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*Our Lady of Lourdes  
Council # 11809*

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Brother Knights,

I have finally returned from my trip to Norway. It was an interesting trip complete with delays, COVID testing and quarantine. The weather was cool but sunny most days, the food was good, actually too good as I gained a few pounds while I was there.

December is almost here and one of the most important celebrations of our Catholic faith, and that is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is a time of joy and reflection. A time to spend time with friends and family. A time for giving gifts to the ones we love. But to me the greatest gift we can give doesn't come in a box or from a store. No, the greatest gift we can give is the gift of time. We as Knights of Columbus have pledged to support our council, parish, and fellow man. How do we provide that support? We provide our support by donating our time to activities like food drives, coats for kids, ushering at mass, Bernadette Bistro, etc. Our volunteer work has a profound impact on those we support. We do make a positive impact on peoples lives. That makes all the time we donate worth the effort. Remember our credo, Charity, Unity, Fraternity.

The stainless-steel table has been installed in the kitchen and looks great. Many thanks to Joe Shanks, Dave Lara, Zeke Spanelli and Tom Scott.

I have a great concern for the future of our council, we need people to step up and take on some open positions, we need a recorder, outside guard, and trustee for the remaining fraternal year. We may also need a financial secretary for the next fraternal year. If we can't get people to step up to fill these positions, we may have no choice but to declare our council as inactive and everyone will have to transfer to other councils.

The pancake breakfast is December 18<sup>th</sup>, and we need volunteers to help make the breakfast, serve food (will need a food handlers permit), take pictures with Santa, and clean up. We also need volunteers to help sell tickets, so far very few have volunteered to help sell tickets.



*Upcoming Council Events*

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**Keeping Christ In Christmas Judging December 1, 2021**

**Officer's Meeting – Dec 2, 2021 - 9:30 PM Fr McGivney Room**

**Feast of Immaculate Conception – December 8, 2021**

**Gen. Bus. Meeting – Dec 9 - 6:00 – 7:30 PM w/ Rosary at 5:30 PM Madonna Hall**

**Breakfast with Santa – December 18, 2021**

**Christmas – December 25**

**New Years – January 1**

**Raffle Ticket Sales - January to May 2022**

**Epiphany – January 6**

**What's Coming Up in Next 3-4 Months**

**Spiritual Retreat – Feb 26 9:00 AM**

**Ash Wednesday – March 2**

**Baby Bottle drive – March 12-13th and March 26-27 th.**

**Holy Thursday – April 14**

**Good Friday – April 15**

**Easter – April 17**

*Our Council Knights in Action*

**Frozen Turkey and Ham Drive Results**

We had a total of 11 Knights and Knights Auxiliary ladies on 11/17/21 and 16 Knights and Knights Auxiliary ladies on 11/18/21 at the Sun City West Location near the Posse Headquarters. At OLOL there were 6 Women and 2 Gentlemen working that location on 11/17/21 and 6 Women and 1 Gentleman worked on 11/18/21.

Joe Kowalkowski shouted out a big THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED SO HARD to make this turkey drive so successful. Some of the volunteers worked both days on this. Next year Joe is certain that we will do even better.

The numbers for The Knights of Columbus Turkey drive are as follows:

Our Lady of Lourdes site

177 Turkeys.      1838 Lbs

12 Hams              97 Lbs

Cash Donations    \$1060.00

Sun City West Foundation Site near the Posse HQ

77 Turkeys        1166 Lbs

19 Hams.            142 Lbs

Cash Donations    \$926.00

An additional \$200.00 from a couple while selling tickets for Breakfast With Santa

Total from both sites

Turkeys. 195.      3007 Lbs

Hams.      31.      239 Lbs

Cash.              \$2186.00

Gift cards.        \$20.00

## Turkey Drive Results continued

Additionally we had a \$200 donation given for the drive as we were selling tickets to Breakfast with Santa at Mass on the 21 ST. Below are a couple of humorous photos of a turkey doing the pole dance and then Harriet Kowalkowski choking said turkey for the display. Who says we don't have fun at these types of events!



## **Breakfast With Santa**

Save the date December 18 is our Breakfast With Santa event that is being held in Madonna Hall. Santa will be there to help with the festivities and photos can be taken. We are in need of some members to help sell tickets, cook, set up, clean, take tickets and serve. Any member wanting to help out please contact Mike Hug at 602-568-6652 or email him at [mhugskofc@gmail.com](mailto:mhugskofc@gmail.com). The breakfast opens from 8 AM until 11 PM but we need to start earlier around 7 AM to get prepped.



The new stainless steel back splashes have been installed in the kitchen. Pictured are Zeke Spanelli, Tom Scott, Dave Lara, and Joe Shanks.



Breakfast With Santa Continues

The tickets are \$7 for an adult and any child under 12 is admitted free with a paying adult. So get your grand children to come with their parents. This should be as much fun as we had in 2019 when this was last held.



**Adults \$7.00**  
**Children Free with**  
**paying adult**



# **Breakfast** **with** **Santa**

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Madonna Hall**  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 2021 FROM 8:00AM – 11:00AM**  
**TICKETS \$7 FOR ADULTS CHILDREN FREE WITH PAYING ADULT**  
**TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6 AFTER MASS**

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Enjoy a buffet brunch with Santa Claus! Brunch will be served through the air as guests "catch" flying pancakes served by the Knights of Columbus. Along with pancakes, the buffet will include sausage, orange drink and coffee.

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**Get your picture taken with Santa**



The first senior moment.



## BETHLEHEM

For those of you that haven't been to Israel, I have a little bit of information for you. As you know Bethlehem is the birthplace of Jesus but it wasn't until 327 AD, St Helena commissioned the Church of the Nativity to be constructed on the site that she determined as the birthplace of Jesus.

Bethlehem currently is located on the West Bank and you have to go through the wall to get into that area and then drive from Jerusalem for about 8 miles. Coming back is even more fun unless you are with a tour group. I was there in 1992 but then again when I took my wife in 2019 during lent. Our guide was very good since he got us into the area under the alter where a small chapel is located. The wait in line was about 2 ½ hours but we were out in 40 minutes.



It is a wonderful thrill to be in this place and to know that Jesus was born in this place. I can't explain the feeling but if you have been there then you know. The photo to the right was taken in 1992 but when we were there the entire place was full of people and it was hard to move around. The sites that you can see in Israel are something to behold and I have been lucky to have seen many of them during my two trips. - Mike Hug

Here are a few of the items that we covered at our last meeting:

We had a GREAT success with our Baby Shower and collected a lot of cute baby items. We got a lovely Thank-You note from Katie Wing.

Please help with the Pancake Breakfast with Santa - either at the breakfast or selling tickets.

The Auxiliary voted to arrange a small "post-holiday" celebration for the Knights and the Auxiliary tentatively after our general meeting on January 13th when schedules are not so busy. It will be very simple such as bringing appetizers, salads or desserts.

Don't forget that the Baby Bottle drive is currently schedules for distribution on March 12 -13 and the collection will be on March 26 - 27.

Hope this is not too much, but we had a busy meeting!

Blessings,

Sue

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***Those in Need of Our Prayers***

**A Prayer for Healing a Loved One**

All our times are in Thy hand. All diseases come at Thy call and go at Thy bidding. Thou redeemest our life from destruction and crownest us with loving kindness and tender mercies. We bless Thee, that Thou hast heard our prayer, and commanded deliverances for our friend and Thy servant, who has been under Thine afflicting hand. He (or she) was brought low, but Thou hast helped him (her). May he (she) not only live but declare the works of the Lord! As Thou hast delivered his eyes from tears, his feet from falling, and his soul from death, may he daily inquire: What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits towards me, and resolve to offer unto Thee the sacrifices of thanksgiving and to call upon the name of the Lord. May we ever remember that recovery is only a reprieve and that someday we will go to our rest in the Lord. May we, therefore, secure the righteous path and live with eternity ever in our view.

Amen.

Our prayers this month go to the Families of Brother Knights Larry Loseke, Bob Conen, John Mahoney, Henry Bianco, Joseph Kurzweil, Herb Strider, John Melcarek’s daughter Heather, Donald & Carolyn King, Darlene Ponshock (Mike Hug’s Sister-In-Law with broken neck), The Repose of the souls of SK Robert Layne and Rose Janzen (Angie Hug’s Mother), and Simone Paul (Angie Hug’s niece), and others that need our prayers.

May they be healed and remain in the comfort of their family.  
 May God Bless their families and provide the spiritual support needed to provide the patience for healing.

*Birthdays – Years of Service*

**December Birthdays**

Robert L Charlebois  
 Theodore Eaton  
 James A Geffre  
 Dea Stanley M Giza  
 Peter F Latino  
 Roger J Lipp  
 Anthony D Messina  
 Ray N Perrault  
 Donald V Peterson  
 Thomas W Scott  
 Leon E Unrein  
 Timothy T Zimmer

**December Years of Service**

Robert Eugene Coates	61	William A Gronke	9
Edwin J Thill	45	Rich A Greene	9
C Phillip Baumel	43	John J Mahoney Jr	9
Dennis R Dowling	43	Robert L Charlebois	8
Merle J Felling	41	John D Widman	4
Maurice J Ugland	39	Ernest M O'brien	4
Jeffrey P Johnson	38	Richard V Stone	3
Marcel A Provencher	33	Dominic J Humphrey	2
Roger J Lipp	22	Jay A Panico	2
Gene Hoeltge	12	Frank A Rizzo	2
Ronald W Rinder	11	Thomas Otto	1

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