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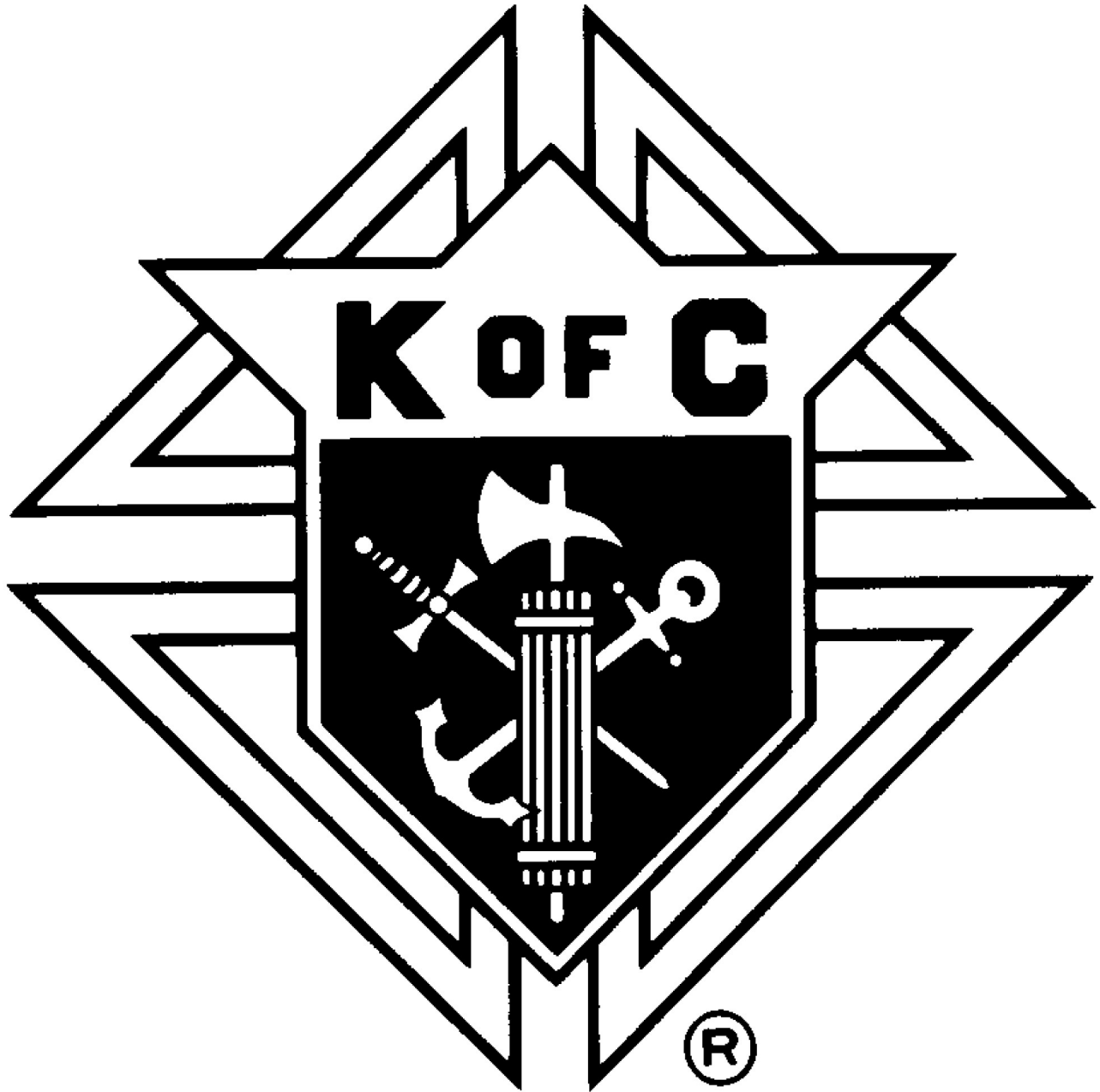
Our Lady Star of the Sea

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STAR  **NEWS**

Council meetings are held on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month
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**December
2015**

From the Grand Knight

December is upon us. Very soon Christmas Day will be as well. This very notion has a tendency to cause a lot of stress and anxiety for individuals due to the extra shopping, baking, decorating, and other household chores that people feel is necessary in order to prepare for the holiday season. Instead of becoming overwhelmed by everything that needs to be done, I wish more people would stay focused on the true meaning of the season. Rather than concentrating our efforts on what we must do for ourselves, we should concentrate on what we can do for others. More specifically we must refrain from losing ourselves in all the hustle and bustle that comes with this time of year and instead focus on spending time with family and friends. I invite each and every one of you to spread as much cheer as you possibly can this Christmas Season. Give out a few more hugs to each of your loved ones. Intently hang on every word spoken by your children, grandchildren, and/or your own parents. Cherish the time you have with your loved ones because tomorrow isn't promised to anyone. Have a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,

Lee

Chaplain's Message **Christmas Blessings**

*By
Father Anthony J. Legarski,
Chaplain*

Brother Knights:

"The wise still seek Him". This is my favorite expression of the Christmas Season (next of course to: "*Keep Christ in Christmas!*"). 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.





November Council Meeting Minutes

Grand Knights Report:

Ladies Night will be held on 11/21/15 starting at 6PM, at a cost of \$40/couple.

The November Ham and Cheese sale will benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Next sale will take place in January.

Remember our deceased Brothers.

Chaplains Report:

Father shared his regrets for his absence last month. Additionally, he will not be able to attend the meetings in December and January (Advent and the Christmas season).

Donation Request:

Request for \$100 to aid the US Armed Forces Mothers. Motion presented by Dennis McGeehan; Seconded by Dave Karl; motion approved.

Thank You Notes/Letters of Appreciation were received from the Following:

Thank you note was received from Darryll Sommers wife for our presentation at his Celebration of Life Ceremony.

Financial Secretary Report:

Accounts will be computerized in the near future. Please verify your information as you receive your bill for 2016 Dues.

We will not conduct the "Basket of Cheer" or the "Coal Tickets Program" but instead, will focus on the Shelby Car Raffle. Both Basket of Cheer and COAL benefited the Home Association as does the

Shelby Raffle. We did not want members to be selling multiple tickets, so please sell your Shelby Tickets!

Fund Raising and Committee Reports:

Tim Surkovich presented details on the upcoming Ladies Night. Event will be held at the K of C hall at 6:00 PM on November 21, 2015 with Chicken or Beef as the main entrée. A magician will provide the entertainment. Cost \$40 per couple.

Tim Surkovich presented additional information on the Shelby car raffle. The Shelby will be built by November 20, 2015 and then delivered by November 25. Sales are going well with an expected spike near the end. The small games of chance license does cover other states. Tim will work on advertising as time allows (Church Bulletins, Catholic Register).

Dennis Dombrosky presented information on the Mother's Day Dinner. We do not have a final dollar amount at the moment (~\$1000). The caterer, Wilbur Henry, did like the St. Patrick's facilities. Feedback from the membership.... St. Patrick's was less "intimate" than the K of C hall. Further discussion will follow this spring, to assess the future state.

Dennis Dombrosky presented information regarding the Basketball Free Throw contest (details at the next meeting).

Unfinished Business:

The Keep Christ in Christmas magnets are available.

Hospitality volunteers are needed for 2016 – see Jim Zimmerman. Reminder, council reimburses up the \$50.00 for these meals; Roasters are available for use.

New Business:

GK Lee Zimmerman will not be available for the December meeting.

Report of the 4th Degree:

The Memorial Mass will be celebrated on November 15 at 8:00 AM at St. Mary's in Hollidaysburg; breakfast will follow at Daves Dream Restaurant in Hollidaysburg. Breakfast for 4th Degree Members and their spouses will be paid for by council, although everyone is encouraged to attend.

Next meeting will take place on December 10th in Hollidaysburg.

District Deputy Report:

Work continues on the sonogram project with a decision expected in January 2016. Can the council raise \$5000? Additional discussion to follow in January 2016. ELM – Every Life Matters!

Since the degree team has disbanded, the District Deputy has offered to conduct the degree via video and encourages a new team to form.

Chaplains Summation:

Father offered a Thanksgiving Reflection from the Catholic Exchange. Give God Thanks!

Announcements: NA

Note – hospitality meal to be provided by Brian Drum at the December 3, 2015 meeting.





Happy Birthday

December Birthdays

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
Francis R Farabaugh	12/6
Jeremy P Folk	12/10
Rick B Gallagher	12/4
Scott A Gotshall	12/1
Lucas A Harella	12/21
Frank J Hibernik	12/5
Ronald A Hileman	12/19
William J Hooten	12/20
Thomas O Hoppel	12/14
George G Husick	12/3
David T Karl	12/21
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 D Plummer	12/2
Frank R Schachtner	12/20
Matthew P Smithmyer	12/17
Tim Surkovich	12/20

DUES ARE DUE:

2016 Dues are Due! Each Brother received there First Notice in the mail. You also received a Information Report and Service Hour Report. Please make any and all corrections to the Information Report including but limited to your address, phone numbers, email addresses, church parish you belong to, etc, and return it with your payment to Financial Secretary Tim Surkovich.



Pray for the following:

Please pray for Guy Luciano, Lou Endress, Gary Selwitz, Jess Weaver and members of the Mike Metzgar family. Keep in your prayers our deceased Brothers.

IMPORTANT!!!!

In early March of this year you received a letter regarding major expenses the council would soon incur. Also, the letter stated that the Home Association was looking at a major fundraiser to offset those expenses and help the charities we support. A great deal was mentioned in the letter about needing help before we could proceed and we are now happy to say we have had enough responses to move forward with the project. Now it's time for you to do your part to help make this fundraiser a success! The Home Association has secured a 2016 Mustang Shelby Super Snake. The MSRP on the car is \$96,954. It has a whopping **750+** horsepower engine. It is absolutely beautiful! The raffle date is October 2, 2016. Tickets are only \$10 each! We are asking that each member **sell at least 10 tickets**. Enclosed in this envelope are your first 10 tickets. If you are completely unable to sell all of them, please return them, but better yet if you need more call the council home at 814-695-4752 and let us know how many more you need. The more you sell the more we are able to accomplish. We suggest you have tickets on you at all times, you never know when an opportunity may come along to sell some. Our goal is to sell 25,000 tickets.

Besides selling tickets we could still use volunteers to go to car shows with us. This would lessen the burden on all those who have already volunteered. If interested call the council home or email us at kofc4245@gmail.com





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Council Calendar

Council meetings are held on the **First Thursday** of the month at 7:00 pm.
Next Meeting: 12/3/15
Hospitality Provided by Brian Drum

12/10 4th Degree Meeting, held at the Hollidaysburg Council Hall.

1/7/16 Regular Council Meeting

1/22/16 Ham & Cheese Sandwich Sale. Orders Due 1/19/16 (Order Form included in next Newsletter)

1/22-1/24/16 Shelby being shown at World of Wheels in Pittsburgh, PA



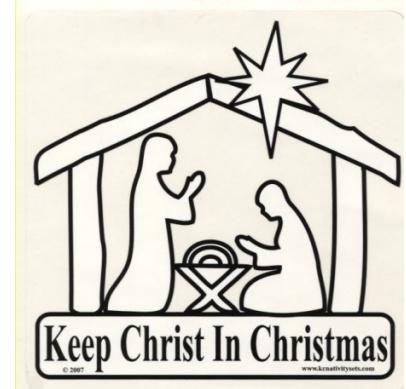
Life Insurance As a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.



Magnets \$5
See Ray or Phil Baker

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