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Knights Before Christmas

December 15th, 2023

Please mark your calendars NOW and join us for a festive evening of good friends, tasty hors d'oeuvres, wonderful entertainment and our annual Advent raffle drawing.

This evening has been an annual tradition for our Council, so plan on starting your holiday celebration with us.

Festivities Begin at 4:30!

Northern Lights Performance 6:30

Advent Raffle Drawing 7:30

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.

Contact Mike and Jan Wirth at 457-9095 for questions!



Knights' Calendar

KC Rosary for Vocations – St. Clement, Sheboygan every Tuesday 3p.m. during Eucharistic Adoration

December

- 5 Advent by Candlelight 5-8
- 6 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 9 Diocese Meeting 9:30-3 Fond du Lac
- 14 Christmas Poster Contest- 6;
KC Membership 7; Ladies Night Out
- 15 Knights Before Christmas 4:30; Northern Lights Performance 6:30; Advent Raffle Drawing 7:30
- 21 Burger Night at Center 5-7
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- 29 Fifth Friday Fish Fry 5-7, KC Center
- 31 New Year's Eve

January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 3 Seton Free Throw Championship 12:30
- 4 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 11 KC Membership Meeting 7; Ladies Aux. 7
- 12 CCA Free Throw Championship 12:30
- 17 4th Degree Pro-Life Mass 5:30; Social 6:15;
Dinner 7:00; Sheboygan KC Center
- 18 3rd Thursday Burger Night 5-7
- 20 District Free Throw Championship SJB

Grand Knight's Column

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year". Or, maybe the most stressful especially for people challenged with food and/or financial shortages. Be sure to add a charitable organization to your holiday shopping list! And remember, it does not need to be a monetary donation. Volunteer or perform simple acts of kindness in our community. This is what the Knights' Charity pledge asks us to do.

During our exemplification ceremony last month, three Knights joined Council 722. Please welcome Mark Bettag, Christopher Elsen and Harold Lancour!

This particular QR code directs users to kofc.org/join webpage. This is a simple way to invite new members into our council.



Join the Knights

I hope to see you all at our annual Knights before Christmas festivities on December 15th starting at 4:30 pm at the KC Center.

Mark your calendars for the following up-coming events. We will need volunteers.

- December 29th, Fifth Friday Fish Fry, 5-7, KC Center.
- Free Throw Championship held at our parish schools during their Phy. Ed. classes in the afternoons beginning at 12:30pm. Wednesday, January 3rd (Seton) and Friday, January 12th (CCA).

Have a Merry Christmas!
Gary Reinholtz, Grand Knight



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

Vatican City, 1 December 2023 (VIS) – The Holy Father's prayer intention for December – For persons with disabilities “We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation”.

Chaplain's Column

Brother Knights and Families,

WOW where did 2023 year go. I thought I just wrote my Thanksgiving column. I subscribe to “Loose-leaf Lectionary for Mass” published by Liturgical Press. It contains weekday, weekend, and other feast day readings and homilies by various people. Thankfully it comes quarterly, so I was able to get this Christmas reflection.

Written by Rev. Richard Gribble, CSC. He is a member of Holy Cross and Professor in the Department of Religious Studies and Theology at Stonehill College in Massachusetts. This month we celebrate the feast of Christmas, the incarnation—the coming of Jesus, the Light, the Son of God, into our world. Jesus came and we rejoice in this fact. Jesus was rejected by the very people to whom he came for. Have things changed that much in two thousand years?

We look at our world and wonder if the Prince of Peace has made any progress in his struggle to find acceptance in society. Thousands starve throughout the world because the Light is not accepted. Violence eclipses peace in our streets. Wars and disharmony plague society. Racial tensions continue in many parts of the world. Where is the comfort and salvation of God? With all the problems and bad news today, we may wonder what significance Jesus' birth in Bethlehem has for us. The answer is totally up to us. An event that happened over two thousand years ago must be applied today if it is to find relevance and meaning! If we do nothing to make Jesus' presence meaningful for our world, then Christ's rejection will continue. Jesus brought light so that a people in darkness would never be fearful again. Therefore, let us welcome the newborn Prince of Peace. Let us allow the miracle of Jesus' birth to change us forever!

Have a Blessed Christmas,
Fr. Dick

Fourth Degree News
From Your Faithful Navigator

A month ago, I went Bow hunting for deer with my son and one of my grandsons. It was a great time with them in a beautiful spot in Southwestern Wisconsin along the Mississippi. As some of you may know, when you go hunting you must get up and out to the stand before the sun comes up. As you walk out to your spot through the dark wooded area, you sometimes have just enough moonlight to navigate your way while trying not to step on anything that would disturb the silence of the night,

Occasionally, you step on a twig and when you hear the snap, you cringe as you hear something in the darkness run away from you. Finally, you get to your preselected spot and find a log to sit on facing the direction that you predict the deer may be coming from. Then you wait,...and you wait,...and you wait. While waiting, you notice the birds start to chirp and flutter in the darkness around you. As the sun gets closer to the horizon, some nearby details come into clearer view. Then a squirrel rustles the dry leaves while scavenging for something it thought it had buried. All this while, more vivid details surround you that remained a blur up until then.

During this season of Advent, Christians all over the world are in waiting. We are waiting for a Savior that will come as a little child, "Immanuel" (God is with us). Yet as we welcome this child/God each year, we as Catholic Christians believe that He is with us always in the Word, the Church, the Eucharist, and each other. But how can we make this clearer and more our focus when challenged by difficult people or situations? By letting in the "Son".

Like my experience during that early morning hunt, when the "Son's" light enters our day, our surroundings become brighter, and we see opportunities around us to make a difference in the lives of others. (Continued on next page)

Vivat Jesus!

FN Deacon Bernard "Pat" Knier

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Prayers Requested

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

Chris Bramm, Christy Carpenter, Charlene and Francis D. Goettl, Sr., Ken Johnson, Randy & Julie Lorfeld, Rhonda Fouts, Bob Jeske, Frank and Linda Keglovits, Cindy Keglovits Trieu, Larry Lenhardt, Don and Jane Lydolph, William Peloquin, Don Pitzen, Lynn Schnell, Anchor of Hope Health 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 Mike Gary Reinholtz so he can inform the members of our Council. Contact: 920-917-3676 or webmastersheboygankofc.com

November
Knight of the Month

Fr. Mark Brandl

November
Family of the Month

**SK Ken and Alvira
Lickteig**

In Memoriam

Years of Service

Thomas E Luke	9
Bernardino Castillo Jr	8
Steven R Heun	8
Kenneth Lickteig	6
David J Bogdan	4

(Continued from Navigator's Column)

We begin to see opportunities to guide others when their path in life is leading to more stumbles and pain. We find ways to lift others after their fall, and show them how they can, as St. Paul says, "Keep their eyes on the Prize." After all, during this time of waiting, are we also not waiting for the time when our Savior finally returns?

May our Advent Season bring in the "Son-Light," and may the Christmas Miracle be in your lives forever.

FN Deacon Bernard 'Pat' Knier

Happy Birthday!

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

Deacon John R Gavin	12-06-1952
Paul M Schweigl	12-06-1988
Kenneth T Borowski	12-07-1958
Thomas M Selak	12-08-1962
Joel B. Sandersen	12-09-1976
Kenneth L Lickteig	12-18-1961
James L Tenpas	12-18-1953
Thomas J Paulson	12-23-1944
Daniel I Petrie	12-30-1953
Vernon J Baus	12-31-1942

Operation Archangel

Operation Archangel is the Fourth Degree sponsored fundraising drive to raise funds for the Catholic Chaplains at the Milwaukee VA to care for our veterans.

Thanks to the generous donations of Assembly 1204, Councils 722, 5539, 11129; and individual donations we did qualify for the match of \$1000. We will be able to give the final amount which will be donated to the Chaplain Services Dept. at the Milwaukee VA.

Sincerely,
SK Fran Goettl, Operation Archangel Chair
SK Chris Audino, Worthy Comptroller



Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil; May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; And do thou, O
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by
the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits who
wander through the world for the
ruin of souls. Amen

Campus Corner - CCA

The CCA Student Service Council once again sponsored our annual November Food Drive for the Sheboygan South Catholic Parish Food Pantry. Each week we collected various items for donation to the pantry. We collected canned food items, boxed items and personal care items for each of the three weeks before Thanksgiving. Our students collected over 800 items this year. This is a wonderful way to put our Christian values to work.

We recently kicked off the Christ Child Academy Annual Fund! Our 2023-2024 annual goal is to raise \$50,000.

Christ Child Academy honored our Veterans with a ceremony held in the Staskunas Activity Center/Gym on Friday, November 10th. The ceremony included the students and staff praying, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, as well as singing "God Bless America."

This school year, we will be selling Winter Extravaganza raffle tickets rather than the calendar raffles. The winning raffles will be drawn at Winter Extravaganza, although there is no need to be present to win. The grand prize is \$2,500 with three others winning \$1000, \$500, and \$250. In addition, the seller of each winning ticket gets \$100. The cost for each ticket is \$20 and will be sold after Mass or can be purchased in the school or church offices.

Our 6th and 7th graders helped move over 50 roasters and all the fixings up from the basement and down to the gym in preparation for the Thanksgiving dinner prepared and offered here annually. Our adult volunteers sure appreciated our young people lending a hand to help those in need.

CCA will be holding its annual Christmas band concert at 6:00 on Tuesday, December 5, in the gym, and our Christmas choral concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12. All are welcome for some Christmas cheer!

As we prepare for Christmas, Christ Child Academy students will be attending Reconciliation during the Advent season.

Our Christmas break begins on Friday, December 22 and we will be back in session on January 2. Happy Christmas to all our KC friends and thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Raff
Christ Child Academy
Middle School Math/Science

Knights In Action November



The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Assembly 1204 annually purchases a Chalice and has the names of our deceased Sir Knights engraved on it as a memorial. The Chalice and Paten is donated to a priest in need.

In the photo, Chalice Program chair SK Gary Reinholtz presents the latest chalice to visiting priest Fr. Amadi who will deliver the chalice to a priest in Nigeria early next year.



The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Rosary, Council 722 annually raises funds for worthy programs through the I.D. Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive). Checks were given to Sheboygan Special Olympics, Camp Evergreen, Reins, Inc., and RCS Empowers Bowling League. In the photo, GK Gary Reinholtz presented the donations to representatives of the listed organizations.

Knights In Action November



Welcome New Members!

During our exemplification ceremony last month, three men joined Council 722:
Left to right: Mark Bettag, Harold Lancour, GK Gary Reinholtz, Fr. Mark Brandl, Christopher Elsen