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BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Merry Christmas DECEMBER

**MONDAY DECEMBER 1:
JOLIET ASSEMBLY OPEN
HOUSE..** All knights are invited to this annual event. Come and see what the Fourth Degree is all about. Dinner will be served (no charge for guests) - See the article.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 6:
MANGER SET UP.** Come and help set up the outdoor nativity for the parish. We start at 9 AM and it takes about one hour.

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY DE-
CEMBER 6 AND 7:
PICTURES WITH SANTA.**

Santa will visit the parish and will be available for pictures with the kids. This Council fund raiser shows a lot of promise. Come and help with Santa and Doughnut Sunday. See the article and flyer.

**MONDAY DECEMBER 8:
FEAST OF THE IMMACU-
LATE CONCEPTION.** Attend 7:30 AM Mass and then support

Deacon Gary as he blesses the parish nativity at about 8:45.

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 9:
COUNCIL MEETING.** In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM.

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13:
NUN'S BINGO.** The annual Christmas Party given by our Council for the retired sisters living at St Francis of the Woods. We play bingo—the sisters need a lot of help. We sing carols, eat cookies and enjoy the wonderful ladies who have given their lives for all of us and our Church. Plan to come at 1 PM—until 3 PM. See the article.

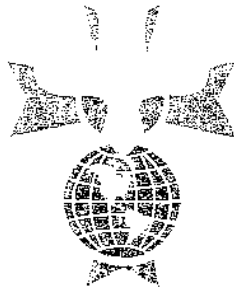
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13:
COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY**
The party starts after the 5 PM Mass—in Burnett Hall. We eat dinner together, sing carols, welcome Santa and have a good time. Bring your family and kids/grandkids, nephews, etc. See the article and flyer.

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 25:
CHRISTMAS DAY:** Rejoice that God came to the world for us.

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 1) at 7:30 PM. The men of the Fourth Degree cordially invite all men who are members of the Knights of Columbus in good standing to come to their open house, meet the Fourth Degree Sir Knights, eat with them, and learn something about the Fourth Degree. Eligible men who have been knights for six months next February 21 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. This annual Christmas Party is a lot of fun for all and the ladies appreciate it very much.

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 13 from 1 PM until 3 PM. Come to the front door of the convent and a sister will help you.



THE VANTAGE ANNUITY

Concerned about a comfortable and worry-free retirement? Now, in addition to our traditional Flexible Premium Annuity, the Knights of Columbus has introduced the VANTAGE Single Premium Deferred Annuity, and it may be part of the answer for you.

With a single deposit of \$25,000 or more, the VANTAGE allows you to lock-in a guaranteed interest rate for 5 years. In addition, there are several attractive renewal options once the 5-year period has expired, including keeping the funds in another VANTAGE Annuity, placing them in a more traditional flexible premium annuity where the interest rate can be changed on a quarterly or more frequent basis or – in the 30-day period prior to the fifth and tenth policy anniversaries – withdrawing the funds without a surrender charge.

The VANTAGE Annuity, along with our Flexible Premium Annuity, both provide the guarantees that Knights of Columbus members have come to expect – guaranteed interest rates along with absolute safety of principal. In addition, we can easily accommodate rollovers and transfers free of charge.

I will be happy to meet with you at your convenience – in your home – to discuss with you in detail how the Knights of Columbus can help you to secure the comfortable, worry-free retirement you want and deserve.

Call me – let's talk. I am at 815-464-7242

Cliff Peloquin
Field Agent



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Yes, it's true! Santa has agreed to help the Council with fund raising efforts. Chief Elf Joe Kral reports that Santa will be going to people's houses with good cheer and happiness for the children. Santa's Helper elf is Cliff Peloquin. In order to schedule Santa to visit any house or place of business, contact Cliff at (815) 464 7242. Cliff is in constant contact with the North Pole and can arrange the visit for you. Rates are \$55 for the first half hour and \$50 for each additional half hour, starting December 1.

Santa will also visit St Mary Church December 6 and 7 after all the Masses. Pictures with Santa will be taken at that time for only \$3.00 per picture or 2 for \$5.00 (Single sitting). Bring the kiddies downstairs after Mass for Doughnut Sunday and take advantage of this great opportunity. The knights will be helping with the Doughnut Sunday—volunteer a little of your time!



MANGER SET UP

The large nativity that graces the brick courtyard of the church every Christmas was built many years ago by brother Knight Bill Niessen. Our Council bought the small statues for the display, we buy the straw and annually we put it up and take it down—it is one of the many things the knights do for the parish without publicity.



This year we will put up the nativity on Saturday December 6. The statues are kept in the basement of the rectory while the building parts are kept in the rectory garage. With a couple of pick up trucks and six to ten men it takes about an hour to do the job. Come out and help us—be at the entrance to St Mary School at 9 AM.

Deacon Gary will bless the nativity on Monday December 8 after the 7:30 AM Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Come and support the Council while attending Mass with us.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE

Several St Mary Knights and their wives plan to go to Washington DC with the Life Office of the Diocese and Bishop Sartain to march for life on February 22. The buses leave from Naperville, Joliet and Kankakee on the 20th. There is still time to sign up although the deadline for payment and sign up is December 1! The cost is \$360 per adult. To sign up or inquire about the trip contact the Life Office at (630) 718 2121. The march usually has several thousand knights among the 100,000 marchers. Be one.



COOK'S CORNER



Our MASTER CHEFS will serve hot dogs, beans and the required condiments for our December meeting



K OF C INITIATIONS

To join the Knights of Columbus it is necessary to be initiated into the Order. The next opportunity to be initiated will be at St Anthony Church in Frankfort on Friday Evening January 30 at 7 PM. A team will initiate knights into the First, Second and Third Degrees of the order. This infrequent opportunity should not be missed. All First Degree members and all candidates for knighthood should plan to attend this event with our District Deputy and officers of our Council. The degree will be followed by a meal and fellowship with knights from the area.

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Council will hold its annual Christmas Party on December 13 after the 5 PM Mass. Last year 53 adults and about twenty children came and had a wonderful time. Everyone who receives this news letter is cordially invited to attend with family, friends, children, grandchildren and other relatives. Children aged 12 and younger will receive a present from Santa. The council will provide drinks and chicken to supplement the potluck meal that each family brings. When you come, bring enough food in the form of a casserole type dish to feed your group and some more folks. See the form attached to this news letter. It is important that everyone call before December 10 with the number of attendees and the names and ages of children coming so that planning can be properly done. Try to come—whether you are presently a Knight or not. If you can't come, have a



Merry
Christmas

RAFFLE TICKETS?

Did you forget to buy the raffle tickets that raise money for vocations? It's not too late! Send the \$15 with the ticket stubs and the entire front cover to Joe Sluis, 11533 St. Vincent Ct., Mokena, IL 60448. We can still accept the money and send it to the State Council. It is a very worthy cause.



FREEDOM OF CHOICE?

The United States of America has the great blessing that new leaders are selected every four years without bloodshed. A new president and many newly elected leaders will guide this country starting in January. As citizens and Christians, we must support them.

A disturbing possibility has arisen that the new President may sign into law the "Freedom of Choice Act". This proposed law will use the power of the federal government to override all of the restrictions on infanticide that have been so carefully put into place by many states. The Act will override state laws providing for the notification of parents if a young child plans an abortion, it will remove the "conscience clauses" that presently permit Christian doctors and hospitals to refuse the practice of murdering children and it will restore the practices of "partial birth abortion" and late term abortion where they have been limited. Our nation has already passed Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia in mass murder totals. We are the only country in the world where it is legal to kill a baby even while the mother is in her birth labor. In Cuba and Communist China abortions are done late in a pregnancy but they are technically illegal while here in the U.S. they are completely legal. Pray that the "Freedom of Choice" act does not become law to make things much worse.



SIGN THE PETITION AT
WWW.FightFOCA.COM

Pray to end abortion!

ABLE TO MEET SANTA CLAUSE

(Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

Have Santa make a special appearance
at your place of business

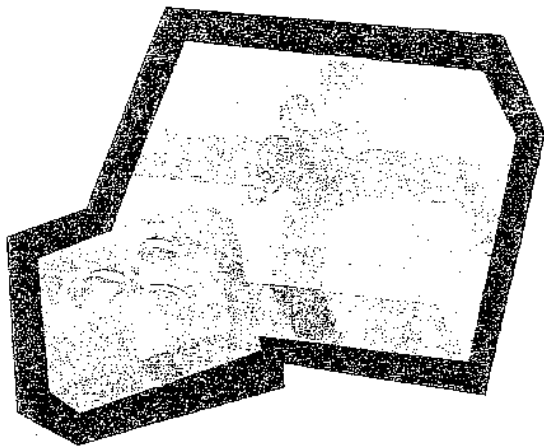
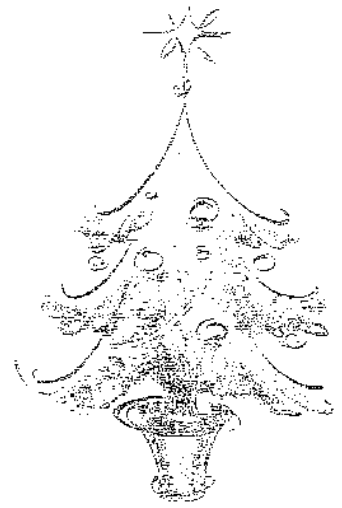
- Santa will visit with you and your staff
- Fees to our host/ess are \$100.00
- Includes Refreshments
- Santa will bring gifts for all children in the crowd



Fees are used to support the works of the Knights of Columbus

For more information and reservations call:
Cliff @ 815-464-7242

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!



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

WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 AFTER THE 5 PM MASS

WHERE: BURNETT HALL AT ST MARY CHURCH

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

HOW: POTLUCK DINNER. IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH T THROUGH Z, 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

(Call before the deadline of December 9)
