

Chaplain's Corner



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“And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.’

Have you read the news today - the “good news” of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary who was born for us and for our salvation? The word *gospel* literally means *good news!* Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem fulfilled the prophecy that the Messiah would descend from David and be born in David’s city, Bethlehem.

The first to hear the good news of the savior’s birth were not the rulers and religious leaders of Israel who were robed in riches and power. The angels first came to those who were humble and ready to receive the newborn king who was born in poverty and was now lying in a manger made for animals. Just as God had chosen and anointed David, a lowly shepherd of Bethlehem to become the shepherd king of Israel, so Jesus, likewise chose the path of humility and lowliness in coming to Israel as the good shepherd king who would lay down his life for their sake and salvation. After the angels had sung their hymn of glory in the presence of the shepherds, the shepherds made haste to adore the newborn king and sing their hymn of glory as well.

In the feast of Christmas we celebrate present realities - Jesus Christ our redeemer who reigns in heaven and who also lives and reigns in our hearts through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.



And we commemorate past events - the birth of the newborn Messiah King and his manifestation to Israel and to the gentile nations.

Today we celebrate the birthday of our King and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. God wants to fill our hearts anew with joy and gratitude for the greatest gift he could possibly give us - his beloved Son Jesus. What can we give thanks for in this great feast of the Incarnation? We can praise and thank God our Father for the fact that the Son of God freely and joyfully assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. This day the Holy Spirit invites us to make haste - as the shepherds of Bethlehem did - to adore Jesus our King and Messiah.

This day the whole community of heaven joins with all believers of good will on earth in a jubilant song of praise for the good news proclaimed by the angels on Christmas eve: *Behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people, for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

The joy of Christmas is not for a day or a season. It is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

May your hearts be filled with the true joy of Christmas, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Vivat Jesus

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Grand
Knight's
Message



Brother Knights and Significant Others:

I need to step back to November for a moment, and it is not because of the nice weather we experienced! On November 11th, we recognized and remembered our Veterans, who have served, are in the service now, and for those who are about to embark on a courageous mission to serve our country. A belated thank you, from our council, to all of our Veterans for their service and commitment to our country!

October and November are traditionally our busiest months. We had a successful Haunted House and Turkey Bingo, and a well-attended Memorial Mass. December will bring us snow and cold, St. Nick, Tom and Jerry’s, and the Christmas Season. For the young families in the council, please take advantage of the Brunch and Pictures with St. Nick to be held on December 4th. This will be a great family event! I would also like to invite all of you to the next general meeting on December 13th. The meeting will be followed by our annual tradition with Tom and Jerry’s, provided by Jim Neilson and Pete Beberg (spouses are invited to attend after the meeting is complete). I am not sure of the number of years that Tom and Jerry’s have been served in December, but it has to be close to 40 years!

To save on postage and a lot of handwriting, here is our musical Christmas “card” to all of you (cue background music- “Silent Night”). While “Happy Holidays” have become the norm in our current outside world- *we would like to extend to you and your families, a safe and Merry Christmas!* – Cathy and Gary

Merry Christmas and Vivat Jesus!
Gary Kempf

History 2018

1935

The year begins with the birth of Elvis 'the pelvis' Presley on January 8th and ends with the birth of Sandy Koufax on December 31st. Sandy was an outstanding pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 60's and had much to do with the demise of the Twins in their first attempt at the World Series.

There were several notable deaths in 1935: 'Ma' Barker and her son Fred were killed by federal agents in a raging 6 hour shootout at their hideout in Florida on January 16th; Lawrence of Arabia died after a motorcycle accident in England on May 19th, when he swerved to avoid a young boy on a country road; and Will Rogers and Wiley Post died together in a plane crash in Alaska on August 16th. In a somewhat related item, Bruno Hauptmann was convicted of the kidnapping and murder of the Lindbergh baby back in 1932 and sentenced to death.

The President (FDR) was quite busy trying to get the country back on its feet. He had programs in place to provide jobs for people on welfare, but one of those, the National Recovery Act or NRA, was found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court because it allowed the federal government to set wages and hours in the private sector. With the NRA down the WPA was up and took over by providing jobs for the unemployed. This was also the year that the Social Security Act was signed into law (Aug. 14th).

What else do we have here? Oh, this is hard to believe and I gotta' try to do more research on it: 374 infants were wed at a big ceremony in India in 1935. I know nothing of their culture but I'll try to find out.

The clouds of war began to build over Europe as the bickering started and the clouds of dust began to form over much of the U.S. as the 'dust bowl' fired up. We covered that awhile back.

The AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) took root in New York City on June 10th, eventually spreading nationwide and helping a whole lotta' people over the years. Many other addiction organizations have been successful using that same format.

Three records of note were set: land speed of 301.337 mph by Sir Malcolm Campbell at the Bonneville Salt Flats; air speed of 351mph by Howard Hughes; and an altitude record of 74,000 feet by two dudes in a hot air balloon in South Dakota.

With that I will take my hot air and exit stage left, 'cuz my time is up. See ya' next month!

Mike Petschl, historian

TURKEY BINGO

Our Turkey Bingo was held on November 11, 2016. We had a large crowd in attendance for most of the evening. We had 45 lucky winners that received a turkey with their bingo and multiple winners that won cash instead of a turkey. Thanks to the volunteers that stepped up and helped out with collecting, calling and counting. A big thank you goes to the Boy Scouts for handling the concessions and handing out the turkeys to the winners.

Three names were drawn for 20# turkeys at the end of the night. The winners were: Amy Dady, Norah Wyman and Amanda Goar. We also gave out four addition door prize baskets that were donated. These winners were: Pat Ward, Ross Hoiland, Joy Tienter and Hanna Anderla. Congratulations to all the winners!

Vern Rausch
Bingo Co-Chairman



Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list:

Jim Lovsted; Patrick O'Gorman; Blake Wahlberg; Michael Lehn; John Gubernatz; Brian Hoffman; Wayne Blue; Bill Ayers; Mathias Schaut; Jim Meyer; Michael Abbott; Vern Lieser; Florian Backowski; Theresa Filkins (wife of Bob); Bob Belousek; Ed Melnarik; Tom O'Connell; Colleen Wernimont (wife of Ralph); Marge Pinewski (widow of Phil); Terry Velasco; Deacon Chuck Waugh.

If you wish to add a name to the list, please contact Shield Editor Mike Petschl at 763-421-7926 or mick-eypl543@gmail.com.

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Planning Meeting 1st Tuesday

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 4 Brunch with St. Nick
After the 10:30 AM Mass
St. Stephen's FCC
- Dec. 6 Planning Meeting, 7PM
KC Hall
- Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holyday of Obligation
- Dec. 13 Business Meeting, 7PM
Followed by Tom & Jerry Night
KC Hall
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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Dear Brother Knights,

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REGULAR MEMBERS' dues for 2017 are **\$25.00**.

HONORARY MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 65 IN 2016] dues for 2017 is reduced to only **\$12.00**.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS' [25 YEARS OF CONSECUTIVE SERVICE & REACHED THE AGE OF 70 IN 2016] dues for 2017 are **WAIVED**.

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Fraternally yours,
Roger E. Renner, F.S.

Consider This

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.
Problems just tumbling about me and heavier came each task;
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered, He answered, "You didn't ask."
I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on grey and bleak;
I wondered why God didn't show me, He said "But you didn't seek."
I tried to come into God's presence, I used all my keys at the lock;
God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."
I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

KEEP
CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!