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# Knight Writer Newsletter

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### Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights, Family Members, and Honored Clergy,

As we prepare for the hustle & bustle of the upcoming Christmas season, we all know too well how hectic, draining, and time consuming things can get as we prepare to celebrate this time of year with our family and friends. All of these preparations can also be disconnected from the main reason we honor this part of our church calendar as the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sometimes we can get lost in all of the side distractions that go on as part of the secular world that sometimes does not seem to remember why we do all of these things at this time of year.

We are fortunate to be guided by our church to first prepare for this great event, by the observation of the four weeks of Advent, then actually proclaim Jesus' birthday when this time of preparation has passed.

So it is also in our life journey where we are ultimately preparing for eternity. There are so, so many distractions in today's culture that diverts a lot of our attention away from the main reasons we are here during this limited time on earth.

First, there is the mass media. We are bombarded with constant stimulation, be it good or bad, from the radio, television, internet, etc. Second, there is getting lost in the secular culture where we find ourselves so busy with activities, at work, and all of the things we do outside of work with families, and with our Many things we do are communities. good - especially if we find ourselves busy participating in our council activities.

I am hoping during this time of Advent, in preparation for the anticipated celebration of the birth of Christ, we take time to decompress. One way to refresh ourselves is to spend time with the Lord. This does not necessarily mean we take that time to say prayers, but just spend time in silence, knowing that God speaks to us in quiet whispers. This is a great way to unwind and to prepare ourselves to see what is going on around us through God's perspective, as we ask for his peace and guidance in these reserved moments with the Lord.

This also gives us the opportunity to take a look at activities in which we are involved and perhaps re-evaluate how we spend our time during the week. Is all of our time consumed by life's hustle and bustle? Do we need to be setting aside time for prayer? Does my family need more of my time? Do I take time to really find out what is going on in our country, or in the world? (It is unfortunate, that one will not learn the whole truth by watching or listening to the main stream media. takes to time to learn true history and corroborate other independent sources for information. But it is worth it, in my opinion, to get a more truthful perspective of what is going on.) We can take all of these questions to prayer as well.

Happy Advent and wishing you and yours a joyous Chirstmas Season!

Oremus Pro Inviciem Sebastian Mauricio

Our next business meeting starts at 7:00 pm on Wednesday December 3, 2014 at St Paul's in the Room 2 in the lower level of the Church.

Join us to pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm before each montly business meeting!

Please give PGK Kevin O'Connor (614-523-3892, koconnor@gci2000.com) any written articles by the end of the month so they can be included in next month's newsletter.



Breakfast with Santa December 6

Ho ho ho! Can it be so? It certainly is. It's time to start planning for the 2014 Breakfast with Santa event at St. Paul. This year's event will be held in Miller Hall on Saturday December 6. If you know anyone who is affiliated with a business and might be interested in supporting our efforts with donations let me know and I'll send you our solicitation note that has the council's tax id number and a summary of the event. I can be reached at <a href="mailto:anthonyilloyd.al@gmail.com">anthonyilloyd.al@gmail.com</a>

Fraternally, Tony Lloyd



Just a reminder that F.S. Bruce Jackson will be sending out the 2015 membership dues statement in mid-December. Included in the statement is a request to

contribute \$5 to the Ohio KofC "Gimme Five" program which goes to the Measure Up campaign



Sat December 6
Pro-Life Prayer

Join our Council and many others as we mobilize for pro-life on Saturday Dec 6. We will gather after the 7:00 am Mass at St. Patrick to pray outside of Founders Clinic on Broad Street. Contact GK Sebastian Mauricio for information (SebMauricio@gmail.com)



Sunday December 7
"Keep Christ in Christmas"
Council Christmas Parade Entry

Once again, the Council will have an entry in the Westerville Christmas Parade. The theme is "Keep Christ in Christmas." It will feature the Virgin Mary and Joseph accompanied by an entourage of shepherds and angels. All Knights and their families are invited to march in the parade. Assembly will begin 12:15PM at the JP Morgan/Chase building at 800 Brooksedge Blvd. Enter from Park Meadow Road.

This year's entry will feature a color corps of 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights. If you know young people who are interested in participating, please contact PGK Gary Koonce (614-898-3823, email: GKoonce@aol.com).

As we near the celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, let us remember what the season is all about. Christ gave of himself so others might live in His mercy. Do we give so others may live? Or do we give to make sure our present is the best?

Let us endeavor to do the little things to keep Christ in **Christ**mas and in our lives. Show your friends and family that you have a relationship with Christ by proudly displaying a "Keep Christ in Christmas" sticker or magnet. Pray for peace during this season and pray especially for our young men and women serving our country who will not be home with their families. And most of all keep Christ alive in Christmas.



# Council Christmas Party December 10

Join us with your lady for our Council Christmas Party on Wednesday December 10 at Old Bag of Nails starting at 6:30 pm.

Appetizers, dinner, and dessert included for \$20.95 per guest. PLEASE RSVP to Rocky Lomano (614-890-5790, wlsurvey@earthlink.net).



#### Meals on Wheels

Brother Knight Paul LeCorgne has taken over responsibility for Meals on Wheels. This is a main fundraiser for the Council, and requires but a little time on Saturday or Sunday. Nobody is scheduled every weekend. If you can help or want more information, please contact Paul (614-794-0071, paul.s.lecorgne@chase.com)



# **Council December Birthdays**

Dale B. Acree Michael Beale Jay H. Beck David C. Bianconi Morey J. Brady Matthew Clouse Richard M. Danko Dan Faiella Thomas E. Foos Joseph P. Hawkins Gordian U. Igwilo Greg L. Karhoff Michael E. Kenny David R. Kreuzer Charles J. Lamb M. Nicholas Lomano William P. Messerly Raymond J. Michalski James Newell Kenneth L. Nichols Eric S. Niehaus Anthony J. Omlor Michael N. Pavolino Gary P. Pietrangelo Albert Rachuba Andrew Tarpey Dr. Stephen T. Urbanek Alexis P. West Christopher Zoky



#### **Pennies from Heaven**

Be sure to drop your pennies in the milk jug at every Council meeting, Breakfast, and Fish Fry. These funds are collected for retired priests and religious. This is simply our way of returning the favor for all they have done for us.



In Support of Priests and **Religious Vocations** 

Pray for Pope Francis

Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Pray for Bishop Frederick Campbell

Pray for Pastor, Fr. Charlie Klinger

Pray for Fr. Michael Hinterschied

Pray for Fr. Raymond Lavelle

Pray for Fr. Dave Gwinner

Pray for Fr. Dan Drury

Pray for Fr. Joseph Murphy

Pray for Deacon Mickey Hawkins

Pray for Deacon Tom Barford

Pray for Seminarian Adam Pasternack

Pray for Deacon Joe Ciaciura

Pray for Deacon Carl Jerzyk



Council Shirts Available

Shawn Minke has shirts (M, L, XL, and XXL) available for immediate purchase. Polo Shirts are \$22 and T-shirts are \$10. They provide a wonderful medium for emphasizing unity and fraternity. make us look good too!!



# **Keep Them in Your Prayers**

## SEND REQUESTS TO prayerrequest@kofc5776.org

Pray for the repose of the soul of PGK Bill Sedor

Pray for Barbara Burns

Pray for Brother Knight Dick Marflak and

his son, Richard

Pray for Paul Guevin

Pray for Raymond Michalski

Pray for Tom Augustus and his wife, Jean

Pray for Tony Riverallli

Pray for Fr. Augustine

Pray for Fr. Snoke

Pray for Fr. Richart

Pray for Brother Knight Keith Meyers

Pray for Brother Knight Al Surette

Pray for Brother Knight Al Lang

Pray for Charles Kramer's wife, Doris

Pray for Frank Nachtman, per request of

Brother Knight Scott Bastian

Pray for Darrel Freeman

Pray for Brother Knight Tom Nann

Pray for Brother Knight Ron Folian, his wife, Carol, and his brother-in-law, Mark Collins

Pray for PGK Barney Sweeney and his wife, Jacqueline

Pray for Brother Knight Dave Brown

Pray for the grandchild of Art Sullivan

Pray for Sir Knight Mark Steele

Pray for Virginia Jones, wife of Dave Jones

Pray for Janice Peltomaa

Pray for PGK Bill Sedor

Pray for Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein

Pray for Brother Knight John Marzec
Pray for Brother Knight Don Gray and his
wife, Addie
Pray for Marie Mansour, mother of
Brother Knight Al Mansour
Pray for Robert Laube
Pray for Jason and Angela Wiegand, niece
and nephew-in-law of Dave Dauer
Pray for Halina Barford, wife of Tom
Pray for William Grubb
Pray for Ariana Rose Hankins (Elmer
Cabotage's granddaughter)
Pay for Leroy Piekenbrock, father of Mark
Piekenbrock

Pray for Peter Chlore, Anthony Kinslow, Jacob Spann, Dustin Derga, Ryan Miller, Samuel Pearson, and others who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.



# Thought for the Month "Gift List"

Pray to receive these gifts:
Wisdom
Knowledge
Counsel
Fortitude
Understanding
Piety
Fear of the Lord

Come Holy Spirit Come



#### Council Calendar

Wed December 3
6:30 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Business Meeting
Room 3
Lower Level of Church

Sat December 6 **Prayer at Abortion Clinic** 

Sat December 6 **Breakfast with Santa** 

Sun December 7
Westerville Children's Christmas
Parade

Wed December 10

Council Christmas Party

Thurs December 11

1<sup>st</sup> Degree
St. Peter Room

Wed December 17 - 7:00 PM

Officers Meeting

St. Peter Room

Upper Level of Church

Thursday December 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY** 

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All hands were on deck making super subs



Bruce Jackson was selected Knight of the Month



Plenty of help with raking leaves for Barbara Burns



Under the guidance of Curtis Smith the blood drive was once again a success



Presenting the Measure Up check to Westerville Special Education

Gail Walter (Special Education Coordinator), Linda Maloney (Special Education Coordinator), Barbara Wallace
(Executive Director Elementary Academic Affairs), Guerdie Glass (Director Special Education), GK Sebastian

Mauricio, DGK Mike Brunetti, and Dr. John Kellogg (Superintendent of Westerville City Schools)