



December 24, 2024

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dear Members,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health and high spirits. We send you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year filled with the laughter and love of family and friends.

Our deepest gratitude to all our members, with a special THANKS to the organizers, volunteers, and all those who have personally contributed to the success of our club's activities and events. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for all that you do. We are very blessed to count you all as members of the MHR Men's Club!

With over 350+ members and growing, our organization's mission and goals include:

- *To foster, encourage and promote Catholic and Christian principles, philosophies, and ethics among the Parish community;*
- *To provide social activities for the enjoyment of Men's Club members and Parish;*
- *And to assist the Parish and the community when called upon and when able.*

Just some of our 2024 Highlights:

- Our winter bowling league rolled into its 7th season last January and continues to be one of our largest sports leagues with over 100+ bowlers. **Congrats to team “Mark it Zero” for bringing home the Championship title and the Steve Lascola Cup!** The new season starts on January 7th at Arena Lanes in Oak Lawn (4700 W. 103rd Street). Don’t forget to sign up online today!



- In early February, we hosted a “Sold Out” Dueling Pianos party in Briody Hall. Many thanks to all who attended!



SAVE DATE – February 1st Dueling Pianos - Part 2!

- In early May, over a 100 low handicap participants enjoyed a beautiful Spring golf outing at Hickory Hills CC with a post outing awards dinner afterwards. **Congrats to our winning foursome!**



- In late June, the Men's Club took a road trip to Imperial Oak Brewing located in Willow Springs. Fine food, beer, and friendship!



- Our Summer Softball league once again posted record participation this past season! 10 teams battled for the league title and more importantly bragging rights. **Congrats to Team Fitz for taking home the Championship!**



- The BBQ Bash was once again held on the beautiful campus of MHR. Over 40 Master Chefs smoked, grilled, and baked award winning baby back ribs. **Congratulations to our winning pitmasters Team Pigasso! Chris Brett was also honored with the treasured “Salt of the Earth” award for all his hard work on behalf of the Men’s Club, both past and present!**



- Our Fall Basketball league which included pizza and beer nights at the Legion Hall and a “playoff watching Turkey dinner” in Briody Hall was again a huge success. **Congrats to Team Murphy for taking home the Championship title!**



- Tis' the Season to be Merry! FREE pancakes and sausage were cooked and served at our annual “Breakfast with Santa” in Briody Hall. Thanks to all who attended and to those who volunteered to help make this a special morning, especially “our” Santa (Chris Brett).



- During the course of the year, we continued our landscape maintenance program for both MHR School and Church campuses, including the purchase of new professional grade lawn mowers. We also expanded our secured storage area by cleaning and reconfiguring the MHR maintenance garage!



Open Enrollment and New Members:

Please note, we are always looking for new members. With our annual dues only \$45 (no inflation or even a tip prompt here!), we believe you can't find a better value for your hard-earned dollar! Please reach out to your neighborhood friends or neighbors and invite them to join. All men above the age of twenty-one who are registered parishioners and/or reside within the boundaries of MHR are eligible for membership. The Men's Club provides an excellent chance to socialize with members, neighbors, and friends of the parish. Our online registration for 2025 membership is now open!! Please renew soon and spread the word! Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

- **General Meeting – January 9th at Barraco's starting at 6pm!**



- **Guinness Night – March 6th at Porter Cullens**

*** MHR Men's Club Board ***

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Jack Howard – Always with us.

