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4527 DATEBOOK

NOVEMBER

- 29 Bountiful Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
30 Set up Crèche - 9:30 a.m.

DECEMBER

- 3 ROMEO'S - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. or later
3 KC Ladies Christmas Lunch - See Article - Page 3
10 Christmas Party - See Article - Page 2
17 ROMEO'S - 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. or later
24 No Business Meeting
25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**
31 Luke House - See Article - Page 2

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS AVAILABLE AT THE CLUBHOUSE - CONTACT THE GRAND KNIGHT

JANUARY

- 1 **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
4 Take down the Crèche - 9:30 a.m.
7 ROMEO'S - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. or later
14 Membership Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
21 ROMEO'S - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. or later
28 Officers Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
28 Business Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

NOTES

Articles for the newsletter are due by the 10th of the month. Contact our Editor Luke at lukepribbenow@gmail.com with any additions or deletions to the sick list as well as any deaths. Luke's phone number is 920-428-1322.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Remember that ROMEO'S (Retired Old Men Eat Out) on the first and third Thursdays of each month and ending in mid-March. Paul and his crew put on very good soup, sandwich and desert for \$7.00. Please try to attend this event and bring a friend.

The council is planning a Bountiful Breakfast on Sunday, November 29, 2015. Please contact Tom Parslow or John Fox to help with this activity. Proceeds from the breakfast are going to the eighth grade youth group from Queen of Peace.

We have a new General Insurance Agent for this area his name is Michael Roznowski. See article inside for more information. Mike is looking for field agents in the Madison area.

Gene Murphy has accepted the position of Advocate and I am still looking to fill the vacant position for Lecturer. If you are a third degree member and interested in either position please contact the Grand Knight.

Bill Thielmann will be looking for volunteers to help at the concession stand for women's basketball starting in November.

I would like to thank Fr. Bart Timmermann and his staff at St. Thomas Aquinas for proving space and making the announcement from the pulpit about our membership recruiting drive after the Masses. Also, would like thank the following members who helped in the recruiting Al Schams, Ted Mianowski and Paul Bariola. The results of this weekend's membership drive included three gentlemen interested and four gentlemen who took form 100's to transfer from other councils.

Congratulations to John Pinto and Kevin Boening for obtaining their second and third degrees.

The 100th bowling tournament in Fond du Lac the weekends starting February 6, 2016 and continues on the subsequent weekends until March 20, 2016. If interested, please contact the Grand Knight before December 5, 2015. Remember, you do not need to be a league bowler to participate in the tournament.

Remember that "Keep Christ in Christmas" yard signs are available. Contact the Grand Knight at 288 9503.

Susan and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As always, let's try to recruit new members to join this great Council.

Daniel Kelly
Grand Knight

BIRTHDAY BOYS - DECEMBER 2015

James Shanahan	12/02	Emmanuel Fontes	12/16
Richard Roloff	12/06	Wilbert Ferry	12/21
James Costello	12/08	Thomas Doyle	12/27
Edward Woloszn	12/11	Mitchell Quade	12/28
Augustin Ndahayo	12/12		

FOR WHOM WE PRAY

Please include in your daily prayers the following Brother Knights, spouses and family members.

Ray Genin	Frank Matuszak
William (Bill) West	John Murphy
Gary Emerson	Ralph Richardson
Gene Kruska	Ray Knudtson
Eleanor Watson	Hank Curran
Joanne Murphy	

COUNCIL BOUNTIFUL BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at the Clubhouse

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$7.00 Individual \$16.00 Family

Join your fellow Knights and their families for a delicious breakfast and an enjoyable morning.

CRECHE SETUP

Another year has slipped by. It's time to get out the gloves and earmuffs to set up the crèche. What better way is there to get into the Christmas spirit! The date is November 30, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Any questions, call Dan Kelly at 274-6009 or 213-3693.

LUKE HOUSE MEAL PROGRAM

We have the privilege of serving lunch for the needy at Luke House on Thursday, December 31, 2015. We carpool from Queen of Peace parking lot at 10:00 a.m., or you can meet us at the Luke House, 310 S. Ingersoll Street at 10:30 a.m. Let me know if you can help or if you have any questions. Dan Kelly, 608-213-3693.

COUNCIL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us for the Christmas Party to be held on December 10, 2015 at the Clubhouse starting at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5.00 per person

5:30 p.m.	Snacks
6:00 p.m.	Hot Hors D'oeuvres
6:30 p.m.	Dessert

Please call the Reservation Line at 288-9503 with your reservation by December 5, 2015.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers are extended to Brother Knight Ralph Richardson, whose brother, Gordon passed away on October 22, 2015.

MEANING OF CHRISTMAS - ANONYMOUS

Once upon a cold Christmas Eve, a man sat in reflective silence before the flames flickering in the fireplace, thinking about the meaning of Christmas. "There is no point to a God who became human," he mused. "Why would an all-powerful God want to share even one of his precious moments with the likes of us? And even if he did, why would God choose to be born in a stable? No Way! The whole thing is absurd! I'm sure that if God really wanted to come down to earth, he would have chosen some other way."

Suddenly, the man roused from his musings by a strange sound outside. He sprang to the window and leaned on the sash. Outside he saw a gaggle of snow geese frantically honking and wildly flapping their wings amid the deep snow and frigid cold. They seemed dazed and confused. Apparently, due to exhaustion, they had dropped out of a larger flock migrating to a warmer climate.

Moved to compassion, the man bundled up and went outside. He tried to "shoo" the shivering geese into the warm garage, but the more he "shooed," the more the geese panicked. "If they only realized that I'm trying to save them," he thought to himself. "How can I make them understand my concern for their well-being?"

Then a thought came to him: "If for just a minute, I could become one of them, if I could become a snow goose and communicate with them in their own language, then they would know what I'm trying to do."

In a flash of inspiration, he remembered it was Christmas Eve. A warm smile crossed his face. The Christmas story no longer seemed absurd. He visualized an ordinary-looking infant lying in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem. He understood the answer to his Christmas problem: God became one-like-us to tell us, in human terms, that we can understand, that he loves us, that he loves us right now, and that he is concerned with our well being.

CONCESSIONS - KOHL CENTER - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY - 2016**

Thursday, December 10, 2015 - Florida - 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday, December 13, 2015 - Green Bay - 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 16, 2015 - NIU - 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 31, 2015 - Indiana - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10, 2016 - Penn State - 3:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 13, 2016 - Iowa - 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 20, 2016 - Maryland - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, January 23, 2016 - Minnesota - 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday, January 31, 2016 - Michigan State - 3:00 p.m.

Contact Bill Thielmann if you have any questions at
 608-445-8187.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It was Christmas Eve. A jostling crowd of shoppers were busy grabbing last-minute bargains. A small girl in tattered clothes made her way through the crowd. Her name was Nelly. You will find such a girl in your city or town.

Nelly was also shopping - window shopping. She had no money and she was hungry. The twinkling lights, the colorful Christmas candles, the dazzling decorations and displays in the shop windows fascinated Nelly. As she passed the bakery with the cakes and pastries, she felt even more hungry. She paused...then moved a step closer to press her little snub nose against the window as she gazed at the Christmas "goodies". It lasted only a while. The manager saw her face in the window --- the pale face pinched with hunger --- so Nelly was told gruffly: "You there, be off!"

Nelly did not need a second bidding. She was frightened. She hurried through the crowd until she reached the attic where she lived with her aged Grandma. Grandma was asleep. Sleep was the only thing they did not have to buy. This was the slumber that helped them forget misfortune --- being hungry, no gifts, no new clothes, no decorations. Nelly also soon found refuge in sleep. From a distance wafted the strains of the well-loved carol, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to men good will."

Is there such a Nelly in your neighborhood with whom you can share the joys and blessings of Christmas? All you have to do is look around.

We are charged to seek out those lost in the shuffle of life, to smooth out rough places; to fill in the valleys of hunger and want; to level out the mountains of injustice.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Fr. John

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact Michael Roznowski, FICF, LUTCF General Agent, 608) 721-4057 or Michael.Roznowski@kofc.org.

KC LADIES

Hopefully you have made your reservation for our annual Christmas Salad Potluck on Thursday, December 3rd. If not, call Joan Zingsheim at 274-0854 before November 30th. Plan to meet us in the back room of the Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m. with one of your favorite salads to share. Please also bring a gift for our charity this year – Luke House Community Meal Program. Food staples they can always use: (larger sizes of) Folgers drip grind coffee, sugar, salt, pepper, bleach, Windex, Dawn, and rubber gloves. And, of course, they always appreciate cash – checks should be made payable to Luke House, Inc. They receive no government assistance, so they rely on us for food and cash donations to keep them going. Thanks to Joan and Gorianne for organizing our Christmas gathering.



At our Christmas luncheon we also plan our activities for the next year. Come with ideas of places you would like to see and things to do. How wonderful that we all take turns to organize our monthly activities.

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, from Thanksgiving through Christmas and the New Year. Enjoy your family and loved ones while you still have that opportunity. Remember, we take the month of January "off" to stay home and hibernate until the temperatures warm up.

Thanks to everyone who attended our November Memorial Mass and Breakfast. It was a great turnout and it is wonderful to visit with good friends and enjoy a meal together.

Remember that all wives, or widows, of KC members are welcome to participate in our activities at any time. We do not charge dues nor have a membership roster. We just gather to enjoy each other's company and try new adventures, while growing in our Catholic faith. For questions, call Betty Blumer at 277-9621.

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