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## Grand Knight's Message Kelvin Landeis, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,

This month's Leaflet has a recap on page 3 about the Coats for Kids program that our Council has participated in for the past 3 years. Paul Greninger and Russ Funk have done an outstanding job in growing this program and making it the success that it is. It's incredible to see how this program has grown over the past 3 years, starting out with providing coats to our surrounding communities, and now providing both coats and snow pants. Great job Paul and Russ, I am in awe and truly grateful at how successful you have made this program.

Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 11 was a great success. I would like to thank Dan Costello and his team for running this program this year. I would also like to thank two of our Seminarians who were able to stop by for the event. Tim Tran and Austin Barnes, thanks for stopping by, and continued prayers as you both continue your studies to become priests.

### An Advent Prayer

Dear Lord, as we prepare ourselves for

## Communion Breakfast



Brother Knights! Please plan on attending the **Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast** at St. Vincent de Paul's Regan Hall on **Sun., Dec. 10 starting with the 9 a.m. Mass.** A great menu of sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, stuffed French toast, fruit, coffee & juice or milk will be served.

You and your family are welcome. A free will offering will be accepted to defray the cost of the delicious food.

Please plan to attend the Mass and join us for breakfast. A section in the church will be reserved for members and their families, check with the ushers when you arrive at church.

Kevin Ahlers, Lee Bilbro chairmen

the celebration of your day of birth, please keep us mindful of the true meaning of the Christmas Season, and to share this spirit, joy, and anticipation with all of those around us. Amen.

*God Bless and Merry Christmas,*



**SHARING & CARING HANDS CHECK:** Left: GK Kelvin Landeis, and Marty Carman (right) (breakfast chairman) present the check from the breakfast we held on Sept. 24 to Mark Schindeldecker of Sharing and Caring Hands.

## Merry Christmas

### Membership dinner

Council 9139 is having a membership dinner at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018, in the east meeting room. This is a good time for prospective members to learn how the Knights of Columbus started and about all of our charity work.

We will be serving a Pulled Pork Dinner.

If you know of a friend, relative or neighbor that would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus contact, Robert Moreland, 557-0874, Bob Clark, 424-5509 or Tom Heltemes, 425-2314. Kevin Ahlers, Tom Heltemes

## Guest Speaker

Lee Halbur is a member of the BIZAA (Basic Institute for Zonal African Advancement) Planning and Marketing committees. In 2016 Lee took a mission trip to Nigeria in support of BIZAA; he will discuss his experience and the impact it had on his life at the Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, December 5, 2017. BIZAA is a faith based initiative focused on empowering the youngest citizens of Africa through a grass roots effort to eliminate child labor. SVDP has endorsed BIZAA as our international outreach initiative. BIZAA has funded the education of over 200 children and currently has 50 children on a list awaiting sponsorship.

Father Zehren will be our guest speaker on January 2, 2018.

Duane Crosland (dcros@aol.com)



## Calendar of Events

- Every Sat. at 10 a.m. the rosary is prayed at the Robbinsdale Abortion Center, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale.
- Dec. 5, Reg. business meet., 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10, Communion Breakfast
- Dec. 14, Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest judging
- Dec. 25, Merry Christmas
- Dec. 26, Planning meet., 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, New Year's Day
- Jan. 7, Membership Dinner
- Jan. 11, Free Throw Contest
- Jan. 21, Belgian Waffle Breakfast
- Jan. 27, 1st, 2nd & 3rd degree



Fr. Paul Baker, Chaplain

### When is Christmas exactly?

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in the coming month, I thought now would be a good time to remind all readers of the KC bulletin that in fact Christmas only BEGINS on December 24th at sunset and does not end until the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year takes place on Monday, January 8th (Side note: This feast is usually on the Sunday after Epiphany, with Epiphany in the Catholic Church in the USA always being celebrated on the Sunday between January 2nd and 8th. However, when the celebration of Epiphany falls on Jan. 7th or 8th, The Baptism of the Lord follows the very next day, i.e. Monday.)

So much of the secular world sees the Christmas season as beginning after Thanksgiving (even sometimes before!) and ending on Christmas day itself. What a huge build-up for such a little pay-off! No wonder I heard a person on the radio remark the other day that he felt that Christmas was anti-climactic after all the build-up. The Christmas season should of course be celebrated in its fullness to avoid such a feeling, and I encourage

you all to leave your Christmas decorations up for the duration of the Christmas season and continue to wish people a Merry Christmas. And if you are a bit slower than that in getting the Christmas decorations down, don't worry, as traditionally the Christmas season was seen as lasting until February 2nd, 40 days after the birth of Christ. This is the day when He as a first-born son was presented in the temple according to the Jewish law.

### "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster & coloring contest

We are in the midst of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster/coloring contest. Religious education and St. Vincent's school students grades K-6 are eligible.

Posters will be judged on Dec. 14th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive awards. The winning posters/colored pictures will be displayed in the church gathering area.



**WOMENSOURCE BREAKFAST:** Left to right: Paul Greninger, Russ Funk, Carla Hanson, Executive Director of WomanSource, Tip Tipton and his son.

## LEAFLET HELP

Need a Brother Knight to take over putting the KC newsletter together and be editor. I have been doing it for over 28 years and it's time for someone else to do it. I can help for a while. Please call 763-425-2314 or email: tom@heltemes.com

## Memorial Mass

The Mass was held in the church rather than the chapel. It was well attended and many people attended the reception after Mass in the Community Room. Thanks to all who helped, especially the ladies who brought food for the after Mass reception. Ann Wills was presented with a certificate honoring her late husband Warren. Thanks also to all of the Knights and their families that attended the Mass.

Tom Clifford, Tom Heltemes

## Villa at Osseo

Our council will be sponsoring a bingo for the residents at the Villa at Osseo (formerly Berkshire) on Saturday, December 16th at 2:30 pm. If any Brother Knight would like to help please call Forrest at 424-4612.



Brother Knights please pray for the people on our prayer list: Don Pfau, Bruce Guggemos, Carl Keeney, Bill Johnson, David Ahner, Heather Olson-Tveita (Scott Passmore's daughter), Dan Spanier, Tony Jochim, Mike Ball, Delores Gammelgaard (Arnie's wife), Harry Long, Walt Schumacher, Chuck Lynde, Dorothy Olmstead (Tom's wife); Dorothy Stevenson (Robert's wife), Rich & Mary Scherber, Peter Crego, Evan Steeves, son of Mark Steeves; Arlene Niles (Bob Fashing's daughter); Marty Whatmuff (Dave's wife); Bill Peloquin Sr., Frank Butina, (Russ Funk's father-in-law); Bob Vogelpohl, Jim & Marlys Wishy, Vincent Bazzani, Austin Loeffler, Joyce Kirscher (Jack's wife), Don Kramer, Toy McGee (Larry's wife), Christine Munoz (Bob Clark's daughter).

Remember family members & friends who are sick or are having surgery, men and women serving in the military and those men studying for the priesthood or deaconate. If you know of any Knight or family member who you would like to be included on our prayer list please call **Dave Wilhelm, 763-425-7754** or **Tom Heltemes, 763-425-2314** or e-mail: **tom@heltemes.com**

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DIRECTORS please get me an article before your event & following the event to keep all members informed.  
--Tom Heltemes, Editor--425-2314

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**Insurance Check-Up for 2018**

Where did 2017 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Thanksgiving was last week.

I hope you and your family have a great finish to 2017, and are looking forward to 2018. Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year, and here are a couple of tips regarding those goals. First, write them down. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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**COATS FOR KIDS: LEFT TO RIGHT -- Principle Beth Ness, Russ Funk, Kelly Deiness (their social worker) and Paul Greninger.**

**Coats for Kids Program**

I will like to thank all who contributed to this program: St. Vincent de Paul CCW, Maple Grove Lions, Osseo Lions, Osseo Fire Department Relief Association, Maple Grove Firefighter's Relief Association, Dick's Bar in Osseo, Premier Bank in Osseo, Osseo Legion, Target Corporation, Transport Graphics in Rogers and other local business partners.

This is the third year of this worthwhile community service project. This year, through generosity of our donors we were able to distribute 432 coats and 310 snow pants to seven elementary schools in the Osseo School District. In the past three years, with the help of our donors we have provided warmth to over 1,730 children in need.

Paul Greninger

**Seminarian Report**

Dear Knights of Columbus from Brooklyn Park and attend St. Raphael's parish in Crystal. My parents brought me up in the Catholic faith, homeschooling my two brothers, my sister, and me. When I was young I always figured I'd be a priest, but when high school hit my mind was more on girls and my will than God's will. I began to study Computer Science at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, but over Christmas break my freshman year I heard God plainly calling me to seminary during an experience I had at Mass. I transferred to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, had a wonderful three years there, and am now in my second year at the Saint Paul Major Seminary; I will be ordained in 2020, God-willing.

-Paul Hedman  
Seminarian - Theology II  
Archdiocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis

**2018 Dues billing**

The 2018 dues billing will be in the mail in early December. Please email any change of addresses as soon as possible: kc.finsec9139@gmail.com. For most members, the bills will total \$34.00. Council dues of \$26.00 plus requested donations of \$2.00 each for Pennies for Seminarrians, the Jim Campbell Fund, Culture of Life and the Minnesota Student Loan Fund. Please pay your dues promptly. If you are not able to donate to these charities, please pay the \$26.00 to maintain your membership.

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If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss deferring your dues for one year. Our council does have a financial hardship policy, but the member must make that request of the Grand Knight, Kelvin Landeis, 763-391-5700 or kelvinnl@comcast.net.

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