

Knight Letter



4th Degree Assembly

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The KC Advent Fundraiser Raffle

December 23rd, 7:30 PM!

1st - \$750

2nd - \$300

3rd thru 7th - \$100

8th thru 10th - \$60

Tickets 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$60; Buy your tickets, sell your tickets! Remember to use your Pre Addressed envelope to send your checks and tickets stubs to Mike Wirth. Mike Contact Mike and Jan Wirth at 457-9095 for questions!



Grand Knight's Column

From your Grand Knight:

With Christmas just a few weeks away, I hope that you celebrate in a manner that brings your family and friends together. As so many will say "eat, drink, and be merry" but that is not what this time of year should really be about. It is a time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, who is the foundation of our Catholic faith. But how we do that can be a bit different for each and every one of us. It is my hope that each of you and your families do that with time praying and recognizing the true meaning of this joyous season. Here at the Knights of Columbus we support the "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiative, if you have your sign from the past please put them out, we still have a few car magnetic signs available at the KC Center along with some yard signs. If you are interested get hold of me, or stop at the Center and I will try and help you obtain them for a modest cost.

We at the KC's are looking forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events in December; such as: the Kids Christmas party on Sunday December 11th from 1 – 2:30 pm, the Knights before Christmas event and Advent Raffle drawing on December 23rd starting at 5 pm, our regular meeting on

Knight's Calendar

The Council 722 Food Drive is ongoing. Please bring your nonperishable items to meetings and burger nights. Cash donations are also accepted. Chairman Tim George 920-860-3405

December

- 1 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 2 Family Night
- 3,4 State Council DD Meeting in Oshkosh
- 10 KC Christmas Poster Contest Bar Side 6; KC Membership 7; Ladies Night Out
- 11 Kids Christmas Party 1-2:30
- 13 Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Clement Parish 4
- 15 3rd Thursday \$2.00 Burger Night at Center 5-7
- 23 Knights Before Christmas – Bar Opens 4:30
Officer Snacks 5; Northern Lights 6:30
Advent Drawing 7:30
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 30 KC Charity Fish Fry

January

- 5 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 8 KC Free Throw; 1PM at Seton School
- 10 Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Clement Parish 4
- 12 KC Membership Meeting 7; Ladies Aux. 7
- 14 District Meeting Host by Plymouth 1789
- 18 4th Degree Pro-Life Mass 5:30; Social 6:30;
Dinner 7:15; Sheboygan KC Center
- 19 3rd Thursday \$2 Burger Night 5-7
- 28 District Free Throw; St. John the Baptist; 1789
- 28 2nd/3rd Degree in New Holstein

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December 8th, burger night December 15th, and finally the Fifth Friday Fish Fry December 30th. What I am trying to get you to understand is to have a wonderful time of “eat, drink, and be merry” but don’t forget this is really our time to honor and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God the Father who came to this earth so our sins could be forgiven and allow our souls to enter Heaven.

Last, sincere thanks to Don Grimm who accepted the chair position for the Sponsors and Friends of the Knight Letter. If you know someone or a business who would like to advertise in our newsletter, let Don know!

MERRY CHRITMAS AND A HAPPY AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR

In Christ’s Name,
GK Lawrence (Larry) Lenhardt

Upcoming Degrees

A 2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree will be held on January 28, 2017 in New Holstein.



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intentions for December

Vatican City, 1 December 2016 (VIS) – The Holy Father’s universal prayer intention for December is: “That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.” His intention for evangelization is: “That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.”

Chaplain’s Column

Brother Knights and Families,

These facts are taken from various web sites entitled “Origins of Christmas”. May you find this interesting.

Why We Celebrate Christmas on December 25th

Nearly all aspects of Christmas observance have their roots in Roman custom and religion. The November 22nd, 1984 issue of The Buffalo News states “The earliest reference to Christmas being marked on Dec. 25th comes from the second century after Jesus’ birth. It is considered likely the first Christmas celebrations were in reaction to the Roman Saturnalia, a harvest festival that marked the winter solstice—the return of the sun—and honored Saturn, the god of sowing. Saturnalia was a rowdy time, much opposed by the more austere among the still-minority Christian sect. Christmas developed one scholar says as a means of replacing worship of the sun with worship of the Son. By 529 AD, after Christianity had become the official state religion of the Roman Empire, Emperor Justinian made Christmas a civic holiday”.

The *Encyclopedia Americana*, 1956 edition, adds, “Christmas... was not observed in the first centuries of the Christian church, since the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth... a feast was established in memory of this event (Christ’s birth) in the fourth century. In the fifth century the Western Church ordered the feast to be celebrated forever on the day of the Mithraic rites of the birth of the sun and at the close of the Saturnalia, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ’s birth existed.” It was 300 years after Christ before the Roman church kept Christmas, and not until the fifth century that it was mandated to be kept throughout the empire as an official festival honoring “Christ.” There is no historical record nor even a well-founded tradition which gives the date of the birth of Christ. The date of December 25th was established about the year 320, and the Popes seem to have chosen the twenty-fifth day of December principally to divert the attention of the people from the celebration of a pagan feast of the Mithras cult which was called the “Birthday of the Unconquered Sun” (*Natalis Solis Invicti*). This does not in any manner indicate that Christmas is merely a “Christianized” pagan feast, for Christians of that time realized with St. John Chrysostom: “The pagans call December 25th the Birthday of the Unconquered. Who is indeed so unconquered as Our Lord? Or, if they say that it is the birthday of the Sun, He is the Sun of Justice.” May you have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Dick

Fourth Degree News
From Your Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights and Ladies,

It's the evening of the first Sunday of Advent as I sit writing this article. At Mass this morning, we blessed and lit the first candle in the Advent wreath starting our new liturgical year and our journey through the Christmas season. The month of December is filled with excitement, expectation and celebration. During this time most of us are getting ready for Christmas by shopping, decorating, baking and cleaning. But too often we are so busy with these preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for the season. Let's always remember to keep Christ in Christmas! December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on December 8. The first 24 days of December fall during the liturgical season known as Advent and are represented by the liturgical color purple. The remaining days of December mark the beginning of the Christmas season.

Please keep these two important dates in mind. First is Sunday, March 12th, 2017 which is our 4th Degree Spaghetti Dinner and the second is Saturday, April 1st, 2017 which is the 4th Degree Exemplification in Green Bay. We are looking to recruit new candidates for this event.

With the busy Holiday Season under way, we do not have a meeting scheduled in December. The next Assembly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at the Sheboygan Knights of Columbus Hall in Sheboygan. We will start this first meeting of the New Year with Mass at 5:30PM followed by a social at 6:30PM and the dinner/meeting at 7:15PM.

From Lady Sue and myself, we wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

Yours in Faith,
Faithful Navigator John Zalewski
Monsignor Philipp Dreis Assembly #1204



Eucharistic Holy Hour
St. Clement Parish 4PM

Tuesdays

Prayers Requested

Please pray for our fellow Brothers or members of their families who have taken ill or are in distress in some way.

Mike Bubb, Chris Bramm, Paul Brown, Christy Carpenter, Frank Koroshetz, Donna Johnson, Jim Mc Inerney, Charlene & Francis D. Goettl, Sr., Paul Vavra, Jack Grandlic, John Molitor, Jonie Nienas, Rhonda Fouts, Ken Johnson, Charles Kirsch, Jim Raff Family, Marietta Rodriguez, Pat Schemenauer, Art Sommers, Jan Wirth, New Hope Pregnancy Center, Children of the Knights and special intentions

If you know of a Brother Knight or his family member who needs our prayers or a visit, contact our Grand Knight Larry Lenhardt so he can inform the members of our Council. Contact: 920-980-5694 or webmaster@sheboygankofc.com

November
Knight of the Month
SK Don Steffen

November
Family of the Month
Daniel and Mary Petrie

In Memoriam
Ken Brunnbauer
Josephine Bubb

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Francis Goettl

Happy Birthday!

Wishing you a day that is as special in every way as you are!

Timothy Adams	12-03-1972
Andrew Hughes	12-03-1956
John Grandlic	12-04-1933
Deacon John Gavin	12-06-1952
John Molitor	12-06-1934
Peter Molitor	12-08-1964
Thomas Selak	12-08-1962
Dr. Mark Knabel	12-12-1951
Matthew Rostollan	12-14-1986
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Thomas Johnson	12-23-1935
Thomas Paulson	12-23-1944
Modesto Tavaréz	12-23-1944
Ronald Mikolic	12-30-1930
Daniel Petrie	12-30-1953
Vern Baus	12-31-1942

Your Field Agent

Insurance and Fraternal Benefits:

We are currently seeking an active/assigned field agent for our Council. If you know of anyone who you think might be interested in taking care of our membership, please contact:

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Years of Service

Norman Knier	69
Joseph Freiberg	68
Daniel Brulla	67
Roman Wagner Jr.	64
Augustine Stahl	62
Joseph Flad	55
Kenneth Blindauer	37
Wayne Wenske	35
Frank Koroschetz	29
Thomas Luke	2
Michael Sprangers	2
Bernardino Castillo	1
Larry Kirchner	1
Kevin Obrien	1
Steven Heun	1



15th Annual Ladies Craft Event a Success

The K.C. Ladies Auxiliary held their annual craft event on November 19th at St. Dominic's PAC. The beneficiary of this year's event is the Sheboygan County MOPS Program. More than 16 large boxes of food items were donated to our local food pantries. Over 40 vendors exhibited their crafts and wares providing a large assortment from which to choose. Each vendor also donated an item for the fund-raising raffle which was held at the end of the event. A thank you goes to all our Ladies who helped during the day, along with a special thank you to the K.C. men who helped with tables and other duties including the kitchen staff. The St. Dominic Mission Trip youth and parents were greatly appreciated for their help with set-up and tear down after the event. The K.C. Ladies Auxiliary appreciates all of our K.C. members who baked items for the bake sale and all of you who showed up to support the event. In the photo: Upper L to R: Julie Puksich, Karen Jeske, Mary Knabel. Pictured lower L to R: Joyce Tavares, Georgine Hughes.

Karen Jeske

KC Free Throw Contest

Seton School Gymnasium
January 8, 2017; 1 pm

KC Knowledge Contest

St. Peter Claver Church
Van Treeck Hall
February 4th, 2017; 9 am

District Free Throw Contest

St. John the Baptist School, Plymouth
January 28, 2017

Campus Corner

Christ Child Academy

This past Thursday, Wilson Elementary School joined CCA for a school assembly, presented by Camfel Productions, with the focus on making "The Right Choices" and how those choices affect them daily and in their future. The Sheboygan Catholic Schools' Christmas Band Concert will be held this Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The concert features students from Christ Child Academy and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Please come and enjoy the sounds of the season as the students share the holiday spirit in musical talent. The performance is directed by Mrs. Anne Kincaid, Band Director. CCA families and staff recently donated a total of 459 items for the annual St. Peter Claver Food Pantry Drive held by the Student Service Council. This teaches the students the value of reaching out to families in need.

Upper right: On Friday, November 11th Christ Child Academy honored our Veterans with a ceremony at the flagpole. The ceremony began with 8th graders reading excerpts from essays they wrote about Veterans. Then the students and staff prayed, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America" together. Annually the VFW sponsors the Patriot's Pen writing contest with the 2016-2017 patriotic theme, "The America I Believe In".

Melissa Raff
Grade 4
Christ Child Academy

"If you want your children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders." Abigail VanBuren



Seton

The students at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School were very busy and THANKFUL during the month of November! Here are a few of the great activities they accomplished:

Pre-K students became Pilgrims and Native Americans as they read stories about the first Thanksgiving. They created placemats for their very own Thanksgiving feast. They also talked about all of the blessings they have from God and how thankful they are for them.

Kindergarten students read the story, "Run Turkey Run", and then acted out the story in a performance for their parents. They also celebrated the 50th day of school by seeing things from the 1950's and listening to music popular in the 1950's! They also learned about prayers of thanksgiving and wrote their own prayer of what they are thankful for.

1st Grade students enjoyed performances from "Reader's Theater". They began to learn subtraction in math class. They also read about the first Thanksgiving, created Native American vests & headbands, and Pilgrim hats, and celebrated their own Thanksgiving with a feast.

2nd Grade students learned about 2 digit numbers – place value, number words, and expanded form. They read an 80 page book about the Pilgrims and life in the 1600's. They also read a story, "Hedgehog Bakes a Cake", and then made their own cake in the school kitchen. It was delicious!

4th Grade students worked on a STEM activity that crossed the curriculum of math, science, and social studies. They worked in groups to build a Mayflower ship out of a Styrofoam plate and tin foil. They had to come up with a design and then construct the ship. They tested their ships to see which could hold the most "Pilgrims" (pennies).

The Middle School students worked on a variety of topics in their classes:

Math: 6th Grade – fractions, 7th Grade – solving equations, 8th Grade – functions and sequence

Science: 6th – Plants, 7th – human anatomy (they dissected a cow's heart!) 8th – weather (the students worked in groups to put together a weather forecast using a "green screen")

English: 6th– pronouns, 7th – adjectives, 8th – adjectives

Religion: 6th – Liturgical Year – Ordinary Time, 7th – Holy spirit, 8th – 10 Commandments

Social Studies: the classes are studying Egypt and mummified Cornish hens!

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School has much to be thankful for! We are very blessed.

Alice Oberbroeckling

Medjugorje Message

December 2, 2016 Apparition

Today, December 2nd, 2016, Our Lady appeared to the visionary Mirjana Soldo at the Blue Cross in Medjugorje. During the apparition, Our Lady delivered the following message for the world:

"Dear children, my motherly heart is crying as I am looking at what my children are doing. Sins are multiplying, the purity of soul is all the less important; my Son is being forgotten - honored all the less; and my children are being persecuted. That is why, you my children, apostles of my love, with soul and heart invoke the name of my Son. He will have the words of light for you. He manifests Himself to you, He breaks the bread with you and gives you the words of love so that you may transform them into merciful acts and, thus, be witnesses of truth. That is why, my children, do not be afraid. Permit my Son to be in you. He will make use of you to care for the wounded and to convert lost souls. Therefore, my children, return to the prayer of the Rosary. Pray it with feelings of goodness, sacrifice and mercy. Pray, not only with words, but with merciful acts. Pray with love for all people. My Son, by His sacrifice, exalted love. Therefore, live with Him so that you may have strength and hope; that you may have the love which is life and which leads to eternal life. Through God's love, I am also with you, and will lead you with motherly love. Thank you."

After experiencing the apparition, Mirjana said that Our Lady was very sad.