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Now that we have gotten through January of the New Year, and probably no more errors of writing the year 2011 on the checks we write, we can say that we opened up with a most delicious dinner for the first Saturday dinner of the year. As usual, Jerry Siegmund and his staff did a magnificent job with our Beef Stroganoff. I received many raves from our patrons and financially it was a big success. We were able to make a profit of \$1,400.50 which amount was sent to Room at the Inn.

For our February dinner, we are trying something new. We are having a very special Valentine affair for couples only. The number of couples is limited to 50. If you want to make your sweetheart very happy for the occasion, be sure and get your ticket early from our chairman, Paul Murnane (575-6059). We will also be selling tickets after the Masses the week-ends of January 28/29 and February 4/5. We are trying to create the right ambiance for this evening, so the men are required to wear shirts, ties and jackets. I am sure that the women will know how to dress for this special occasion. There will be wine and cheese served in addition to Chef Jerry's special Veal Piccata menu. We are also going to provide music for those who feel like dancing. The tickets are \$50 per couple which is certainly reasonable for this excellent menu and enjoyable evening.

While we have enjoyed several beautiful days so far this winter, the nights have often been pretty cold with temperatures dipping into the low 30s and even freezing a couple of times. We folks have little to be concerned about because we have modern heating systems. However, there are people less fortunate, in sub housing, with no heat pump. I have received a request from Brunswick Senior Resources, through Kathy Doyle, to make a donation to this organization so they can purchase space heaters from Lowes who has quoted them a very reasonable price. We will ask for a motion at our next Business Meeting to provide a donation for this corporate work of mercy.

I want to thank all our brothers who put their time into collecting for our Lamb Drives this past year. John Grant took the handling of this cause over from Joe Magri who helped John learn how to manage this activity. So thank you to you fellows also. We will soon be sending checks out to the various worthy organi-

zations, totaling \$6,362.06. For the benefit of our new members, LAMB is an acronym for "Least Among My Brethren." This is an organization within the K of C that collects and forwards funds to institutions caring for mentally disabled. We have several drives per year when we solicit contributions from shoppers outside Wal-Mart in Shallotte as well as three Food Lions in the area. We are known for our giving Tootsie Rolls to those shoppers who contribute.

My thanks to those who traveled to Raleigh on January 14th for the Right to Life Rally and March. Next year, I would like to see more of us attend this important demonstration, which shows where we as Christians, stand on this issue of abortion and euthanasia. We are making great progress on this issue. As a matter of fact, there are now more pro lifers than pro choice in this country., but we have to keep driving home our position until Roe vs Wade is repealed.

Somewhat related to this subject, the administration, just this past week, issued an edict that commencing next year, 2013, all health plans must provide coverage for all birth control procedures including abortion, sterilization, prescriptions and devices. Our Catholic Bishops are protesting vehemently that this violates our freedom of religion. The edict states that it includes all hospitals, doctors, nurses and any other medical personnel including our Catholic hospitals and medical servers.

Archbishop Dolan, of New York, soon to be elevated to Cardinal , wrote an excellent op-ed in the Wall Street Journal a couple of days ago, and in it, he related how he personally telephoned President Obama in protest to no avail. Not only that, he also said that he discussed this very subject with the president last year and Obama assured him this would not come to pass. Well it did. Not that it passed in Congress might I add, but as a typical method of this administration, an edict from one of our Czars.

As Knights of Columbus we do not tell people who to vote for. However, we are obligated by our faith and allegiance to it, to make our voices heard regarding laws which violate Christian morality and the tenets of our religion, and advise them to vote for candidates according to those moral standards.

At our April Business Meeting we will be nominating our slate of officers for our election which will be in May. We will announce our nominating committee at our February meeting; therefore if you are interested yourself, or want to nominate another, we suggest that you make this known to the nominating committee.

Finally, as I always ask, please say your rosary regularly and I encourage more of you to come to our First Friday Rosary for the unborn on First Fridays at 8:10 AM in the church library. We certainly need our Blessed Mother's help and aid to overcome the immorality so prevalent in our country today.

Ed Manz
Grand Knight

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH



Our Lady of the Rosary Council designates **Sir Knight Tom Smed** as our Knight of the Month for December 2011. Tom probably devotes more hours of activity, in all categories, than any other of his brother Knights in the council. He is known to be out in front of Wal-Mart for hours at a time during LAMB drives. In addition to that he is a regular at all our meetings, serving as In-

side Guard, as well as being a member of our 1st Degree Team. You can count on Tom to be at Morning Rosary every morning after opening up the Church facilities. He works as an usher every week-end and helps getting food into the kitchen for Loaves and Fishes. When you need someone to volunteer, Sir Tom is right there, Johnny on the spot.

As if all of this is not enough, Tom rides his motor scooter, following Morning Rosary, every day, in all kinds of weather, to volunteer at Habitat for Humanity.

Our Lady of the Rosary Council designates **Larry and Carol Bates** as our Family of the Month for December 2011. Larry has been administering the twice-a-year Blood Drives here at Saint Brendan for the council, with the support of our parish, and through the facilities of The Red Cross with their

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Blood Mobile. With Carol's support, Larry does a wonderful job in one of the most loving activities you can accomplish for your fellow man.

Carol and Larry are also very loving Grand Parents and the council supports them with our prayers for the current strife that their family is enduring

February Events

Feb 3rd	8:10 AM	Rosary for the unborn
		Adoration of Blessed Sacrament following 9:00 am Mass
	11:00 AM	Benediction
Feb 11th	5:45 PM	Special Valentine Dinner
Feb 13th	7:00 PM	Monthly Business Meeting
Feb 20th		Presidents' Day
	7:00 PM	4th Degree Meeting
Feb 22nd		Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
Feb 24th	6:00 PM	Lenten Fish Dinner
Feb 27th	7:00 PM	Officers' Planning Meeting

Pray for the following members and their families.

Marie Angula, Fr. Bruno, Cindi Burton, Linda Clarkin, Sydney Davies, Scott Ebreo, Ed Hahn, Jim Jasman, John Konen, Ralph Kuhnel, Christine Laputka, Joan Manglesdorf, Sue McCullum, Tanya Medlin, Norm Melanson, Betsy Melanson, George Mulcahy, Sally Mulholland, Ken Olson, Flo O'Shea, Jim O'Shea, Russ Polizzotti, Peter Pegoni, Chad Peters, Ruth Peters, Toni Roe, Jerry Schrub, Dennis Shea, Marie Shea, Jerry Siegmund, John Sitar, Bruce Stolba, Dennis Sullivan, Ann Sullivan, Helen Taylor, Leslie Ulrich, Barbara Viviano, Elizabeth and John Walsh, Ray Wycoff, Christopher Young.

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Please pray for our departed brothers-

Robert Leonard	Feb 12
George Witthohn	Feb 12
Henry Fulwood	Feb. 15
Richard Goings	Feb. 16
Harry Andres	Feb 20
Edward Oliver	Feb 27





Congratulations!



Richard Lombardo



Robert Edwards

To our newest Knights who received their First Degree on January 9th, 2012
St. Br. Andre was the Honoree

(Picture of James Brock not available)



Richard Weigand



Edward Sutton



Meet with Jeff Godshall, your brother knight financial advisor, to make sure you haven't overlooked any areas of your retirement plan. Give me a call at 910-399-3320. Don't waste

your hard earned money on Uncle Sam.

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St. Brendan the Navigator Parishioners Eager to March



Our Own Bob Hack Leads the Marchers to Cathedral

Respect Life Rally and March, Raleigh, January 14, 2012

The day was sunny but cold and crisp - that did not stop the crowd of well over two thousand people from standing up for the rights of the unborn and to show respect for God's gift of life regardless of age. In the crowd was a contingent from St. Brendan proudly showing their parish banner. Bishop Michael Burbidge opened the Rally with prayer and noting that over 400 youth were participating. The young women who spoke on their dedication and efforts for the cause were an inspiration to everybody. Our own Bob Hack lead the Fourth Degree Honor Guard and all marchers around the streets from the Park to the Cathedral. The marchers were more than a match for hecklers on the sidewalks.



Speakers Recount Efforts to Stop Abortions and to Respect Life



Large Number of Marching Youth Impressed Everyone