



Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All

Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937

Business Meeting – 8 January 2016

I. General

- Grand Knight, Gary Mayfield called the council meeting to order at 8:12 **AM**
- Bill Hensen offered the opening prayers.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- The Grand Knight called the roll of officers and is noted as follows (P = Present; A = Absence; E = excused)

Title	Status	Title	Status	Title	Status
Chaplain	P	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	A
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	P	Outside Guard	P
Dep. Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 rd Year	P
Chancellor	P	Advocate	P	Trustee 2 nd Year	A
Recorder	P	Warden	P	Trustee 1 st Year	E

- The council unanimously approved the December **2015** business meeting minutes as read and published.

II. Applications for Approval – Dennis Thumann

- One new Form 100, Mr. William McLoughlin, read and approved.
 - His membership had been suspended.
 - Dennis Thuman is his sponsor for readmission to the council.
 - Submitted all delinquent dues totaling \$144.00.

III. Grand Knight Report – Gary Mayfield

- The correspondence for this month are all thank you notes:
 - One from Roberta Marsh, GIFT Program Director, for our support of the Christmas Gift outreach program and Safeway Gift cards (**See Attachment 3**).
 - A second from St. Katharine Drexel Pre-school for the \$1,000 donation (**See Attachment 4**).
 - A third from Mindy Watrous, Colorado Special Olympics, for the \$1,336.45 donation (**See Attachment 5**).
 - A fourth from Arapahoe/Douglas County ARC for the \$1,336.46 donation (**See Attachment 6**).
 - And a Christmas Card with enclosed thanks from Father Woody's food bank (**See Attachment 7**).
- Pennies from Heaven.
- Knight of the Month – Ford Fay.
- Family of the Month – The Conleys.
- Other
 - The Advent Reconciliation dinner was a great success, with 10 priests participating.
 - The State Convention is scheduled for 5 – 8 May.

- Venue location – Crown Plaza Hotel, Chambers and I-70.
- State is planning on something special for Mother’s Day.
- Warden, Tony Yarosh, told the council that his current physical condition is good and thanked all for their prayers.

IV. Chaplain’s Reflection - Father Marek

- Father Marek wished everyone a good morning, and extended his thanks for our support during Advent and Christmas.
- Nothing else to report on.

V. Treasurer’s Report – Dennis Cullen (See Attachment 1)

Report handed out at meeting.

Bank Balance - \$23,613.43 Available Funds as of December - \$15,762.37

- Outstanding Checks - \$3,286.75
- Hailey Funds - \$2,442.06
- Lady Knights - \$2,122.25

VI. Financial Secretary’s Report – Dennis Thumann (See Attachment 2)

Report handed out at meeting.

It matches the Treasurer’s report.

Receipts - \$1,523.51 Expenses - \$2,851.34 Bank Balance - \$23,613.43

- The council has a negative cash flow of (\$1,327.83); a result of recent activities.
- Donuts for the month brought in \$545.92
- Burritos brought in \$718.00

Due to help and assistance from both the State Advocate and Supreme, the Knights of Columbus organization now has liquor distribution liability insurance coverage.

- The underwriter is State Farm.
- Dennis gave a copy of our certificate/proof of insurance coverage to both the Colorado Springs Diocese and Pax Christi church.

VII. Chancellor’s Update – Tim Pimmel

- Vocations.
 - The council is now officially supporting three seminarians.
 - At present the council has not received any canceled checks back for the \$500 dollars given to each,
 - Tim will keep tabs on this outstanding item.
- Tim led the Prayer for Vocations.

VIII. Committee Reports – William Hensen

a. Membership – Roger Guidici/Brennan Mendus

- One new Form 100, Mr. William McLoughlin.
- The District Deputy verified four new members
 - Our quota for the fraternal year is 11.
- Reprinted brochures have been passed out, as of yet no responses.
- Help is needed by all council members to recruit new members.
- Brochures and form 100’s are located on the notice board in the Great Hall.

b. Church Director Report – Jay Calvarese

- Given by Bill Hensen
- Donuts – ongoing
 - Are currently scheduled for 3, 17, and 24 January.
- Burrito Breakfast is schedule for 10 January.
- The Lent reconciliation dinner is scheduled for mid-March.

c. Community Report – Ford Fay/Bob Luckner/Dan Doran.

- Given by Bill Hensen.
- Bill mentioned the success of the Thanksgiving Basket Drive.
- Next major activity is 40 Cans for Lent drive, more information coming soon.

d. Council Activity Report – Nereus Lobo/Paul Sciera

- Given by Bill Hensen.
- Dennis and Michelle Cullen are hosting the 15 January Council Social.
 - Start time is 6pm.
- Lent Fish Taco dinners are scheduled for 12 and 26 February, and 11 March.

e. Family Report – Shawn Conley

- Working on setting up a bowling night sometime in February.
- Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for 30 January.

f. Right to Life report – Mike McGinnis

- *Forty Days for Life* effort is scheduled to start on 10 February.
- Volunteers are needed to help with the *Rose For Motherhood* initiative, which entails reading a poem and handing out a rose at Mass.
 - All baptisms will now be done during Mass.
- Mike stressed the need for more focus from the parish on right-to-life activities. He has some ideas, which he is taking for action.
- *9 Days for Life*, a nation-wide initiative being sponsored by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops.
 - 16 – 22 January, set to coincide with the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court Decision.
 - Information is going to the church bulletin.
 - Web page URL is 9daysforlife.com

g. Youth Report – Tim Pimmel/Ben Stancati

- Discussed the Council's College scholarship program.
 - An email will be sent out soon announcing it.
 - Need to reach out to High School seniors that we know and offer to write letters of recommendation.
 - The selection process is scheduled for the first week of April.
 - Council is in need of at least 5 reviewers/judges.
- Tim mentioned that Patrick, Pax Youth Director, is loaded up,
 - Therefore, we need to think about how our council can help.
 - This fits in well with Supreme's initiative for K of C councils to get more engaged with their respective parishes.

h. Newsletter – Chris Kennedy

- Given by Bill Hensen.
- Nothing new to report.

IX. Advocate's Report – Dave Petteys

- Nothing new to report.
- Discussed a publication from the Catholic Near East Organization, concerning the plight of Christians in the Middle East.

X. Auditors and Trustees – Chris Kennedy/Paul Sciera/Joe Musso

- Given by Joe Musso
- Need to schedule an audit.
 - Best time is after the 13 February Business Meeting.
- Nothing else to report.

XI. Lecturer – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati

The Rev. Robert F. Houlihan S.J. Educator Series

Bernard Stancati led the discussion, the topic for the meeting was the Christmas Truce of 1914. The excerpt was taken from “The Little Blue Book, Advent and Christmas Seasons 2014 – 2015.”

“You couldn’t hear each other sing like that without it affecting your feelings for the other side”
Bertie Felstead, British soldier on the Western Front, December 1914

December 25th, 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the Christmas Truce of 1914. By early winter 1914, WWI had been raging for five months and with no end in sight. Pope Benedict XV himself tried to intervene, yet was unsuccessful in his efforts to broker a cease-fire between the warring sides during the Christmas season.

Then on Christmas Eve, somewhere on the Western Front, firing from the German trenches suddenly stopped. And in response the British halted their firing. All was eerily quiet. A short time later, a British soldier heard the Germans singing Christmas carols as they went about decorating their trenches. The Brits responded with their own carols. Then a German soldier challenged the British to come over to the German side to share a bottle of wine.

Leaving their rifles behind, German and British soldiers cautiously emerged from their trenches into “no-man’s land.” Despite orders from the senior leadership of both sides to stop the fraternization and resume the fighting, more and more soldiers followed suit. They shook hands, wished each other Merry Christmas, and exchanged cigarettes, schnapps, even names and addresses. Christmas trees and lanterns were brought from the trenches. The Germans produced beer, and the Royal Welsh Fusiliers shared tins of beef and jam. There were even reports of soccer matches in no-man’s land.

The spontaneous Christmas truce lasted all day, spreading along the 100-mile Western front with more than 100,000 soldiers taking part. Most of the participants were German and English troops, few if any Frenchmen took part. The reason most likely stems from the fact that Germany had invaded France, and because the Western front extending through the entire length of France.

The next day, a Fusiliers' captain fired three shots into the air and then climbed up to his parapet. A German officer, the one who had produced the beer on Christmas day, climbed to his parapet. The two officers bowed, saluted, and went back in to their trenches. A few moments later two shots rang out from the German side, the war was back on.

WWI would rage on for four more years. The result was millions dead and wounded on both sides, with a whole generation of young men lost. The conflict solved nothing and actually set the stage for an even greater nightmare some twenty years later, WWII.

In December of 2005, the History Channel aired a special program on the 1914 Christmas truce. While a number of things struck home, two were of particular interest. One was the appalling behavior of the senior military and political leadership on both sides in response to the spontaneous cease-fire, specifically in terms of directly ordering the troops to stop the fraternization and to continue the fighting. The problem here was multi-faceted. One, the senior leadership was too far removed from the front and, therefore, was out of touch with the reality of the situation. Secondly, nearly two decades of rising international tensions meant that everyone's blood was now up and they were just itching to continue the fighting. The second thing was that the whole event seemed to suggest divine intervention, which is an historical rarity. Through the divinely inspired actions of the common soldier on both sides, Europe's political leadership was presented with a golden opportunity to end the conflict then and now, which unfortunately was tragically squandered.

In conclusion, we will reflect on some prayerful words from Bishop Untener, former Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw Michigan:

“In special moments during the Christmas Season when we breathe the air of liturgy, the true colors of Christmas come out. This is what the liturgy is meant to do. These songs we are singing, these symbols all around us, these prayers we say, these believing people we are with, all express the heart of Christmas.....That God would love us so that He would rescue us from our worst, or the worst that others have done to us.”

XII. Unfinished Business -

- Bill reminded council members to turn in their Fraternal Surveys/hours.
- Bill also mentioned that the program director reports are due.
- Dennis discussed council membership dues, which are due.
 - Only three members did not have email addresses.
 - The response and turn around for payment of dues has been good.

XIII. New Business

- None

XIV. 4th Degree Report – Dave Petteys

- Monthly meeting was held on Thursday, 7 January.
- Priest exemplification is scheduled for 28 January.
- 4th Degree exemplification is scheduled for 27 February

XV. Field Agent Report – David Cary

- After the meeting Dave asked to touch base with him and provide a contact phone number so he can finish his one-on-one consultation work.
 - This administrative action is required by Supreme.

- The KOC provide not only life insurance services to members, but annuities, long term health care, disability, and retirement plans.
- The various programs are only available to participating members, non-participating member are not entitled to any of the insurance and financial planning related benefits provided by the Knights.
- As of December 2015, the Knights have over 1 billion dollars of Life Insurance coverage.
- Last year, over 300 million dollars paid to various charities.

XVI. District Deputy Report – John Lynn

- Mentioned that the District Deputy meeting would follow the business meeting.
- Presented the “Columbian Award” from Supreme, with a letter from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, to Joe Musso for excellence and outstanding volunteer and fund raising efforts associated with our council.

XVII. Good of the Order

- Fellow Knights and associated family members in need of both spiritual and/or material assistance.
 - Bridget Mosley
 - Loren Hensen
 - Dennis and Michelle Cullen
 - Tony Yarosh
 - Jason McGinnis
 - Jim Myers (Art’s son)
 - Kathy Myers (Art’s wife)
 - Father Mike Buckley
 - Neil Pugh family, and Calista
 - Natch Molina (worked for Gary)
 - Mary Baron
 - Charles Armstrong (Joanne’s father)
 - Dave Herskovits
 - Chris Lenz (cousin of Dennis Thuman)
 - Michael Lobo

XVIII. Chaplain’s Summation – Father Marek

- Father read from the Knight’s daily prayer book.

XIX. Closing Prayer

- Read by Bill Hensen.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17AM

- *The minutes were recorded and reported by Bernard Stancati.*

----- Attachments/Correspondence/Other Documents -----

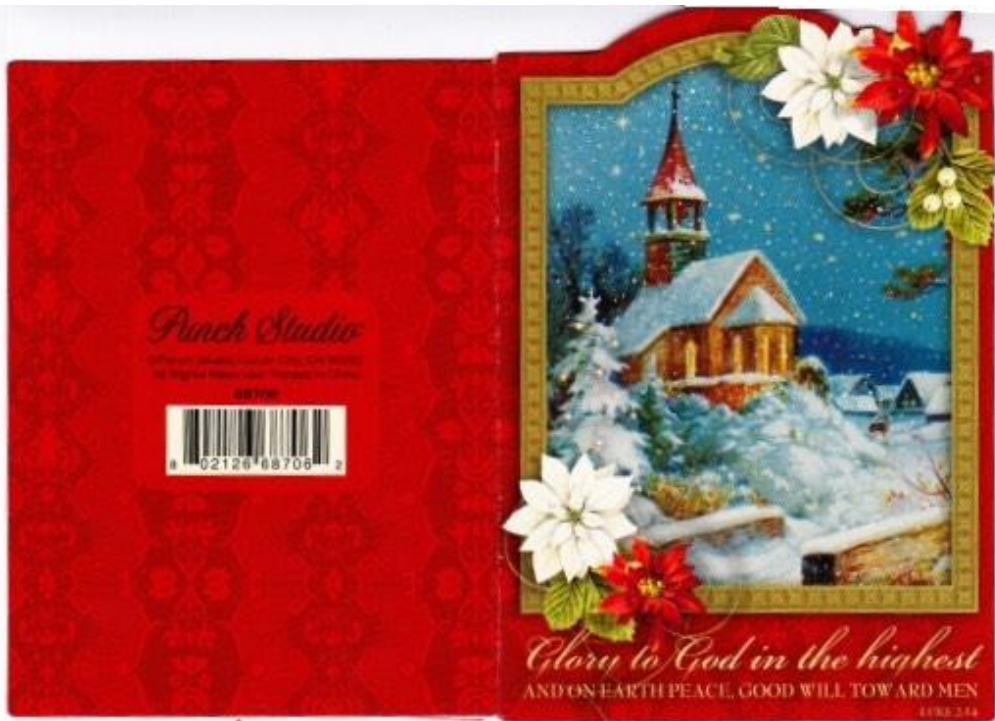
1/1/2016			
Receipts	DoNuts	\$	545.92
	Thanksgiving	\$	200.00
	Burritos	\$	718.00
	Keep Christ in Christmas	\$	30.00
	Pennies From Heaven	\$	20.00
	Lady Knights	\$	9.59
Total Receipts:		\$	1,523.51
Expenses	DoNuts	\$	325.54
	Adopt-a-Highway	\$	41.96
	Christmas Party	\$	306.67
	Supplies	\$	70.33
	Insurance	\$	475.00
	Burritos	\$	304.29
	Other Right to Life Events	\$	180.57
	Right to Life Donation	\$	500.00
	Capital Investment	\$	5.00
	Clergy Dinners	\$	221.98
	Thanksgiving	\$	420.00
Total Expenses:		\$	2,851.34
Cash flow:		\$	(1,327.83)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT			
DATE:	12/31/2015		
	November	December	
BANK BALANCE	\$ 30,792.27	\$	23,613.43
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 9,137.76	\$	3,286.75
HAILEY FUNDS	\$ 2,442.06	\$	2,442.06
LADY KNIGHTS' FUNDS	\$ 2,112.66	\$	2,122.25
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 17,099.79	\$	15,762.37

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer		
Bank Balance end of last month	\$	30,792.27
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$	9,137.76
Plus Current Month deposits	\$	1,523.51
Less Current Month Checks	\$	2,851.34
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$	3,286.75
Expected Bank Balance	\$	23,613.43
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$	23,613.43
Difference	\$	-

Attachment 1

Sum of Amount			Category			
Directorate	Account	Acct name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Membership	1	Dues	\$ 5,400.00		\$ 407.00	
	2	Assessments		\$ 2,424.00		\$ 957.70
	3	Major Degree		\$ 300.00		
	4	Recruiting Expense		\$ 100.00		\$ 62.50
Membership Total			\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,824.00	\$ 407.00	\$ 1,020.20
Council	10	Peaches	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 11,222.32	\$ 5,619.00
	11	Burritos	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,428.05	\$ 1,527.53
	12	Football Raffle	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 400.00
	13	Fish Fry	\$ 1,536.00	\$ 1,200.00		
	14	Beer Tent				
	15	Council Programs				
	16	Grand Knight Fund		\$ 250.00		\$ 162.50
	17	Capital Investment		\$ 250.00		\$ 154.94
	18	Awards				
	19	Bank Charges				\$ 1.79
	20	Supplies		\$ 600.00		\$ 270.46
	21	Insurance		\$ 450.00		\$ 475.00
	22	State Meetings		\$ 1,180.00		
	24	Shirts and Hats	\$ 750.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 128.00
	25	Other Council Events				
Council Total			\$ 18,986.00	\$ 13,905.00	\$ 15,059.37	\$ 8,737.22
Right-To-Life	26	Right to Life Donation		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 500.00
	27	Ultrasound Machine Donations		\$ 500.00		
	28	Other Right to Life Events				\$ 180.57
Right-To-Life Total				\$ 1,500.00		\$ 680.57
Family	30	Spaghetti Dinners	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00		
	31	Baseball	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
	32	Christmas Party		\$ 250.00		\$ 306.67
	33	Family Outdoor activit	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00		
	34	Air Force Game		\$ 100.00		
35	Other Family Events					
Family Total			\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,400.00		\$ 306.67
Community	40	Tootsie Roll Drive	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,563.88	\$ 3,563.88
	41	Pennies From Heaven	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 135.89	
	42	Thanksgiving	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,856.00	\$ 15,548.60
	43	40 Cans for Lant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00		
	44	VA Support		\$ 100.00		
	45	Fr. Woody's Support		\$ 400.00		
	46	Adept-a-Highway		\$ 150.00		\$ 41.96
	47	Other Community Events				
Community Total			\$ 14,900.00	\$ 15,050.00	\$ 22,555.77	\$ 19,154.44
Church	50	Keep Christ in Christ	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	
	51	Clergy Dinners		\$ 350.00		\$ 221.98
	52	Seminarian Support	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
	53	Beer & Brats	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 630.25	\$ 450.84
	54	Vocations		\$ 150.00		
	55	Diocesan Donation		\$ 1,000.00		
	56	Pax Christi Donation		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
57	DoNuts	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 2,271.88	\$ 1,480.37	
Church Total			\$ 4,870.00	\$ 6,970.00	\$ 2,932.13	\$ 4,573.19
Youth	60	Scholarship		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	61	Youth Athletic		\$ 250.00		
	62	Relay For Life		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
	63	Sosut Projects		\$ 500.00		
64	Other Youth Activities		\$ 250.00		\$ 277.54	
Youth Total				\$ 3,250.00		\$ 2,527.54
Donations	70	Donations		\$ 1,007.00		
Donations Total				\$ 1,007.00		
Halley Fund	80	Halley Fund		\$ -		
	81	Halley Fund	\$ -	\$ -		
Halley Fund Total			\$ -	\$ -		
Lady Knights	90	Lady Knights	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,372.59	\$ 2,549.06
Lady Knights Total			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,372.59	\$ 2,549.06
Grand Total			\$ 47,406.00	\$ 47,406.00	\$ 43,326.86	\$ 39,548.89



Merry Christmas,
Gary!

Thank you so much for allowing Shawn to organize the Knights in transporting the Christmas gift boxes for needy families to St. Anthony of Padua Church this past Sunday. The gracious and generous sacrifice of your wonderful men has made our faith-formation service project a great success!

And thank you, also, for the generous gift of Safeway gift cards to the needy families our program served. May the Lord bless you and your family this Christmas and in the new year to come. — Rebeita Marsh

"... for we constantly are mindful before our God and Father of the way you are proving your faith, and laboring in love, and showing constancy of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."
— 1 Thessalonians 1:3



**St. Katharine Drexel
Catholic School**

**5761 McArthur Ranch Road
Littleton, Colorado 80124**

Terrri + Gary + Family,

*On behalf of St Katharine
Drexel School I want to
thank you — and thank the
Lady Knights for all you do
to help our school. We very
much appreciate your generosity
and wish you every blessing
this Holy Season.*

Maria Flynn

Special Olympics
Colorado



December 21, 2015

Dennis Thurman
Knights of Columbus, Council 10937
7086 Lionshead Parkway
Littleton, CO 80124

Dear Dennis,

On behalf of Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO), I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your financial support in the amount of \$1,336.45. SOCO's mission permeates through the entire organization. It can be seen in the eyes of the athletes, in the excitement of their parents, coaches and family members when they watch the athletes compete, and in the dedication and hard work of the people behind the scenes – the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors.

For every person with a family member who has an intellectual disability, Special Olympics Colorado is a symbol of hope. Our year-round programs of sports training and athletic competitions give over 19,600 Colorado Special Olympics athletes the chance to test their courage, show their determination and build their self-esteem.

Because of your support the organization has made a meaningful difference in the life of *every athlete* who participates. And by changing an athlete's life, we will continue to expand community awareness, and forge a path of acceptance for these inspiring individuals. With each generous donation we are able to enhance our programs in order to continue offering over 100 events annually for our athletes. We are also able to reach out to potential participants throughout the state of Colorado. I invite you to choose an event from our website (www.specialolympicsco.org) and join us for a few hours. I promise you a day of hope, joy, inspiration and incredible athletic competition.

Again, our sincerest gratitude for your generosity,

Mindy Watrous, President & CEO
Special Olympics Colorado

Special Olympics Colorado is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and the tax identification number is 84-0713739. Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent that the law allows.

Special Olympics Colorado
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for the benefit of persons with intellectual disabilities.



Arapahoe & Douglas Counties

For people with intellectual
and developmental disabilities

Achieve with us.

December 21, 2015

Dennis Thumann
Knights of Columbus
7086 Lionshead Parkway
Littleton, CO 80124

Dear Mr. Thumann & Members of the Knights:

On behalf of The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas Counties, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,336.46 to our organization through your tootsie roll drive.

Your donation will be used to enhance our efforts to insure the highest quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities. With your support, we hope to accomplish our goals of providing services to individuals, as well as their families, through advocacy, education and community connections.

Our Mission Statement: The Arc of Arapahoe & Douglas uses advocacy and education to include all children and adults with disabilities, and their families, in their communities.

The Arc Arapahoe & Douglas Counties is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. No goods or services were provided to you in return for this gift.

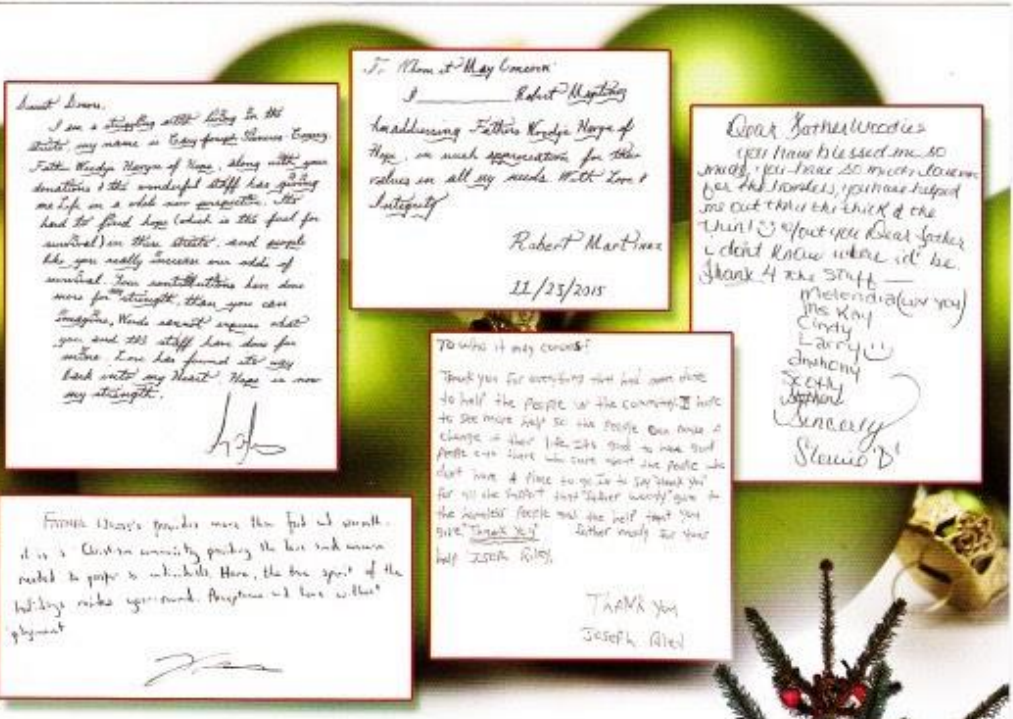
Again, thank you for your donation; we truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Carol Meredith
Executive Director
FIN #: 23-7272795

Happy holidays!

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CHRISTMAS, 2015

Christmas is a time to spend with your families and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Most of our homeless guests are without family for one reason or another and to them, the staff and volunteers of Father Woody's is all they have. Every year we have a Christmas party for our homeless guests that consists of a wonderful 5 course meal along with wrapped Christmas gifts they can pick out for themselves. We have various organizations donating some of these wrapped gifts so that the homeless have something to open on that special day. The look of joy on their faces when they realize that they have not been forgotten is priceless.

Not a day goes by that someone doesn't say, "Thank you for caring about me" so, in this Christmas card to you, and your family, I'm including some of their thoughts about what Father Woody's Haven of Hope means to them. I have a feeling Father Woody himself would be proud of his name sake, Father Woody's Haven of Hope. We strive to continue with his mission of caring for those people afflicted with invisibility, the homeless.

Blessings to you and your family,
Melinda Paterson, Executive Director

Please give this holiday season to our homeless friends

