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Meetings:

- Regular Business Meetings every first Tuesday, 7:00pm
- Open meetings every third Thursday, 7:00pm

St. Patrick Church
1000 Beckley Station Rd.

Special points of interest:

- Know a Catholic you think highly of? Then ask him to serve with you. Ask him to join the Knights!

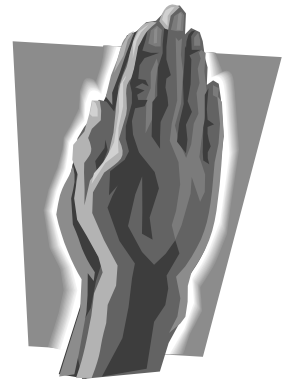
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Prayers for Our Members & Families

Please keep the following people in your prayers and thoughts.

- All priests, deacons and religious men and women
- Dale Anderson's nephew Charlie
- Norman Beat's wife Barbra
- Chuck Durbin's wife Jo Ann
- Frank Fiorini's wife JoAnn
- Lou Hafenbreidel's wife Jo Ann
- Fr. Don Hill
- DD Dave Hotz's dad Rudy
- Kate Lima
- Bob Miller
- Bill & Gerry Moriarity
- Charlie Rhodes' wife Darleen
- All our Servicemen and Women overseas.



(Note: If you know of any other brother knight or their families that are in need of prayers, please contact Don Stuart by phone at 429-3966 or e-mail at flyboyrcrc@bellsouth.net.)

Annual Fraternal Survey - we need your input

IV. FRATERNAL COMMITMENT:

Number of Visits to:

a. Sick:

b. Bereaved:

Total Visits:

2. Number of Blood donors:

3. Habitat for Humanity:

Estimated hours of volunteer service:

a. Church:

b. Community:

c. Youth:

d. Habitat for Humanity Projects:

e. Miscellaneous:

Total Volunteer Hours:

The kind of information we need from you is listed to the left. Each council feeds this information to supreme. It is very important to the Knights of Columbus to have this data to support our tax exempt status. Please take a little time and estimate your hours of service. Those who get the newsletter via e-mail will have an Excel spreadsheet attached. Please return it via e-mail if possible to me. If you have any questions contact Mike Lally at 742-3624 or cardfan71@yahoo.com

Grand Knight's Letter

Brothers,

"We join with the Bishops of the United States in extending our congratulations to the president-elect and offer our prayers that God will grant him strength and wisdom during the years to come," (Quote from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in a statement on the results of the 2008 U.S. election).

Our 2008 calendar year is quickly coming to an end. As we look back at the year, let's highlight some of the ways we Knights lived out our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Just to list a few: Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Indian Summer Camp, K of C Charity Golf Outing, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Card sales supporting vocations, Pro Life Right to Life, Special Olympics-Kentucky special events, St Joseph Picnic and our Tootsie Roll Drive to help the Developmentally Disabled.

We can all take justifiable pride in these accomplishments.

I would like reflect on what means to be a Knight of Columbus. The goal of the Knights of Columbus is to make a difference in the lives of our members and potential members and their families by offering them the opportunity to be of service to our Church and our communities. There is a place in the Knights of Columbus for every qualified man, whether he has a huge amount of time to volunteer or only a couple of hours a year, regardless of what his interests are, the Order has something to offer him.

May everyone have a very blessed Christmas.

Vivat Jesus

Bob Rucinski, GK



Father Gary Padgett	4th
Patrick McElhaney	10th
Daniel Wetzel	15th
John Lina	24th
Derrick Barnes	28th
Mike Hord	29th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Gerald & Virginia Rode
December 27th
7 years



Insurance Matters...

FAMILY MATTERS AND HOLIDAY GATHERINGS

By John R. Ingrisano, CLU

Most of us don't think of the holiday season as a good time to meet with family members to discuss such topics as health care and financial power of attorney, the location of a will, questions about estate planning or other family issues. However, very often, the holidays are in fact the best time to discuss such matters.

For many families scattered across the country, Thanksgiving and Christmas are the only times each year when the clan gathers together. Enjoy the festivities, good food and holiday traditions. But this year, consider also scheduling some time for parents, siblings and adult children to discuss important family matters.

Why is this important? Families tend to wait until it is too late to discuss important issues—when the one person who knows the answers is not able to provide them. How will the bills be paid if Dad is in the hospital? Has Grandpa designated a durable power of attorney?

Where is Mom's will? Who was supposed to get Grandma's wedding ring? Has anybody found the key to the safe deposit box?

At first glance, this may not seem like joyful holiday fare. They are certainly not great topics for discussion around the Thanksgiving table. Nonetheless, there are at least three advantages to discussing these important family matters at some point during the holidays—or at any time for that matter. For one, parents can explain their decisions and concerns about their estate plans, keeping their loved ones in the loop. Other family members can also express their desires and concerns. Finally, such discussions can strengthen family bonds, bring loved ones closer together and avoid future misunderstandings.

So, this year, ask family members to adjourn to the den or family room for 30 minutes before the football game or the start of the Thanksgiving Day parade, or while everyone is digesting their Christmas dinners. (It is also recommended that you mention the meeting in advance so everyone can come prepared. For a suggested discussion checklist, see the November Columbia Magazine, pg 8.) Then plan to meet again the following year as part of a family tradition—**perhaps for an hour after a holiday feast or over breakfast on New Year's Day.** Make it a pleasant ritual.

Of course, family meetings may not work for every family. If you believe such gatherings may prove contentious, arrange to talk privately with individuals. Either way, be sure to review your needs and take appropriate action.

In the right circumstances, and if everyone cooperates, such holiday gatherings can be an **effective way to mix business and pleasure during the holidays, ensuring that each person's interests are understood and considered.**

Dan Turnwald, General Agent

Christmas

Origin of the word

The word for Christmas in late Old English is Cristes Maesse, the Mass of Christ, first found in 1038, and Cristes-messe, in 1131. In Dutch it is Kerst-misse, in Latin Dies Natalis, whence comes the French Noël, and Italian Il natale; in German Weihnachtsfest, from the preceding sacred vigil. The term Yule is of disputed origin. It is unconnected with any word meaning "wheel". The name in Anglo-Saxon was geol, feast: geola, the name of a month (cf. Icelandic iol a feast in December).

The crib (creche) or nativity scene

St. Francis of Assisi in 1223 originated the crib of today by laicizing a hitherto ecclesiastical custom, henceforward extralitururgical and popular. The presence of ox and ass is due to a misinterpretation of Isaiah 1:3 and Habakkuk 3:2 ("Itala" version), though they appear in the unique fourth-century "Nativity" discovered in the St. Sebastian catacombs in 1877. The ass on which Balaam rode in the Reims mystery won for the feast the title Festum Asinorum (Ducange, op. cit., s.v. Festum).

Hymns and carols

The degeneration of these plays in part occasioned the diffusion of noels, pastorali, and carols, to which was accorded, at times, a quasi-litururgical position. Prudentius, in the fourth century, is the first (and in that century alone) to hymn the Nativity, for the "Vox clara" (hymn for Lauds in Advent) and "Christe Redemptor" (Vespers and Matins of

Christmas) cannot be assigned to Ambrose. "A solis ortu" is certainly, however, by Sedulius (fifth century). The earliest German Weihnachtslieder date from the eleventh and twelfth centuries, the earliest noels from the eleventh, the earliest carols from the thirteenth. The famous "Stabat Mater Speciosa" is attributed to Jacopone da Todi (1230-1306); "Adeste Fideles" is, at the earliest, of the seventeenth century. These essentially popular airs, and even words, must, however, have existed long before they were put down in writing.

Cards and presents

Pagan customs centering round the January calends gravitated to Christmas. Tiele (Yule and Christmas, London, 1899) has collected many interesting examples. The strenæ (acute;trennes) of the Roman 1 January (bitterly condemned by Tertullian, de Idol., xiv and x, and by Maximus of Turin, Hom. ciii, de Kal. gentil., in P.L., LVII, 492, etc.) survive as Christmas presents, cards, boxes.

Non-Catholic observances

In England, Christmas was forbidden by Act of Parliament in 1644; the day was to be a fast and a market day; shops were compelled to be open; plum puddings and mince pies condemned as heathen. The conservatives resisted; at Canterbury blood was shed; but after the Restoration Dissenters continued to call Yuletide "Fooltide".

If you want more go to <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03724b.htm>

**Deadline for
submissions for
the January
Newsletter
December 26, 2008**

My database is not perfect. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter, it is because I do not have the **information in the database. Please include your wife's name** with any wedding anniversary and send it to cardfan71@yahoo.com or call Mike Lally at 742-3624

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Schedule of Events

- Dec 2nd—Regular Business Meeting at 7 PM in Music Room off of Bowling Commons
- Dec 7th ??? - Brunch with Santa
- Dec 7th—**Adult Christmas Party 5:30 PM @ BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse**
- Dec 22th—Sister Visitor Volunteer Day
- Dec 30th—**Officer's Meeting in St Patrick's school library 7:30 PM**
- Jan 6th—Regular Business Meeting @ 7 PM in Music Room off of Bowling Commons
- Jan 27th—**Officer's Meeting in Library 7:30 PM**

First Class Mail

The Natural Choice is Life

Pray the Rosary to End Abortion

December 2008

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Regular Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 Adult X-mas Party	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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