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**NOTE: THERE WILL BE A FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER 13TH MEETING AT 7:00PM**

COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 13, '12

The next meeting of the Council will take place in the **Watson Room** located in the lower Church hall. There will be a First Degree Exemplification which will start promptly at **7:00 PM**. **The Council meeting will start approx. at 8:00pm following the First Degree.**

FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brother Knights,

The 2012 Thanksgiving Holiday is behind us. Memories replace the anticipation of an extravagant meal and the gathering of family and friends. Thankfully, Black Friday is over, too, for those who felt a need to stand in lines for long hours to get those bargains and start their Christmas shopping early. I am continually amazed at the way today's

society pushes emphasis away from time focused on faith, family, and thanksgiving, and the preparation and renewal that Advent, Christmas, and New Year's brings.

President Abraham Lincoln, in his first proclamation in 1863 included the following words:

"The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of almighty God."

I want to take this time to thank God for his many blessings. I want to thank our veterans and our current troops for defending and allowing us the freedoms we enjoy. I want to thank the Knights for the good that is done world-wide to help those in need. I want to thank Council

9981 for its belief and continued expression of our core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism through all the work that we do. Lastly, I would like to thank each of you for your friendship and for your continued support as an active member in our Council.

As we turn our emphasis to the Christmas season, let us continue to focus on the true reason for the season. **We will have our Council meeting and First Degree Ceremony on December 13th. I hope to see you there. In addition, I need you to provide me with your estimate of hours donated in the past year to the K of C or other church activities. Please plan to bring your totals to the meeting or provide them to me by December 13th by email or phone.**

Over the month of December, much time will be spent rushing around - shopping and caroling, eating and laughing, and doing what many of us do at Christmas time. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Please take time to remember the true meaning of the season

and show God the honor and respect He is due.

Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Fraternally yours,

David Goetz
Grand Knight

LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

MERRY CHRISTMAS LADIES!

At our November 8th meeting, we had a nice selection of appetizers, as well as desserts. So, we ate our way around each table. Thank you to all the ladies who attended and participated.

The ladies have adopted a family for Christmas, a mother with three children. Plans are now in the works and it should ensure for a nice Christmas season for all. Thanks to everyone who helped on this special endeavor.

And while I'm in the thanking mood, there is a large box full of different toiletries going to the Agape House in Jefferson City. Job well done once again. Thank you for your generosity. Here is reminder about the January 10th, 2013 meeting. We will be sponsoring a baby shower for Thrive and their maternity home. Bridget VanMeans, the President of Thrive, will come out to talk

to us about all those babies our BABY BOTTLE BRIGADE has helped save by convincing expectant mothers to choose life. The babies number over a thousand and happily increase every day. So, of course these new mothers and their little ones still need our help.

From the HOTLIST---- Top Thrive needs:

Infant car seats (new)
Pack-n-plays w/bassinet (new)

Diapers all sizes
Baby toiletries (lotion, oil, baby wash, shampoo)

Onesies

Bottles

Diaper Bags

Strollers (new or gently used)

So, keep the babies and moms in mind while you are shopping. I'll remind you again before the January meeting.

Events coming soon---

Felice Cuores Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 15 and Rosary Sunday after the 8:45 A.M. Mass on December 16th.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas with memories from one of my favorite Christmas songs: MARY DID YOU KNOW? as well as my favorite Christmas card: KISSING THE FACE OF GOD.

Sincerely,

Joan Mengwasser
President

LADIES AUXILIARY BIRTHDAYS:

December

Mariann Aussieker
Marian Knauf
Jo DiCampo



Happy Birthday to You!

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ladies Auxiliary Members:

Kay Villagran
Jo DiCampo

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 16, '12

We will pray our rosary for Vocations on Sunday, December 16, 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
Dennis Nettler
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
Irv Rieger
Vince Bruns
Lou Juranas
Tom Gordon
Richard Rahubka
Earl Ikemeyer
Donald Mohrmann
Buz Peek
Barry Sullivan

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.

COMMUNION 5TH SUNDAY:

On Sunday, December 30th, 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.

FELICE CUORES:

THE 2012-2013 SCHEDULE

2012
DEC 15

2013
JAN 12, FEB 9, MAR 9,
APRIL 13, MAY 11

Next Dance - Saturday,
December 15, 2012

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
Ron Weiss 314.537.6352

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITIES:

It is time again to tally our service hours for the annual survey of fraternal activities report. The Grand Knight needs a summary of the hours each Brother Knight worked this past year by December 13th. Please get a summary of your hours turned in by this date.

INSURANCE:

New annuity rates

Well we were hoping that things might improve with the election. NOT SO, Annuity rates for new accounts are now only 2.25% for the next twelve months. If you have 3% it stays 3%. If you have 3.5% it stays 3.5% this is only on new accounts.

Our Insurance dividend is still at least 1% higher than the highest today and it will vary on the type of policy you own.

Happy Holidays and don't eat too much.

GOD BLESS

Call or email Deacon Mark Guilford; 314-807-6454, or mark.guilford@kofc.org

QUOTATIONS FROM ST. FAUSTINA'S

DIVINE MERCY DIARY:

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

Para 699(Partial) and para 1148 of Diary - Divine Mercy in my Soul

699 September 24, 1936. Jesus said, "...My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. (139) It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

1148 June 20, 1937. St.

Faustina said, "We resemble God most when we forgive our neighbors. God is Love, Goodness, and Mercy..."

Jesus said, "Every soul, and especially the soul of every religious, should reflect My mercy. My Heart overflows with compassion and mercy for all. The heart of My beloved must resemble Mine; from her heart

must spring the fountain of My mercy for souls; otherwise I will not acknowledge her as Mine."

Ed. The formula for the peace of Mankind is contained in the last sentence of para. 699.

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, David Goetz at 314-740-5491.

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 Stan Mengwasser, 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

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES:

For the January 2013 newsletter, the deadline will be December 21, 2012.

BITS & PIECES:

A RETIREE'S LAST TRIP TO WAL-MART.

Yesterday I was at my local Wal-Mart buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Jake, the Wonder Dog and was in the check-out line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

What did she think, I had an elephant?

So because I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again. I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IVs in both arms.

I told her that it was essentially a Perfect Diet and that the way that it works is, to load your pants pockets with Purina

Nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horried, she asked if I ended up in intensive care, because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I stopped to pee on a Fire Hydrant and a car hit me. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Wal-Mart won't let me shop there anymore. Better watch what you ask retired people.

Grandma Still Drives;

Grandma is eighty-eight years old and still drives her own car. She writes:

Dear Grand-daughter,

The other day I went up to our local Christian book store and saw a 'Honk if you love Jesus' bumper sticker...

I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting.

So, I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, am I glad I did; what an uplifting experience that followed.

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is,

and I didn't notice that the light had changed.

It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed.

I found that lots of people love Jesus!

While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, 'For the love of God!'

'Go! Go! Go! Jesus Christ, GO!'

What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people.

I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about a sunny beach.

I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in

the air.

I asked my young teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant.

He said it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something.

Well, I have never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign right back.

My grandson burst out laughing.

Why even he was enjoying this religious experience!!

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me.

I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed.

So, grinning, I waved at all my brothers and sisters, and drove on through the intersection.

I noticed that I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared.

So I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck sign one last time as I drove away. Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!

Will write again soon,

Love Grandma

**Knights of Columbus Council 9981
Charitable Contributions Resolution
for
Fraternal Year 2012/2013**

Whereas the Trustees of the Council have determined that the net profit from the 2012 Fish Fry was \$15,000.00

And, whereas the Trustees have also determined that there are no charitable roll-over funds from the preceding fraternal year,

Now, therefore the Council has a total budget for the 2012-2013 fraternal year of \$15,000.00.

And, in accordance with the Bylaws of this Council, the above referenced funds shall be allocated as follows:

General Fund	(20% X \$15,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00
Incarnate Word	(20% X \$15,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00
Council Funds	(60% X \$15,000.00)	\$ 9,000.00

Be it resolved, the sum of \$9,000 shall be allotted to the Charitable Fund, and contributed to charitable organizations and programs during the Fraternal Year 2012-2013 in accordance with the following charitable categories.

Church Activities (35% - exclusive of IW funds)	\$ 3,150
Pro-Life Activities (20%)	\$ 1,800
Youth Activities (10%)	\$ 900
Community Activities (35%)	\$ 3,150
Total Charitable Contributions	<u>\$ 9,000</u>

And, Be it further resolved, the Fund's Administrative Committee, consisting of the Grand Knight and Trustees, shall administer the Fund in accordance with the Council's Charitable Contributions Resolution, to approve and distribute all donations throughout the Fraternal Year.

Recording Secretary Meeting Notes
Of Thursday, November 8, 2012
Council #9981 Meeting

Since the Orientation Meeting took place on Thursday, November 8 in lieu of the regular Council Meeting there are no meeting notes for the month of November 2012.

- The next Council meeting will be held on December 13th.

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Address Correction Requested



Calendar of Events

First Degree Exemplification

Thursday, December 13th at 7:00PM

Council Meeting

Thursday, December 13th at 8:00PM

Prayer for Vocations

Sunday, December 16th after 8:45AM Mass

Deadline for the January '13 Newsletter

December 21st, 2012

Benediction

8:45PM Every Wednesday

Communion 5th Sunday

Sunday, December 30th, 2012

Blood Drive

Saturday, January 14th, 2013