**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Our annual meal with the Jolly Old Elf will be held on Sunday December 15th.

We will need help in the kitchen starting about 6:30 am and more after that. We will serve from 8 am until about noon. If you cannot get there early, come later because we need help cleaning up when the meal is done.

We’ll have a breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage and biscuits and gravy for all.

Bring your family and friends and have a great day with Santa. And of course pictures with Santa will be available for all.

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**FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT**

The date is Dec 10th, the place is the Parlor in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. This event is open to members and non-members and their wives. The purpose is to explain to people what the real benefits are of being in the Knights of Columbus. This will include the benefits afforded by K of C Insurance, a valuable tool available to all members.

**Please note**—this is by reservation only. If you plan to attend, please call Bob Butterfield.

*See more on page 5.*

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**WINTERFEST—JANUARY 25TH**

*Save the date, buy your tickets! Don’t miss this chance!*

Many of you attend every year, but if you have not - come out and have a joyful night. You will get a steak meal with all the fixin’s and then get to dance to the music of Brothers Sharp. Plus there will be some soda, water, wine and beer provided for you enjoyment. And if you don’t dance, come enjoy some time with your brother Knights and lots of other nice people who will be there.

There will be raffle at about 11 pm (you really need to see all the nice things we’ll have) so bring a few extra bucks to purchase some of those tickets.

Cost for the Dinner and Dance is $25 per person and considering the cost of a meal in a restaurant, this is a good deal!

If you have young children, child care is available and it’s free. **BUT**—you must call the Sacred Heart Parish Office for reservations so we know what staff will be needed.

Because of the availability of alcoholic beverages, only those over 21 can attend the dance (anyone can enjoy the dinner).

Call Joe Ryckoff for tickets or stop by the Sacred Heart Office for tickets.

**No tickets will be sold after January 20th, so don’t wait to get yours!**
WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MEETING

Grand Knight Bob Butterfield read Thank You notes from several Volunteer Fire Departments for the water we supplied and another from Debbie Neely for our support of the Catholic Campus Center at MSU.

We’ll be serving donuts after Masses in December, help will be needed.

Planning for the Christmas Angel Tree and food baskets has started. If you take an angel please sign the register (and make sure the rest of our parishioners do likewise)—it’s really important!!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT—A PRAYER

"Loving God, you asked Francis to “rebuild” your house because it was “falling into ruin.” When I listen to the news, I think that our world is falling into ruin, and I feel helpless to fix it. You ask me, however, not to solve all of the world’s problems but rather to live my life as Jesus did: to “rebuild your house” through my own prayer and actions. Building a house is a slow process of one brick at a time, one wall at a time, mortared carefully and diligently. Perhaps you are asking me to ponder the gifts you have given me (my bricks) and the ways I can use my gifts (the cement) to rebuild your house of justice and right relationships. Help me, God, to see you in all people, especially within myself, so that I might bring your Divine Presence into this world on a daily basis."

"Eucharistic Adoration: Reflections in the Franciscan Tradition" by Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Our Knight of the Month is Jim Shaw.

Jim filled in at the Scholarship Dinner-Dance, for our Program Director, Joe Ryckoff, when he had surgery. Jim did a fantastic job getting everything coordinated from the food, it’s preparation and the set up for the dance. It’s great when someone steps up to fill a void, and better when they make it look effortless (it wasn’t!). Thanks Jim we really appreciate your effort.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Kudos to a family who have been great supporters of the Council and Parish for a long time. Jimmy coordinated the giving of and giving out of raffle Prizes for the Scholarship Dinner-Dance. But both of them have done so much more for all of us as a Eucharistic Minister (penny) and Lector (jimmy) plus Jimmy leads the Contemporary music group that adds so much to our Masses.

Thanks Jimmy and Penny for all you do for us!
**COUNCIL CALENDAR**

**December**
- 4th - Officers Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Pastoral Center Annex
- 17th - Serve Meal at Faith Mission at 7:30 PM
- 18th - General Meeting at 7:30 PM in Pastoral Center Annex
- 25th - Merry Christmas to all!

**January**
- 1st - Happy New Year—no Officer’s Meeting
- 21st - Serve Meal at Faith Mission at 7:30 PM
- 22nd - General Meeting at 7:30 PM in Pastoral Center Annex
- 25th - Winterfest Dinner Dance

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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Please offer prayers for these brothers and friends: Patricia Creel, Steve Gwynn, Ken & Juanita Schnick, Mike and Evelyn Lowe, Dorothy Gambell, Russ and Cecelia Detwiler, Gloria Andrews, Wanda Bigbie, Lori Wise, Danny and Angie Gutierrez, Randy and Mary Ellen Maddox, Gloria and Donny Moer, Joseph Smolko, Mary Wallace, Theresa Morath, Cory McCullough, Dillon Dennis (Jim Shaw’s nephew), George Morath, Margie Huffman, James and Ruth Provenza, Tom and Becky Hoffman, Pat Schlabs, Tom and Fran Laughlin, Katie Patlin, Bobbie Miller, Pat Conway Jr, and our Seminarians Linh Nguyen, Austin Hoodenpyle and Blake Winn. Also pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Saulsbury and Father Louis Bracket (Jim’s brother).

"Three things are necessary to everyone: truth of faith which brings understanding, love of Christ which brings compassion, and endurance of hope which brings perseverance."

— St. Bonaventure
FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT

You and your spouse are cordially invited to join us for our council’s Fraternal Benefit’s Night at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Wichita Falls.

These events are typically well-attended, and seating is limited, so please guarantee your space now by RSVP 940-867-0844.

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This is a chance to learn about things you may not have given much thought to and also an opportunity to bring some Catholic friends to see what we can offer. If they think it will be good for them, they might even join.

“Peace is achieved more effectively by trying to bring out the best, not pointing out the worst, in others. And we bring out the best in others by being ourselves peaceful. Our own peaceful presence will do more than trying to persuade others that we are right and they are wrong.”

—from Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from Saint Francis by Murray Bodo
HONOR AND REMEMBERANCE

Father Jonathan Demma
By Joe Ryckoff

SK Jim Bracket
By Joe Ryckoff

Mary Bracket
By Joe Ryckoff

Father Louis Bracket
By Joe Ryckoff

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
— St. Augustine

"We are not all called by God to save souls and to glorify him through the lofty apostolate of preaching. However, understand that this is not the one and only way to reach these two great ideals. A soul can proclaim the glory of God and work for the salvation of souls through a genuine Christian life by praying to the Lord without ceasing, “Thy kingdom come,” and by praying that his most holy name be “hallowed,” that he “lead us not into temptation,” and that he “deliver us from evil” [Matthew 6:9–13]. This is what you should continue doing, while offering yourself constantly to the Lord for these purposes. Pray for the wicked, pray for the lukewarm, pray even for the fervent, but pray especially for the supreme pontiff and all the spiritual and temporal needs of the holy church, our very tender mother. Say a special prayer for all those who labor for the salvation of souls and the glory of God in their missionary work to faithless and unbelieving people."

"Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day" by Gianluigi Pasquale, Marsha Daigle-Williamson
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Vocations

We all have one!
It’s not just religious vacations that we pray for.
We pray for those who chose married life, those who are single and those who have chosen to offer their lives for the church.

Everyone needs a prayer offered for them so they find the path that leads them closer to God.
So offer a prayer for all of us in our various vocations, someone you probably don’t know needs that prayer today.
And in our Council, we pray especially for Linh Nguyen, Austin Hoodenpyle and Blake Winn who are discerning a life of service as priests.

If you need advice or have questions about insurance, annuities, etc., please call Michael. Our order has great products to care for you and your family.