

Knights of Columbus

St. John's Council # 3738

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December 2017 Newsletter

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,

In December we are into the Advent Season which marks the beginning of the church year and the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It is a time of preparation that directs us to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the Lord's birth on Christmas.

As Knights, our main theme during Advent is to "Keep Christ in Christmas". You can keep Christ in Christmas by revealing the character, love and spirit of Christ that dwells in you by allowing those traits to shine through your daily actions. You can also keep Christ in Christmas by setting up a nativity scene in your home and by sending Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message. Set aside time to read the Christmas story in Matthew (Chapter 1) and Luke (Chapter 2). And be sure to attend Christmas Mass with your family and loved ones.

I want to offer my congratulations to our Knight of the Month for October, Randy Norman, and our Family of the Month, Rick and Dawn Vath. I also want to personally thank all of the Knights who participated in our Memorial Mass for our deceased brother Knights and who marched or rode the float in the Holly Days Parade. I am very appreciative of those Knights who volunteered their time and efforts this past year to make our fundraising events and honor guard requests a success. Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish my brother Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

God Bless & Vivat Jesus!

Joe Maffa, Grand Knight

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." H. W. Mabie

"Not what we give, but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare." J. R. Cowell

2017-2018 Officers of St. John Council 3738

Grand Knight	Joseph Moffa
Deputy Grand Knight	Dave Ortman
Chaplain	Rev. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant	Dea. Tom Jagielo
Chancellor	Brad Alexander
Financial Secretary	Frank Rossi
Treasurer	Greg Sobotka
Recorder	Tom Dougherty
Advocate	Steve Conklin
Warden	Ed Mokry
Inside Guards	Rich Carroll Mike Fumagalli Rob Kaiser Mike Wallrich
Outside Guards	Randy Norman Jim Murawski Cliff Devitt
Guard Emeritus	Steve Dancik
Trustees	Hank Anzelone (1 yr) Al Repak (2 yr) Tony Polito (3 yr)

Weekly Bingo

Bingo at the **Elmhurst Elks Lodge** (*Location* - 711 W. St. Charles Rd, Elmhurst, Illinois)

Join a Team!! Help needed!!
Become an alternate!!

Captain needed for 3rd week—please step up!!

Meeting Dates

- Council:** 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
- Officers:** Last Wednesday @ 7 PM
- 4th Degree:** *contact Tony Polito*

Program Personnel Assignments for 2017 - 2018

Chaplain – Fr. Rafal Wasilewski, C.R.
Chaplain's Assistant – Deacon Tom Jagielo
Lecturer – Konrad Miskowicz-Retz

Program Director – Dave Ortman (D.G.K.)
Church Director – Randy Norman
Community Director – Mike Wallrich
Culture of Life Director – Dave Skrzypczynski
Family Co-Directors – Tom Dougherty & Rob Kaiser
Fourth Degree Club Co-Directors – Tony Polito & Steve Conklin
Membership Director – Brad Alexander
Public Relations Director – Cliff Grammich, Jr.
Vocations Chairman – Jim Anzelone
Youth Director – Chris Simon

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's November 2017 message to the College Council Conference is entitled . . .

PRIESTS FOR THE PEOPLE

To see this important message, please go to:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20171101.html

Chaplain's Message - Council Assistant Chaplain Deacon Tom Jagielo

An Advent reflection;

We know, Lord, and we have seen, what drought does to the land. We know, too, and have seen, the ravages of frost and cold. We have walked in barren fields and up dry hills, through dead, silent woods and lifeless valleys, and along thirsty beds of once-flowing streams. We have seen, clearly enacted for us upon the land, what our life would be without You. We can understand, now, how we should long for Your coming. Come, dear Lord and Savior, and do not delay! Rise up in Your power and come! Let the rain of Your grace water the parched soil of our souls. Let the warmth of Your love thaw the coldness of our indifference. Let the life of Your Body and Blood vitalize our deadened energies, and stir us up to fruitful labor in Your vineyard.

O eternal Father, rouse our hearts out of the sleep of sin, so that we may clear the path of Your Son into our souls. Each year in Advent, You gladden us with the thought of our redemption. Grant us, we pray You, that, as we receive Your Son as our Redeemer now, we may, in future, gladly and confidently meet Him as our Judge. Amen.



Council News ~ Events

† The Council held its annual Memorial Mass in November to remember those we have lost in the past year. The mass was held at Mayslake Chapel and was concelebrated by our Council Chaplain, Fr. Rafal and Mayslake's Chaplain Fr. Richard. Thanks to all who attended. Check out the pictures above, which include shots of our Knights of the Month: Randy Norman and the chapel layout for the Mass.

† **Pancake Breakfast:** Save the Date for December 10 from 8AM to Noon

† Our next St. John Council 3738 meeting will be **Tuesday, December 12 @ 7:30 PM** at the Hall. We will have a 1st Degree if there are recruits—contact Brad at BAlexander@SanchezDH.com or send recruits directly to him. In addition, the council will hold a voice vote to adopt a written motion that authorizes its Grand Knight to enter into a Terms of Use Agreement and Charitable Distribution Agreement with the 25 Club. Your attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged.

† Our next **Family Movie Night** is **Wednesday, December 13, at 6:30 PM** at the KC Hall. We will be showing “The Muppet Christmas Carol”. Bring the family for an enjoyable movie and popcorn.

† **Council Youth Free Throw Contest** tentatively set for Sunday, January 21st. Location and time TBA

† *Bingo is still in need of a replacement captain for the 3rd week.* Basically - Captain's responsibilities are to coordinate that week's volunteers. Interested? Email Hank at hal5050@aol.com

† From PGK & Master Frank Rossi: I have received communication from the Supreme Master, that due to the large volume and subsequent back orders for the new uniforms (nearly 8000), the cut off date for wearing the cape and chapeau has been extended one year until **June 30, 2019.**

for the Good of the Order . . .

You are asked to please remember in your prayers the following individuals: Nancy Bodine, Gene Brenner (FS of St. James Council #9806, Glen Ellen), Billie Chorney, Angela Coleman (sister of Joe Moffa), Grace Enzbigilis (daughter of Al Jr.), Megan Guinup (daughter of Jim Goralewski), Bunny Goers (friend of Miskowicz-Retz), Mark Gowgiel, survivors of: Hurricane Matthew, Harvey, Irma and Maria, the Palm Sunday 2017 church bombings in Egypt, the Las Vegas shootings and September earthquake in Mexico, Eric Hoehler, Paul Isherwood (Vice Supreme Master, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus), Frank Joachim, Margarete Jones and Maxine Wilson (mother and mother-in-law of Carlton Jones), Mary Jo Kemp (friend of Frank Rossi), Chris Mosquera (son of SK Vincent), Jim Murawski, Barbara Norman (mother of Randy), Charles Picha, Tom Pfeiffer (Fr. Perez Council, Chicago), Gene Poulin, Jeanette and Walter Repak (Al's stepmother and father), Therese Schroeder (Tom Dougherty's cousin), Fr. David Turner, O.S.B. and Steve Turner (Jim's brothers), Tom Wolinski (brother of Frank), Fr. Marion Wroblewski C.R.

And, please pray for the repose of the souls of: Loretta Barrett (mother of William Barrett, Bishop Fitzgerald Council), Victims of recent hurricanes, earthquake and shootings; SK Emmett Jacklin, David Mayfield (friend of Cliff Devitt), Jack Ryan (father of Patrick), Rosemarie Smagacz and George Wolkotte (friend of GK Joe Moffa).



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS **December 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Bingo in Elmhurst	4	5	6	7	8 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM	9
10 No Bingo in Elmhurst Pancake Breakfast	11	12 Monthly Meeting	13 Family Movie Night "The Muppet Christmas Carol"	14	15	16
17 Bingo in Elmhurst	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 Bingo in Elmhurst	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Officers' Meeting	28	29	30