Brothers,

Please include Brother Dick Burbach in your prayers as he is recovering from a stroke. He is at Froedtert Hospital and recovery is very slow.

February is right around the corner and these brothers are celebrating birthdays: Greg Heberlein-Feb. 5th; Ed Lenn-Feb. 6th; Brent Sager-Feb. 10th; Konrad Kaczkowski-Feb 17th; Rev. Dan Volkert-Feb. 2- 17th; Tony Mischo-Feb. 22nd; John Pfankuch-Feb. 23rd; Gerald Mueller-Feb. 27th; Jeffrey Mueller-Feb. 28th! Happy Birthday Brothers!

I love it when a plan comes together. And boy did it! For those of you who have chaired our Free Throw contest, you know the challenge. Trying to get kids to show up on a Saturday in January, especially when all of their games are scheduled for the weekends in January. At our November meeting, Bryan Smith turns to Chairman Brother Rick Servais and says, why don’t we plan this with the St. John the Baptist Phy. Ed. Teacher Laurie Hylen during Gym class. Could this simple answer be so brilliant and by brilliant, I mean we would have more children than adults? You betcha! Our team of Rick Servais, Allen Arndt, Bob Brigham, Frank Kozlowski, Gerry Brunner, Nancy Diedrich and Bryan Smith had 34 kids participate! Laurie was a big help and moving forward, we have a new plan! Great job,

Rick and Team!

Did you read last week’s bulletin? If you did, you read about the charity we’ve provided to our church and community; almost $120,000.00 raised in the last 10 years. The coming week, the topic will be our second tenet, Unity. Remember our goal, we are done being the best kept secret at church! To continue to grow, we need to share our story!

A huge thank you to brother Bryan Smith for running another successful Knowledge Contest.Our young students from St. John the Baptist school have benefited from Bryan‘s successful running of this event for so many years! Great job, Bryan!

We have three big events for Sunday! Coffee and donuts are planned after 9:30 am mass at SJB. This celebrates Catholic Schools Week Open House and is a great opportunity to talk about who we are and what we do! Please consider helping out by calling Brother John Pfankuch at 920-889-0899.

Our raffle drawing is set for 11:30 am on Sunday, January 30th. While we still have a lot of tickets to sell, we are over the amount to cover our costs. If you have tickets left, please sell them or get them to Rick for others to sell. We are looking at the possibility of selling them after Saturday afternoon mass at St. John the Baptist. Please email me if you can help.

Since you’re already here for the coffee and donuts and raffle drawing, join us in the gym for the District Free Throw Contest. Immediately after our raffle, we will be conducting the district free throw contest. Set up begins at 11:30 with registration starting at 12:00 noon. We are planning for approximately 20 contestants, so it shouldn’t take more than an hour to complete. Call Rick Servais at 920-207-3528 if you can help!

Our Spiritual Breakfast continues to be a huge success. If this keeps up, we’ll need bigger tables! To attend the next breakfast, scheduled for 9:00 am, Saturday February 19th, call Brother Don Sager (to reserve a spot) at 920-918-8166. Personally, I benefit most from the open discussion and book reviews that Don has shared.

I’ve gotten a lot of great feedback (so far 10 opinions, all favorable) for helping our Pastoral Associate, Paige Katzfey with a pancake breakfast for families who have baptized their children recently at SJB. This is a great opportunity to talk with our young families about the Knights! We will firm up interest at our February meeting.

Holy Hill ushering is set for April 24th! We need 8 people for two Masses: 10:00 am & 12:00 noon. If you haven’t ushered at Holy Hill, I strongly encourage to sign up. Will have sign up sheets at our upcoming meeting but feel free to email me personally!

Our upcoming church gathering will take place at Saturday evening (5:30 pm) mass at St.Thomas Aquinas on February 12th! The turnout for these quarterly events has been outstanding. And any opportunity to attend mass with our brothers and their families just makes mass all the more uplifting! Let’s plan for another great turnout. Once again, we will be welcoming a new brother knight, Dan Burkart! We there to welcome Dan and his wife to our council!

I’m reaching out to all of our brother knights to see if there is interest in having a Fraternal Benefits Night. Our General Agent Tim Nowak would personally join us and answer any questions you have. He is currently working with my brother Pat and me on Key Man Insurance. If we can get enough interest, we’ll open it up to our parishes! Email me if you’re interested.

Our next meeting is set for February 1st. Officers Meeting at 5:00 pm with council

meeting at 6:00 pm. We will have quests from Reins joining us! See you then!

GK Greg