HELP TO KEEP THIS EVENT RUNNING SMOOTHLY. LEAD MEN, SIGN INSTALLERS, EARLY AND LATE MORNING GRILL OPERATORS/FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVERS NEEDED.

STUART CHRISTMAS PARADE
Friday – December 5th

Volunteers are needed to help Luke decorate the float on Wednesday December 3rd. We usually have 2 antique cars. Members who wish to march/ride in the parade as well as Members having vintage or antique cars or those interested in participating in any way, should contact Luke Schweizer ASAP @ 287-6677. To participate in the Color Guard, please call Jim Eppolito @ 283-3853.

GET A "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" DECAL FOR YOUR CAR or HOME!

New “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” magnetic decals are here and are $3.00 each. To get yours, please call Mike Fisk.

4TH DEGREE CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURS – DEC. 11TH – 6 PM

MEMBERS ONLY W/SPouse OR GUEST – FREE – CASH BAR.
- MUSIC BY SOPHISTICATS.
The dress code for men is DRESS CASUAL, SPORTS JACKETS, SLACKS.
BUT PLEASE, NO SHORTS
Ladies please dress appropriately. Please see Ad Page for more information.
PERSONS IMPROPERLY ATTIRE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED!

K OF C CHRISTMAS PARTY
TUES - DEC 16th – 6 PM
- $10 PER PERSON
- CASH BAR
- MUSIC BY BEN HART
COUNCIL MEMBERS & SPOUSE OR GUEST ONLY

Please see Ad Page for more information.
**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY**
MON - DEC. 31ST - 6PM
- $75.00 PER PERSON
- OPEN BAR
- MUSIC BY RHYTHM KINGS
- Open To Council Members
First, Then Non-Members
Please see Ad Page for more information

**COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Knight of the Month**

At the November 12th Meeting, Grand Knight Tim Johnson presented the "Knight of the Month" Award to ANDREW SALISBURY for his IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION since becoming a Knight. In less than a Year, Andrew has acquired his 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees and is scheduled to take his 4th Degree in Orlando at the end of this month. Andrew has also become the Council Warden and has set-up and implemented the Council Website where a color copy of the Monthly Council Bulletin along with other interesting links can be viewed.

**BINGO**

**THE FINANCIAL LIFELINE OF OUR COUNCIL**

We need members to sell Bingo cards, call in the Bingos to the caller as they occur, cashiers, callers and kitchen grill man.

We need your help on Sundays & Thursdays.

Members interested in volunteering should contact Pat Breen for details @ 286-0172.

**3rd DEGREE TEAM MEETING**

On the morning of our Council clean-up on Nov. 15th, the Treasure Coast Knighthood Team, shown below, met in our Council parking lot in preparation for a trip to Hollywood, FL. Standing in the 2nd row, directly behind the rear wheel of the tractor, is our own John Condon, another one of our Super Knights. Other members of the team are from other councils in our district.

So Brother Knights, let us all show our appreciation to Andrew & wish him a well deserved congratulations!
COUNCIL GROUNDS GET CLEANED-UP

On Saturday, November 15th, the Council grounds got cleaned-up and shaped-up. And then came the bagels and coffee supplied by the Council. Shown below is Luke Schweizer sitting on his tractor and Deputy Grand Knight Ed Hussey standing in the background after the grass got cut and the shrubs trimmed. Grand Knight Tim Johnson took the photo to prove the job was done and a good time was had by all.

It's A Small Job But It's Got To Get Done Every So Often. Next Time We Do This Cleanup, Come On Down!
Nothing Heavy, Just a Little of This & That Along With a Light Breakfast and Some K of C Brotherhood!

Volunteers Needed For Council Dinner Dance & Holiday Decorating
Please Contact Grand Knight Tim Johnson For More Information As To How You Can Help!

$$$$$$ Financial $$$$ Secretary

Gene Parnell's appointment to this position will expire in June 2009 and the Council is soliciting applications for this position to ensure an orderly transition. Applicants must be a Third Degree Knight; computer and basic bookkeeping knowledge would be helpful.

The Financial Secretary is an integral part of the Knights of Columbus and is involved with nearly all aspects of the Council. Major duties are membership record maintenance, billing and dues collections, accounting for the Council's revenues and expenses, and being the local contact for the insurance programs of the Knights of Columbus. Please call Gene Parnell at 221-0282 to learn more about this vital position, or submit a brief resume to the Council.

† Sick and Vigil †

Sick & Vigil Committee
Chairman John Condon is always looking for volunteers to attend wakes and funeral masses for deceased Council Members.
Volunteers are NOT required to respond to all of John's requests but to make an effort to attend when possible. It means a lot to the families of the deceased when Brother Knights visit to pay their last respects and offer a prayer for their departed brother. It's truly a very rewarding experience. Should anyone else be interested in joining this worthy cause...

Please Call John Condon To Volunteer @ 546-8640!

‡ For Good of the Order ‡

Many Knights and/or members of their family have had serious medical situations and are in need of your prayers.

‡ Mike Cavanaugh ‡ Chuck St. John
‡ Patti Geffon, Daughter of Terry Cannon
‡ Toni Schweizer, Daughter of Luke Schweizer
‡ Patricia Calliers, Mother-in-Law of Andrew Salisbury

In Memoriam

Please pray for all of our departed brothers & sisters and their families. May God have mercy on their souls and bring them to eternal rest. Amen

‡ 21 Year Old Grandson of Joan & Mike Fisk Went To His Eternal Rest On Or About 11/5/2008

Also . . . Please remember to pray for YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS, OUR SISTER COLUMBIETTES, our men & women in THE armed forces and the leaders of our church, country & council.

Remember . . . Prayers Do Work!
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF CHRISTMAS

I. Thou shalt not leave "Christ" out of Christmas.

II. Thou shalt not value thy gifts by the cost, for many shall signify love that is more blessed and beautiful than silver and gold.

III. Thou shalt give thyself with thy gifts, thy love, thy personality, and thy service and shall increase the value of thy gifts a hundred fold and they who receive them shall treasure them forever.

IV. Thou shalt not let Santa Claus take the place of Christ, lest Christmas become a fairy tale, rather than a sublime reality in the spiritual realm.

V. Thou shalt not burden the servants, the sales girl, the mail carrier and the merchant.

VI. Thou shalt not neglect the church. Its Christmas services are planned to help spiritualize the Christmas season for thee, thy family, and thy friends.

VII. Thou shalt not neglect the needy. Let thy bountiful blessings be shared with the many who will go hungry and cold unless you are generous at Christmas.

VIII. Thou shalt be as a little child. Christmas is the day of the Christ child; not until thou has become, in spirit, as a little child art thou ready to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

IX. Thou shalt prepare thy soul for Christmas. Verily, most of us spend much time and money getting gifts ready, but few seconds in preparing our souls.

X. Thou shalt give thy heart to Christ. Let thy Christmas list have “Christ in my heart” at the top as thy gift to Him this Christmas.

--- ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
WELCOME TO OUR NEW BROTHERS

Mike Mulligan, Membership
Chairman reported that our Council hosted a 2nd Degree Exemplification on October 29th, 2008 wherein the honors of the Degree were bestowed on several Council 6241 applicants who are as follows:

- RICHARD BROWN
- BRIAN GILLIGAN
- ANTHONY DE MAIO
- RICHARD PEAK
- JOHN ORNELAS
- CHARLES ADDONZIO
- TONY LOSL
- GENNARO LARICCHIOTA

We congratulate our new brothers and with them success in their endeavors as a knight and as a member of our council.

Please extend a warm welcome to our new brothers when ever the opportunity presents itself!

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

~ by Rose Cordain ~

Once upon a time,
or so our story starts,
a child climbed his Mother’s knee,
and implored her from his heart:

"Mommy, why is there a star
Upon our Christmas tree,
And why is it so big and bright,
Please tell all to me."

Each year a mother hears this question
And then she must review
The story that’s been often told,
But still forever new.

"Long, long ago in Palestine,
Upon a night serene,
A wondrous star flamed in the east,
The brightest ever seen.

VOLUNTEERS FOR BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST

Youth Director/Grand Knight Tim Johnson has announced that the above event will take place on December 8th at 12PM at St Joseph’s School. Tim needs some help registering competitors with Admissions Forms and also Score Takers. There is usually a pizza party after the event. The event should take about 2 to 3 hours. Please contact Tim to help and have some fun too.

I DOUBLE DOG DARE YOU TO SHOOT A FEW HOOPS WHILE YOU’RE THERE!

$$$ EARN EXTRA $$$ MONEY DURING THE YEAR

The Census Bureau will be at the Council on December 8 looking to hire folks. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and will be tested at 10AM and 1PM. It’s a great way for Brothers and their families to earn some extra money. Please call Brother Charlie Duffy, who is in charge of administering the test, at 772-485-2499 for more information.

♀ “CHRIST OUR HOPE” ♀

MENS WEEKEND RETREAT

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center is hosting this wonderful event from Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, 2009. Registration fee is $30 and the usual offering is $195.00 per person. To register or for more information, please call Bill Sheehy at 219-8632.
And people wondered as they looked
If this might be a sign,
That God would work a miracle
To show His hand divine.

And there were shepherds on a hill,
Who watched their flocks that night,
When suddenly, the whole sky glowed,
With a blinding, radiant light.

The shepherds were amazed and awed,
They shook with trembling fear,
Then slowly from the light they saw
An angel form appear.

"Fear not" he said, "I bring you news
Of peace to be restored,
For unto you this day is born,
A Savior, CHRIST THE LORD."

The joyful shepherds left their flocks,
And started following
The shining star that would lead them
To see the newborn King.

And in another region were
Three Magi, old and wise,
They, too, looked on the gleaming star
But it brought them no surprise.

This was the sign long prophesied;
The day was now at hand,
When a great new King would come
To bring peace to the land.

The Magi gathered precious gifts
Of gold and spices sweet -
A tribute to the Savior Child,
And lay them at His feet.

They mounted camels and they wrapped
Their robes about them tight.
The shepherds too, trudged slowly on
Throughout the chilly night.

Before the wanderers went the star,
It stopped at Bethlehem,
And now they knew the miracle
Would be revealed to them.

About the city streets they searched
For a palace high and grand,
That would be fitting for a King,
Who was to rule the land.

The star came down at last to rest,
Above a stable door,
The travelers saw animals,
And straw upon the floor.

Where is the King that is to be?"
They asked in great surprise -
The donkeys and cows and sheep,
Turned on them wondering eyes.

A man named Joseph greeted them,
His face was worn and thin,
"We have been quartered here," he said
"No room was at the inn."

"And this is Mary, my dear wife,
So gentle, pure and mild.
We've traveled far from Nazareth,
Tonight was born the Child."

He pointed to a manger crib,
And there upon the hay,
Surrounded by a radiance,
The Infant Jesus lay.

The Magi and the shepherds knew
That here was CHRIST THE LORD -
They knelt upon the stable floor,
And worshipped and adored.

And high above the stable roof,
A host of angels sang,
"Glory to God in the highest,
All night their voices rang.

And so each year we tell the tale
Of Jesus' humble birth,
That men may live in brotherhood,
And peace be on earth.

And then we put the shining star,
Upon the Christmas tree,
To show God's promise to the world,
And His love for you and me."
Editors Corner

As you can see I have included several poems and stories in this issue which I felt help to bring the true spirit and meaning of Christmas into our hearts.

You may want to share these lovely readings with someone you love, possibly grandchildren and family. There’s a message there for people of all ages. I hope everyone enjoys them as I did.

It is my fondest hope that my brothers & sisters in Christ enjoy a happy & holy Christmas. I also wish everyone a happy & healthy new year.

May God bless you and yours!

And to my family, past and present.

THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present to the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggily bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro’s kind words: “Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes.” She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season.

~ Author Unknown ~

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NAME ONLY!

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To All of Our Birthday Boys

From Your Brother Knights

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU & YOURS!**
Knights of Columbus Council 6241

‘TEXAS HOLD ‘EM’ TOURNAMENT

DEC. 19, 2008 7PM

- THIS EXCITING EVENT WILL ALSO BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:
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  ★ MARCH 20 ★ APRIL 17.
- EACH EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO 80 PEOPLE

RESERVATIONS ONLY 📞

FOOD WILL BE SERVED AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

CASH PRIZES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS ATTENDING THE EVENT.

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Ray Sobieraj, Bulletin Editor
Knight's of Columbus Council 6241

DECEMBER '08/JANUARY '09 EVENTS
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KNIGHTS SLAM BREAKFAST

EVENT DATES
Dec. 7th,
Jan. 11th, Feb. 8th,
Mar. 22nd & April 26th

8:00AM – 12 NOON

Menu
EGGS COOKED TO ORDER
SAUSAGE & HAM
PANCAKES
FRENCH TOAST
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LASAGNA NIGHT

EVENT DATES
Jan. 27th,
Feb. 24th, Mar. 31st, April 21st,
May 26th & June 23rd

5PM – 7 PM

Menu
SALAD
LASAGNA
GARLIC BREAD
SPUMONI & COFFEE

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