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Council Business Meeting
 2nd Tuesday of the month

From The Grand Knight...

Dear Brother Knights and Family Members,

I hope everybody had a Blessed and Holy Christmas and will have a wonderful year in 2024. The Christmas season has not yet come to an end. During this time, we start the new calendar year with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on New Years' Day, and then we celebrate the Epiphany, (think of the Wise Men visiting Jesus bearing gifts and doing Him homage), and finally the Baptism of the Lord. As we make our New Year resolutions it would be a good thing to include something for our Lord such as extra Masses, prayers, and tithing.

The Big Raffle is now over \$11,000! Come to McGivney Hall on Thursday evenings and enjoy the company of others. Bring your friends and family. Doors open at 5:30, the Thursday Big Drawing is at 8:00 p.m., and the 50/50 a few minutes before.

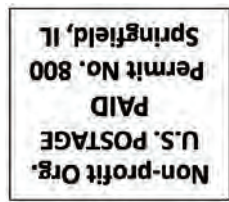
With this issue you see that we now have color available! We also have a new streamlined mailing system. This process is done for us at a mailing company in Springfield, and saves a lot of work by our volunteers here at the Council. Our secretary Bill Anderson spearheaded this improvement.

Please remember that our advertisers pay for the Knightly News. They appreciate the patronage of our members.

To everyone I wish to offer a Happy New Year and "to all a Good Knight" throughout the year! As always, pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.



- Thomas Maas, Grand Knight



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- CHICKEN DINNERS

Friday Night Dine-in Chicken Buffet Dinners are being served in Fr. McGivney Hall from 5:00—7:00 pm. Prices are \$13.00 for adults, \$7.00 for children 12 & under while children under 5 eat Free! Drive Thru is also available. Meals will include 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, or corn. Tell your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcomed!



- MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Mass for: Sunday January 7th, Intention for Martha Koetters

Mass for: Sunday January 14th, Intention of Gerald Schwarz

Mass for: Sunday January 21st, Intention for Richard Ventvertloh

Mass for: Sunday January 28th, Intention for Walter & Alberta Winking.

Mass for: Sunday February 4th, Intention Bill & Phyllis Rummenie

- KARAOKE NIGHTS...

A Karaoke Night will be held at the Main Club Bar from 8:00 p.m. till midnight on Saturday evening, February 3rd! No admission fee. All are welcome. Enjoy some good music and fun!



*More things are wrought by prayer
than this world dreams of.*

-Tennyson

- CALENDAR RAFFLE UPDATE:

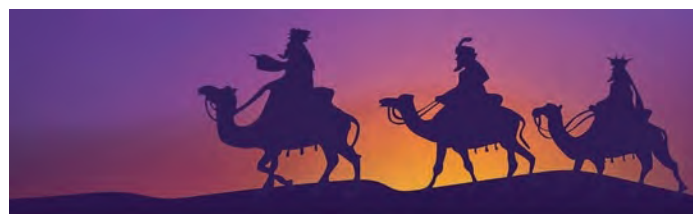
The 2024 Calendar Raffle sales have been a little slow and we are almost at the break-even point but still need a year end rally to be a success! We really need your help to make the Calendar Raffle a success.

Please contact anyone you know and encourage them to buy a calendar. You can also keep selling raffle calendars well into the New Year so that we reach our goal.

We want to thank everyone involved with the 2024 Calendar Raffle for their generosity and hard work.

We have 2024 calendars available at the east building during regular club hours or by calling John Vieth at 653-0258. Thank you for your generosity and support. Good luck in 2024!

Congratulations to the Early-Bird Winners who won \$100 each: Nancy Friye, Ava Fesler, and Rich Deters



**Back on the road, we saw the star.
Our hearts rejoiced exceedingly.
It led us to a house in town.
We followed it most willingly. (cheerfully)**

**We found the child, simple and poor,
No crowns, jewels, or costly rings.
His Mother Mary, welcomed us.
We then adored the King of kings.**

**We then offered our precious gifts,
Frank-incense, and myrrh, and gold.
We then knew a much richer find,
A love that can hardly be told.**

**We did not go back to Herod.
An angel warned us in a dream.
Herod had lied, saying he would,
Come to adore, so it would seem.**

- Paul Bechtold

CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...

Dear Brother Knights & Family Members,

As the old year passes into the rear-view mirror and the new one lies ahead it is a natural time for reflection. We review what has been and we look forward to tomorrow. Whatever has been, we cannot change, however — we can make wiser choices in the New Year!



Our world has been experiencing extraordinarily difficult times. Our national debt now exceeds the value of our assets. Inflation is rampant and our country is in continuing recession. Millions of illegal aliens have flooded our borders. Wars are raging in the Ukraine and in Israel, each of which threaten to devastate those nations and expand to other countries. Tensions are high with China.

On the national scene more than a few in government advocate solutions contrary to human dignity and God's moral Law. The media and entertainment industries celebrate and promote perversion in society.

The late Pope Pius XII, offered words of wisdom when in troubled times when he observed:

Exactly in times like these, he who remains firm in his faith and strong in his heart, knows that Christ the King is never so near as in trial, which is the hour of fidelity. With a heart broken by the suffering of so many of her children, but with the courage and firmness that come from faith in the Lord's promises, the Spouse of Christ [the Church], advances toward the approaching storm. She knows that the truth she announces, the charity she teaches and its practice will be the unique counselors and collaborators of men of good will in the reconstruction of a new world, in justice and love, after humanity, weary of running in the way of error, will have tasted the bitter fruit of hatred and of violence.

While his words were written at the beginning of WWII, are conditions any less critical today? Not only is our nation in great turmoil and our government is seemingly powerless against our challenges.

A great crisis lies ahead for all America. Many

chant the mantra of "change." Experience has shown us however that government and more spending are not the answer.

As the Holy Father observed, *the work before us is spiritual* - "The construction of a new world, in justice and love." Only we can do that—with God's help.

Young and old, if we witness to the truths of Christ, living lives of fervent prayer, we can turn the tide in the storm. If we do not take up that challenge, then are we not part of the problem?

A hope-filled new year to all— in Christ Jesus.

- Fr. Don Blickhan

- THE BATTLE OF THE PADDLES

A "Battle of the Paddles" will be held at McGivney Hall on Saturday February 2th. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with bidding beginning at 6:00 p.m. Open to the general public.

This event is a fund raiser to support Catholic Education at Blessed Sacrament School.

How does it work? You purchase one or more bidding paddles for \$1 each. There are only 400 available.



This resembles an auction. There will be approximately 50 items available for bidding each of which has an assigned value. Numbers are drawn out of a bucket and the person holding up the matching paddle number wins the item!

Hosted for Blessed Sacrament school by Lori Quevillon and Jennifer Arens. You may bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to your table. Alcoholic drinks will be available from the Bar from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Quarters will be available to purchase.

Vendors will be present to offer various products. A bake sale will be held to support club volleyball.

To reserve a table call ahead to 217-228-1477 (with the number at your table).

We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures, we are the sum of our Father's love for us...

St. John Paul II