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"Happy New Year!"

Upcoming Events!

January 9th
 9:00 AM: First Saturday Mass
 10:00 AM: Officer's Meeting

January 10th
 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Pan-
 cake Breakfast

January 11
 8:00 PM: Business Meeting

January 18th
 8:00 PM: First Degree

January 24th
 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Free
 Throw Contest

January 25th
 8:00 PM: Social Meeting

February 6th
 9:00 AM: First Saturday Mass
 10:00 AM: Officer's Meeting

February 8th
 8:00 PM: Business Meeting

February 17th
 Ash Wednesday

February 19th
 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Fish Fry

February 22nd
 8:00 PM: Social Meeting

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Crank's Creek Diary

By Deputy Grand Knight Fran Vendetta

Editor's Note: Our Parish has "adopted" the people of Crank's Creek, Kentucky, because of their severe need. Fran was one of many people who went there to help.

Day 1, Thursday, December 17, 1998

5:50 AM: I arrived at Seton to help load shoes, food, etc., into a 24 foot truck van, a big "6" wheeler. We left Seton at about 7:40 AM for Crank's Creek. I had the privilege of riding shotgun in the truck van. College student Dan Silva took the first leg of the drive. Snow flurries

were making the start of the trip quite Christmasy! They lasted only for about one hour. A total of 17 parishioners participated in the "Advance" team crew: 5 adults, 2 college students and 10 other students. Brother Hector Raymond was one of the adult drivers that drove one of three passenger vans. 3:15 PM: After two pit stops and lunch, we arrived at Crank's Creek



Spreading Joy in Crank's Creek

Survival Center and were greeted by Becky and Bobby Simpson. From then until 5:15 PM, we unloaded literally thousands of cans of vegetables, food stuffs and clothes out of two partially loaded vans. When

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Santa Visited Seton Parish!

About 75 Seton kids met Santa on December 6th. Santa distributed a goodie bag of candy, and the children received a picture of themselves with Santa. Santa was helped by Joe Rossi and his wife Lorraine, John Morrison and his wife Maria, and

Fran Vendetta and his daughter Vanessa. However, Brother Rossi was nowhere to be found once Santa showed up.

Kmart donated the goodie bags and film through Brother Harold Egler.

One child cut out a dia-

mond necklace, and asked Santa for that. Another asked for a Barbie's Doll House, and was disappointed she had to wait until Christmas — she wanted it right away!



Good Deed Doers

Activities Director Mark Kassouf reported at the December 14th business meeting that our Council 11187 is ahead of target for gifts and electives. This is an important category for us to excel in, because it is one third of the requirement to become a Star Council again.

Mark asks all Knights



Knights help build a better community through charitable and humanitarian roles

to report charitable or humanitarian time they spend to him. Mark said "just write it on a piece of paper and put it in my mailbox, or give me a phone call at (614) 834-1170."

Some examples of gifts and electives we have had recently were: Pasta Dinner, donation to Special Olympics, Donation to Fairfield Industries, and Santa's

Visit.

Mark mentioned that the leftovers from the Pasta Dinner were put to good use. The meatballs were served as meatball sandwiches to the kitchen help at the Wife's Appreciation Dinner, then were made into 300 chili dinners for a shelter, and finally the remainder was sent to Crank's Creek. Who needs Hamburger Helper to stretch a meal?

Mark asked that any hours be turned in ASAP so he can complete the Fraternal Survey due 12/31/1998.

January Birthdays



Advocate Bud Joos has researched the archives and determined that the following Brother

- Knights will celebrate birthdays in January, 1999:
- Mike Barnett
- Tim Bowie
- Vincent DeLucia
- Al Glanzman
- Jerry Grosso
- Mike Hammerle*

- Paul Johnson
- Ed Koegler
- Tim Lucas
- Dave McAllister
- Anthony Sheck
- Joe Sheridan
- Charlie Tagliareni

*Milestone Birthday

Publication Information

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Issues are distributed to Seton mailboxes with a "K" on them. Delivery can be requested by U.S. Mail for those who live outside the parish, or those without a church mailbox.

You can submit articles in several ways. You can leave photographs and

typed or hand-written articles in my Seton mailbox (Joe & Rose Drignat). I can also accept articles and pictures electronically via diskette, or via email at joe_drignat@prodigy.com.

The deadline for articles is the 4th Monday of the month. Please call me at (614) 866-1134 if you leave an article in my mailbox.



Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will hold a Pancake Breakfast on January 10th, 1999. The event will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at Bishop Herrmann Hall. The event Chairmen are Warren Meisner (863-7982) and Bud Joos (837-7211).

The donation is \$4 for adults, and \$3 for children 10 and under. The price includes all you can eat of pancakes, and all you can drink of coffee, orange juice, and milk. Each order will also include a side order of sausage.

There are several slots open for volunteers. Call the function Captain where you want to volunteer. You had better hurry before all the slots are filled.

Tickets: Captain Joe Rossi (837-0084)

Drinks and Utensil Table: Captain John Morrison (837-6946)

Sausage Servers: Cap-



Pancake Batter will fill the air on January 10th

tain Mike Monnin (837-1478)

Pancake Servers: Captain John Hamilton (866-7132)

Cooks: Captain John Pizuto (759-9770)

Bob Moraine is looking for SPY people for Table Attendants (833-0920)

Free Throw Contest

We will hold our council's Knight's of Columbus Free Throw Championship on January 24th, 1999. The event will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, at the Pickerington Junior High School. Event Director John Morrison reports that there are ten competition categories.

There are five boys' and five girls' age divisions, for ages 10 to 14. Contestants compete in their own gender and age

categories to sink the most free throws out of 15 attempts. If there's a tie, five-shot tie-breaker rounds will determine the winner. Winners at the Council level are eligible to compete at the District Level. There are Regional, State, and International levels also. The International level winners last year averaged 95.8% accuracy!

Please mention the event to all friends

and acquaintances with children in this age range.



Call Chairman John Morrison at 837-6946 for info

Corrections, Stuff That Was Missed, Just Plain Mistakes, Etc.

Those of you how read the December newsletter (and I wish I had space in this issue to thank both of you!) may have wondered who Brother Hector Ramos was. When asked, reporter Joe Drignat admitted that it was a combination of poor note-taking, late nights, too much coffee, and an upcoming deadline that made him type the wrong name for Brother Hector Raymond.



New Headgear for beat reporter Joe Drignat

Brother Raymond indicated he held "no ill feelings for Brother Drignat".

In a huge oversight, we left out a new Knight from the

list reported in the December Newsletter: Brother Dave Spence was inducted in November, in addition to the others listed.

The editor extends heartfelt apologies to Brothers Ramond and Spence for any inconvenience or injury you may have felt!

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we gathered at the Survival Center, we were divided into work groups to clean the kitchen, bathrooms and sleeping facilities. They were quite dirty. So far it has been a busy day. I will definitely need to take some ibuprofen tonight. If only I knew what was in store for us in the following days! It's 6:10 PM, I'm on break. We finally got done with most of the chores. At 7:30 PM, we had sandwiches available and lasagna is in the oven and should be done by 9:00 PM. Tomorrow will be a busy day, starting with distributing shoes at 9:00 AM at the first elementary school. All the kids did a great job today. Everyone worked hard and most are looking tired. Showers have to be taken throughout the day since there are only two stalls per sex. The kitchen and bunking facilities cleaned up real well. Wake up call in the morning is 6:00 AM. Until then... good night!

Day 2, Friday, December 18, 1998

6:55 AM: Good morning. Adults started to wake at 5:15am. Sergeant Rick Humphries aroused the troops with a 6:00 AM wake up call. There wasn't any coffee this morning since we inadvertently unloaded a couple of our food boxes at the warehouse yesterday. We will go there this morning to unload a few cases of canned goods and look for our food boxes. We will

distribute over 1000 pairs of shoes today at two elementary schools. We are all looking forward to this charitable deed. Our parish family has once again shown our love and concern for our fellow brothers and sisters in need. More to follow....

9:10 AM: First stop, Verda Elementary School. We distributed about 350 pairs of shoes. The kids are very thankful and appreciative. One of the teachers indi-



The shoes Seton donated were the only Christmas presents some of the kids got

cated that some of the children will only get these shoes for Christmas! One teacher had just bought one child a pair since he didn't have any. On to the next school. It's 11:35 AM. We are eating lunch in our vehicles on the way to the next school. We are brown bagging it! It's high noon. We arrive at Wallins Elementary. By 1:30 PM, another 650 pair of shoes have been handed out. Everyone is appreciative of the shoes; a few older students somewhat less due to style differences (6th through 8th graders). The chaos comes together and only 14 kids didn't get shoes due to the sizes available. We will get them later. As a note. Over 90% of the children at this school are on a subsidized

(paid) lunch program. A very poor district!

On the way back, we stopped to get some building supplies and electrical items. We need lights at the storage area for sorting and to fabricate some wooden steps leading to the deck areas. Never a dull moment! 4:00 PM: Social time! We all went to a movie for \$1 to see Star Trek. Since everyone was super tired, most didn't see all the movie. There were many heavy eyes lids and heads bobbing! After the movie, we returned home for supper at about 7:45 PM. We had a birthday cake for Nick, who turned 14 today. All had a good time; playing cards, laughing and carrying on. Right before dinner, Rick Humphries, Don Miller and I made up electrical boxes for the lighting in the storage place. Trying to get ahead on tomorrow's work. As you can see, there is always something to do. I should sleep like a dog tonight. At 9:30 PM, Dan Silva is taking us on a night hike up the mountain, this should be something! It's about 40 degrees outside. Oh well, you only live once. I didn't quite make the journey! Tomorrow the second team should arrive by mid afternoon. Camaraderie and social interaction with the students is great! Everyone has made many new friends and memories.

Day 3, Saturday, December 19, 1998

6:20 AM: Up and moving around. Have a busy day today.

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Good breakfast: bacon, eggs and toast. Leaving camp at 9:00 AM to go to the storage area for some sorting and outside work. Quite a night. Some of the kids didn't get to bed until after 2:00 PM. Looks like rain!! What a day.

It's already 8:10 PM. Haven't had a chance to log anything until now. Traveled to the Survival Center about 9:00 AM this morning and began our day. We ran electricity for lights in the storage building, built stairs and sorted hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of canned goods. Most of the outside work crew got wet since it rained most of the day. Hector and I were part of this "wet" crew. I am very proud of the way these students worked. These kids were fabulous. They never goofed off and worked nonstop. I am glad that I was able to work along with them. The second work crew from Seton arrived about 3:00 PM; another 50+ helpers. Some other adults ran electricity from the one storage building to where the clothes will be sorted. Our young people made another ramp to this building for access. The next crew emptied out the produce and other articles from the truck van they drove down. We finally called it the day at about 7:00 PM. Came home and had chili for supper. Anyone guess where the meat came from for the chili? You're right, the K of C meatballs!! I finally took a shower and feel much better. The work is tiring but the experience is wonderful. Tomorrow is church and another tough day.

There is a lot of things that have to be done, planned and organized. Mr. Rick Humphries is a definite asset to the overall success of this ordeal. He is a large man with an even larger heart! It's 8:30 PM, time to rest and relax and enjoy some good camaraderie. I'll be able to meet a lot of new young people tomorrow. Students came from Seton and St Pius. Over the course of the last few days, close relationships have been fostered. The advance team has been a cohesive group. Now with a group of 68+, I doubt if the same feelings will come about. Laughter, singing and dancing has made the last few days great! Our parish has some wonderful young adults that make me and the other adults proud. I am impressed with their work ethic. Special thanks to the adults that I had the pleasure to live, work and be with for the first 2 1/2 days of this adventure. May God bless them for their giving and support of this Project! Thank you... Mrs. Trudy Roberts, Mr. Don Miller, Mr. Rick Humphries, Brother Hector Raymond. What a Team!!!!

Day 4, Sunday, December 20, 1998

It's 9:45 PM and I'm finally trying to write something about the day. My legs are killing me and I'm super tired. We tried to start the day off by getting up and going to Mass. Only about one fourth of the car pool got there because there was a car accident on the highway coming down the mountain. There is only one road in and out of the survival

center. We came back and got to the work site by 10:30 AM. It was amazing how much stuff was sorted and arranged for tomorrow's activity. Handing out the food is called the "Giveaway". Over 400 families will probably drive to this food distribution point. All families will get a canned foods bag, beverages, soft goods, meat (ham or turkey) cosmetic items and paper goods. Also, fresh vegetables and various clothing items. Believe me, this is not a vacation. It is a lot of hard work and preparation to pull this effort off. Everyone is tired and the students have done a exemplary job. Again, I am amazed at the work effort and teamwork displayed by the participants. We ate dinner tonight at about 7:30 PM after leaving the distribution site at 6:30 PM. At about 9:00 PM, there was a gift exchange which a few adults missed since we had left to run some errands at the grocery store. I'm tired and ready for bed at 10:00 PM! However, everyone else is partying around me, playing cards, games and carrying on. Oh well, I'll probably be out like a light shortly. Tomorrow will be an exciting day handing out all the food and clothing. I'm looking forward to this. 8-10 people need to be at the site at 7:30 AM in the morning for preparation. All others came about 9:00 AM for crowd control and traffic routing. The food giveaway is scheduled to commence at 10:00 AM. My eyelids are getting heavy. It's time to stop writing and get some rest.

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Truck for Sale: I recently traded the Miata for a Truck... If you know of anyone who is looking, this is a great looking Truck with very low miles, extremely clean (even cleaner than I keep my vehicles) - have them call me.

Following are the specs:



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Call Tim Bowie at 614-501-0900 OR Page @ 800-672-4363
Brothers if you are interested for yourself - see Tim for a no-haggle price!

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Day 5, Monday, December 21, 1998

Up at 6:00 AM for the big day. An initial group went to the job site to get things ready at 7:30 AM. What we saw when we got there was amazing! There were already 20-30 cars there and about 50-66 people and their families standing in line. Some families had to have been there since 6:00 AM! Food distribution wasn't supposed to start until 10:00 AM. The rest of the group got to the site at about 9:00 AM. Everyone was in a festive mood. We started a fire and warmed up some chili and distributed it to the families in line. Again, the K of C meatballs to the rescue!! These meatballs remind

me of the multiplying of the loaves and fishes! At 9:30 AM, we all gathered and sang Christmas carols to the people standing in line. They all enjoyed this chorus line! It was 9:40 AM and the action began. Each family walked through the building with 2-3 "carriers" to help carry the food to their cars. In addition to the food, Pickerington groups donated monies which purchased 700 new blankets which were also given away. The receiving families appeared very thankful. We finished up at about 2:00 PM. We had distributed food and clothing to over 440 families!! The weather was pretty cooperative. It rained a tad and the temperature was in the high 50's. Luckily, the temperatures weren't too low

which would have made the standing in line more difficult. Since I'm pretty tired, exhausted and aching, I decided to leave this afternoon. This experience was definitely heartwarming. To have helped feed over 2000 people and distribute over 1000 pairs of shoes is incredible. I know we have made Christmas a reality and more enjoyable for many families of Harlan County, Kentucky. God bless all of them: the individuals that came down on the trip and all the parishioners at home who contributed to this cause and made this effort happen!

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!