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

From The Grand Knight...

Dear Brother Knights & Family Members,

We have come to the end of another year and look forward to the beginning of 2026. I hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas and were able to spend time with their loved ones throughout the holiday season!

Our Council continues to be very active during these winter months as we have our *Chicken Dinners* on Fridays, our big *50/50 Drawing* on Thursdays, and our *Dart and Bags* leagues on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Come out to the Club and see what's happening! Our *Calendar Raffle* starts fresh on January 1st. If you haven't bought your calendar, it's not too late. Get them in soon for your chance to win all year! Your support of our Council helps us to support many charities throughout the year.

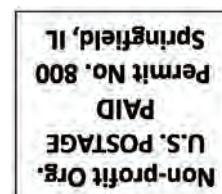
As we begin this New Year, we can consider new opportunities and new resolutions for the upcoming year, we can take an account of our lives and consider where there may be room for improvement or growth in our spiritual well-being. Maybe this year we can resolve to receive the sacrament of Penance at least once a month, go to Mass at least one day other than Sunday, or to say a daily Rosary. Our Lord gives us opportunities each day to grow closer to Him, it is up to us whether we choose to follow His will or our own.

Let us take this opportunity of the New Year to have a fresh start and make a resolution that will help us grow closer to God in our Catholic faith.

Wishing you all a very blessed and Happy New Year in 2026!



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- THE 2026 CALENDAR RAFFLE

With the holiday rush, calendar sales lagged a little in December, but we have managed to come close to the break-even point before Christmas.



We are counting on the strong support of all our KC members to make a good showing and help push the 2026 Calendar Raffle over the top! It's not too late to contact anyone you know and encourage them to buy a calendar. And you can keep selling raffle calendars well into the new year which helps boost our charitable account.

We want to thank everyone involved for their generosity and hard work. There are still 2026 calendars that are available at the Clubhouse during regular hours or by calling John Veith at 217-653-0258. Thank you for your generosity and support. Good luck in 2026.

Early-Bird Winners: Congratulations to the 3 early-bird winners listed who won \$100 each: Ruth Liesen, Ralph Boden and Mike Rein!

- BEST BIBLE

What is the best Bible for Catholics to purchase? Catholic Bibles are commonly available in the *New American*, *The Douay-Rheims*, *The Jerusalem* and the *Revised Standard* editions.



When getting the "RSV" make sure you get the Catholic version as it also comes out in a Protestant edition. The *New American* is the edition used in the pulpit in the United States.

There is also a *New Revised Standard* Version but its translation is less literal.

A Protestant Bible has fewer books. (Some were left out after the Reformation.)

The Catholic Bible contains all of the traditional books as well as having excellent background notes.

- COPIES OF THE KNIGHTLY NEWS

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If a man is much in the habit of reflecting that God was once a little baby...he will not in fact be able to keep up the practice of a pure religion of fear.

- G. K. Chesterton

- SPIRITUAL INSIGHT

Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire... Fear is the motive which constrains the slave; greed binds the selfish man, by which he is tempted when he is drawn away by his own lust and enticed (James 1:14). But neither fear nor self-interest is undefiled, nor can they convert the soul. Only charity can convert the soul, freeing it from unworthy motives.



- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

- KC BREAKFAST BUFFET

The next delicious monthly KofC breakfast buffet will be held on Sunday, January 4th from 8 a.m. till 11 a.m. in the Club House (South building) Adults \$14, Kids 6-12 \$6. Age 5 and under free.



- NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday January 1st is a holyday of obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. For Mass times please consult your parish bulletin.

- CHICKEN DINNERS!

Will resume on Friday January 9th! They are served in Father McGivney Hall from 5:00-7:00 pm. Price is \$14 for adults, \$7.00 for Children 12 & under, Children under 5 eat free! Includes chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and corn. Serving Dine-in or Drive-Thru, 1/2 chicken with 3 sides, price \$14.00 per meal. Please invite your Family & Friends. Everyone is welcome!

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...

A few days ago I introduced a classmate to a friend. The classmate observed that we have known each other since 3rd grade! Has it been that long ago, I wondered? As we draw close to the end of the year we have many memories of old friends that come to mind! It is humbling to realize how so many good people have been part of my life. Good heavens!

In our discussion for some odd reason we both drifted into speculating on whether or not we would make it to heaven. Interesting! But I guess as we look back on life, it is also natural to wonder what may lie ahead.

And now we stand at the start of a new year! We cannot help but wonder what that year will bring. What does the Lord have in mind? And when the day of judgement comes, will we indeed make it to heaven.

I am reminded of a beautiful message from Carlo Carretto:

Yes, God is there before you, watching you. His look is creative, capable of achieving the impossible. And just as he looked on the chaos at the beginning, hovered over the waters with the smile of his favor, and drew forth the cosmos, so, looking at you with the same favoring smile, he realizes the final purpose of creation: love.

Take courage, then: God loves you. I know you do not deserve it, so it is useless to go on saying so: the fact is, he loves you. I know you are tormented by doubts, do not be afraid. He loves you, and his love is freely given. He does not love you for what you are worth; he loves you because, as God, he cannot help loving you: he is love.

Let yourself go; let him take hold of you. He accepts you as a son.

I have come into the desert to pray, to learn to pray. It has been the Sahara's great gift to me and I should like to share it with all my friends. It is immeasurable and contains every other gift within itself. . .

Prayer is the sum of our relationship with God. We are what we pray. The degree of our faith is the degree of our prayer. The strength of our hope is the strength of our prayer. The warmth of our charity is the warmth of our prayer,

*no more, no less.*¹

Prayer is the road to heaven. It is our work as a Catholic. Through prayer we will find the way: the One who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life!" Walk it, and in this New Year you will not walk alone.

- Fr. Don Blickhan

- TV MASS INTENTIONS

Recording	Broadcast	Intention
Tues. Dec. 30,	Sun. Jan 4,	Theresa (Tudie) Stahl
Tues. Jan. 6,	Sun., Jan 11,	Ed & Vivian Schulte
Tues. Jan. 13,	Sun. Jan 18,	Roger E. Knuffman
Tues. Jan 20,	Sun, Jan 25,	Gerald Gary Vogel
Tues. Jan 27,	Sun, Feb 1,	Walter & Alberta Winking



- BATTLE OF THE PADDLES

Saturday held on February 21st in Father McGivney Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with auction from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring your non-alcoholic drinks, snacks, quarters and friends. Cash bar available. Support our local Blessed Sacrament School, Great items to bid on!



- KC ITEMS

Ever wonder about an appropriate gift for a Knight? Or as a Knight yourself, and being proud of your membership and want to get a shirt or a hat with the KC emblem? A great source of KC items is the website Knightsgear.com. There is a wide assortment of great items, from clothing, Christmas ornaments and cards, men's ties, cufflinks, golf accessories, and many other items.



- IT WAS LONG A CUSTOM...

For a gentleman to tip his hat as he passed a church in respect for the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Those without a hat would make the sign the cross. Knights, why not continue this great tradition? As Knights, salute the Lord!



1. Carlo Carretto, © 1972, *Letters from the Desert*