

Council Officers

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December 2011

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

I would like to share an article I found on the internet about Christmas. The Origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas was written in England during 1558-1829. Catholics were prohibited from any practice of their faith by law - private or public. It was a crime to be a Catholic and if caught could be imprisoned or put to death. The song was written as a catechism song to teach children their faith and the gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. Have a great Advent and Christmas

- 1 Partridge in a Pear Tree = Jesus Christ, Son of God
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = The Four Gospels and / or the four Evangelist
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Fraternally Yours,

Gary

Chaplain's Message

“Keep Christ in Christmas—And Reborn Within Ourselves”

Brother Knights:

“*Keep Christ in Christmas.*” I love this expression! It certainly gets to the heart of the matter. It has been a long tradition of the Knights of Columbus to emphasize and proclaim this most appropriate plea each year—for reasons all too obvious in our secular and materialistic times.

We as Knights however, are called to go even further. We must be about giving rebirth to Christ within ourselves. What exactly does that mean? It simply means that at this time of year, we welcome the opportunity to renew our own faith in the promise and hope of the salvation Christ brings to us. To believe and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ is to possess Him within ourselves each and every day.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ into the human race, let us invite Him to be reborn within ourselves by recommitting ourselves to our

work and life as members of the Knights of Columbus. Let us open ourselves to His grace and opportunities to witness to Him in the New Year that lies ahead. In this way, the Lord Jesus Christ is not only kept in Christmas, but reborn and preserved within ourselves.

Please know that you and your loved ones will have a special remembrance in the Masses that I am privileged to offer this Christmas. May all of you be blessed with a happy and holy Christmas, and a New Year filled with God's choicest blessings. And may you feel in a special way during this holy season, the protection and guidance of our patroness and mother—Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

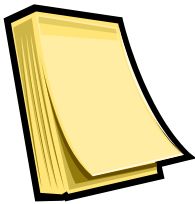
Father Anthony J. Legarski





Happy Birthday

Robert J. Baker	12/28
John D. Burk	12/27
Frank M. Clark	12/5
Joseph F. Daus	12/17
Louis J. Endress	12/16
Rick B. Gallagher	12/4
Lucas A. Harella	12/21
Ronald A. Hileman	12/19
William J. Hooten	12/20
Thomas O. Hoppel	12/14
David T. Karl	12/21
Jason N. Kovach	12/25
Rev. Anthony J Legarski	12/24
Nicholas S. Luciano	12/31
Daniel T. Moringiello	12/23
William M. Moyer	12/20
Keith A. Natoli	12/4
John C. Pavlic	12/5
Frank R. Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P. Smithmyer	12/17
Tim J. Surkovich	12/20



December Council Meeting Notes

The Grand Knight:

- Asked all brothers for a moment of silence to remember Brother Carmen Piccirilli
- The deceased Brothers mass will be held November 20 at St. Catherines in Duncansville, PA. All Knights are encouraged to attend. After Mass breakfast will be provided for all

Brother Knights at Kings family restaurant on Plank Road. All Knights are requested to wear their blue shirts.

- Awards were presented to several Brother Knights for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees. Congratulations to all the Brothers and their achievements.
- US Armed Forces Mother's Squad #41 in Altoona thank you for our \$250 donation
- Commander Ron Imler from the Sons of the American Legion asked for a donation: Brother Jim Zimmerman made a motion for \$100, Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report:

- November 17 the Council will make Ham and Cheeses Sandwiches for November 18 delivery. Please arrive at 8am to help assemble sandwiches.
- Brother Guy Luciano requested that a \$150 donation be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry.....motion carried.

New Business:

- Brother Ray Baker said the 4th Degree meeting will be held December 15th at the Council Home.
- Brother Dennis McGeehan asked that a donation be made to the immigrant family at St. Catherines to assist in the burial of their 17 y/o son who died recently. Motion was made and seconded to donate \$250.....motion carried.
- Brother Jim Zimmerman made a motion to donate \$100 to WAKLY Warmth...motion passed.
- A new supplier will be solicited by Brother Bill Hiergeist for the embroidery of K of C shirts and will report at next months meeting.

Thoughts and Prayers

Remember to keep in your thoughts and prayers all brother knights that have passed away.



Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.

The next meetings are:
Thursday, December 1, 7:00pm
Thursday, January 5, 7:00pm

Keep Christ in Christmas Car Magnet or Window Decals now Available



\$5 Car Magnet or Window Decal Sheet

See Ray or Phil Baker