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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month

From The Grand Knight...



Hello Brother Knights,

Fall is here with all of the magic in the air! Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Christmas will be soon thereafter. As we move into the New Year let's remember to give thanks, and do a little extra for everyone around us.

Everyone could use a little help or encouragement at this time of year. Ask brother Knights to lift up those that may not be as fortunate as us. Also, our kids Christmas and *Christmas Cheer* is slowly coming upon us. The dates for those events will be. *Kids Christmas* on the 14th and the *Knights Cove* and *Christmas Cheer* will be the Sunday the 8th. We look forward to seeing all of our members at *Christmas Cheer* this year. Come out. Have a good time. Enjoy the holiday!

I also ask all of you over this holiday season to say something a little extra, say an extra prayer just for the people in general that we are trying to do so much for in this holiday season.

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- CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas season is upon us and with that comes all the joy of celebrating the birth of Christ!

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.



By now you all have received your Christmas Raffle tickets in the mail - and some have even returned the tickets with extra money to purchase more. 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!

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 Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Thank you for purchasing tickets and for supporting this year's Christmas Raffle! - *The Raffle Committee*

- CHICKEN BUFFET DINNERS

Delicious Friday Night Chicken Dinners are being served in Father McGivney Hall every Friday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Price is \$13.00 for adults, \$7.00 for Children 12 & under, Children under 5 eat free. The "all you can eat" meals includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans and corn. Drive through is available. Invite your family and friends. Everyone is welcomed.



- CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas party will be held on December 14, 2024 from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the lower level of the South building. Please sign up on the sheet located on bulletin board of the South building. We will need members name, children's names, ages, male/female, and a phone number. Or please call hosts Lori Quevillon, 217-316-1299 or Merry Boden at 217-430-6210. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday December 11th.



- 2025 CALENDAR RAFFLE

The 2025 Raffle Calendar is in full swing and we look forward to great returns! We encourage your response as we have only a month left to sell our calendars! And we only have a limited number available. We appreciate the generous support of all our members to make the raffle a success.

Please think of family, friends and neighbors who might make a purchase. Remember, the calendars make great Christmas gifts with many chances to win. Stop by the club during regular hours to get more calendars or call Mike Schlipmann at 653-9318 or John Veith at 653-0258.



Early Bird Drawing: The *Early Bird Drawing* for three lucky winners will be held at the main club house during *Christmas Cheer*. Get your calendars returned to us for a chance to win \$100.

Free 2025 Raffle Calendars: Remember that anyone selling 20 calendars will be entitled to a free calendar. Anyone selling 50 calendars will be entitled to 4 free calendars. Thank you!

- EXCITEMENT AT THE CLUBHOUSE...

On Thursdays for the weekly raffle. Only 51 numbers remain! The jackpot is now up to \$23,382! Tickets are on sale from 6:00—7:45 p.m. with the drawing at 8:00 p.m. Come on in—you could be the one who wins.



Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.

- Henry James



- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION

I remember the chilling feeling of standing on the spot in Sarajevo, Bosnia where, on June 28, 1924, Bosnian Serb Gavrilo Princep assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife. This proved to be the spark that kindled one of the most terrible conflicts in all human history, World War I.

That war grew to be a global conflict between two coalitions: the Allies and the Central Powers. The parties fought in unrelenting brutal trench warfare, using deadly machine guns, tanks, suicidal charges and poisonous gas. There were some 40 million casualties, 20 million killed and 23 million maimed and wounded. Parts of the battlefields are even today dangerous from unexploded ordinance.

Perhaps it seems inappropriate to mention this event in the month we celebrate the birth of the Savior but something of a miracle happened during that war. This was highlighted by Stanley Weintraub in his book, *Silent Night*:

*On Christmas Eve, men on both sides laid down their arms and joined in a spontaneous celebration. Despite orders to continue shooting, the unofficial truce spread across the front lines. Even the participants found what they were doing, incredible: Germans placed candlelit Christmas trees on trench parapets, warring soldiers sang carols, and men on opposing sides shared food parcels from home. They climbed the trenches to meet in "No Man's Land" where they buried the dead, exchanged gifts, ate and drank together, and even played soccer.**

For a moment amid the insanity of the war men were moved by the spirit of the season, to turn from the violence, to each other as fellow humans and to celebrate the season. The spirit of Jesus visited the battlefields, and peace prevailed.

As we enter the month of Christmas we pray that something of that miracle happens again, as people around the world turn their hearts to Bethlehem

and the Infant who was born there. Let us lift our hearts for a moment to the Lord.

If we could only carry that spirit with us throughout the year!

Perhaps we can!

**Silent Night, The Story of World War And The Christmas Truce*, By Stanley Weintraub. Plume Books, © 2001, From the rear cover

- WEEKLY MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Broadcast Date	Mass Intention
Sun, Dec 1,	Billy Bennett
Sun, Dec 8,	Carl Kuhn
Sun, Dec 15	Larry Zanger
Sun, Dec 22	Richard Lauer
Sun, Dec 29	Our Knights & Family Members



(Provided by the Knights of the Fourth Degree.)

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS...



December is upon us! Where has this year gone? December is the truly most Blessed season of the year remembering the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we to say a few extra prayers, recite the rosary, or attend Mass daily Mass during

this time. Remember "Jesus is the reason."

The 2024 "Christmas Cheers" will be held on Sunday December 8th from 1-3pm at the Club. Hope to see you there. That day we will have a table set up for 4th degree member to pay their 2025 membership dues and to hopefully to make a donation to the TV Mass for shut-ins.

During these holidays please remember to pray for all of our sick — and as always please remember to keep in your prayers all of our servicemen and women who are away from their families during this Holiday Season. May God look over them and keep them safe.

May God bless these United States of America! From our family to yours may all of you have a safe and Blessed Holiday. Vivat Jesus!

Our next Fourth Degree meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, January 21, in the east room of the Clubhouse.

- *Your Faithful Navigator, Terry Obert, 217-592-6400*

