

December 26, 2023

Greetings Brothers

Hopefully, you have survived the 2023 Christmas holiday in style and good health. Now for the post celebration wrapping paper clean up and bundling up of all that recyclable corrugated stacked in the garage. Please help keep the planet green and growing by recycling.

Our KOC 8002 fiscal year started on July 1<sup>st</sup> but we measure our events on a calendar year. Looking back at this year, many of our projects were successfully executed and surpassed results for member participation, total revenue, and new members, compared previous years. We continue beat our previous year's results for more than 10 consecutive years. We are definitely green and growing.

I often wonder how it is we have time for our family and friends. Then I realized that's exactly what the Knights are "extended family and friends". We share common goals for charity, and we work hard like family and friends to get things done, and then celebrate our accomplishments like any great fraternal organization should e.g. Ronald McDonald Gala, Winfield School Gala, St Nick Dinner Dance, TRFF Cougar Baseball outing, TRFF Casino Nite, Memorial Day Celebration at the Barn, Annual Good Old Days Festival, Parish Picnic, Memorial Mass, Tailgating for the School, 6 Fish Fries, 8 pancake breakfasts, 3 Special Camps activities, Annual Golf Outing, Annual Scholarship Dinner, 2 Blood Drives, Children Spelling Bee and Free Throw Contest, various charity requests during the year and weekly business and social meetings. Together, we raised money for our local charities helping students, families, our parish, and our community. Our goal is to have a well established endowment funds for future generations as well.

Although our Knights come from diverse ethnic groups and may not share political views, we are one when it comes to our KOC charity events and fundraising goals.

Have a Happy and Safe New Year celebration in style and good health.

God Bless all of you, and see you at our next meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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