



Knights of Columbus
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Brother Knights of Council 12845,

I hope this letter finds all you in good spirits. For those of you that are experiencing troubled times, may the Holy Spirit bring you comfort and guide you. The September meeting was well attended. It was nice to see more knights participating in our council activities. Michael Mullins won a bottle of wine for correctly answering the question of the month from the newsletter. It was not rigged, and you can be the next winner by reading the newsletter and attending the next meeting.

Mark you calendars for the October meeting on the 12th at 7 pm. Deputy Grand Knight Tim Bunting will be conducting the meeting. I will be on a long awaited vacation. Beverages and sandwiches will be served after the meeting. This is always a great time to socialize with your brother knights and don't forget the 50/50 drawing.

The Bingo crews have been doing a Great job. It is nice to see all the dedicated brothers helping out with our major fund raising activity. Unfortunately we are a little short handed and could use more help. If you could spare a couple of hours once a month, it would really help all of the workers that are there every bingo. The Knights are about helping others and this would be a great opportunity for you to get involved in an easy and fun activity. See Mike Mullins article on next page for more information.

Thinking about something you can do for the Knights council? We have some positions that need to be filled for this year, Membership Director, Inside Guard, Community Director, and a Bingo team leader. These are all simple positions that require minimal commitment. Long term we are looking for a financial Secretary, A website director, and a Bingo Chairman. If you are thinking that you would be interested in filling one of these positions please let me know and we can work on training you to work with the current person you would replace.

This month the Coat drive will be in full swing. Richardo and Ellen Marquez will be taking charge of that project. The coats will be going to Douglas County Family Services. Hope to see all of you at you at the Liturgy on the green Sunday October 16th at 10:30 mass.

Michael Houdyshell, Grand Knight
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A Letter from Our Advocate & Knights Bingo Chairman

Dear Brother Knights,

This letter, to all Brother Knights of council 12845, is a call for help with our main fundraiser BINGO. There are only two bingo's a month. One team works the second Friday of the month. The other team works the fourth Friday of the month. Some of our brothers work both bingo's every month. Each team requires a minimum of 20 knights to provide a good experience for our Bingo Players. Our goal is to have enough help to allow our brothers work only one bingo a month. Bingo is the council's main fundraiser. The funds raised at Bingo allows the council to make donations to: The Boys and Girls Club, Back Pack Buddy's, Human's and Horses, Suicide prevention, Kid's and Horses, to mention a few. We also have a Scholarship program, with two \$1,500.00 Scholarships for Douglas High School students. The funds we generate help the Knights contribute to Church, Community, and Youth programs. Since its inception as a council in 2001, our council has donated over \$275,000 to different charities, St. Gall, and the youth programs of Douglas County.

Besides Bingo, our council Brothers are asked to participate in various annual programs such as 40 cans of Lent providing 4000 lbs. of food for the Food Closet. We have Brother's that collect over 100 coats for the Local needy. There are Knights that are bartenders for the Gotta Dance fundraiser. The 4th Degree Knights also give donations from their Cioppino fundraiser to the Honor Flight and the Veterans home. Council 12845 is a large council and very busy. Unfortunately, a few carry the load for the rest. This council has over 130 Brother Knights and probably only 50 Knights that actively help their Brothers, Church, and Community.

One of the promises we all made in our first-degree exemplification was Charity. To say you are a Knight and not actively participate in the Knights programs is a broken promise to yourself, your Brother Knights, Your Church, and your Community. We have all been Blessed and have a lot to be Thankful for. Giving five hours a month to help out with bingo should not be a burden. Selecting one annual program to help on is even easier. Attendance at a general council meeting once a month helps you get your input to the front of the stage at our monthly meetings. They are held on the second Wednesdays of the month. And if you really want to be part of the group, the officers business meetings are the Monday preceding the monthly meeting.

When we work together we all benefit. Giving is sharing. If you have been avoiding being a part of this Important Organization, it is time to step up and help your brother. Contact information is available on our website: kofc12845.org in webpage "COUNCIL/OFFICERS & DIRECTORS".

Sincerely,

GOD BLESS.

Michael Mullins, Council Advocate

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I am looking forward to kicking off this year's Coats for Kids. This is the third year that I have taken on this endeavor. Hopefully, this year will be another great year with the coats being donated locally to the Family Support Council in Gardnerville. I will have an announcement in the Church Bulletin to begin donations the middle to end of October, finishing donations by December 4th.

Richardo Marquez

PRAYER OF OUR COUNCIL 12845

Heavenly Father,

We humbly ask for guidance for our Knights of Columbus Council 12845.

Please help us to always to do your will in all our deliberations, and actions.

We ask for guidance from the Holy Spirit to drive out any fear that we may have in volunteering or carrying out our duties, replacing that fear with faith.

We look forward with faith that we will always do what is pleasing to you.

We thank you for allowing each of us Knights of Columbus to have the privilege serving you.

Amen