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The Inspiration for Fr. Dick's Blanket Drive



Blanket Drive

My focus for this drive is to give blankets to Mary's Room. This is based on a cartoon that was featured in our Knight Letter two years ago. At the last Burger night, someone brought in diapers and left them there. That is how all of a sudden we started getting other items. Last year we got such a tremendous response with blankets that we shared with Anchor of Hope. If the Plymouth, Sheboygan Falls and New Holsten groups want to give items to their local pro-life efforts, that is fine with me. January is specially established as Pro-life month. I will end the blanket drive at the hopeful Assembly Mass on January 20th. Encourage people to bring blankets to the Knights Before Christmas event on December 18th.

Fr. Dick

December
2020

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**Please help support the Ladies at our
next Burger Night on December 17th**

Grand Knight's Column

From your Grand Knight:

It is that time of the year that you will hear the slogan - "What did you get?" With the new year just around the corner and a vaccine that I am hoping will stop the bug in its tracks--along with prayer will decrease some of the uneasiness that has been around for a while. As per last month, it is my hope that at least some of you made phone calls to Brother Knights that are unable to get to our meetings. Because of church and community needs, our membership needs to increase rather than stay where it is or dwindle our goal is to update our web page with more information to the public with the message of "what we do as Knights" will improve these areas. Never give up on the power of prayer - use it daily. God bless and have a fantastic year end!

Vivat Jesus,
GK Mike Johnson

Advent Raffle Fundraiser

**Drawing at 7:30
December 18th!**

1st - \$750

2nd - \$300

3rd thru 7th - \$100

8th thru 10th - \$60

**Tickets 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$60; Contact Mike and Jan
Wirth at 457-9095 for questions!**

Proceeds from the raffle benefit:

Sheboygan Catholic Schools; Ads in Catholic Schools
Programs; Camp Chaplaincy Program; Knowledge
Contest; Punt, Pass & Kick Program; Free Throw
Competition; Food Pantries; Kids Christmas Party
and St. John Bosco Day for Youth at Holy Hill

Knight's Calendar

December

- 3 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 10 Family Rosary 6:30; KC Membership 7; Ladies Night Out
- 12 9-11 Curbside Blanket and Diaper Drop-Off at KC Center
- 17 Burger Night at Center 5-7
- 18 Limited Knights Before Christmas – Time TBD; Advent Drawing 7:30
- 25 **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

January

- 7 Officer Meeting 5:45
- 14 KC Membership Meeting 7; Ladies Aux. 7
- 20 Fourth Degree Pro-Life Mass 5:30; Social 6:15; Dinner 7:00; Sheboygan KC Center
- 21 Burger Night 5-7

Operation Archangel

Brother Knights and Ladies,

Thank You! That is the best way to begin this message. In a year when our parishes and councils have been affected by the ongoing pandemic, I did not think we would be able to hold the Operation Archangel program. God had a different plan.

Special thanks to the Holy Name Human Concerns Committee, Council 1789 (for surprising me with a donation), Councils 722 and 5539 who found funds to donate, our Anonymous matching donor, and you... individual members of the Knights of Columbus with your families!

As a community, we have raised \$2787. Our dedicated Comptroller, SK Chris Audino wrote the check for our Catholic Chaplains at the Milwaukee VA.

What a wonderful Christmas gift for our Veterans!

Sincerely,

SK Fran Goettl, Operation Archangel Chair
SK Larry Lenhardt, Operation Archangel Co-Chair



Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December

Vatican City, 1 December 2020 (VIS) – The Holy Father's prayer intention for December – For a Life of Prayer “We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.”

Chaplain's Column

Brother Knights and Families,

Because of the pandemic, I am not sure that stores began putting out their Christmas decorations as early as other years. Sometimes you would see the artificial trees, ornaments, and many other Christmas related items being sold in August already. Shortly after you would hear Christmas music on the radio and on TV.

People would start their shopping for Grandma and Grandpa, and their entire family. I have heard people say, “I bought a gift for Grandma back in August, and now I do not know where I put it”. Plans are being made for holiday celebrations at work, with family and whomever you may celebrate the holidays with. We can't forget to start our Christmas baking. “How many dozen of cookies should I make this year. Oh! Don't forget about picking out just the right cards to send. I could site many other traditions that families follow. **BUT!** “Is this the true meaning of Christmas?”



Every Christmas and Easter Homily I point to the crucifix up at the altar. I remind people that it is because **Jesus suffered and died** for each and very one of us is the **reason** we can celebrate Christmas. People seem to forget this. There is no historical record not even a well-founded tradition which gives the date of the birth of Christ. The date of December 25th was established about the year 320, and the Popes seem to have chosen the twenty-fifth day of December principally to divert the attention of the people from the celebration of a pagan feast “Birthday of the Unconquered Sun”.

Yes, we can have the celebrations, but Let us not Forget the **REASON** for the **SEASON** and the Most Precious Gift of Christmas

Have a Blessed Christmas. I will remember all of you and your family in my Masses.

Fr. Dick

Fourth Degree News
From Your Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights and Ladies,

Advent – Season of Hope

We have already shared two Sundays of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is called “Gaudete” Sunday to symbolize hope. Hope is one of the three Theological Virtues – the other two Faith and Charity (love). Hope really seems to be in short supply today, doesn’t it feel that way?

Faith is believing in God. Charity is loving one’s neighbor. Hope is something more intangible. It is the sense that no matter what happened, or is happening, in the end things will turn out okay. *“Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it.”* (CCC #1817)

We are all experiencing hard times with the present Covid -19 virus issues. Other hard times like difficulties at work and home, or illnesses can make life ugly and discouraging. When life becomes dark and we turn in on ourselves, we often fail to see the Lord standing next to us. Hope really is holding on the Lord by the hand. Hope is not letting go. The opposite of the virtue of Hope is the sin of despair – which can make us lose hope in our salvation and in God’s great love for us.

During this Advent and Christmas season, let us call to mind the reason for our hope as Christians. Jesus Christ is the reason for our hope. Let us continue to hold fast to Jesus and live in the hope He provides. Let us share this hope with others who are yearning for peace. Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Faithful Navigator,
Tim Woodworth



Prayers Requested

Please pray for our fellow Brothers or members of their families who have taken ill or are in distress in some way.

Chris Bamm, Christy Carpenter, Lee Entringer, Donna Johnson, Marietta Rodriguez, Charlene and Francis D. Goettl, Sr., Aggie Gruenke, Jack Grandlic, Rhonda Fouts, Ken Johnson, Norm Knier, Frank and Linda Keglovits, Cindy Keglovits Trieu, Marylu Leibham, Anchor of Hope Health Center, Children of the Knights and special intentions

If you know of a Brother Knight or his family member who needs our prayers or a visit, contact our Grand Knight Mike Johnson so he can inform the members of our Council. Contact: 920-946-2379 or webmastersheboygankofc.com

November
Knight of the Month
SK Ken Borowski

November
Family of the Month
SK Larry and Rhonda Fouts

In Memoriam
Jim Wilmas
Daniel Brulla

Years of Service

Norman J Knier	73	Larry G Kirchner	5
Daniel J Brulla	71	Steven R Heun	5
Kenneth Blindauer	41	Kenneth Lickteig	3
Wayne J Wenske	39		
Thomas E Luke	6		
Bernardino Castillo Jr	5		

Happy Birthday!

Wishing you a day that is as special in every way as you are!

Andrew H Hughes	12-03-1956
John E Grandlic	12-04-1933
Deacon John R Gavin	12-06-1952
Paul M Schweigl	12-06-1988
Kenneth T Borowski	12-07-1958
Thomas M Selak	12-08-1962
Dr Mark R Knabel	12-12-1951
Kenneth L Lickteig	12-18-1961
James L Tenpas	12-18-1953
Thomas J Paulson	12-23-1944
Modesto Tavarez	12-23-1944
Todd J Jarvis	12-24-1971
Ronald C Mikolic	12-30-1930
Daniel I Petrie	12-30-1953
Vernon J Baus	12-31-1942

Our Chaplain Father Dick is asking our members to please donate diapers and blankets to his annual KC Christmas Drive. Diapers of all sizes, not just newborn are greatly needed by New Hope Pregnancy Center. Blankets are also welcome. A list of drop off times at the KC Center follows:

Thursday Dec. 10th at the regular KC meeting at the KC Center at 7 PM

Curbside drop-off on Saturday December 12th from 9-11 AM. Drive up to the KC Center front door on Center Ave. and a volunteer will come out to your vehicle to accept your donation.

Thursday Dec, 17th at Burger Night from 4:30 to 7 PM at the KC Center.

Friday Dec. 18th at Knights Before Christmas which will be a restructured limited event this year at the KC Center. Details for this event will be in a forthcoming email.

All donations will then be delivered to New Hope by our volunteers.



Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil; May God rebuke him, we
humbly pray; And do thou, O
Prince of the Heavenly Host, by
the power of God, thrust into hell
Satan and all evil spirits who
wander through the world for the
ruin of souls. Amen

Campus Corner - CCA

Christ Child Academy continues to offer a high quality Catholic education in a face to face format! Our middle school has transitioned to a virtual format for the last two weeks of November, due to staff health issues. We expect to be back after the Thanksgiving break (November 30) in person. We are so thrilled to be able to remain in school. We have enacted myriad safety protocols to keep everyone safe. We believe it is critical for students' social, emotional, and academic development to receive in person instruction. Please pray for our continued ability to do so.

Market Day is Back! Market Day is an amazing way to raise money for Christ Child Academy and have wholesome and delicious food delivered directly to your home or office. CCA will receive 10% of every purchase! You can contact the school office for further details.

The CCA Student Service Council sponsored our annual **November Food Drive for the St. Peter Claver Food Pantry**. The first week we collected canned food items such as fruits, vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce, and fruit juices. The second week we will be collecting boxed items such as cereal, rice, noodles, pancake mix, syrup, peanut butter, jam, boxes of Jell-O, macaroni, pudding, crackers, cookies, and fruit or vegetable juices. The third week we collected personal care items such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, family size bars of soap, boxes of tissue, and toilet tissue. This teaches the students the value of reaching out to families in need.

Christ Child Academy honored our Veterans with a virtual ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th. The ceremony included a video of the history of Veterans Day .

The staff and students of Christ Child Academy wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Christ Child Academy would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" for your support of the annual poinsettia and greenery sale. Whether you bought a poinsettia to decorate your home, give as a gift, or donate to church in memory of a loved one, your generosity is greatly appreciated

In peace,
Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Raff
Middle School Math/ Science

Knights In Action

December



November Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Rosary, Council 722 chose the PGK Larry and Rhonda Fouts. Larry serves as usher at Holy Name parish and continues to chair the annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive. Rhonda assists with the Tootsie Roll drive and is active with the Ladies Auxiliary. In the photo Grand Knight Mike Johnson presents the November Family of the Month Award to PGK Larry and Rhonda Fouts.



The Elves Were Busy

Members of the Knights of Columbus, Sheboygan, assisted Fr. Mark Brandl by stuffing envelopes with Seton students made cards for the aged parishioners of the Northside parishes. Thanks to DD Larry Lenhardt, Eastern District Master Jim TenPas, PDD Francis and Jackie Goettl, GK Mike and Gerri Johnson, SK Don and Marge Grimm, and Karen Jeske.