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MEETINGS HELD ON SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

November 2017

## Coming Events

Nov. 9	KofC Monthly Meeting (7:00 PM) and Steak Dinner (5:45 to 6:15 PM)
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent  Admission Degree – 10:30AM, John Paul II School
Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 14	KofC Monthly Meeting (7:00 PM) and Steak Dinner (5:45 to 6:15 PM)
Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Dec. 31	Feast of the Holy Family

## Council Notes

- **MEETING NIGHT CHANGE** – To accommodate our Priests, the Council voted to change the meeting night from the second Monday to the second Thursday of the month, effective November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The Council voted to donate \$1,000 to the Mitchell Foundation for Catholic Education.
- Newly elected to the Building Association: Ken Schlimgen, Gene Kessler, Scott Fuhrer, Herm Harms, Jim Radke, Doug Timmer, and Ken Bussmuss.
- The Building Association would like input and direction on what the membership would like to do with the property (KC Hall) by the December meeting. By-laws will require revisions whether the property is kept or liquidated. Please see the Grand Knight's Report for more information.
- The Council selected Doug Timmer Knight of the Quarter and Mark & Jodi Wilson as Family of the Quarter.
- Thank you to Joel Owens for volunteering to chair the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.
- The next Admission Degree is scheduled for Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM at John Paul II School

## Pope's Prayer Intentions

### *November*

**Christians in Asia:** That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

### *December*

**The Elderly:** That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

# Grand Knight's Report



Thank you Mark McMahon and Dr. Joe Childs for chairing the annual community Tootsie Roll Drive. Great Job!

I wish to extend a welcome to the Council's four newest members: Lonnie Nedved, Robert Hoffman, Mike Voorhees and Dan Froning. Thanks to all those who helped distribute info and visited with potential new members after the Masses on October 14th and 15th. The Council's next Admission Degree is scheduled for Sunday December 3rd at 10:30 AM at John Paul II School. If you know of potential candidates but the above date doesn't work for, contact Vince or Tom and we will accommodate the individual(s).

At the October meeting those in attendance voted to change the Council's meeting night to the 2nd Thursday of the month to accommodate our Priests so they could attend our meetings. Thank you Father Ken for agreeing to be our Chaplain.

Another decision the Council needs to make is whether to continue to have the home corporation own and maintain the Council Hall or put it up for sale? This question is being raised for two reasons. First, the Supreme Council would like all Councils to align themselves with a Parish and no longer have a home corporation that owns a building. Secondly, should our funds be used to pay for the maintenance on the building when they could be used to further the Order's goal of helping the less fortunate?

Why align with a Parish? To become more visible to potential new members and families of the Parish, to promote the Order's goal of building the Domestic Church (the family and family values) and to be more accessible to the Priest(s).

In regards to the second reason, the cost to maintain the facility is either derived from rent or activities the home corporation facilitates, or financial support from the general funds of the Council. In recent years when the IRS has audited home corporations, they have revoked the tax exempt status of the home corporation and the Council because too much of the Council's funds and time were being used to maintain the building verses using the funds for charity which is the basis for the tax exempt status. I don't believe we are in danger of being in that situation but that could change and must be considered.

The members who have been newly elected to our building association board of directors are Ken Schlimgen, Gene Kessler, Scott Fuhrer, Herm Harms, Jim Radke, Doug Timmer, and Ken Bussmuss.

Take some time to share your thoughts with the Council officers and/or the building association board of directors before or during the December 14, 2017 Council meeting. A consensus of the member's thoughts will be forwarded to building association board of directors so they know how to proceed with their duties. If the recommendation is to continue to own a building, the by-laws must be amended and rental/use agreements must be put in place to be in compliance with the directive of the Supreme Council and the IRS tax codes. If the consensus is to liquidate the property, the by-laws would still need minor revisions and ballots would need to be-distributed to all members of the Council for a vote before any sale of the property could proceed.

Vivat Jesus!  
Vince Boddicker

## Knight in Memoriam



### Kenneth A. Hohn

Kenneth A. Hohn, 81, of Mitchell, died Sunday, October 15, 2017 at Avera Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell.

Kenneth Arthur Hohn was born May 16, 1936 on a farm near Dimock, SD to Herb and Mary Katherine (Weber) Hohn. He grew up on a different farmstead and attended Dimock Catholic School. On September 15, 1959 he married Adeline Brech in Parkston, SD. The couple lived in Mitchell, SD where he worked for Robert Burns Lumber Company for 13 years. He later went on his own and did contracting work until retiring in 2004. He was a member of the South Dakota National Guard for 10 years and was a member of the Moose Lodge for 30 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Adeline; daughter Nancy; two sisters Mary Magdalen Schoenfelder, Parkston, SD and Jeanette Ernster and Husband Jim, Mitchell, SD; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Ralph; and brother-in-law Herb Schoenfelder.

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## Building the Domestic Church

### Monthly Themes & Meditations

#### *November*

**The Communion of Saints:** By virtue of baptism and the sacramental graces of marriage, the Christian family is built into a communion of saints. Holiness is a gift given to every baptized Christian that becomes a joyful task for the whole of life.

#### *December*

**Joy:** Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ.

For meditations, readings, and projects, visit [www.kofc.org/domesticchurch](http://www.kofc.org/domesticchurch)

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