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In Service to all.**

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**Do not be afraid; for
behold, I proclaim
good news of great
joy, for today in the
City of David a
savior has been born
for you who is
Messiah and Lord**

LUKE 2:10 AND 11

DECEMBER

SATURDAY 1: MANGER SET

UP At St Mary School from 9—11AM

Come and help the knights!

MONDAY 3: FOURTH DE-

GREE MEETS At 4400 7:30 PM

This is the annual "Open House". All Knights who have been members of the Order for one year as of February 16 are invited. see the article.

SATURDAY 8: BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY.

This is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception—a Holy Day of Obligation. The Nativity will be blessed after the 7:30 AM Mass—all Knights should attend.

SATURDAY 8: NUN'S BINGO

Our annual Christmas Party for the retired sisters at St Francis of the Woods—see the article.

TUESDAY 11: COUNCIL MEET- ING

In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM

SATURDAY 15: COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS PARTY: After the 5PM Mass in Burnett Hall. Bring the kids, grandkids and friends. Sign up the family so Santa will know what to bring for the kids. See the back page

TUESDAY 25: CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the birth of the Lord with Christian love.





OUR NEW INSURANCE AGENT

Mr. Clifford Peloquin is our new insurance agent. He has just been named to replace our former agent Jim Librizzi. Cliff will be attending our Council meetings often since he lives in Frankfort. His phone: 815 464 7242

Email CLIFFORD.PELOQUIN@KofC.org

AN ARTICLE FROM CLIFF:

Sometimes it's easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries of your life insurance policies. If your policy was

applied for and issued several years ago, the beneficiary is likely to need updating. If you were single when you bought the policy, you might have named your parents as beneficiaries but now may want your spouse or children named.

Most people name a primary beneficiary. We encourage you to name a contingent beneficiary who would receive the benefit if the primary beneficiary cannot.

I routinely call on all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of the policy—the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Clifford Peloquin

JOLIET ASSEMBLY OPEN HOUSE

Joliet Assembly 204 of the Fourth Degree will be hosting an Open House on the First Monday night of December (December 3) at 7:30 PM. The men of the Fourth Degree cordially invite all men who have been members of the Knights of Columbus for one year this coming February 16 to come to their open house, meet the Fourth Degree Sir Knights, eat with them, and learn something about the Fourth Degree. Interested men can sign up for exemplification into the Fourth Degree at the open house and a raffle will be held to award a sword to a lucky candidate.



The open house will be held at the council building of Holy Trinity Council 4400, located at 1813 East Cass Street, Joliet.

COME PLAY WITH THE NUNS



The "Nun's Bingo" is an old tradition of our Council and of St Francis of the Woods. We visit the convent starting at 1 PM and play Bingo, sing carols and enjoy the company of the retired Sisters of St Francis. The Christmas Party is a lot of fun for all.

The Bingo is a cover-all where every one of the sisters wins at least two prizes. The Council provides a lot of small prizes and fills several tables with them. When a sister wins, she goes to the table and picks her prize. Many of these wonderful old ladies are in wheel chairs or otherwise handicapped. We need a lot of volunteers to join the party as helpers for the nuns. Knights, wives, kids and friends should try to come—it is a great time.

The sisters provide cookies and punch and look forward to the event. The Bingo is on Saturday December 8 from 1 PM until 3 PM. Come to the front door of the convent and a sister will help you.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



BYZANTINE CHURCH DISPLAYS KC CROSSES

Father Loya of the Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen has permitted our Council to display the 280 crosses and sign in front of his church until the end of November. Annunciation Church is an Eastern Rite church that is part of the Diocese of Joliet and is loyal to our Holy Father the Pope of Rome. We may partake of communion at 14610 South Will Cook Road.

This powerful pro-life display was made by John O Reilly and John Hoffman a few years ago and was displayed this October in Rockdale on the lawns of St Joseph Church and rectory. The 280 crosses each represent 100 deaths from abortion to show the horror of the 28,000 abortions performed each week in the United states.

Pray to end abortion.

Vivat Jesus

NEW THIRD DEGREE KNIGHTS INITIATED

The Holy Trinity Council in Joliet hosted the Bishop Kaffer Degree Team on November 4. All three degrees of our order were conferred on men from various Councils.

Four men from Council 6993 were honored by full Knighthood in the Third degree. They are:

Tom Lulinski of Mokena (new member)

Paul Ryan of Mokena (new member)

Don Zich of Mokena (First Degree since August)

Jason Stetz of Mokena (First Degree since Sept.)

We can be rightfully proud of these wonderful Catholic gentlemen as members of our Order.

Present plans are for conducting a First Degree basic initiation at our January Council meeting.

The Frankfort Council will host a second and third degree initiation team at the end of January.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY "ALMOST KNIGHTS"?

Those of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus regularly see men parishioners who work hard for the Church and the community but who don't belong to the Knights. There is a very good possibility that those "almost knights" have never been asked to join the Order. It is also possible that the Knights are misunderstood. As a member of the Order, this is where you come in.

If you know of a prospective Knight, explain the facts about the Order:

The Knights of Columbus is the largest evangelical lay organization in the world with 1.7 million members. There are over 72,000 Knights in Illinois. There are 58 Councils of Knights in the Joliet Diocese.

Our membership includes our Bishops, Father Jim and the Deacons of St Mary. We are dedicated Catholic men who serve the Lord Jesus Christ by working for the Church, the community and each other in fraternal brotherhood. We raise money for the poor and handicapped, work in numerous jobs for the church and conduct activities for children and adults. We have no uniform and are generally not recognized by our fellow parishioners. We give what we can of our time. (About one sixth of us are members of the Fourth Degree with its recognizable uniform and presence in parades and church activities.)

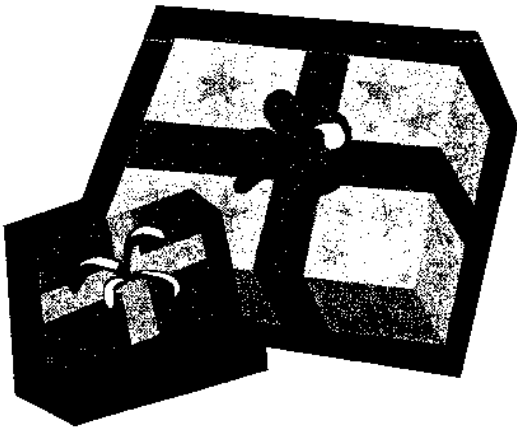
Our Order requires that members be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church, that they attend Mass regularly, that they be of good character and that they be over eighteen years old.

When you explain the order to your fellow parishioners, many of them will realize that they have already been practicing the Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that the Knights represent.

Ask the "almost knights" to join us.

VIVAT JESUS

A black and white illustration of a Christmas tree. The tree is conical in shape, with a dense arrangement of branches. It is decorated with several round ornaments of varying sizes and a star on top. The tree is mounted on a decorative, fluted base. The entire illustration is rendered in a high-contrast, stippled style.



Join your brother Knights and their families for an evening of potluck dinner, presents for the kids, caroling and fellowship.

WHERE: BURNETT HALL AT ST MARY CHURCH

WHO: YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, KIDS, GRANDKIDS, ETC.

HOW: POTLUCK DINNER. IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH A THROUGH F, OR IF YOU'RE SINGLE, BRING A DESSERT.

ALL OTHERS BRING A DISH TO PASS AND SHARE.



Santa will need your help. Please provide the information asked for below. Santa will have gifts for the kids.

Call Joe Sluis' house and provide information as follows: How many adults are coming. The name of each child, sex of each child, the age of each child under 13

Call (815) 469 9204 or Email MOKENAJ@aol.com