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Council Business Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

From The Grand Knight...

Dear Brother Knights,

I encourage you to attend the Memorial Mass on Oct. 30th at Blessed Sacrament Church. The Mass starts at 6:00 PM and a light lunch follows in their Gathering Center. Come and help honor our Brothers who have passed away this past year.

Monday, Nov. 11 is Veterans' Day. Take time to honor the men and women who have served our country in the military. Thanks goes out to all who have served and all those still serving.

The Big Raffle is over \$28,000. Come out and take a chance on Thursday evenings.

The Children's' Christmas party will be held Sat. Dec. 9th. Stop by the Club House to sign up your children.

The Christmas Cheer will be held on Sun. Dec. 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Raffle tickets were sent out for prizes to be given away. Mail the chances and money back or just drop them in the red can at the Club House. This is a good time to pay your yearly dues and to make a donation to the Mass for shut-ins. A chance for a \$50 gift card will be given if you pay your dues and another chance given if you donate to the Mass for shut-ins. *Bring your favorite snack to share with other members.* If you can't stay and party, consider stopping by and paying your dues which will save us a lot of postage when we have to send out notices.

Some men have been painting the Club House. Stop by and see what a great job they are doing!

On Oct. 10th some Quincy aldermen voted down the ordinance to make Quincy a Sanctuary City. Please continue to pray and to work to end this culture of death that seeks to kill human life.

Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us.



Grand Knight -Thomas Maas / juliamas@att.net

- CALENDAR UPDATE

We encourage all of our members to be active in selling the 2024 calendars. Your participation is the key to our success!

We need members to step forward and help sell raffle calendars after weekend Masses over the next couple months. You will get credit for the sale which will go towards a free calendar entry if you sell 20 or more.



Free calendar: Anyone who sells 20 calendars will be entitled to a free calendar entry and anyone who sells 50 will be entitled to 4 free calendar entries.

More 2024 calendars are available at the main building during regular bar hours or by calling John Veith at 653-0258, or Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318.

There will also be an "Early Bird Drawing" for 3 lucky winners. Each person will receive \$100 and the drawing will be held at the main building on the Sunday of Christmas Cheer. So get your calendar raffle entries sold and sent in before Christmas Cheer for a chance to win one of the early bird prizes. *Thank you for your support. —K of C #583 Officers*

- COATS FOR KIDS DISTRIBUTION 2023

This year we will be giving away over 100 new coats to children in need of a warm winter coat! The coat distribution will be held at the KC's on Sunday November 5th between 1:00 - 3:00 at Father McGivney Hall. If you know of a child in need of a coat, please contact Chuck Zanger at 217-653-3863.



- TEAM BLAKE

Our final Team Day in memory of Blake Genenbacher was a huge success at the KC on September 10th. All proceeds will continue to benefit local children battling cancer. We will also continue the Christmas hospital visits every December with I-Pads, Teddy Bears and gift until the money is used. Thanks to all who supported Team Blake the last 10 years!

- FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

Christmas Cheer will be held on December 10th starting at 1:00 p.m. At that event you can pay your Fourth Degree dues and make a donation to the TV Mass for shut-ins.

Our next Fourth Degree meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16th at 7 p.m. in the East Room of the Club House.

- CHICKEN DINNERS...

Are served each Friday evening at McGivney Hall from 5-7p.m. Adults, \$13, children 12 and under are \$7.00 — those under 5 eat free. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, corn and applesauce.

Come and enjoy a nice dinner!

- THE 2023 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas season is upon us and with that comes all of the joy celebrating the birth of Christ! By now you all have received your Christmas Raffle tickets in the mail, and some have even returned them with extra money to purchase more tickets. Santa's Elves are happy to fill out the extra tickets, just be sure to include your name, address, and phone number so they get filled out properly. Thank you for supporting the raffle! Come out to the Clubhouse and check out the raffle items. We will continue to add gifts as we acquire them. The prizes on the table across from the bar, as well as many gift cards purchased through the Gene Grawe Fund, will be up for grabs in this year's Christmas Raffle.



Tickets are only \$5 for 15 tickets for a chance to win one of many great prizes or gift cards. Proceeds will go to help the various charities that our K of C supports.

Tickets will be available at the Clubhouse now and will also be on sale at the *Christmas Cheer*. Drawing will be held at the *Christmas Cheer* party, Sunday December 10th, 2023 at 4 P.M. You do not have to be present to win. Be sure your phone number is on the ticket so Santa's Elves can call you if you win! Thank you for purchasing tickets and supporting this year's Christmas Raffle!

- The Christmas Raffle Committee!

- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus children's Christmas party is being held on Saturday, December 9th in the lower level of the South building from 1-3p.m.

Members can sign up their children ages 0-10 on the bulletin board in the South building - or contact Lori Quevillon at 217-316-1299. You will need child's name, age, M/F, and member's name. Children MUST be present to get their gift from Santa.

The deadline to sign up is Monday December 4th so that we have time to shop for gifts. There will be crafts and games for the kids from 1-2 p.m. and Santa will make an appearance at 2 p.m.



- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...

Dear Brother Knights & Family Members,

As the end of the Church year fast approaches, the Scriptures remind us of the Final Judgment at the end of time. Have you ever thought about that moment when you will be summoned before awesome presence of the Lord?



May God have mercy on us that day!

The thought of that can be very unsettling, for, if we are honest with ourselves, we remember that we have failed countless times. Perhaps we have fooled others, and indeed some have even fooled themselves—but before the unblinking eyes of the Lord, who can stand?

Would you want to get a preview of what that final judgment will be like for you???

One of the saints offered us an insight into that moment: St. John Climacus observed: "For him who truly prays, prayer is the court, the judgment hall and the tribunal of the Lord before the judgment to come."

Wait! Stop and reflect on that!

Prayer puts us in the very presence of the living God, a time when the light of his majestic gaze falls upon us. And that look of justice and truth, mercy and love judges or measure. And he speaks to us.

Shall I make it to heaven?

Well, what is my prayer life like?

God made us for "heaven," for eternal life. To get to "heaven" is not the product of a lottery, of buying enough good deeds to increase our chances of getting the jackpot.

Rather, getting into heaven begins here, the result of *getting to know Jesus* in prayer. As Jesus himself taught; "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17:3, NIV)";

And prayer blossoms into service. Mother Teresa said it so well:

We wait impatiently for the paradise where God is, but we have it in our power to be in paradise with Him, right now. Being happy with Him means: To love as he loves; To help as he helps; to give as he gives; to serve as he serves.

Heaven is much more like a state of being, of relationship — rather than being a location "up above."

Our thinking is locked into human material images rather than the spiritual truths taught by Jesus. I do not deny that heaven can be a place, but rather point out that the door of heaven starts in each of our hearts, united with His.

A person who knows, loves and serves God will have few surprises at the moment of judgment when he comes before the unbelievable mercy and goodness of the Lord. He has already experienced that in prayer.

As St. Paul observed, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard. nor has it entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love him." (1 Corinthians 2:9)

John Climacus was right about the judgment to come. Are we not wise therefore to go often before the Lord in prayer?

- Fr. Don Blickhan

- KARAOKE NIGHTS...

Karaoke nights will be held at the Main Club Bar from 8:00 p.m. till midnight on Saturday evenings November 18th, December 16th, and January 13th. No admission fee. All are welcome. You might become a star!



- MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Record Oct 31, Intention, Arthur Freiburg Priest, Fr. Zachary Samples, Host Terry Obert

Record Nov 7, Intention, Darrell Peacher, Priest, Msgr. Mike Kuse, Hosts: Tom Alford, Mike Baker

Record Nov 14, Inten. Tom Ventverloh, Priest, Fr. Steven Arisman, Hosts: John Farwell: Tom Maas

Record Nov 21, Intention: Ron Reinhart, Priest, Fr. Rafal Pyrchia, Host: Matt Schulte, Terry Mitten.

Record Nov 28, Intention, Polly & Charles Newkirk Priest, Fr. Tom Meyer, Host: Dave Kattelmann

Record Dec 5, Inten: Gene Koettters, Priest, Fr. Tom Donovan, Hosts: Russ Doellman, George Schrage

Record Dec. 12, Intention: Julius Rupp, Priest: Msgr. Leo Enlow, Hosts: Dave Fischer Steve Davis.

Record Dec. 19, Intention: Chuck Wheeler, Priest: Fr. Zachary Samples. Host: John Terstriep

Record Dec. 26, Intention: Fr. Roy Bauer, Priest: Msgr. Mike Kuse, Host: Terry Obert.

Please sign in at the front desk of KHQA at 12:30 p.m. on recording day.

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.

Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.

- St. Francis de Sales