

Knightly news

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

The latest from Grand Knight Mark Gronemeyer

To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven. -Johannes A. Gaertner

I would first like to thank those Knights who show up for each of our monthly meetings. We have a great core group of men who support our activities and fundraisers. That being said, I would like to challenge all of my Brother Knights in Council 5544 to think about attending our monthly Council meetings and volunteering for one of our upcoming breakfasts, Christmas parties, or perhaps volunteering to be a captain at one of our fish fry's during Lent. Please consider attending our December meeting (the second Wednesday of December) and becoming more active in our Council.

We have three events coming up in early December that I would like you to participate in. The first is the Senior Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1; the Family Christmas party on Saturday, December 3; and the Adult Christmas Party that I believe is being scheduled for the evening of Saturday, December 10.

As we are approaching Thanksgiving, I found the following prayer to be most fitting.

Thanksgiving Table Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

Vivat Jesus

Mark Gronemeyer, Grand Knight



Jay and Donna Fields

For their help at Iowa Football concessions and for their help at the November breakfast.

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON...

Tuesday, November 22 is CiCi's Night for the Knights!

We are about to loose our Fundraiser at CiCi's if we do not get a larger turn out on the Knights of Columbus night.

If we do not have at least 25 families signing their names on the paper, and turning in their receipts on November 22, fourth Tuesday of the month, we will no longer have CiCi's as a fundraiser. This is an easy fundraiser that we will be loosing if we do not get the number of families to come to this franchise this one night a month. They are going to keep watch on our group for a while to see if we have more than about 7 to 8 families coming in each time for the Knights.

If you have any questions please call Chris and Barb Zaugg at 365-2830. Hope to see all of you at CiCi's!!!!

Vivat Jesus,
Chris Zaugg



FROM THE EDITOR

What I'm Thankful For...

It's hard to believe that the end of the year is already approaching! It seems like just yesterday we were getting excited to see the snow melt. That first warm Spring day feels so close yet. But alas, here we are.

We've had a great year as a council and I for one am VERY excited to see what the year 2012 brings. I thank each of you for the fellowship each and every month that I attend a council meeting. The friendships that have been built over the past years with the Knights means so much.

May God Bless You and yours as we approach this Holiday season

Vivat Jesus!
Justin Roberts, K of C #5544



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Christmas cards now Available!!

As Christmas approaches our *Keep Christ in Christmas* campaign will begin again.

The cards have arrived and are ready to sell. As our struggle against "society" of removing God and Christ from our everyday world it is up to **US** to help keep them in it! These cards are beautifully done and have a distinct Christian message in each of them. Using these cards will definitely help to Keep Christ in Christmas this season.

Please consider supporting this program with a purchase.
Contact Blaine, or Marlana, Miller (654-0050) for a chance to look them over.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Chris Zaugg

For his help with the concessions at Iowa Football and for volunteering as captain at our November breakfast.

FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY

A Reflection on year 2011...

Brother Knights,

Another calendar year is coming to a close and with that we always reflect on our accomplishments and missed opportunities. Be sure to truthfully assess where you are as a Knight of Columbus and a Catholic gentlemen. Have I grown in my faith life? Have I helped make this little part of God's creation entrusted to me a better place? What can I do to be more Christ-like to those who are dear to me and to those I don't even know?



As we look forward to the holiday season, may we take time to thank God for all our blessings and ask for the strength to embrace new challenges. I wish each and every one of my brother Knights the grace and joy of the Christmas season.

Vivat Jesus,

Nick Volk, District Deputy

Nov. 18 ISU vs. OK State
7:00 PM Kickoff

Ames, IA

Nov. 19 Iowa at Purdue
11:05 AM Kickoff

West LaFayette, IN

Nov. 24 Thanksgiving

Safe Travels

Count those Blessings!!

Nov. 25 Iowa at Nebraska
11:05 AM Kickoff

Lincoln, NE

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

ANNUITY NEWS YOU CAN USE!

A few changes to be brought to your Attention...

Brother Knights-

Our annuity rates are changing. The message just came down to us earlier this week (November 13th).

Any new annuities written after Friday, will only be a fixed rate of 1.5%. We will be able to give 3% until Friday. It only takes \$300 and the 3% is locked in for life, any amount can be added after it is opened and will still receive 3%. This will not affect any existing annuities, just new ones.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to give me a call at (319) 541-8207 or email me at kyle.bormann17@hotmail.com

Kyle Bormann

Field Agent, Knights of Columbus

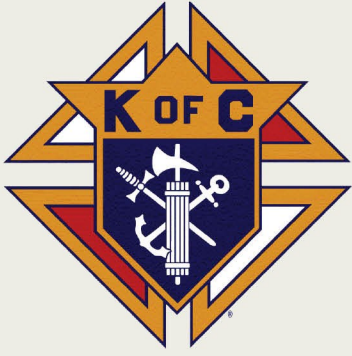
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K of C Council Meetings

Join us the second Wednesday of every month for our monthly council meetings! We meet in the parish hall at St. Judes!



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