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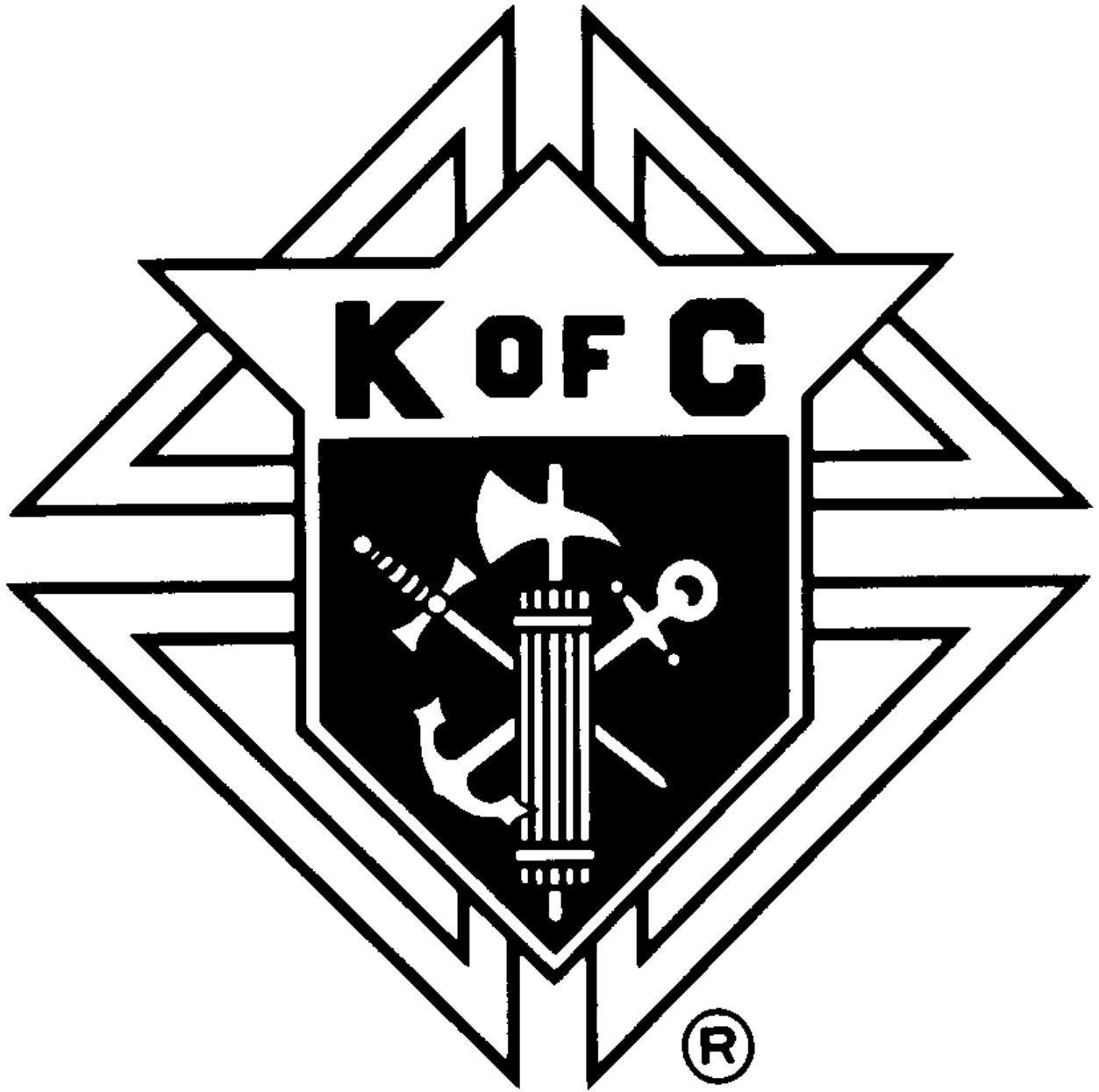
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December 2013

From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

Tis the season to be jolly. What! In this world? Absolutely! When is the last time you gave Jesus a gift on his birthday? As he taught us, love isn't love until you give it away. Start with your own family and then let that love expand to a relative, a neighbor, a friend, and then to every stranger you happen upon. This life style has proven that the giver receives the bulk of the benefits. Lets also consider giving to our council by forming and chairing an event to help people. Soon you will wake up one morning, enjoying the smell and taste of fresh brewed coffee, sit by your favorite window, admiring the beauty of the latest snow, how it decorated the pine trees, shrubs and bushes. Perhaps watch the songbirds feeding at a nearby feeder. You will take note that no wind is blowing and everything is quiet and calm. Great love will come into your heart this day as you witness PEACE ON EARTH. MERRY CHRISTMAS.

To all my Brothers and your Families, from me and my family.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas

Fraternally Yours,
Ron

Chaplain's Message

"Christmas Blessings"

Brother Knights:

"The wise still seek Him". This is my favorite expression of the Christmas Season. As this year's festive season dawns upon us, I cannot help but focus upon its meaning and significance for us in our day and age.

Like the Magi, we too are about searching for Christ out of a wisdom that calls us to find fulfillment, meaning, and purpose in life. Moreover, it is because of the birth of Christ that all mankind has been given the hope of a "new heaven and a new earth". The great cause for joy during this time of year lies precisely in the hope that all of us will fall heir to the blessings of this new heaven and new earth, found in the eternal kingdom promised us by the one whose birth we celebrate.

As Knights of Columbus preparing once again to celebrate this wonderful event by "keeping Christ in Christmas", we look back at the

passing year with mixed emotions. Many of us have felt the pain of loss, illness, or misfortune. For these we pray that the spirit and the comfort of Christ the Lord may fill their homes abundantly in the year that lies ahead.

As Knights, our present challenge is to continue to seek and find Jesus our Savior in our own individual lives with the same wisdom that brought the Magi to Bethlehem. When we have re-discovered him within ourselves, then we must manifest him to the community throughout the New Year.

Please know that you and your loved ones will have a special remembrance in the Masses that I am privileged to offer this Christmas. Like the Magi, may all of you re-discover our Lord and Savior in your lives so that you may show Him to others. And may you be lead in your pursuit by Mary, Star of the Sea.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Your Council Chaplain

Father Anthony J. Legarski



November Council Meeting Minutes

1st Degree Candidates - Degree Ceremony

1. Ed Dunning sponsored by Gerald Kovach – St. Patricks
2. John Longenecker sponsored by Lee Zimmerman – St. Patricks
3. Joseph Schenk sponsored by Bill Creek – Queen of Peace
4. Gary Nocek sponsored by Ron Harella – St. Catherines
5. Jay Cantos sponsored by Earl Eger – St Catherines

Grand Knight Report:

1. Our ham and cheese sandwich sale this month is for Saint Jude's Hospital. We always make the sandwiches on the 3rd Thursday of the month except during Lent. This sandwich sale orders must be turned in to Gary Selwitz, by Tuesday, November 19 and the sandwiches will be made on Thursday, November 21 at 4PM here at our council home.
2. Any member, new or old who would like to be added to our K of C wake service list, please notify the Grand Knight.
3. Finally, I would like to wish all of you and your fam-

ilies a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bills and Communications: Donation Requests:

We received request for donations from:

- * Project Diagnosis Foundation – Brother Knight Tim Surkovich, President, motion by Brother Guy Luciano for \$200..motion passed.
- * Brother Guy Luciano asked for a \$150 donation to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry....motion passed.

Other Communications:

Certificates:

- * New Members

Awards

- * 1st Degree Honorary Scroll for Sir Knight Clarence Becker
- * Year of Faith Award for the Council

Financial Secretary Report:

- * November Ham and Cheese sale benefits St. Jude Hospital.
- * Basket of Cheer tickets available from Financial Secretary Lou Endress
- * The Allegheny Club is looking for new members – contact Financial Secretary Lou Endress

Unfinished Business:

- * The council needs a chairman for the Recruiting Committee
- * The council needs a chairman for the Baptismal Rose Committee. All the baptismal rose packages assembled earlier have been distributed to the churches. We have the materi-

als, but more need assembled. These positions need to be filled.

New Business:

- * Brother Jerry Kovach asked that an announcement be placed in each church regarding the availability of 'Keep Christ in Christmas' magnets.....Recorder Mike Metzgar will handle the announcement.
- * Brother Dennis McGeehan announced that Citizens for Pro-Life Christmas Cards are available in all churches.
- * Brother Mike Metzgar announced the formation of a 'Hospitality Committee' to prepare food for meeting nights. **(Update: volunteers signed up to cook for 10 months of 2014. If interested in one or two months contact Recorder Mike Metzgar at 814-224-4761)**
- * Brother Allen Duman handed out a flyer for a free movie night on the 'Confessions of St. Augustine': Date November 15 at the Devorris Center
- * Brother Gary Selwitz asked for more help preparing ham and cheese sandwiches for our fund raiser.
- * Brother Ed Zang announced that Giant Eagle Logan Center is hosting a special event at the store for St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.



Only having “through work” insurance doesn’t work

Do you know anyone whose life or career has been drastically changed during these years of economic downturn? It’s very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty now. Maybe there’s a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.

Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

Only having “through work” insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark. These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family’s actual needs. In fact, without a detailed needs analysis, any employer-provided coverage will likely cause a shortfall at the insured’s death.

In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire. You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has

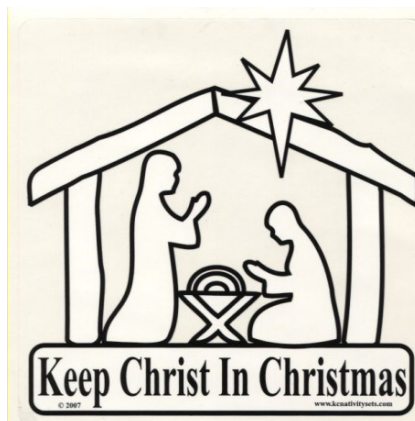
changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. It will definitely be more expensive.

While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.

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



Happy Birthday

Robert J Baker	12/28
MSGR Michael A Becker	12/9
John D Burk	12/27
Frank M Clark	12/5
Joseph F Daus	12/17
Louis J Endress	12/16
Jeremy P Folk	12/10
Rick B Gallagher	12/4
Scott A Gotshall	12/1
Lucas A Harella	12/21
Ronald A Hileman	12/19
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Thomas O Hoppel	12/14
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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
James B Plummer	12/2
Frank R Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P Smithmyer	12/17
Timothy J Surkovich	12/20



Council Calendar

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

Next Meeting Dec 5, 2013 7PM

Jan 2, 2014 7PM



Thoughts and Prayers

Brother Guy Luciano asked that Tom Sault remain in your prayers as his health is regressing. Brother Mike Metzgar also mentioned that Tom's wife, Diane's health is also declining.



Our Council is now on the Web

Attention all members. Council 4245 can now be found on the internet.. Our address is:

www.kofc4245.org

Check it out! You'll find all type of information including: Upcoming event, the council calendar, prayer requests, The Star News, Council minutes, forms, links, The Council Member List, and great deal more. Eventually it will be setup so you can pay your dues through the website. We also plan to have it setup so you can sign up to help with events. It is just starting. A big help right now from ALL members would be to go to the member list and sign in. All you need is your member number and birthdate. Then PLEASE update your information. The website has a feature to do many types of mass mailings so your email address would be extremely helpful. This will also help for updating records at Supreme. Thanks and enjoy this new addition to our council.



Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact, the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder. We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen. Help us to rise bigger than we are. Amen.

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