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



From The Grand Knight….

December is here and we begin to focus our attention on gathering with friends and family for the holiday season.

Our Council continues to stay busy with many activities going on. We just finished with our *Coats for Kids* distribution, giving away nearly one hundred coats to children in need of a new coat! You may have already found your calendar raffle tickets for 2027 in your mailbox, this fundraiser goes to support many of our charities throughout the year like *Coats for Kids* and *Food for Families*, so please consider purchasing your calendar raffle tickets.

On Dec. 13th, our council will host the annual *Christmas Cheer Party* at the clubhouse from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share, participate in the Christmas Cheer raffle, pay your dues for the upcoming year, and promote fraternity as we celebrate with one another the joyful season of Christ's birth.

It is important this time of the year to also remember the season of Advent and prepare ourselves properly for the coming of Christ. It is appropriate during Advent to go to Confession and receive the sacrament of Penance* so that we are able to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist in a holy and fitting way. (**City-wide Penance Service, St. Peters, December 20th, 2:00 p.m.*)

May God give us the grace to prepare ourselves this Advent season so that we may all welcome Christ into our hearts at Christmas, and by doing so, may Christ's Light shine within us that we may be the "Light of the World" and "Glorify God by our good deeds."

Merry Christmas to all my brother knights and your families!

– Chuck Zanger, Grand Knight, Council #583
crz801@hotmail.com 217-617-8880

- WOW...WOW...WOW!

On October 29th at the Quincy Knights of Columbus monthly meeting the executive board members were awarded the distinguished *Star Council Award* by the District Deputy, Matt Piescinski. The "Star Council Award" is the highest honor presented by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus to local councils. It recognizes overall excellence in membership growth, promotion of insurance and financial benefits, program activities, as well as council administrative compliance.



As Knights we have received this distinguished honor because of the solid leadership of Chuck Zanger, our Grand Knight, as well as the tireless attention to the details of a Council's records and programs by Bill Anderson our Secretary. Terry Obert leads the 4th Degree and its volunteers in serving the Chicken and Fish dinners which raise funds for our Charity commitments. Our other officers and volunteers – we could not mention them all here - are similarly dedicated - and round out the great leadership team which merited the *Star Council Award*. Council #583 is the best!

– CHICKEN DINNERS!



Our very popular KC Friday evening Chicken Dinners will be held until Lent. Meals are served at McGivney Hall. Drive thru service also provided!

Buffet: 1/2 chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans & corn. All you can eat from 5:00 pm till 7 p.m.

Adults - $14.00, Children age 12 & Under - $7.00, under 5, eat free. Invite your neighbors and friends. *Everyone is welcomed*!

- COMING SOON!

The Knights of Columbus Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 12th from 1:00 -2:30 p.m. in the Club House basement. Any child or grandchild of a member can sign up!



Registration sheets will be at each building. You must have your child signed up no later than December 10th. You may also sign up by calling Lori Quevillon at 217-316-1299 or Mary Boden at 217-430-6210. We will need name of the member, children's names, gender, age, and phone number.

- CALENDAR RAFFLE UPDATE

The 2027 Raffle Calendar is in full swing, but we still have a long way to go — and only 1 month left to sell our calendars! We need the generous support of all our members to help raise money for the club and its charities. 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. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The "Early Bird Drawing for three lucky winners will be held on 12/13 at the Club House

Remember that anyone selling 20 calendars will be entitled to a free calendar. Anyone selling 50 calendars will be entitled to 4 free calendars. Thanks again for your support!

- FROM OUR AGENT...



This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband, and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

May I to remind you of your 2026 Financial Protection Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven't already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at survey.kofc.org. Thank you!

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- CAN TABS...



We will be delivering the soda and beer can tabs to Ronald McDonald House in December. Please drop collected tabs off to the Main Club before Sunday, December 13th. Thank you! - *Mike & Janice Zanger*

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION...



A year ago Carlo Acutis was canonized in Rome by Pope Leo. Have you ever wondered how a 15 year-old kid could reach the heights of sanctity in such a short life? It was simple. He passionately loved Jesus. From his First Communion he attended daily Mass and spent an hour in adoration.

"Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 18:3)

Quotations from St. Carlo follow:

The Eucharist

1. "The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven."
2. "Jesus, make yourself at home! Live within me as if it were your own dwelling!"
3. "Jesus is very creative because he hides in a little piece of bread, and only God could do something so incredible!"
4. "Throngs of people stand in interminable lines to buy tickets to rock concerts or soccer matches, but I don't see crowds of people lined up outside church waiting to see Jesus in the Eucharist. This should make us pause and reflect."
5. "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven!"

Christian life

6. "Life is a gift, because as long as we are on this planet, we can grow in our ability to love. The more we learn to love, the more we will enjoy eternal blessedness with God."
7. "Everything fades, anyway. … What will make us truly beautiful in the eyes of God is only the way in which we loved him and how we loved our neighbors."
8. "I let God observe me, to dig deep inside me, to form my soul, to mold it. He is truly present, not an invention. He's there. And if everyone could realize that, how they would run to it! If everyone believed in this truth, how their lives would change for the better!"
9. "Why do people worry so much about the beauty of their body but never worry about the beauty of their soul?"
10. "Sadness is looking toward oneself; happiness is looking toward God."
11. "Our frenetic pace of life has made us forget that each of us must climb Golgotha sooner or later. Our journey on this earth is marked from the beginning: We are all invited to take up our cross and climb Golgotha."
12. "Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies."
13. "Every minute that passes in vain is a missed opportunity to become more holy."
14. "Our ultimate goal must be the Infinite and not the finite."

Prayer

15. After the holy Eucharist, the holy Rosary is the most powerful weapon for fighting the devil and the shortest ladder for climbing into heaven."
16. "Each time that we address the Mother of God, we place ourselves in direct and immediate contact with heaven."
17. "If God possesses our hearts, then we will possess the Infinite."

There are some very inspiring videos describing miracles attributed to St. Carlo on YouTube.

- FOURTH DEGREE NOTES...

Thank you to all of the Fourth-degree Honor Guard who participated at the visitation or Mass for Monsignor Enlow and Monsignor Kuse.

The Christmas Cheer will be held on Sunday December 13th, 2026, from 1-3 p.m. at the Club House. Hope to see you there! That day we will have a table set up for our Fourth degree members to pay their membership dues and hopefully make a donation to the TV Mass for shut-ins.

Our next Fourth Degree meeting will be held January 19, at 7 p.m. in the east room of your Club House. Hope to see you there!

During these Holidays, please remember to pray for all of our sick and as always remember to keep in your prayers all of our Servicemen & women here and overseas. Have a safe & Blessed Holidays.

- Terry Obert 217-592-6400
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Mass Intentions

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Tues. Dec. 1,	Sun, Dec. 6,	Larry W. Brumbaugh†
Tues. Dec. 8,	Sun. Dec. 13,	Jean Goodwin †
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