



St. Philomena Parish

Men's Club

2011-12 Officers

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January 2012 Newsletter

SMOKER - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19; 1—5pm

We hope you will make some time to stop by the St. Phil's gym on Sunday, February 19 for the Men's Club's biggest fund raiser of the year. Men's Club members will be running craps, blackjack poker and other games of chance with the hope of raising some money for the St Philomena Parish.

Make sure you come hungry because we'll be serving **all you can eat Klement's Brats, German potato salad and ice cold beverages for just \$10.**

You can also help by purchasing the enclosed raffle tickets - **just \$5 will get you six chances to win some great prizes including; a Flat Screen TV, a Par - A - Dice Overnight Package for 2, a Pair of 2012 Peoria Chiefs Baseball Season Tickets and a Back Yard Steak Dinner Party for 10, cooked by our Men's Club Crew.**

We hope you will help us by completing the ticket stubs, inserting your \$15 payment into the enclosed envelope and dropping it in

the Sunday collection basket or your nearest mailbox. If you're unable to attend the event you can still help us raise money for St. Philomena by participating in our raffle. We hope to see you on February 19th and **"For God's sake. Bring a friend."**

Check out the other great events below that we've planned for the year.

2011-12 Schedule of Remaining Meetings & Events

| Date | Time | Event |
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| Sunday, February 19 | 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Smoker - St. Philomena Gym |
| Wednesday, March 14 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Patty's Day Warmup - Charity Fundraiser - Jimmy's Bar |
| Monday, April 2 | TBD | NCAA Men's Basketball Finals/Chili Cookoff -Kouri's Pub |
| Friday, May 4 | 11:00 a.m. | Golf Outing - Pine Lakes Golf Course |
| Wednesday, May 16 | 6:00 p.m. | End of the year Steak Fry - outside Sacred Heart Room |

18 New Lifetime Members!!

The past few months we've received Lifetime Membership Dues from 18 new people. This raises our total Lifetime Memberships up to 33—each of whom is recognized on the large plaque located in the Sacred Heart Room. In lieu of the annual \$10 membership fee, Lifetime Memberships are available for a onetime membership fee of \$125.

New Life Time Members

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| Andrew Bussan | Ed Monroe | Jeff Ruskusky |
| Terry Chambers | Jamie McMurray | Jimmy Spears |
| Mike Coleman | Tim Opperman | Gene Statler |
| Brian Curtis | Kevin Rezac | Don Stephens |
| Kevin Fahey | Fr. Richardson | Steve Tomlin |
| Kurt Meyer | Brian Rolli | Albert Tony |

Giving Back....

Financial grants during the Fall of 2011 were distributed to the Sisters Retirement Fund (\$1,000), the St. Phil's teachers Christmas party (\$500), Kroger Gift cards for distribution throughout our parish (\$1,000) and Friends for Fatherless Boys (\$60). In addition, a number

of our members volunteered to help staff the grill at the Fall Festival as well as run the bar and provide clean up at this year's PTO Auction. For the third year in a row the Men's Club Crawfish Boil was offered as a part of the live auction. The winning bid of

\$1,025 went to a group of bidders including Ward and Stephanie Ricketts. Sometime this spring a crew from the Men's Club will provide fresh Louisiana crawfish, an assortment of vegetables and ice cold beverages for up to 30 of their friends and family.

Men's Club at Work

Each year St. Philomena parishioners rely on members of the Men's Club to decorate the church for the Christmas season. In addition, the Men's Club has traditionally provided the funds needed to replace many of the trees and wreaths that were in need of repair or replacement. The week before Christmas over 40 members stopped by church to help out. Special thanks to Lifetime Member Dan Heinz for the construction of the new stable.



Men's Club members Rick Schuler, Sam Watkins and Eric Roof make some adjustments to the Christmas decorations in the church. Over 40 members pitched in to help decorate the church in preparation for the Christmas season.