



# *The Banner*

*Unfurled for God and Country*



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Brothers,

It is hard to believe, but it is December already. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and got quality time with your family and friends. December is a month of stress and the end of a calendar year! There is shopping, decorating and plans to be made, not to mention a lot of running around to meet obligations. It is also a month of reflection and celebration! I look back on this year and think of the wonderful strides and accomplishments our council has made. We have become more financially responsible, rejuvenated our council members' participation and membership and have shown how charitable we can be. The most important thing this month is that we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! Jesus is the reason for our blessings and good fortune and it is very important that we remember that. When you get stressed about this Holiday season stop, take a deep breath and pray, take the time to say the rosary, take time to pray and thank Jesus and to ask for his guidance. We are brothers brought together by faith. It is our faith what will get us through these stressful times!

November was a busy month for us. We had our memorial mass, held a second degree at the council, sold Keep Christ in Christmas magnets at St. Cecilia's and Maternity BVM, along with selling COAL books and donating to the Thanksgiving baskets. We SHINED in these areas of charity and unity. We are going to have a busy December too. We are selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets at Resurrection Of Our Lord Parish on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> after mass, the Grand Knight's Christmas party will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the council.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, Father Quinter and Father Smith for opening up Maternity BVM's church for our memorial mass, Father Smith for celebrating mass, Father Lucas and Deacon Diamond for Concelebrating, PGK Mark Dillon for arranging the mass. PGK Bill Meyers for running the football sweeps, Tom Sims, Chuck Kuhar and PGK Domenic Marzullo for their work with the Thanksgiving Baskets and to you my brother Knights for your generous contributions to our charities. This year we were able fund our Thanksgiving Baskets by your generous donations alone, the council did not have to contribute any money! THANK YOU ALL!!

I wish all of you a most BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR! Pray for our council, our brother Knights, their families and Pope Francis!

Fraternally Yours,  
Clint Snyder  
Grand Knight

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Send your submissions to Herb@HerbMarizy.com

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**ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY**

**DECEMBER**

- 3 - Business Meeting
- 10 - Home Assn Meeting
- 17 - Grand Knight's Christmas Party
- 24 - Christmas Eve
- 25 - Jesus' Birthday
- 31 - New Year's Eve

**JANUARY**

- 1 - Happy New Year
- 7 - Officers & Business Meeting
- 14 - Home Association Meeting
- 21 - Social Meeting
- 28 - Officers Meeting

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**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR ILL BROTHER KNIGHTS & LADIES**

Bill Wagenborg, Frank Boyle, Josephine Pistilli, Veronica Kovacik, George Fecik, Sophie Fecik, Gus Larizzio, George Diaz, Richard L. Girkin, Giuseppe Innamorato, Bro. Jerry Sweeney, Joe Efkwitz, Domenic Marzullo, PGK

Please call in the names of all ill Brother Knights

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL BROTHERS WHO WERE BORN IN DECEMBER**

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| Rev. Philip G. Bochanski | Christopher J. Breen  |
| Carmen J. Calvanese      | Richard Delp          |
| William Derham           | Daniel Frasca         |
| Edward K. Kelly          | Joseph S. Kowalik     |
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| Matthew J. Wachowski     | Christopher Wolkowicz |

**Happy Birthday!**

Our Council will be at Resurrection of Our Lord Church on the weekend of Dec.4<sup>th</sup>. & 5<sup>th</sup>, Selling “Keep Christ In Christmas car magnets”. It would be nice to see some of our members, who belong to Resurrection , giving us a hand selling these magnets. Call John Di Marco at 215-332- 3737 if you can help.

Also, Members of our Council helped to serve Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless at St. John’s Hospice on Sunday Nov.22<sup>nd</sup>. For our new members it would be a heart warming experience. We will again help out for the Christmas Dinner. Contact the Council for date and time.

Please Remember: The Annual March in Washington D.C. will again be held next month on the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. Check the January Banner for details about tickets and departure times and places.



## Keep Christ in Christmas



Millions of people in North America will be reminded to [“Keep Christ in Christmas”](#) thanks to the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. The campaign includes [public service announcements](#) that will be aired in the United States during the Christmas season, as well as a variety of local programs in support of the campaign that include signs, billboards, Nativity scenes and Christmas cards.

Radio spots encouraging people to “Keep Christ in Christmas” in various ways – including by helping the less fortunate – will be aired in English and Spanish. In addition, a television PSA has been sent to networks and hundreds of local broadcast stations and cable systems.

Originally organized by the Christian Mothers of Milwaukee, later know as Council of Catholic Women, in Milwaukee, Wis., the effort was originally known as “Put Christ Back into Christmas.” Following that effort, the Knights of Columbus adopted the “Keep Christ in Christmas” program in the early 1960s, and have been actively promoting it since.

The Knights has been producing [“Keep Christ in Christmas” PSAs](#) since the 1980s.

Last year, the Knights of Columbus Christmas PSAs reached more than 38 million television viewers and 34 million radio listeners. Billboards and signs with the same message have also been put up around the country by local Knights of Columbus councils, and many local councils also sponsor nativity displays or sell religiously themed Christmas cards.

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