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Merry Christmas

Fraternally Yours, Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Memorial Mass to honor all of our Brother Knights who had passed away over the last year. For those of you, who have not attended the ceremony, please consider attending next year. It is a very moving event and a great way to support the families of our Brothers.

As a quick update on the new meeting room addition, the foundation and floor has been poured. Construction will continue into January, weather permitting, we hope to be in the new room before February.

I would like to remind all of you that both the children (Dec 3rd) and the adult (Dec 17th) Christmas parties are coming up. I hope to see all of you there.

"Have a Merry Christmas"

*Fraternally yours,
Brian K Colwell, Grand Knight*

REMEMBER

The deadline for
January 2018
Newsletter Articles is Noon
Friday, Dec. 22, 2017

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The Effingham Knights of Columbus will once again conduct a "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. There are 4 divisions by ages as of November 1: 4 and under, 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 14. If your child would like to participate, please contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731 to obtain the entry form. The winners of these divisions will advance to higher levels of competition. The deadline for submission is December 4. There will be an awards ceremony for the Contest winners at 6:30 p.m. on December 20 prior to the Council meeting. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.** The Council will offer Christmas cookies and hot



chocolate. It is not necessary, but if anyone has a favorite holiday appetizer, Christmas cookie or snack they would like to share, please bring them.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS

The big Keep Christ in Christmas Signs have been put up. An idea the Council is toying with is a Brother Knight adopting a sign, meaning he would be responsible for placing the sign, taking it down and storing it when not in use. In addition, the Council is curious to see how many members would be interested in buying and displaying a smaller 2' x 2' yard sign next year?

VOCATION RAFFLE

You have a few days left to dig out the Vocation raffle tickets you should have received in the envelope with the October newsletter. These tickets ask for a donation of \$15.00 per book. What could be more important than helping our young men who are in studies to become our priests of future years?

Let's do our best this year with this raffle. At least purchase one book if you cannot afford to donate for two books. District Deputy will be going to the Mid-Year State meeting on December 2 and can hand carry these tickets with him. So get you ticket to Don before this date.

Please get your funds and ticket stubs with the front cover attached to: Don Niebrugge 1117 N. Martin St. Effingham, IL 62401 before December 2nd.
P.S. If you do not take both books of tickets please do not return the one you don't use since it makes the letter to heavy for one stamp, which then makes the envelope postage due. This raffle runs to December 2, 2016 so you have a few days left to respond. Can we count on you to help?

THE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 with doors opening at 2:00 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive shortly thereafter. There will be games and refreshments prior to and during Santa's visit. There will be door prizes including a drawing for a girls bicycle and boys bicycle.

THE ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH with doors opening at 12:00 p.m. Social Hour will be from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the meal served at 1:00 p.m. Live music starts at 2:00 p.m. and will play until at least 4:00 p.m. There will also be 50/50 and door prize drawings throughout the afternoon. We will again have the Keep Christ in Christmas Posters on display.

INVITE A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER TO THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

If you know of a Catholic Gentleman who is interested in becoming a Knight or you think would make a good Knight, please invite or bring him and his wife to the Adult Christmas party or him and his family to the Kids Christmas party. Our Council always welcomes prospective members and their families to our various functions. It gives them the opportunity to meet our members and their families and discover some of things we do as a Fraternal Brotherhood for charity, support of the Church and our local parishes and the community.



In front lt to rt - Lawrence Carie, Rick Johnson, Bob Utz Jr., Keith Willenborg, GK Brian Colwell, Mark Krietemeyer, Jim Miller. • On the float, Joe LaSarge (in regalia), Audrey and Zoey LaSarge, Squires Calvin Sudkamp, Jacob and Luke Johnson and Henry Kemme.

EFFINGHAM K OF C PARADE FLOAT

The parade float was in the Effingham Halloween Parade. There was quite the crew at the parade to ride the float and walk with it passing out Tootsie Rolls - and some of them were too shy to have their picture taken.. Thank you to Keith and Pat Willenborg for keeping the float up to par and for Gerald Will for pulling the float. A thank you also goes out to Effingham Asphalt - Kabbes Family for providing a place to store the float over the winter.

MAJOR DEGREE NEWS

Our Council hosted a Major Degree on November 5 with 6 new members taking all three degrees. Supreme has "renamed" the Degrees; the 1st Degree is now the Admission Degree, the 2nd is the Formation Degree, the 3rd is the Knighthood Degree with the 4th now being the Patriotic Degree. The new members being Clint Spruell, Quinn Thoele, Greg Utz, Patrick Sherrod, John Miller, Jared Miller, GK Brian Colwell. If you see these new members, congratulate them and give them a good Effingham Council welcome.

The Council is looking at possibly having an Admission (1st) Degree during the Holidays when students are home from college. Remember, the best way to get a Catholic Gentleman to join the Knights of Columbus is to **ASK HIM**. Ask your son, brother, cousin,



New Members Lt to Rt Clint Spruell, Quinn Thoele, Greg Utz, Patrick Sherrod, John Miller, Jared Miller, GK Brian Colwell

uncle, father, grandfather and friend to join. The Teutopolis Major Degree is coming up on Sunday, March 4.

PATRIOTIC DEGREE NEWS

Greetings Sir Knights,

On **October 28th**, Sir Daniel Koester and Sir Knight Andy Cichalewski of Effingham Assembly 0214 were honored with induction into the Springfield Diocesan Hall of Fame. The ceremony and banquet were hosted by St. John Vianney Council 14024 in Sherman, Illinois. Sir Knight Don Niebrugge represented our Assembly, by participating in the Honor Guard at the Hall of Fame Mass.

On **October 29th** 13 Sir Knights in Regalia participated in Sacred Heart Church, celebration of their 125th Anniversary at 10:30 am Mass. Many other Knights were also present to help celebrate.

Later in the afternoon of **October 29th** several Knights also participated in honoring our deceased military veterans by placing 600 flags near their headstone.

On **November 15** we had 16 Sir Knights from our Assembly; Bob Walker, Dennis Isley, Dennis Walk, Gerald Will, Jesse Davis, Vince Klingler, Lovell Wines, George Menard, Jerry Steppe, Don Niebrugge, Richard Feldhake, Nick Althoff, Jim Bierman, Charlie Tegeler, Jack Dowling and Rick Johnson serve as Honor Guard at the memorial Mass for Knights of Council 665, deceased during year. Thank you Sir Knights for your service to honor our dear departed Brother Knights and their

families at the Memorial Mass.

If you have not done so yet, please remember to return your completed memorial form, (Chalice or Cardinal Glennon Donation).

Regarding the New Fourth Degree Uniform: The old regalia can still be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). After that date, only the new uniform should be worn.

For additional information please go to <http://www.knightsgear.com/regalia>

George Menard, OFS Faithful Navigator

GUN SHOW WORKERS

The Egyptian Collectors Association held their semi-annual hunting and trade show at the K.C. Hall October 28 and 29. Council volunteers sold concessions to raise money for Council projects and charitable donations. Thanks to the following Knights and Ladies who assisted. Bill Althoff, Jerry Steppe, Greg Koester, Lawrence Carie, Joe LaSarge, Tom Palmer, Terry Grunloh, Charlie Tegeler, Vince and Mary Klingler, Mike Schabbing, Don Antrim, Dan and Taylor Ritz, Ian Moore, Don Niebrugge, Rich Feldhake, Mark and Shari Goldstein, Charlie Kramer, Lovell Wines, Rich Niebrugge, Jim Bierman, Lloyd Newberry, Gary Westjohn, Jack Dowling and Robert Behrman. A BIG THANK YOU to Bill Althoff for rounding up the food and making chili and to Jerry Steppe for lining up the Volunteers. It was pretty slow at the show but they will be back on February 3 and 4, 2018.

25th Annual

National Trail Farm Toy Show

The 25th Annual National Trail Farm Toy Show will be at the Effingham Event Center on December 10 from 9 am to 3 pm. The Council will have the kitchen open for concessions so if you are interested in helping from 8 to 11 or 11 to 2, please call Jerry Steppe at (217) 343-1042 or Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731.

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN CHAPTER K OF C HALL OF FAME

The Springfield Diocesan Chapter of the Knights of Columbus Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet was on October 28th at St. John Vianney Council 14024 in Sherman, IL. This year Daniel L. Koester was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Dan, a Past Grand Knight is the son of PGK Louis Koester and father of PGK Greg Koester.



Bishop Paprocki presenting Dan with HOF Medallion

Dan is also a Past Faithful Comptroller and a member of the Honor Guard for many years. As Grand Knight, Dan was instrumental in establishing the Annual Meeting of the Building Corporation to formally provide a report of the business to the Council. Dan was active with the Council in the 70's and 80's lending his cooking skills to many functions, bartending in the lounge, helping with the old parade float, bringing his team of ponies/mules to the family picnic, which he still does today, giving kids and adults rides all afternoon. Later, his job driving for Sherwin Williams slowed his activity but he was still able to lead his crew in preparing the meal for the Super Bowl party and helping out when and where he could. Dan and his wife Kathy are members of Sacred Heart Parish where Dan was in charge of frying chicken for the picnic for over 40 years, "retiring" a few years ago and turning it over to his son Greg. He also helped with the light poles on the picnic grounds and has helped with mowing when needed. Kathy who also retired a few years ago also helped with frying chicken and worked for some time as a school cook. Congratulations to Dan and Kathy and your family!



Pictured are HOF members of Council 665 at the Induction: Lt to rt Bob Walker, Rich Worman, Jerry Steppe, Don Niebrugge, Dennis Isley, Nick Althoff, Lawrence Carie. Seated Dan Koester, Greg Koester

YOUTH ACTIVITIES RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The Effingham Knights of Columbus are conducting a raffle fundraiser with proceeds going towards various youth programs such as the Coats for Kids, contest awards, help kids attend March for Life, 5th Grade Vocations Field Trip and the Columbian Squires Circle. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 with only 1000 printed. First prize will be the winner's choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$750. Second prize will be the winner's choice of 1 of 2 firearms or \$500 – or the prize can be a credit to the firearm of your choice. A valid FOID card is required to claim a firearm. New this year will be an "Early Bird Drawing" at the Adult Christmas Party on Dec. 17. One ticket will be drawn from the tickets turned in by that day at 2:00 p.m. and the winner will receive \$100 and the seller will win \$50. If there is no seller on the ticket, the winner gets the extra \$50. (Tickets sold at the door, the buyer will be the seller) The Grand Prize Drawing is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4 at the Egyptian Collectors Trade Show and the winner does not need to be present. Tickets are available from the officers and a number of members. Contact Greg Koester at (217) 821-7731 if you want to buy tickets or tickets to sell.

MEMORIAL MASS AND SERVICE

On November 15th our Council held the Annual Memorial Mass and Service for our Brother Knights who have passed away this past year and all deceased members. Thank you to Chaplain Fr. Ralph Zetzl and Fr. Carl Schmidt for celebrating the Mass. As always, our Fourth Degree Honor Guard (the listing of those participating is in Faithful Navigator George Menard's article) in full regalia displayed the honor and respect we hold for our departed Brother Knights and their families. Our Thanks to Bob Mette and all those who helped with the preparations, mass and ceremony, to Sister Renee, Joan Frey and the Sacred Heart Adult Choir for leading us in music and Squires Gabe Koester, Thomas Davis and Calvin Sudkamp for serving the Mass. A Special Thanks goes out to all the ladies who helped serve the refreshments afterwards.



ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

The Council's Annual Respect Life Rosary was held on October 26 at St. Anthony Church with about 40 in attendance. Pro-Life Couple Rick and Jami Johnson organized the service with Rick leading the rosary and Jami preparing a nice batch of chicken and noodles and other snacks afterwards.



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Meetings: First and Third Wednesday
of each month in the Effingham Event
Center (formerly the K of C Building)

4th Degree Meetings:
Second Wednesday



Calendar of Events

- 01.....First Friday
- 02.....First Saturday
- 03 Children Christmas Party
2:00pm**
- 05.....Columbia/Lightning Raffle
7:00pm • Bingo 7:15pm
- 06.....Council meets, 7:30 pm
- 08.....Feast of the Immaculate
Conception—Holy Day
- 12.....Columbia/Lightning Raffle
7:00pm • Bingo 7:15pm
- 13 4th Degree Meets 7:30 pm**
- 14 Squires meeting**
- 17 Adult Christmas Party
12:00 noon**
- 18 Event Center Corp Board
Meeting 7:30pm**
- 19.....Columbia/Lightning Raffle
7:00pm • Bingo 7:15pm
- 20.....Council meets 7:30 pm
- 22.....Newsletter Deadline - Noon
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (NATIVITY)**
- 26.....Columbia/Lightning Raffle
7:00pm • Bingo 7:15pm
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**



COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

At the last meeting, the Squires welcomed a prospective member and discussed a number of activities. At the Kid's Christmas Party on December 3, the Squires will be filling in for Santa's elves and will have Christmas Cards for kids and adults to sign, color a picture, etc. The Squires will collect these cards and they will be sent to service men and women overseas. In addition, at the December 14 meeting, the Squires will be signing and sending cards to the seminarians in the Diocese, local priests and to wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital. And like the Kid's Christmas Party, the Squires will have Christmas Cards available at the Adult Party for attendees to sign and these will be sent to Walter Reed Hospital. The Squires are also planning to have a "lock-in" after the first of the year where the Squires and prospective Squires will spend a night playing games, socializing and getting to know each other better. On some date after the lock-in, an investiture will be held to welcome new Squires.

November Sick List

Brothers reported sick, hospitalized or in nursing homes during November who need our prayers are as follows;
William Althoff, George Bauer, Steven Bierman, Kenneth Birch, Doug Bushur, Dale Fitzpatrick, **Frank Esker**, **Charles Gebben**, Don Kemme, Dennis Koester, Kenneth Koester, John Looman, Lloyd Ludwig, **Bill Mette**, Anthony A. Niebrugge, Kenny Palmer, Kenneth Polarek, Robert Reiss, Fred Schaefer, **Leonard Unkraut** and James Zacha.

Remember these brothers in your prayers. Perform one of the corporal works of mercy by visiting these sick brothers especially if they are shut-ins.

(If a member should be placed on or taken off of this prayer list please notify the editor @ 342-6985)

(Bold print indicates 4th Degree members)

Newman News



We now have 41 Newman Century Donors for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. The latest are: John Althoff, Nick Althoff, Sean Bourgeois, Steve Bourgeois, Tom Clough, James Faller, Richard J. Feldhake, Dennis Isley, Michael Klitzing, Bill McDevitt, Virgil Niebrugge, and Clarence Unkraut.

Thanks to all who have contributed for this fraternal year. For those who plan on giving please make checks (\$100) payable to K of C Council #665 with the added notation this is for the Newman Fund. Send to one of the addresses below: Newman Chairman, Charlie Luchtefeld

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