KofC Grand Knight's Report for December 15, 2014

A Merry Christmas wish for all and a large measure of Thank You, too, are in order. We completed our final breakfast of 2014 at a break-even point. Overall, in 4 breakfasts, we netted somewhere near \$1,000 for Seton High School scholarships, in addition to earlier efforts. The CLC Christmas tree was erected with several Knights and some cheerful input by the St. Andrew music class at their pancake supper that night. Please enjoy the picture gallery on the website, recognizing familiar faces, looking for your own, too.

The new censor, (thurible and boat), has been put into service. Greg Allen was quite thrilled to see it replace the hard used predecessor. We also await the new processional Cross, hopefully in time for Christmas. The Knights are much appreciated for their efforts in many areas of church activity and ritual. That is not the only reason we work hard for our parish and community, but it is gratifying, none the less.

We also received a card of thanks signed by all the confirmation candidates of religious education for our support of their retreat. We got a card from the Back Pack Buddies program for our donation. Jack Cahill sent a beautiful card of appreciation for support in the loss of his wife Margaret. I'm sure many were in attendance at her wake and funeral.

On a business note, Knights wishing to run for State Council office must already have their name submitted for interview. Any proposals for resolution or amendment to State Bylaws must be submitted by February 1, 2015. Our opportunity for having a SC State license plate for K of C may cost about \$50 to \$60. There is an up-front cost of \$6,800 which goes to the state of South Carolina. The plate costs about \$35. If we can sell 2,000 plates, the cost will be about \$40 plus whatever incremental benefit cost will be added. For example: at \$50 an extra \$20,000 would be generated for charitable distribution by the State Council.

We had many Knights attend the 50th anniversary party for the "New" church. Brother John Walker was instrumental in providing history and pictures to recall the event for us. The Columbiettes helped Madeleine Elswick, our Parish Business Manager, provide the luncheon. Tom Setty has proposed allocating our \$14,000 Operation Hope funds between SOS, an Autism intervention effort, and our local Downs Syndrome group that sponsored the Buddy Walk in September. This was supported by unanimous vote and will be effected after January 1, 2015.

Remember our seminarians on your Christmas card list. Will Frei and Rafael Ghattas need your prayers and support in their journey. Their addresses may be found on the diocesan website: <u>www.charlestonvocations.com</u>.

In January we have our business meeting on the 5th. March for Life on the 10th, and our Roast Beast Dinner on Monday the 19th. Stay warm and be cheerful, it's our job as the fathers of our parish. Nobody likes a grouch at Christmas.

Vivat Jesus

Bruce Miller, GK