

New Year's Eve Social Dinner and Dance

The Council's traditional New Year's Eve dinner and dance has reportedly been well attended for many years, with the council hall packed with many couples dancing the night away. In recent years, however, the tradition has fallen off with declining attendance and rising costs, such that the Council could no longer justify the expense of a band or deejay. In 2009, the tradition ended. This did not sit well with Brother Beaven, PGK, and his wife Dianne, so he approached the Grand Knight with new ideas to reinvigorate the New Year's Eve Social. This year's event from 9 PM to 1 AM featured Brother Ginley's excellent band, Expanding Waistlines, with musical selections for dancing selected by Brother Beaven from his iPod collection filling in at breaks. A selection of wines chosen by our volunteer sommelier Brother Joe, a midnight champagne toast, and light refreshments such as pita sandwiches, barbecued chicken, cheese and crackers, and several salads, all added a touch of class to the evening. Approximately 40 brothers, spouses, and Council friends attended the casual affair.

The event took about 20 planning/set up and clean up hours, and raised \$260 for Council activities. One Form 100 was also obtained. All in all, a successful start to a new tradition!



Council members enjoying conversation.



The Expanding Waistlines in action.



Attendees enjoying the music.



Brother Beaven providing a lighter moment: trivia questions with a prize for the correct answer, a game enjoyed by all, but none more than Brother Beaven!



Wishing one and all a Happy New Year!!