

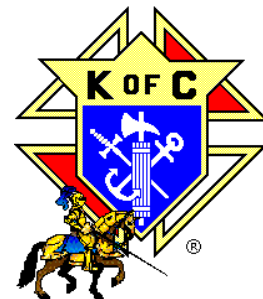
# Knights of Columbus

## *Knightly - Cnews*

### Incarnate Word Council 9981

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#### COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 12, '13

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the Watson Room located upstairs above the parish offices.

The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

#### FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brother Knights,

I hope your Thanksgiving went well and it was a time to enjoy the company of family and friends and give thanks. As 2013 winds down, we can look back and see how busy we've been and how much we accomplished. The call for the assistance of the Knights has come in again, this time to assist with the collection of signatures for the "Children's Education Initiative". The parish intends to collect signatures after masses on two weekends in January. The Initiative is important to the Parish and Catholic education in general. The assignment is not complicated but attention to

detail will be critical. The goal for the Initiative is to collect 220,000+ signatures; more hands make for lighter work. Details of this initiative will be in the bulletin and announced at Mass in December. I hope you can find time to engage in this worthy cause.

Thanks for all you do.

Fraternally yours,

Don Mueller  
Grand Knight

#### LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MERRY CHRISTMAS Ladies,

A BIG THANKS to all our ladies for the super selection of appetizers and desserts at our November meeting.

Joy Krieger, Executive Director from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America came and talked to all the ladies. She gave us a lot of information, which may help in the future.

We made a donation to AAFA to help with their work.

Advent by Candlelight is on Friday December 6, 2013 at 7pm in the lower church hall. If

you have never attended you owe it to yourself to give it a try. Reflection will be by Joe Kelley a Seminarian, at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary.

Our January 9, 2014 meeting will be a Baby Shower for OUR LADY'S INN. I have talked to Gerry Hempstead and he will be our contact person. And just like last year. While you are out shopping, keep your eyes open for baby and toddler things.

Felice Cuores  
Dance.....December 14

Rosary.....Sunday after 8:45  
MASS.....December 15

Wishing a very Merry Christmas to everyone. Enjoy this most wonderful time with your Family and Friends.

Peace to all

Sincerely,

Joan Mengwasser  
President

#### LADIES AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS:

December

Marian Knauf  
Jo DiCampo



*Happy Birthday to You!*

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Kay Villagran  
Jo DiCampo  
Doris Beuttenmuller  
Alice Reiger

Please keep them in your prayers.

**BENEDICTION:**

Join your fellow Knights for Benediction at 8:45p.m. preceded by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Sacred Heart Litany at 8:30p.m. every Wednesday at Incarnate Word Church.

**ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS:  
DECEMBER 15, '13**

We will pray our rosary for Vocations on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:45a.m. Mass. All members are welcomed to spend an extra 15 minutes after Mass to recite the rosary, so please plan to join us.

**KNIGHTS BIRTHDAYS:**

December

Louis Clark  
David Boland  
Robert Kozlowski  
Donald Counts  
Douglas Distelrath



Michael Link  
Richard Thomas  
Anthony Caruso  
Dan Prosser  
Bayani Liorico

*Happy Birthday to you all and may you have many more to come.*

**KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Father Timothy Vowels  
Jay Conniff  
Don Lenhardt  
Vince Bruns  
Lou Juranas  
Tom Gordon  
Richard Rahubka  
Earl Ikemeyer  
Donald Mohrmann  
Andy Lock  
Harry Dunn

Please pray for your brother Knights and may their illnesses and pains subside and may they get on the road to a speedy recovery very soon. May God be with you and guide you to a full recovery.

**DOUGLAS A. WALKER,  
SR.,  
JANUARY 6, 1937 -  
NOVEMBER 8, 2013:**

Our fellow Brother, Sir Knight Douglas Walker suddenly passed away on November 8, 2013 after a long battle with dementia.

Doug was a Fourth Degree Knight. He was a Deputy Grand Knight for the Council and volunteered for numerous Council activities. His passing leaves a great void in the Council's membership.

He will be dearly missed by his wife, AJ, his family and by his fellow Knights of Columbus. The Council members would like to express their sympathy to AJ and his family.  
May his soul rest in peace.

## RON BALLINGER:

Our fellow Brother, Ron Ballinger suddenly passed away on October 14, 2013. Ron and his son, Greg recently transferred into the Council from the Cardinal Ritter Council at St. Monica's.  
He will be dearly missed by his wife and his family and by his fellow Knights of Columbus. The Council members would like to express their sympathy to his wife and family.  
May his soul rest in peace.

## FELICE CUORES:

### THE 2013-2014 SCHEDULE

2013  
DEC 14

2014  
JAN 11, FEB 8, MAR 8,  
APRIL 12, MAY 10

NEXT DANCE - Saturday,  
December 14, 2013

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE THERE!

Our November dance had 205 guests with 32 volunteers.

As always dances are held at St Clare of Assisi School, 15642 Clayton Rd. in Ellisville. The dances begin at 7:00 pm and end at 10:00 pm. Be sure to sign in for Council 9981 and sign up for a job. If you can only work a few hours come for set up (at 6:00pm) or clean up (at 9:30pm)

Questions? Contact: Bill or Jan Lukas 636.537.9801  
Gerry Villaire 636.391.1620 or Ron Weiss 314.537.6352

## COMMUNION 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY:

On Sunday, December 29th, all Council members and their spouses along with the Ladies Auxiliary are invited to gather at the 8:45am Mass and celebrate Mass together.  
After Mass, please join us in the lower church hall and enjoy some fellowship along with bagels, donuts, coffee and juice.

## BLOOD DRIVE:

The next blood drive will be held on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 1:00pm in the lower church hall.  
There is a need of volunteers to help sign up donors after all the Masses on the weekend of January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please come by and help save a life. The life that you save might be yours!

If you can volunteer some time to help sign up donors and either setup or cleanup the day of the Blood Drive, call either Jeff Grotegeers at 636-394-9485 or Don Mueller at 314-439-9755.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Please remember the following prayer whenever possible for the benefit of Church Vocations. Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere.  
With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord.

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

If any Knight knows of a Brother Knight who is sick or if there was a death of a member, or in a member's immediate family, please contact Charles Shikany

at 314-469-1512 to organize support.

The Knights are committed to assist any widow of a deceased Knight. If you know a widow of a Brother Knight or a member in need, please contact our Grand Knight, Don Mueller at 314-439-9755

## MEMBERSHIP

### DIRECTOR:

You know a Catholic gentleman who would be a fine addition to our Council!!! Have you invited him to join? If not, please extend the invitation ----- if you have asked ----- please again invite him to join. You are providing an opportunity for entry into the finest Catholic Fraternity in the world. If you wish assistance, contact Rob Schultz, Membership Director.

## EDITOR IN CHIEF:

Please help in assisting me in the publishing of this newsletter by providing me feedback on the newsletter and by submitting your monthly column as early as possible.

Any member of the Council can submit articles for the monthly newsletter. If you have an article to submit, please forward it to me by the deadline for newsletter articles.

Jeff Grotegeers  
1255 Richland Meadows Dr.  
Ballwin, Mo. 63021

or e-mail to:

[gigrote\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:gigrote_1@yahoo.com)

## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

For the January 2014 newsletter, the deadline will be December 23, 2013.

## BITS & PIECES:

My True Love Gave to Me...

Dearest Dave,

I went to the door today, and the postman delivered a partridge in a pear tree. This was a delightful gift! I couldn't have been more surprised or pleased darling!

With truly the deepest love,  
Agnes

December 15, 2003

Dearest Dave,

Today the postman brought me yet another of your sweet gifts. The two turtule doves that arrived today are adorable, and I'm delighted by your thoughtful and generous ways.

With all of my love,  
Your Agnes

December 16, 2003

Dearest Dave,

You've truly been too kind! I must protest; I don't deserve

such generosity. The thought of getting three French hens amazes me. Yet, I am not surprised--what more should I expect from such a nice person.

Love,  
Agnes

December 17, 2003

Dear Dave,

Four calling birds arrived in the mail today. They are truly nice but don't you think that enough is enough? You are being too romantic.

Affectionately,  
Agnes

December 18, 2003

Dearest darling Dave,

It was a surprise to get five golden rings! I now have one for every finger. You truly are impossible darling, yet oh how I love it! Quite frankly, all of those squarking birds from the previous days were starting to get on my nerves. Yet, you managed to come through with a beautiful valuable gift!

All my love,  
Agnes

December 19, 2003

Dear Dave,

When I opened my door, there were actually six geese a-laying on my front steps. So you're back to the birds again, huh? Those geese are dear, but

where will I keep them? The neighbors are complaining, and I am unable to sleep with all the racket. Please stop dear.

Cordially,  
Agnes

December 20, 2003

Dave,

What is with you and those stupid birds!? Seven swans a-swimming!! What kind of sick joke is this!!?? There are bird droppings everywhere! They never shut up, and I don't get any sleep!!! I'm a nervous wreck! It's not funny you weirdo, so stop with the birds.

Sincerely,  
Agnes

December 21, 2003

O.K. wise guy,

The birds were bad enough. Now what do you expect me to do with eight maids a-milking? If that's not bad enough, they had to bring their cows!! The front lawn was completely ruined by them, and I can't move in my own house! Just lay off me or you'll be sorry!

Agnes

December 22, 2003

Hey loser,

What are you? You must be some kind of sadist!! Now there are nine pipers playing, and they certainly do play! They

haven't stopped chasing those maids since they got here! The cows are getting upset, and they're stepping all over those screeching birds. The neighbors are getting up a petition to evict me, and I'm going out of my mind!

You'll get yours!  
Agnes

December 23, 2003

You rotten scum!!!

There are now ten ladies dancing! There is only one problem with that! They're dancing twenty-four hours a day all around me with the pipers upsetting the cows and the maids. The cows can't sleep, and they are going to the bathroom everywhere! The building commissioner has subpoenaed me to give cause as to why the house shouldn't be condemned! I can't even think of a reason! You creep! I'm sicking the police on you!

One who means it!

December 24, 2003

Listen you evil, sadistic, maniac!

What's with the eleven lords-a-leaping?!? They are leaping across the rooms breaking everything and even injuring some of the maids! The place smells, is an absolute mad house, and is about to be condemned! At least the birds are quiet; they were trampled to death by the cows. I hope you are satisfied--you rotten vicious

worthless piece of garbage!

Your sworn enemy,  
Agnes

December 25, 2003

The Law Offices of  
Badger, Rees, and Yorker  
20 Knave Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear sir,

This is to acknowledge your latest gift of twelve fiddlers--fiddling which you have seen fit to inflict on our client, one Agnes Mcholstein. The destruction of course was total. If you attempt to reach Ms. Mcholstein at Happy Daze Sanatorium, the attendants have instructions to shoot you on site.

Please direct all correspondence to this office in the future. With this letter, please find attached a warrant for your arrest.

Cordially,  
Badger, Rees, and Yorker

The Wish

It was coming up to Christmas and Sammy asked his mum if he could have a new bike. So, she told him that the best idea would be to write to Santa Claus. But Sam, having just played a vital role in the school nativity play, said he would prefer to write to the baby Jesus. So his mum told him that would be fine. Sam went to his room and wrote

'Dear Jesus, I have been a very good boy and would like to have a bike for Christmas.' But he wasn't very happy when he read it over. So he decided to try again and this time he wrote 'Dear Jesus, I'm a good boy most of the time and would like a bike for Christmas.' He read it back and wasn't happy with that one either. He tried a third version. 'Dear Jesus, I could be a good boy if I tried hard and especially if I had a new bike.' He read that one too, but he still wasn't satisfied. So, he decided to go out for a walk while he thought about a better approach. After a short time he passed a house with a small statue of the Virgin Mary in the front garden. He crept in, stuffed the statue under his coat, hurried home and hid it under the bed. Then he wrote this letter.

'Dear Jesus, If you want to see your mother again, you'd better send me a new bike.'

### The Christmas diet song

'Twas the night before Christmas and all round my hips were Fannie May candies that sneaked past my lips. Fudge brownies were stored in the

freezer with care in hopes that my thighs would forget they were there.

While Mama in her girdle and I in chin straps had just settled down to sugar-borne naps. When out in the pantry there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the kitchen I flew like a flash tore open the icebox then threw up the sash. The marshmallow look of the new-fallen snow sent thoughts of a binge to my body below.

When what to my wandering eyes should appear: a marzipan Santa with eight chocolate reindeer! That huge chunk of candy so luscious and slick I knew in a second that I'd wind up sick.

The sweet-coated Santa, those sugared reindeer I closed my eyes tightly but still I could hear; On Pritzker, on Stillman, on weak one, on TOPS a Weight Watcher dropout from sugar detox.

From the top of the scales to the top of the hall now dash away

pounds now dash away all. Dressed up in Lane Bryant from my head to nightdress my clothes were all bulging from too much excess.

My droll little mouth and my round little belly they shook when I laughed like a bowl full of jelly. I spoke not a word but went straight to my work ate all of the candy then turned with a jerk.

And laying a finger beside my heartburn I gave a quick nod toward the bedroom I turned. I eased into bed, to the heavens I cry if temptation's removed I'll get thin by and by.

And I mumbled again as I turned for the night in the morning I'll starve . . . 'til I take that first bite.



# Season Greetings!



Knights of Columbus Council 9981

Council Funds to Procure Books Resolution

Be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus Council 9981 will provide funds of up to \$2,800.00 in order to procure books and CD's to be given as gifts to attendees at all of the 2013 Christmas Masses and such other events until all of the units have been fully distributed.

Recording Secretary Meeting Notes  
Of Thursday, Nov 07, 2013  
Council #9981 Meeting

Grand Knight Don Mueller called meeting to order at 7:00 pm  
Barry Sullivan reported that all present were current knights of Columbus cardholders.  
Roll call

Chaplain,	Fr. James Sullivan	excused
Grand Knight,	Don Mueller	excused
Deputy Grand Knight	Bill Davis	present
Chancellor	Chris Williams	present
Recorder	Kevin Stanley	present
Treasurer	Jeff West	absent
Advocate	Barry Sullivan	present
Warden	Brian Lewis	present
Inside Guard	Ronald Weiss	present
Outside Guard	Denis Demeter	absent
Trustee 1yr	Dave Goetz	present
Trustee 2yr	Scott Arbaugh	excused
Trustee 3yr	Stan Mengwasser	present
Financial Secretary	Gene Fallert	excused
Lecturer	Nicholas Zak	absent
District Deputy	Peter Nicastro	excused

The minutes from October meeting were accepted and approved by the Council.

Grand Knight Report - Don Mueller

- Thanks to the DD Drive Patriotic BBQ, and Olive St cleanup workers for a job well done.
- Golf Tournament chairman is still needed.
- There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree at Dardenne on January 26<sup>th</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> degree on March 1<sup>st</sup>

Membership - Rob Schulz

- Jim Kloeckner is being reinstated with the Knights. Glad to have him back.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Degree will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ascension
- Dave Goetz discussed the Thanksgiving Dinner for ~400-700 families in conjunction with Ascension on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November.

Treasurer - Jeff West (not present)

- No Report

Finance secretary - Gene Fallert (not present)

- No Report



Trustees – Stan Mengwasser, Scott Arbaugh, Dave Goetz

- Stan Mengwasser discussed a proposed Constitutional Amendment for Children’s Education Initiative on Nov 2014 ballot. Will need 8% of previous general election voters to sign a petition. Will create a fund of \$180 M which will qualify for an additional \$90 M in tax credits. See <http://mocatholic.org> for details.

Deputy Grand Knight – Bill Davis

Pro life – Jim Melka (not present)

- No report

Vocation Third Sunday – Larry Hoepfner

- Need additional people to attend after 8:45 mass to say the Rosary for vocations. Sunday, Nov 17th is the November date.

Evangelization – Ted Juen

- Catholic Men for Christ Conference is on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Ted has books of 10 for discounted tickets.
- Described the Lighthouse is \$1a book for Scott Hahn Rome Sweet Home. Dr Hahn’s personal conversion story.
- Also reminded everyone of the Catholic Men for Christ Conference is February 1, 2014, Cardinal Dolan scheduled to talk as well as Father Callaway and Bishop Rice.
- Ted Juen made a motion for the Knights to sponsor up to \$2800 to pay for books to hand out to parishioners at Christmas Masses. It will be voted on at the next Knight’s monthly meeting.

Community director – John Owens

- Jim Ressler thanks those who worked on the Olive cleanup. Will be doing it again in February.
- John Owens discussed St Louis Help organization that collects and distributes medical equipment. They accept donations in Olivette at 9709 Diehlman Rock. Any medical equipment would be appreciated.

Felice Cuores – Ron Weiss

- Next dance scheduled for Saturday, November 9th

Family Director – Brian Hewing

- Next 5th Sunday is on December 29th.
- Looking for suggestions for dates of the 2014 picnic. Will review available dates with the park to bring to an upcoming meeting.

Youth director – Chris Vaughn

- Student essays are due December 6<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be done on the evening of the next meeting.
- Free throw contest will be in late January. A date is still being coordinated.

Council Director- Jeff Grotegeers

- No report

Church Director - Steve Dickhut

- Considering alternatives for the Barbeque, and may not continue. Will give a final report at the next council meeting. Revenue was in the \$1500-\$1700 Range.

Condolence Chairman - Charlie Shikany

- Rich Rehubka is at home.
- Vince Bruns had some improvement in speech.
- Harry Dunn is home and starting rehab and is doing very well and is on oxygen 24/7.
- Andy Lock was diagnosed with esophageal cancer.
- Charlie Stanley had a tumor underneath his tongue removed.
- Doug Walker has been placed in a nursing home.
- Ron Ballinger passed away October 14th.

District Deputy - Peter Nicasastro (not present)

- Had a conflict could not attend.

Chaplain's remarks- Fr Sullivan (not present)

- No comments

Unfinished business

- Delinquent dues - letters to go out on the weekend.
- Planning meeting scheduled on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Prayers for Special Intentions

- For all those noted in the meeting that have illnesses and special needs.

New business

- Steve Dickhut requested input on doing the Rosary prior to the meeting. Recommendation tabled until Don Mueller could review and have input.
- Ted Juen read his resolution. A show of hands was requested and a majority indicated approval. Will be read again at the next meeting.

Insurance Field Agent - Jim O'Connell (not present)

- No report

For the Good of the Order

Grand Knight, Don Mueller, adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm

Next Council meeting will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Watson Room

### *2013 - 2014 Council Officers*

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Address Correction Requested



## Calendar of Events

*Council Meeting*

*Prayer for Vocations*

*Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM*

*Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after 8:45AM Mass*

*Deadline for the January '14 Newsletter*

*December 23<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*Benediction*

*8:45PM Every Wednesday*

*Communion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

*Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*Blood Drive*

*Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014*