

Grand Knights Report

Brother Knights and Ladies,

The unseasonably warm weather in late October and early November has brought to an abrupt end by an unexpected snow and cold snap. This came just in time for the opening weekend of deer season! The change of season reminds us of the coming holidays, and the preparations and celebrations it entails. See the rest of the newsletter for dates and times. I would like to thank in advance Jason Duepner and everyone who helps with the nativity scene. It is our most outward symbol of 'Keep Christ In Christmas'.

At the November meeting it was proposed to change the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00. We would like to vote to amend the bylaws for this at the December meeting. There will also be another 1st degree at the next meeting. The degree will start at 7:00 with regular business meeting following at 7:30. Any changes approved will take effect in January. I hope I wasn't too confusing explaining this. We may also discuss changes to the dues structure. Any and all input is welcome on these issues.

The new and improved shooting match pavilion is working out nicely. The extra income is greatly appreciated. We had a large expense to repair the 2 large HVAC that supply the gym. We have a large and aging facility, while it is in good shape, it takes a lot of money and a lot of volunteer hours to keep it up and improve it. Thanks to all who help out in any way, many unseen by most.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus I wish everyone a blessed and merry Christmas. Keep Christ in Christmas!

Fraternally, John Ziegler, Grand Knight

Thank You Section:

If you know of someone who deserves a little recognition, let John Ziegler or Bob Roth know and we will get them in the newsletter.

Joe and Jen Missey, Pam and Don Aylesworth, Jim Sampson, Bob and Debbie Roth, and Kevein Ponzar and Pam for helping with the 5th Sunday Breakfast

Thanks to all who helped on the Blacklight Bingo. Larry and Sue Krodinger, Joe and Jen Missey, Bob and Debbie Roth, Karen Krodinger, Frank Wilson, Tony Vallo, Todd Milner, Shirley Boyer, Greg Cobb, Laura Krodinger, Eric Coleman and Wayne Haas.

Thanks to all who helped in the kitchen for the Blacklight Bingo. Ann Oberle, Father Anderson, Karen Cage, Becky Bliss, Sue Heur and Lora Welsh.

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In Memorian:

- Angie Reando - Wife of member Lonnie Reando and mother of members Jeremy and Jordan Reando
- Sarah Little - Sister of Columbia Ann Janet Juliette, aunt of Jodi Haas, Amanda Gale and Jamie Hoss

No New Year's Eve Dance:

Due to loss of band members, GTO has backed out of the New Years Eve dance. We will try to schedule a dance around Valentines Day with GTO.

Columbia Ann's Report:

December birthdays: Mary Fisher 12/18 Kay Schutte 12/18 Jennifer Missey 12/25
Jamie Hoss 12/27 Janet Juliette 12/28

Dear Columbia Anns,

We are approaching the holidays with lots to be thankful for during this holiday season. The gathering of family and friends makes our holidays so special to enjoy and catch up. We had a great meeting with having a cookie exchange after the meeting. Thank you ladies for participating. We did not have much on the agenda this month.

The ladies Christmas party will be December 17th, doors open at 5pm., eat at 5:30 pm, bring a covered dish, meat provided by the Columbia Ann's. LaChance Winery will be there with wine tasting, extra bottles to buy. There will be wine from LaChance on the tables and glasses from the winery. You are welcome to bring your husbands or a plus one. Joanie DeClue will be sending out the invites after Thanksgiving. **No meeting in December.**

The Columbia Ann of the year and the GEM (Going the Extra Mile) will be announced at the men's Christmas party on the 110th and again on the 17th. WE had a tie for the GEM of the year so we will have both added to the plaques.

Still always need help at the BINGO in the hall and kitchen. We have no second week crew as of now and are running it out of the Clubroom. Any ideas please feel free to make suggestions.

Things that are coming up:

Shootings matches every Tuesday until the end of March

No Bingo on November 23, December 21st and December 28th

Food Pantry and children from various schools in need on December 3rd 8 am to 1pm

December 2nd in the afternoon on into the evening set up of the hall for the Food Pantry Children's Christmas (Any help is appreciated)

December 10th- Men's Christmas party- Start time? See Bob Roth

December 17th Women's Christmas Party- Lachance Winery, gift exchange if you wish to participate.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays with family and friends, Very truly yours, Vicky Moss, President

Club Room Report:

This month we want to remind you all of the Knights Christmas parties. The adult Christmas party will be held Saturday December 10th and the Children's party will be Sunday December 11th. The ladies Christmas party will be Saturday December 17th. Come out and enjoy good food drink and fun with your fellow Knights and families.

We will have a new golf simulator set up in the clubroom soon. We look forward to having special events with this and just daily use by all the members. The clubroom is selling Gun raffle tickets to help fund the children's party. They are \$10 each and we will draw on November 30th. You can purchase them on our website or in the clubroom.

The Clubroom will be closed for Christmas eve Saturday the 24th and Christmas Day. We would like to send a thank you out to all the bartenders both regular and fill in who have helped throughout the year. Amanda, Jodi, Danny, Kayla, April, Jen, Chris, Bob, Brandon and Rich, whether you worked 1 day or all year long we appreciate all of your hard work.

Lastly, we would like to thank everyone who has supported the clubroom this year. What a blessing it is to have all you wonderful members. We look forward to next year and all the fun it brings.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New Year. -The Clubroom Committee

Fried Food Friday's:

Fried Food Fridays will continue thru March. We will be serving cheeseburgers, hamburgers, chicken strips, chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, mushrooms, fries, onion rings, shrimp, fried ravioli and mini tacos. Come out, have a drink or two and let us cook for you.



Humor Me:

Saying a Prayer for the Christmas Meal

Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food.

He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then Lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"

Spiritual Report:

A Christmas Poem:

A long time ago, down Bethlehem way, a star shown in the night sky as bright as the day.
The shepherds were watching their flocks with care when a host of angels appeared in the air,

Proclaiming the son of God had been born to deliver our souls on that cold Christmas morn.
You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger while the cattle lows.

A few short decades later, he died on a cross. Without his sacrifice, we would all be lost.
So as you're running around, buying gifts and treats to have a big party when your family meets,

Stop and remember why we celebrate this day, it's not about gifts and food and games to play.
I think of that; we all have enough. When you think about it, it's all just stuff.

The gift of love is what Jesus gave, and salvation the day he arose from the grave.
To love each other is all that he asks. I know that at times that can be a big task.

Just humble yourself and look all around. I think what you find will be profound.
There are many who can only afford the gift of love. No presents, no tree with a star up above.

Look into your life, and you will find you are blessed by many who love you; that gift is the best.
So when it comes time to bless your meal, ask for your family to be blessed as well.

Not with gifts or money or material stuff, but that love and tolerance will be enough.
Remember the loved ones who cannot be there, but rejoice they're in heaven and not suffering here.

And when you see someone who is down and out, don't put them down or have any doubt.
Just do what you think Jesus would do. Give what you can to help them get through.

If they misuse it, that's between them and God. In Jesus' eyes you have done your job.
God bless you and enjoy your family Christmas day, may peace, love, and happiness come your way.

Cornhole League:

The annual corn hole league is scheduled for the following Fridays, January 20th, January 27th, February 3rd, and February 10th. Space is limited and teams that played last year will get priority, but payment of \$40 per team, \$45 if you have a 3rd person is due at the time of sign-up. Sign ups are being accepted in the club room.

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Nativity Scene Setup Food in Clubroom	3 Nativity Scene Setup Needy kids Christmas Party
4 Queen of Hearts Drawing	5 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	6 Bingo 6 pm	7 Knights of Columbus and Columbia Anns meetings at 7:30 pm. Food will be served. Degree will be held at 7 pm	8 Food in Clubroom	9 Adult Christmas Party	10 Ladies Christmas Party
11 Children's Christmas Party	12 Queen of Hearts Drawing	13 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	14 Bingo 6 pm	15 Food in Clubroom	16 Food in Clubroom	17 New Year's Eve
18 Queen of Hearts Drawing	19 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	20 Bingo 6 pm	21	22 Food in Clubroom	23	24
25 Christmas	26 Queen of Hearts Drawing	27 Chiggar Shooting Match and food in the club room	28 Bingo 6 pm	29	30 Food in Clubroom	31



Upcoming Events:

December 3rd

Needy Children Christmas Party

We will be holding our annual Christmas Party for needy children. This used to be for children from the food pantry but we have opened it up to the local schools to provide needy families with Christmas toys and coats because we got a couple of other organizations helping us collect toys. Please volunteer to help or donate toys for this worthy cause. We provide pictures with santa, a breakfast, hair cuts, vision tests etc.

December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

Shooting Matches

Shooting matches are held on Tuesday nights starting at 6 pm. The kitchen is open so food will be available to purchase.

December 8th

Initiation

An initiation will be held at 7 pm prior to the meeting. We cancelled the degree scheduled for November. Please come early to participate.

December 10th

Adult Christmas Party

We will be holding our adult Christmas party on Saturday December 10th. A steak dinner will be served and awards given out. This is our way of thanking the members for all they do throughout the year.

December 11th

Children's Christmas Party

We will be holding a children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 11th. The party starts at noon and there will be gifts for all the kids that were signed up and they will get to see Santa. The children must have already been signed up.

December 17th

Ladies Christmas Party

The Columbia Anns will be holding their Christmas Party on Saturday December 17th, please come out and enjoy a fun filled evening. See Columbia Anns report for details.

December Birthdays:

Michael J. Solomon	3 rd	Josh Barton	4 th	Dustin C. Brewer	5 th
Cary D. Blum	7 th	Michael Lowry	7 th	Robert F. Mueller	11 th
Nicholas E. Oberle	12 th	Vern Blechle	17 th	David M. Young	19 th
Ken Belew	19 th	Richard Fisher	21 st	Larry J. De Clue	21 st
Josh Grgurich	22 nd	Robert T. Goettelmann	24 th	Jeremy Reando	26 th
John Dallas	27 th	Bart S. Baisch	28 th	Tyler Reando	29 th
Joe Missey	30 th	Lonnie R. Reando	31 st		

Nativity Scene setup:

We will be setting up the Nativity Scene starting at 8 am on Friday December 3rd and finishing up on Saturday December 4th. Any help will be appreciated.

Shirts with Emblems:

Several people have asked me about getting shirts with our council information on them. There is a website now available that allows you to buy shirts that can be customized. The problem is you have to have a minimum of 12 shirts. I am attaching the url to access this site and will take orders for the Custom Sport-Tek Racer Mesh Polo for 28.50 each. There are 3 colors to choose from. If you would like to order a shirt, send me the size and color you want and I will order them and you can pay for them when you pick them up. Send orders to bobroth@illumifin.com. The url is: <https://knightsgear.com/collections/custom>

Insurance Agent Report:

Year End Recap

As we enter the trilogy of holidays, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! This year has been very unique as I have been seeing a large change in how we communicate and do business. Traditional advertising has gotten more expensive while becoming less effective. Many home phone lines have been cut and telemarketers have made most screen their calls. Personal e-mail inboxes and traditional mailboxes are flooded with items and if you're like me, most either get auto deleted as I scrub for the information I'm looking for or mail items hit the recycling can before ever coming into the house. That being said, I'm looking for better ways to initiate our conversations & conduct your annual reviews. I feel badly for not maintaining those traditional advertisements recently, but the overall cost and lack of success has forced me to recalibrate and rethink what you may have the most value in. No solutions as of yet, but I am open to suggestions as to what you'd like to see.

We are holding another virtual benefit night for members with wealth and retirement expert Tom Hegna on November 29th at 7:00 pm ([Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)). Tom is one of my favorites! You should have received an invitation to your e-mail from George Spinelli if we have your current e-mail on file. If you didn't, please let me know at Joepehar@kofc.org and I will get the invite to you! Additionally, I would like to volunteer myself to perform in person benefit nights at the hall which count towards the Founder's Award if everyone has more value in that. Either way, I am here to serve you and your families, and I will try my best to do so in the manner that is most convenient for you; to include virtual meetings & reviews.

Vivat Jesus!

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Tootsie Roll Report:

The final total from our tootsie roll drive \$2561.87. Thanks again to all who helped. After taking out the cost of the tootsie rolls, we will send \$2288.87 to the state and they will return \$1144.00 back to us and we will donate this to Pony Bird. Great job everyone. Todd Milner Tootsie Roll Chairman

Sausage Still Available:

We still have sausage available for sale. Whatever is not sold by 12/15 will be donated the DeSoto Food Pantry.

Hall Cleanup:

We are in need of people to help clean the hall after events. If anyone is looking for some extra income, please contact Jodi Haws and let her know you would like to help. We pay \$15/hour in cash and you can work as many hours as you want.

Web Page:

Check out the new web page that Tiffany Viehman set up. It is at www.desototKofC.org.

For up to date information on what's going on at the Knights of Columbus Hall, please "like" us on **Facebook**.
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E-mailing the Newsletter:

We have been mailing the newsletter via e-mail for the past couple of year. We are trying to update our records so if you are not receiving the newsletter by e-mail and would like to, please send your e-mail address to bobroth@illumifin.com. This will save the council money and allow us to keep sending out a monthly newsletter.

