



# *The Banner*

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Brothers,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your family and friends. It is December a wonderful time for our faith as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a very stressful time. In this stressful time of shopping, cleaning and cooking it is very important to remember Christ is Christmas. Take time to slow down and pray. Be thankful for what you have. Christmas is about faith, prayer and family, it is not about materialistic things.

Every Thanksgiving we have our collection for the Thanksgiving turkey baskets and every Thanksgiving I am reminded of what a wonderful, thoughtful and generous council of Brother Knights we are! This year we donated enough money that we were able to give out \$50.00 gift cards to 35 families in need! Our council did not have to subsidize any money for the gift cards. Because of you my brothers 35 families in our parishes were able to have a Thanksgiving dinner. THANK YOU! Charity is our first principal and we do it well! We have a lot of things going on this month. December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> we will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas magnets after mass at Maternity BVM. On December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> we will be selling them after mass at Resurrection Of Our Lord Parish. We need help at each mass selling the magnets. All of the proceeds of the magnet sales are donated to those in need amongst our three Parishes. Our Home Association meeting will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Grand Knights Christmas party will also be on December 15<sup>th</sup>, it will immediately follow the Home Association meeting.

On November 20<sup>th</sup> we celebrated and honored Immediate Past Grand Knight Mark Dillon's term as Grand Knight. I would like to thank Mark for his service as Grand Knight, his 2 years were a tough 2 years. His leadership got us through it. THANK YOU MARK! I would also like to thank everyone that was able to attend. It was a fun time, even though the Eagles lost.

I have a lot of thank yous to give out this month. Thank you to all who sold/bought Coal tickets and football sweeps and donated to the Thanksgiving baskets. Thank you, Domenic Marzullo, for handling the COAL tickets. Thank you, Bill Meyers and Will Schmitt, for handling the football sweeps tickets. Thank you, Chuck Kuhar, for handling the Thanksgiving baskets.

I wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas and a very Safe and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours,  
Clint Snyder  
Grand Knight





Our Council will be at Maternity BVM Church on the weekend of Dec. 3rd & 4th selling “Keep Christ In Christmas car magnets”. We will be at The Resurrection of Our Lord Church on the weekend of Dec. 10th & 11th. We can use help at all of the masses on these days. All of the proceeds from the magnet sales are donated back to the parish to assist families in need.

Also, Members of our Council helped to serve Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless at St. John’s Hospice over this past Thanksgiving weekend. This is always 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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