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## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,



This time of year I find it both fascinating and sad that people are either very happy or extremely sad. Some are connecting with the joyous moments of this Christmas season which is so natural because our God designed us to be happy. Why else would his Son's opening line in the Beatitudes be, "*Blessed are those who...?*" Blessed could easily be translated "happy."

Well, if we are created to be happy, why do so many people feel so sad this time of year? It is a conundrum that often alludes us. There are many outlying causes but the fact is people are just sad. This problem gives us an opportunity to realize their plight and allow ourselves to be sensitive to the situation for their sakes and ours.

The Christmas story is actually filled with barriers that needed to be over come. Mary and Joseph are forced to travel to Bethlehem by the Emperor of Rome. Jesus is born in a manger because there is no room in the inn. King Herod is consumed by fear and plots to kill the Christ child. Again Mary and Joseph are forced to flee. The Magi must travel a lengthy distance guided merely by a star to find the treasure at the end of their journey. So, even in this most sacred and wonderful time of year there are many obstacles to the path of happiness.

The Christmas story is also filled with choices. Mary was given the choice to say Yes. Joseph was given the opportunity to welcome

Mary into his home. The Shepherds were invited to come and see the sign given to the world. Herod was offered the chance to worship the new born king or destroy him. The Magi were given a dream to return by a different route.

Life is filled with both barriers and choices. We encounter each and they afford us challenges, opportunities and pathways that eventually lead to peace and happiness. God offers grace to guide us through both encounters. Much like the star that guided the Magi, the Holy Spirit by the light of grace provides a means to navigate these encounters. Grace is given so that so we can find joy. However, occasionally there are times when grace is blocked. Remember the words of the Apostle Thomas at the Last Supper, "*Lord we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?*" Well, Thomas is simply being honest because sometimes we are just lost.

This Christmas Season let us celebrate the joyful moments and let us also be attentive to those who find it so difficult to see any joy at all. Like the Shepherds may we trust in God's message enough to seek out the grace provided and then be able to bring the message of joy to those cannot locate it for themselves. We must be gentle and patient. We would do well to offer compassion and understanding. Let us simply be sensitive to anyone we encounter who is sad during this joy filled season.

Pax Christi,

*Fr Tom Mischler*

**“Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves.”**

**Pope Francis**

## Words from the Grand Knight



Dear Brother Knights

As I sit here and reflect on the past year I think about the new friends I've found and the old friends I've lost, the good things and the sad things in my life and I realize that the ebb and flow of life must be harder for some than for others. All and all I feel that those of us that live our lives in the safety and prosperity of our communities are truly blessed. We are not able to know all the trials and tribulations of our fellow man and It's not within the power of us mere mortals to rectify all the injustice in the world but as Christians and Knights it is our obligation to show our compassion and try to ease the burden on others whenever and however we can. To this end now is the time to consider ways our council can help those less fortunate than us either spiritually, physically or financially.

As a new Year Resolution one might consider helping with a donation to Gibault Children's Services, KofC Charities, Catholic Charities or working with our Council Bike Program or Special Olympics. Joining and helping in one or more of the ministries of your parish or dioceses, or working for one of your community charities or efforts like Meals on Wheels, Call-A-Ride, Community Rebuilding Programs, Habitat for Humanity, visiting shut ins, bringing a neighbor to church, youth programs like Scouting, Sports or Boys and Girls Clubs.

I want to thank all the people and a special thanks to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights that participated in the wake and funeral services this last December of two dear friends of our local parish's and the Knights of Columbus, the founder of the Holy Spirit Parish Fr. Joseph Murphy and longtime Deacon James J. Keough from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. I know

that they will not be soon forgotten.

The Men and Women of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Christ Renews His Parish teams are still accepting people to attend this year's Christ Renews His Parish Retreats to be held Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> for the ladies and 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for the men. Applications are in the vestibule of St Elizabeth Ann Seton or see a CRHP member.

Every Thursday at 4:00 pm you are welcome to join in for a Rosary being said at the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Merrillville by the Respect Life Action Group.

Father Tom and the men of Holy Spirit have invited us to join them on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00 am to share in a mass and spirituality with them followed by coffee and donuts and in turn they are invited to our councils breakfast's on the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 am.

Don't Forget, The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Knights of Columbus Council 7473 Christmas Party is again being hosted by Brother Tim Henderlong and his gracious wife Celine at their home, 150 S. 725 W. Hebron on Sat. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> starting about 6:00 pm. Come and join us! Bring a dish or drinks if you like.

Here's hoping all had a Great Christmas and looking forward to Great New Year.

Vivat Jesus

GK Gerry & my wife Phyllis Glatt

**“We seek to make God known to others both in the work we do and in the educational and evangelizing initiatives we support, bringing the Good News of the Gospel to as many people as possible.”**

**Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight**

## Words from our Financial Secretary



Brother Knights;

2016 is coming to an end, I hope it has been a blessed year for you. Enclosed with your dues statement, you will find a request to support our seminarians, Gibault raffle tickets, and an annual survey worksheet. Dues remain at \$30 per year. Gibault raffle and seminarian contributions are optional but important. Please make Gibault raffle contributions separate from your dues. Payments for dues and seminarian contributions can be combined. Any amount greater than amount due for dues will be donated to the SOS (Save Our Seminarians) fund. Please complete the activity survey worksheet. We will use this information to complete a council survey which is submitted to Supreme which they use to justify tax exempt status and to promote the Knights both on the national and international level. If you have any questions call me at 219-577-4250 or email me at

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Vivat Jesus

FS Bruce Spindler

## News about the Knights of Columbus Bike Program

December was a Great month for the Bike Project. On Dec. 2nd we received a check for \$100.00 from NITCO and had picture taken with Tom Carroll, SVP Sales & Marketing.



On December 12th, we delivered one bike to the Campagna Academy in Schererville. Bruce Spindler, Financial Secretary, went on the delivery. He had worked at the Academy for 13 years.

On December 14<sup>th</sup> Gerry Glatt, Mark Siminski and Merle Foresman met at the Porter County Community Foundation's office in Valparaiso to receive a \$4,000.00 grant check. The Gary Diocese 's Catholic Charities helped us obtain this grant. Bill Higbie, Porter County Community Executive Director and Jeff Stur of Catholic Charities were involved in the exchange of checks for the Bike Project.



On Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> Mark Siminski and his crew helped Santa and His Elves Christmas project in Lowell to serve 1800 needy children. The Bike Project donate 45 refurbished bikes that were given out that day.

The Christmas card Mrs. Foresman and I received from one of our daughters and her family had a bike on the front. Inside was a check for \$100.00 made payable to the Knights of Columbus Bike Project.



Thank you Mark and helpers.  
Happy New Year to All  
Merle Foresman, Treasurer

## ***Insurance Check-Up for 2017***

Where did 2016 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2016.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

Vivat Jesus,

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## Happy January Birthdays to Brothers

Jacob McDaniel, Ray Nedohon, Daniel Lukas, Paul Long, Kim Eaton, Brian, Minogue, Merl Foresman, Thomas Ference, Robert Malicki, Brad Rybak, Bruce Spindler, John Unterfranz, Rich Cunningham, Bob Lukas, and Larry Skingley.

## Remember our Brothers and their Families that are need of our Prayers

All the Veterans, Health and Safety workers past and present, Brothers Dennis Conley, Joe Pollaro, Ed Stram, Rich Schutkovske, Marty De Battista, Rich Cunningham, James Feeney, Mark Siminski Brothers Ted Fitzgerald and his wife, Nan, Jim Murphy Sr. and his wife Martha, Leo Mayhew and his wife Trish, the family of Fr. Joseph Murphy, the family of Rafael Bonilla, "Bozo" Bob, and Zach Sauer.

If you know of anyone that should be included or removed from this list contact Dave Pszonka at 988-2235.

## Prayer to God, the Source of Health

God our Father, source of all health, be near those who suffer in the time of weakness and pain; relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be your will.

Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul and body, and be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring.

Make them ready for whatever it may be. Whether they must stand, or sit or be confined, grant them a strong spirit.

Inspire with your love those who bring healing and care to the suffering. May they bestow Your gifts of health and strength wherever they go. Grant this prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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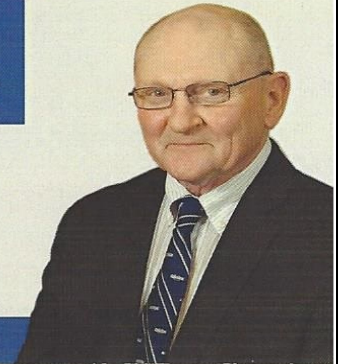
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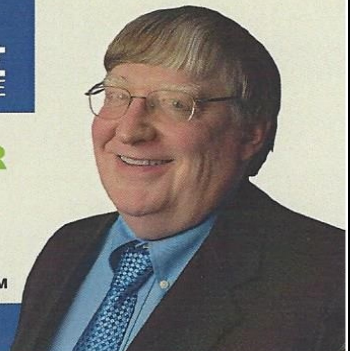
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## WINNER,S

50/50 winner: \$23.00 No Winner Claimed

Monthly Attendance drawing:  
Bras Rybak was not in attendance and did not win \$60.00.

The kitty will reset to \$65.00 for the next meeting.

## JANUARY SCHEDULE

- JAN. 5** Council Ofc. Mtg. at Holy Spirit. 7:pm.
- JAN. 7** Council Social & Christmas Party Hosted by Brother Tim and his wife Celine Henderlong.
- JAN.8** Mens Group Mtg. at Holy Spirit 8: am
- JAN.9** SMVA Bus. Mtg. at St. Anderws 6:30 pm
- JAN. 11** Council Bus. Mtg. at Holy Spirit. 7: pm
- JAN. 14** Council Breakfast at 12 Islands in C P 8: am
- JAN.28-29** SEAS, Mens CRHP Retreat

*A Blessed New Year to you and your Families from Council 7473 !*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB. 2** Council Ofc. Mtg. at St. Helen's 7: pm
- FEB. 4** Mens Group Mtg. at Holy Spirit 8: am
- FEB. 8** Council Bus. Mtg. at St. Helen's at 7: pm
- FEB.13** SMVA Dinner & Bus. Mtg. at St. Bridget's 6: pm
- FEB. 11** Council Breakfast at George's in C P 8: am
- FEB. 24** Council Fish Fry at St. Helen's 4: pm. **Your Help is needed.**
- MAR. 1** Ash Wednesday
- MAR. 2** Council Ofc. Mtg. at SEAS 7:pm
- MAR.4** Mens Group Mtg. at Holy Spirit 8: am
- MAR. 8** Council Bus. Mtg. at SEAS 7:pm
- MAR. 10** Council Fish Fry at SEAS 4:pm. **Your help is needed.**
- MAR. 11** Council Breakfast at Pappas in C P 8: am