



# K. O F C.

## COUNCIL NEWS

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### *Fraternally Yours, Grand Knight's Message*

Dear Brother Knights,

A very Merry Christmas and happy New Year to everyone, I hope that 2018 finds each of you well. I want to thank everyone who helped with both the children's and the adult's Christmas parties. The committee members do a great job of planning and organizing the events, as well as guiding me through what was needed. We had a good turnout for both events and I hope that you all enjoyed the parties.

As we start the New Year please consider making one of your resolutions to learn more about all of the programs and activities of your Council. There are numerous activities and something of interest to everyone. While I'll admit there is work involved, I think that you will find your efforts to be very rewarding.

*Fraternally yours,  
Brian K Colwell, Grand Knight*

### **REMEMBER**

The deadline for  
**February 2018**  
Newsletter Articles is Noon  
**Monday, Jan. 22, 2018**

## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



The **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST** is in its 11th Year and our Council had over 300 posters submitted this year. In addition to the age groups that go on for higher level judging, our Council has a contest for children 4 and under. The first place winners of the other age groups will be submitted for judging at the Diocesan and State levels in January. The Council winners were presented their awards at a awards ceremony on December 20<sup>th</sup> with refreshments and snacks afterwards. The winners are as follows:

#### Ages 4 and under

- 1<sup>st</sup> Morgan Chambers (St. A)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Daisy Miller (Home)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Elle Bierman (St. A)

#### Ages 8 to 10

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gracie Haarman (SH)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Addie Lauritzen (St. A)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alec Hakman (SH)

#### Ages 5 to 7

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cora Bierman (SH)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Selma Pulsfort (St. A)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sydney Stevens (St. A)

#### Ages 11 to 14

- 1<sup>st</sup> Macy Reitz (St. A)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mia Schwing (St. A)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gracie Passalacqua (St. A)

Thank you to all the participants and their families for participating and thank you to the teachers, school officials, and churches that help promote this program. Congratulation to the winners and all participants.



### TOY SHOW

The Council sold concessions at the National Trail Farm Toy Show Sunday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank the following Knights who assisted. Bill Althoff, Jerry Steppe, Bob Utz, Bill Utz, Tom Vogel, Nick Althoff, Greg Koester, Lovell Wines, Steve Luchefeldl, Tom Palmer, Don Niebrugge, Jack Dowling and Phil Zimmerman. The next scheduled show we need workers is the ECA Hunting and Trade show Feb 3 and 4, 2018. If you have a few hours to work call Jerry Steppe, (217) 343-1042 or Greg Koester (217) 821-7731.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### FREE THROW CONTEST

The **COUNCIL FREE THROW CONTEST** will be held in January. Our Co-Chairs Jerry Hecht and Bill Hoelscher are pulling together the date, time and location and it will be announced in the media, church bulletins and through the schools. **ALL** Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 (age as of January 1) are welcome to compete. The winners will go on to the District Free Throw Contest in February.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY** was on Sunday, December 3rd with around 100 children present to visit with Santa Claus. It was our first party on a Sunday afternoon and while we had hoped for a better attendance, the parents really liked it as there was not the rush to get there after school/work and getting home late on a school night. The children seemed a little more relaxed and enjoyed refreshments and games to play while waiting to visit with Santa. Joe's Pizza and Dominos donated free pizza certificates for door prizes, our Field Agent Tyler Sheehan (THANK YOU TYLER!) donated 2 Kindles and the Council purchased boys and girls bicycles. The winners of the bicycles were Hayden Bushue and Adeline Brown and the winners of the Kindles were Avery LaSarge and Chase Kinkelaar. A special thanks to, Sam Deters, Thomas Chojnicki, Ellie Tegencamp Vahling, Madison Goldstein, Chloe Koester, Zoe Grubb, Payton Sehy, Lucy Ferday, Bridget Sudcamp, Claire and George Scheidemantel, Sarah Carr, Makenna Thomas, Jonathon and Catherine Willenborg who filled in for Santa's elves. The Columbian Squires were also on hand to help with the party: Calvin Sudkamp, Gabe Koester and Thomas Davis. A special Thanks goes out to the Effingham Retired Volunteer Firefighters Association for making arrangements to deliver Santa Claus on Calladonia to the party giving his reindeer a chance to rest up for the big day. Please mark your calendars, next year, the Kids Christmas Party will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in December in the afternoon.



The **ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY** was on December 17th with about 300 in attendance. A delicious meal catered from Niemerg's was served followed by listening and dancing to the Sawyer Brothers Band. Joining us were Fr. Michal Rosa, Fr. Carl Schmidt, Fr. Chuck Edwards along with Sr. Sandra, Sr. Kathleen, Sr. Ann Vincent, Sr. Jane Boos and Sr. Christina Frick. There were two 50/50 drawings. The first drawing was split between Nathan Niemerg and Donna Davis. The second drawing was split between Jackie Haarmann and Lauren Workman. There were about 50 door prizes donated and given away at the party along with the table centerpieces.

**ADULT PARTY**

**PATRIOTIC DEGREE NEWS**

**Greetings Sir Knights,**

As we rejoice in the wonder of Jesus' birth, my wife Gabriela and I wish you a Blessed Christmas and Happiness in 2018.

At the Christmas Party on December 17, District Master, Marce Tebbe, presented the Civic Award and Star Assembly Award for Fraternal Year 2016-2017 to Faithful Admiral Greg Koester.



These awards were earned for membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in the community and keeping members and others informed of assembly activities.

Also at the Christmas Party, Greg Koester presented our Faithful Friar, Fr. Rosa, a Christmas gift of a framed picture of our Blessed Mother Mary holding St. John Paul II in Her arms when he was shot in 1981.

*When he was shot, he was holding the rosary, which he always carried. When he fell to the ground, out of nowhere, a woman rushed to his side and embraced him.*

The pope was critically wounded but survived after surgery and a long recovery. The surprising fact is that all the bullets passed just past his vital internal organs. When he recovered finally, the first thing Pope asked for was his rosary. When he got it in his hands, he said that he felt Mother Mary directing the bullets' path through him



Remember, If you have not done so yet, please remember to return your completed memoriam form, (Chalice or Cardinal



Glennon Donation).

Regarding the New Fourth Degree Uniform, the 25% discount has been discounted as of November 30, 2017. Supreme Council has extended the transition period of wearing the old regalia until June 30, 2019. We will continue to wear the social baldrics under our jackets, regardless if you wear a tuxedo or a dark suit and tie, and we will continue to issue the social baldric and the official Fourth Degree pin (PG 113) at the exemplifications.

For additional information please go to <http://www.knightsgear.com/regalia> Regarding exemplification, we are looking into available dates with the intention of having a Fourth Degree Exemplification in 2019.

George Menard, OFS Faithful Navigator





**John Looman**, 61, of Teutopolis passed away Friday, December 1, 2017 at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic, Lillyville, with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday evening at the church with a parish prayer service to follow. Memorial donations may be made to the Cross Cancer Center in Effingham. Onlin

guestbook at [www.bauerfh.com](http://www.bauerfh.com).

John was the son of Jack Looman and Erma (Noble) Moored. He married Clara Ann (Ruholl) on November 22, 1975. Together they raised four children. John worked for Effingham Truck Sales for 40 years and retired from Rush. He then filled his days working part time for I-70. He was also the owner/operator of Looman Tires. John was a ten year member of Effingham Knights of Columbus Council #665.

John was a charismatic story teller whom always enjoyed being with friends and family. He was an avi outdoors-man who enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. John was a wine hobbyist who enjoyed museums and history.

John is survived by his wife, Clara of Teutopolis; sons, Paul (Cheryl) of Effingham and Jack (Megan) c Dieterich; daughter, Jessica (Brent) Budde of Effingham; sisters, Marri (Gary) Lidy of Effingham and Penny (David) Koontz of St. Elmos; grandchildren, Tyler, Gabriel, Kaitlin, Sebastian, Loghan and Madison.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Looman and Erma Moored; son, Brian Looman; brother, Lane Gomber and sister, Rickie Little.

## PRO-LIFE NEWS

- The front steps of St. Anthony Church will be filled with Luminaries for Life on January 27 and 28 to commemorate the tragic court decision that legalized abortion. Today, abortion is by far the leading cause of death in our country with 1.2 million deaths per year. Look around a playground or a classroom. For every 3 kids you see, a fourth is missing due to abortion.

- The March for Life is coming up and there will be many of our friends and family from the area making the pilgrimage to Washington D.C. to take part in the March. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Please volunteer or attend the **44th ANNUAL EFFINGHAM COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE WHOLE HOG SAUSAGE & EGG BREAKFAST** at the Teutopolis Grade School Auditorium on January 14. Volunteers are needed to set-up on Saturday and on Sunday (cleanup included). Call Liz at 273.9677 to volunteer or for information.

## Christmas Committee

The **CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE** along with all those who helped; GK Brian and Julie Colwell, Jim and Mary Ann Bierman, Mark and Darlene Krietemeyer, Keith and Patti Willenborg, Jerry and Bonnie Steppe, Gerald Will, Jeff and Jody Phillips, Mark and Shari Goldstein, Greg and Clara Koester hopes everyone enjoyed the parties and had a Merry Christmas. The committee would like to thank the Corporation Board who hosts the Christmas Parties and Manager Steve Martin and his staff for all their help. Any member and their family that is interested in joining in on the fun the Christmas Committee has with putting on the Christmas Parties and decorating the building for the Christmas, please contact a committee member, one of the council officers, corporation board members or the building manager, Steve Martin. This would be a great opportunity for some of our newer members to get involved in the Council, meet fellow members and have a little fun while doing it!!!!

## YOUTH RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The raffle tickets sales are going really good. At the Christmas Party we had the early bird drawing with Jonathon Kabbes winning \$100 and Gregg Kabbes got \$50 for selling the ticket. The drawing is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 4 at the ECA Gun Show and the winner does not need to be present. Tickets are available from any of the officers and a number of members also have them. If you prefer, you may mail us a check with a note on the number of tickets you want to Effingham K of C, P.O. Box 303, Effingham, IL 62401 and we will mail you the numbered stub(s). Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.



## COLUMBUS COLUMBIAN SQUIRES

The Squires were at the Kids Christmas Party helping out and passing out Christmas Cards for the kids and adults to sign, color a picture - to be sent to our military overseas and patients at Veteran's Hospitals.

The Squires also sent Christmas cards to the seminarians in our Deanery. The Squires are 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. Also in the planning stages are a couple of social activities along with some service projects. The Squires are also planning an investiture for new Squires.

## 2017-2018 VOCATIONS RAFFLE WINNERS December 2, 2017

	Amount	NAME	Affili.	Amount	NAME	Affili.
1st	\$10,000	Jan Rykal	14284	11th 200	Ken Fisher	10678
2nd	2,500	Ken Crafton	14283	12th 200	Michael Grisham	1581
3rd	1,000	Mike Fahlmark	634	13th 200	Bill Maubach	790
4th	1,000	Diana Wheeler	6498	14th 200	Mitchell Fox	9806
5th	1,000	Mike Debiase	7694	15th 200	Juanita Sondgeroth	2090
6th	1,000	Stephen Koterbski	11091	16th 100	Joe Roccasalva	1444
7th	500	Donald Cervenka	15037	17th 100	Steve Schade	9770
8th	500	Larry Lavin	12286	18th 100	Richard Killian	790
9th	500	Joseph Koval	2197	19th 100	R Schmitt	6996
10th	500	Nancy Finn	1444	20th 100	Mike Spain	11874
Total	\$20,000	NOT CONFIRMED				

## Newman News



We now have 47 Newman Century Donors for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. The latest are: Charlie Brumleve, Dave Brumleve, Byron Goeckner, In Memory of Kenny Koenig, John Kroeger, and Chuck Schuette.

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:

Charlie Luchtefeld  
1607 N Lakewood  
Effingham, IL 62401

or

K of C Council #665  
1501 W. Fayette Ave, P.O. Box 303  
Effingham, IL 62401

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL NO. 665  
1501 W. Fayette Ave. • P.O. Box 303  
Effingham, IL 62401  
EVENT CENTER CORP BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Effective July 1, 2017**

President..... Jesse Davis  
Vice President .....Dennis Isley  
Secretary..... Phil Koerner  
Treasurer ..... Nick Althoff  
Member ..... Art Geen  
Member ..... Gregg Kabbes  
Member Grand Knight..... Brian Colwell  
Manager..... Steve Martin

**4TH DEGREE OFFICERS**

Faithful Friar..... Rev. Michal Rosa  
Faithful Navigator..... George Menard  
Faithful Comptroller ..... Don Niebrugge  
Faithful Captain..... Jesse Davis  
Faithful Admiral..... Greg Koester  
Faithful Purser..... Charles Tegeler  
Faithful Pilot ..... Joe LaSarge  
Faithful Scribe ..... Keith Willenborg  
Inner Sentinel ..... Gerald Will  
Outer Sentinel ..... Jack Dowling  
Trustees..... Richard J. Feldhake 1 yr,  
Jerry Steppe 2 yr ..... Greg Koester 3 yr

**Lounge Hours**

Monday thru Thursday ..... 3:00 to 11:00  
Friday & Saturday..... 12 Noon to 1:00am

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Effingham, IL 62401  
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**EFFINGHAM COUNCIL  
NO. 665 OFFICERS  
Effective July 1, 2017**

Chaplin..... Rev Ralph Zetzl OFM  
Grand Knight..... Brian Colwell  
Deputy Gran Knight ..... Terry Grunloh  
Chancellor..... Joe LaSarge  
Fin Secty..... James R. Miller  
Recording Secty ..... C.J. Schmidt  
Warden ..... Robert Utz Jr  
Treasurer..... Gerald Will  
Advocate..... Charles Tegeler  
Lecturer ..... Tom Palmer  
Inside Guard ..... Mark Krietemeyer  
Outside Guard ..... Mitchell Althoff  
Trustee..... 1 yr Jesse Davis  
2 yr Keith Willenborg.. 3 yr Jim Bierman  
Editor..... Richard Feldhake  
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(217) 821-2484

Springfield Diocese  
Associate Coordinator . Don Niebrugge  
District Deputy ..... Gregory L. Koester

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

4th Degree Meetings:  
Second Wednesday



**January  
Calendar  
of Events**

- 12/31 ..... Prayer of Consecration  
to the Holy Family
- 1 ..... New Years Day**  
Monday-Solemnity of Mary
- 2 ..... Columbia/Lightning Raffle 7:00pm  
Bingo 7:15pm
- 3 ..... Council meets, 7:30 pm**
- 5 ..... First Friday
- 6 ..... First Saturday Rosary 6:10 am  
St A Mass 6:30
- 7 ..... District Deputy Meeting  
Effingham Event Center 2:00 pm**
- 9 ..... Columbia/Lightning Raffle 7:00pm  
Bingo 7:15pm
- 10 ..... 4th Degree Meets 7:30 pm**
- 11 ..... Squires Meet 6:30 pm  
Effingham Event Center**
- 14 ..... Right to Life Breakfast - TGSchool**
- 15 ..... Event Center Corp Meets 7:30pm**
- 16 ..... Columbia/Lightning Raffle 7:00pm  
Bingo 7:15pm
- 17 ..... Council Meets 7:30 pm**
- 22 ..... Newsletter Deadline-noon**
- 23 ..... Columbia/Lightning Raffle 7:00pm  
Bingo 7:15pm
- 27 ..... Catholic Charities Banquet  
Teutopolis KC Bldg**
- 27-28 ..... Luminaries for Life St A Church
- 28 ..... Fifth Sunday - Family Rosary -  
pray the Rosary together as a family
- 30 ..... Columbia/Lightning Raffle 7:00pm  
Bingo 7:15pm
- TBA ..... Free Throw Shoot The REWorkman  
Sport & Wellness Complex
- TBA ..... in Feb ... Council Spelling Bee

**CHARITABLE AWARDS  
PRESENTED TO COUNCIL**

District Deputy Greg Koester presented Effingham Council 665 with four Charitable Awards from the State Council at the Adult Christmas Party as listed below. These awards are in recognition of the generous contributions of our members and their families. The Council, through various activities collect these funds, a portion of which is forwarded to the Illinois State Council and are distributed statewide, while the portion retained is used by our Council for local needs. For example, the Vocation Raffle – of the \$15 dollars for a book of tickets, \$6 goes to the State while we retain \$9. The State divides the funds up between each Diocese and our Council uses our portion to send birthday and Christmas gifts and the \$500 RSVP checks to our local seminarians.



- Pro-Life Award – Highest Collections per capita - 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Chaircouple Rick and Jami Johnson
- Newman – Highest Collections per capita – 1<sup>st</sup> place to Chairman Charlie Luchtefeld
- Vocations – Highest Collections per capita – 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Chairman Jesse Davis
- General Assistance Fund – Highest Collections per capita – 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Chairman Jim Bierman

**December Sick List**

Brothers reported sick, hospitalized or in nursing homes during December who need our prayers are as follows; **William Althoff**, George Bauer, Steven Bierman, Kenneth Birch, Doug Bushur, Dale Fitzpatrick, **Frank Esker**, **Charles Gebben**, David Goldstein, Don Kemme, Dennis Koester, Kenneth Koester, 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)

**4th DEGREE  
MEMBERSHIP**

Last month you received your fourth degree membership card and you was to return your membership dues, I have received most of the dues but still need some to pay them, if you are one of them please send your dues to me: Donald Niebrugge, 1117 N. Martin St., Effingham IL 62401  
Thank you,  
Don Niebrugge Assembly 214 Comptroller