



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Knights of Columbus, Council
7450, Concord, NC

Charity * Unity *
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November 2016

Council 7450 Meeting Tuesday, November 8, 2016



Knights Blood Drive

Please give the gift of life! Next Blood

Drive this Sunday December 4. Help needed to work the canteen.



Support Operation L.A.M.B. by eating at Andele on Monday Nov. 21. They will donate 10% of your purchase to L.A.M.B.

Just mention the Knights, St. James, or Operation



Lamb. We are having our annual family Christmas party Saturday, December

3 after the 5 PM Mass. Please respond to George @ George.twigger@hpe.com, let me know at the breakfast Sunday (Nov 20) or leave me a message on my

answering machine so we can get the proper amount of food for the celebration. Include in the head count the number of kids (and/or grandkids) that will be attending so we can get enough chicken nuggets (under 13 years of age). Please remember to bring a wrapped gift for the kids with their names on it so that Santa can present the gifts after we eat. Please keep the gifts under \$20. Put gifts in the large classroom. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa. COST: \$25 per family, \$20 per couple, \$10 single any child over 13 would have to purchase a single ticket (that is not part of immediate family). Pay at the door when you come to the party. Checks made out to Knights of Columbus.



Please volunteer for one of our standing

committees for service programs. See the directors names to the right and contact them. They need your help to succeed so we may be "In service to one, In service to all.



Next Knights Breakfast Sunday, November 20

Please come and help us serve the parish. Bring the family and friends and enjoy the best breakfast in town for the price!

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What's Happening Now!



Do you know a good Catholic gentleman that is not yet a Knight?

Talk to them about all that the Knights of Columbus do for the parish, community and our families. Let them know what being a Knight means to you!



Knights have always been dedicated to Our Lady. Pray the **Rosary daily.....** Select your intention . Pray as a family or by yourself.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs EVERY

Monday between 9:00 AM and 6:45 PM in the Church. What a wonderful gift you can give to yourself to spend time with Jesus!



November—A Time of Thanksgiving



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Thanksgiving

The national holiday (USA) of Thanksgiving also falls on the last Thursday of November. There is a special liturgy which may be used on this day.

The tradition of eating goose as part of the Martin's Day celebration was kept in Holland even after the Reformation. It was there that the Pilgrims who sailed to the New World in 1620 became familiar with this ancient harvest festival. When, after one year in America, they decided to celebrate a three days' thanksgiving in the autumn of 1621, they went in search of geese for their feast. We know that they also had deer (a present from the Indians), lobsters, oysters, and fish. But Edward Winslow, in his account of the feast, only mentions that "Governor Bradford sent four men on fowling that so we might after a more special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruit of our labours."

They actually did find some wild geese, and a number of wild turkeys and ducks as well.

The Pilgrim Fathers, therefore, in serving wild turkeys with the geese, inaugurated one of the most cherished American

traditions: the turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. They also drank, according to the ancient European tradition, the first wine of their wild-grape harvest. Pumpkin pie and cranberries were not part of the first Thanksgiving dinner in America, but were introduced many years afterward.

The second Thanksgiving Day in the New World was held by the Pilgrims two years later, on July 30, 1623. It was formally proclaimed by the governor as a day of prayer to thank God for their deliverance from drought and starvation, and for the safe arrival from Holland of the ship Anne.

In 1665 Connecticut proclaimed a solemn day of thanksgiving to be kept annually on the last Wednesday in October. Other New England colonies held occasional and local Thanksgivings at various times. In 1789 the federal Congress authorized and requested President George Washington to proclaim a day of thanksgiving for the whole nation. Washington did this in a message setting aside November 26, 1789 as National Thanksgiving Day.

After 1789 the celebration reverted to local and regional observance for almost a hundred years. There grew, however, a strong desire among the majority of the people for a national Thanksgiving Day that would unite all Americans in a festival of gratitude and public acknowledgment for all the blessings God had conferred upon the nation. It was not until October 3, 1863, that this was accomplished, when President

Abraham Lincoln issued, in the midst of the Civil War, a Thanksgiving Proclamation. In it the last Thursday of November was set apart for that purpose and made a national holiday.

Since then, every president has followed Lincoln's example, and annually proclaims as a "Day of Thanksgiving" the fourth Thursday in November. Only President Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the date, in 1939, from the fourth to the third Thursday of November (to extend the time of Christmas sales). This caused so much consternation and protest that in 1941 the traditional date was restored."

Excerpted from the Handbook of Christian Feasts and Customs, Francis X. Weiser

Today, unfortunately, Thanksgiving is more remembered for the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

Please take time to reflect on that which we have to give thanks for, and enjoy the day with your family. Please pray for the less fortunate and resolve to help and pray throughout the year.



November

Keep Christ in Christmas



Laura Kazlas
December 15, 2013

Empty Manger During Advent

“Be patient brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and late rains.” The second reading for mass today begins with this verse in scripture. It does a very good job at describing our current advent season. Many children are waiting patiently for Christmas to receive their new toys. Many people travel long distances to visit their family for Christmas and they are waiting to leave on their trip. Older parents are waiting to see all of their children and grandchildren and their extended family gather together for Christmas dinner. Ever since we were little children, we’ve learned to wait patiently for Christmas to come. Can you imagine how long John the Baptist waited for Christ to come? He preached on sheer faith. Without seeing Jesus, he proclaimed him to the world for a very long time. His faith in Jesus never wavered. Have you ever wondered how John the Baptist did it? Living in the desert, eating locusts and wild honey with only a camel’s hair shirt to wear? Actually, this is one of the reasons John the Baptist was so holy, because he lived simply, with only the bare necessities and focused on his prayer life and the people who came into his life. This is a good example for us to think about, in how to simplify our lives during advent and have a simpler Christmas. Perhaps it could lead into a simpler lifestyle for the long term too.

Jesus himself spoke of the holiness of John the Baptist. His possessions or way of life meant absolutely nothing to him. Jesus kind of chastises the crowd when he said, “What did you go out to the desert to see?” “Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.” The fact that John the Baptist proclaimed him to the world is what mattered to Jesus. He said, “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist.” The first reading for mass talks about the parched desert blooming with beautiful flowers. John the Baptist was a beautiful flower that bloomed out of no where, for the Lord. There is a saying that can be found framed on the wall in many Catholic homes that has this wonderful bit of advice for all of us as well. The picture usually has a beautiful flower with the words “bloom where you are planted”. And that means we don’t have to travel far away on mission trips, or seek out things beyond our normal everyday life in order to grow in a life of service to Christ. We bloom and produce fruit right where we are. Throughout the gospels Jesus urges people to “produce good fruit”. It’s interesting that the gospel today says that John the Baptist “heard in prison of the works of the Christ” and sent his disciples to find out if he really was the Messiah. When Christ answered his disciples, he did not do so directly. Jesus simply listed the “fruits” of his ministry, “the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” Never once did Christ tell them that he was the son of God, he told them his “fruits” because he always taught his own disciples that you

can know a tree by it’s fruits. Many of us are already producing “fruits” during this advent season by shopping for presents, making plans for Christmas dinner, or making arrangements to visit relatives during the Christmas holiday. Hopefully, it doesn’t stop there though. We should also be proclaiming Christ to the world, like John the Baptist did. It’s hard to keep Christ in Christmas during our busy modern lives, but there are numerous little ways we can do this. Do we send out secular Christmas cards? Or those that proclaim Christ? Are many of our holiday decorations centered on a religious theme? Do we own an advent wreath and nativity set? If we have small children, is our focus on Santa Claus of less importance than our focus on baby Jesus? Are we attentive to the needs of the people in our lives that are not our family and friends? Last, but not least. Have we been to confession during advent yet? And, have we devoted more time than usual in prayer and in developing our own relationship with Jesus? In this way, Jesus will not be off in the distance somewhere in our holiday celebrations, but at the center of all that we do.

Help Keep Christ in Christmas !

Purchase Cards and Car Magnets at the Breakfast and Family Dinner or contact Charlie Anzalone can-zalone5131@gmail.com

November 2016



Thanksgiving Food Collection

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		All Saints Day Officers Meeting Gill Hall 7 PM	All Souls Day			Handout Food Drive Menu Cards
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Handout Food Drive Menu Cards		Business Meeting Gill Hall 7 PM				Handout Food Drive Menu Cards
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Handout Food Drive Menu Cards 8 AM Knights Memorial Mass						Food Collection Concord Parade
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Knights Break- fast 7-12:30 Food Collec- tion	Food Distribution 9-1 Eat out for L.A.M.B @ Andele			Thanksgiving Day		
27	28	29	30			

All Saints Day Holy
Day of Obligation –
see Mass schedule

Help Pass out menu
cards for food drive
Nov 5-6, 12-13 after
all Masses

Collect food Nov
19-20 after Masses

Breakfast Sunday
Nov 20 Bring the
family

Food Distribution
Monday Nov 21 –
help needed 9-1

Memorial Mass
Ron Babbitt 11/20

5 PM; Jim O'Brien

11/23 8 AM; Ken
Kiesnowski 11/30
8 AM

For The Good Of The Order



Person In Need	Relation	Comment	Added By
Earth Quake victims in Italy			10/2016
Bill Suhy	Brother Knight	illness	8/2016
Dorothy Mathews	Brother Jeff Mathews Mother		8/2016
S/K Dennis Durand	Brother Knight		8/2016
Oppressed Christians			Supreme
Rob Orsi	Brother Knight	Cancer	8/20/16
Eileen Guttridge	Wife of Bill	illness	7/2016
George McElroy	Brother of G/K Gerard	illness	10/16
Karen Hopper	Sister of Brother John Green	Cancer	8/2016
George Coyle	Brother Knight	Illness	Council
Ron Mikesh		Parkinsons	8/2016
David Crespi			Ken Johnson
Agatha Eury	Mother of Brother John	illness	8/2016
S/K Richard Glass II		Detached retina	Richard Glass
Clair Mersch		PSP	Steve Mersch 3/13/12
Andrea Palo	Parishioner	Cancer	8/2016
Mary Ann Chopko	Parishioner	illness	8/2016

Everyone should have a Happy Thanksgiving...through your generosity, many more will!

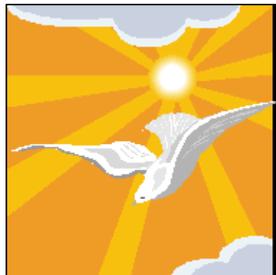


The Joseph Kuntz Memorial Food Drive at St. James

Help feed the Holy Spirit of our parish by lifting up those in need. We will

provide you a shopping list that will feed a family of four or eight persons. Your family, or a group of families, can purchase the listed items as your donation.

These meals will be provided to families in our parish and community. It is certain to make for a Happy Thanksgiving for both those giving and receiving!



As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces. - 1 Peter 4:10

Shopping list will be available in the Narthex before and after Mass on Nov. 5/6 & 12/13.

Please bring your completed shopping list of items with you to Church on Nov. 19/20. Distribution will be Monday, Nov. 21, 9:00 - 1:00



If you know a family in need, please contact the parish office @ 704-721-0600

Knights help will be needed to pass out menus, collect food, and distribute food

Insurance Corner

Permanent Plans

Do you need life insurance that lasts as long as you live? Our permanent plans give you the security of:

*Knowing your family is protected as long as all premiums are paid when they come due.

*Knowing your premium will stay the same, regardless of your future health.

*A guaranteed cash value that will grow over time and provide a source of funds for future needs. Another valuable feature of our permanent life insurance plans is the opportunity to earn policy dividends. While dividends are not guaranteed and are declared annually by the Order's board of directors, our dividend scale has been - and continues to be - among the very best in the life insurance industry.

Our permanent plans include: Whole Life - paying premiums for all of life

Limited Payment Life - premiums payable for a shorter period
Discoverer - a custom blend of whole life and term insurance.

DuaLife - a custom blend of whole life and term, insuring two lives, payable upon the 2nd person's death.

A Word About Policy Dividends
Policy dividends represent a distribution to policyowners of surplus funds resulting from favorable investment, expense or claims experience. Because of this, they cannot be guaranteed, and may increase or decrease based on the Order's actual and anticipated results.

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