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Sean Olmstead, Grand Knight

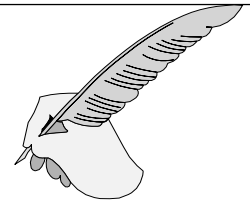


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From the Chaplain

Fr. Kevin Magner, Chaplain



Fellow Knights and families,
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
For Catholics the new year begins a full month before January 1, 2014. I am referring, of course, the liturgical new year. December 1 this year marks the First Sunday of Advent and the first day of the new year in the Church's calendar. With the season of Advent comes a renewed sense of hopefulness, notably because of the impending celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

During Advent it is traditional to sing the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", which is appropriate because it is not a Christmas hymn but actually an Advent hymn. Almost everyone knows the first verse of the hymn by memory and knows that the name Emmanuel ("God is with us") refers to Jesus Christ. However, what many do not know is that all the verses of the hymn list various names for the Messiah such as, "Wisdom from on high", "Rod of Jesse's stem", "Key of David", etc. These titles are taken from what are known as the "O Antiphons". The O Antiphons are the Magnificat antiphons recited or sung during vespers (evening prayer) from December 17-23. They are called "O" antiphons because each begins with the word "O". These ancient antiphons go back possibly as far as the sixth century and were in common usage in the Church by the eighth century. The titles come from Old Testament prophecies that refer to the promised Messiah.

An interesting feature of the O An-

tiphons is a hidden message within the verses. We wouldn't notice it in the English translation but in the Latin version the titles for Christ are: Sapientia (Wisdom), Adonai (Lord), Radix (Root), Clavis (Key), Oriens (Dawn), Rex (King), and Emmanuel (Emmanuel). If one takes the first letter of each Latin title from last to first the letters spell out E-R-O-C-R-A-S. In Latin this forms the words "Ero cras", meaning, "Tomorrow I will come", or "Tomorrow I will be there". This hidden message re-emphasizes the meaning of the hymn and brings it to a joyful conclusion as we finally celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day.

This Advent as we sing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" we join in with the voices of all the faithful throughout history who have believed in God's promise of a Savior and we rejoice in the knowledge that God's plan of salvation for mankind is realized in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Rejoice! Rejoice, O Israel!
To thee shall come Emmanuel.**

Guest speaker

At our December membership meeting we will have a very professional speaker who is thrilled to speak to the KC's. Molly Schorr is Director of Parish Life at our church so let's have a big audience for her.

There will be Christmas treats and drinks for all. See you there.



Don Pfau



GK Sean Olmstead presents a \$1,618.87 check to Maryjo Copeland of Sharing and Carings Hands from the net profits of the Pancake Breakfast on Sept. 29th.

Calendar of Events

- Rosary every Sat. at 10 a.m. at the Robbinsdale Abortion Clinic, 3819 West Broadway, Robbinsdale.
- Rosary every Tuesday evening in the Cry room at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 3, Membership meet., 7 p.m.
- Dec. Poster contest judging
- Dec. 8, Feast of Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 15, Communion Breakfast
- Dec. 25, Merry Christmas
- Dec. 30, Planning meeting, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 1, Happy New Year



THE LEAFLET



Membership Meeting,
1st Tues., 7:00 p.m.
West Meeting Room

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Grand Knight's Message Sean Olmstead, Grand Knight



Brother Knights and families,

We are entering my favorite time of the year. I get so excited about Christmas that I sometimes irritate my wife and kids. Yet, I always feel closest as a family during Advent and Christmas. The day after Thanksgiving, I-Tunes will be set to the Christmas play list, I will be eagerly waiting to build a snowman and sip some hot cinnamon-apple cider, and of course, most importantly, prepare for the coming of Christ. In everything my family does, we try to instill that Jesus is the reason to be merry.

I admit, it can be difficult to avoid the materialism and not be saddened by the lack of Christmas in advertising and displays. As Knights, we have another opportunity to shine this time of year. Whether it is through our great Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, through the sale of

Christmas cards, or in the daily living of our faith, we have opportunities. I encourage everyone to spread the cheer of Christmas. One simple way is to use Merry Christmas as our greeting/farewell....answering your phone, sending an e-mail, checking out at a store, etc.

Thank you everyone who participated in November's events. A special thanks to the chairmen: Tom Clifford and Paxton Casmir (Women-Source Breakfast), Tom Clifford and Tom Heltemes (Memorial Mass), Skip Levesque (Special Olympics Bowling), and John Kirscher (Turkey Bingo). The next time you see these gentlemen, thank them for their time and talent in continuing to make this a great council.

For those who have not been to a meeting, or it has been a while, I invite you back. Don Pfau has committed to bring Christmas treats (generosity of Mrs. Pfau) to the general meeting on Tuesday, December 3. If I can get 10 members that have not been to a meeting this year, or any 30 members, to commit to coming, I will bring the cinnamon-apple cider for everyone. RSVP to grandknight9139@gmail.com by December 1.

Mark your calendar for the Communion Breakfast on Dec. 15 and the Membership Dinner on Jan. 5.

I was reminded recently of the following: Fasting and other forms of penance, such as prayer and almsgiving, help to purify our hearts and prepare us for the celebration of Christmas (cf. Catechism, no. 1434).

MERRY CHRISTMAS -- May God continue to bless the Knights of Columbus!

1st, 2nd & 3rd degree

Brother Knights, we will be having our major degree at St. Vincent de Paul on Saturday, February 1, 2014. Please join us on this day for our district event.

Communion Breakfast



Brother Knights! Please plan on attending the *Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast* at St. Vincent de Paul's Regan Hall on Sun., Dec. 15 starting with the 9 a.m. Mass. A great menu of sausage, eggs, hashbrowns, waffles, fruit, coffee & juice or milk will be served. You and your family are welcome. A free will offering will be accepted to defray the cost of the delicious food.

Please plan to attend the Mass and join us for breakfast. A section in the church will be reserved for members and their families, check with the ushers when you arrive at church.

Kevin Ahlers, Lee Bilbro chairmen

A Child is Born



Membership dinner



Council 9139 is having a membership dinner at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, in the east meeting room. This is a good time for prospective members to learn how the Knights of Columbus started and about all of our charity work.

We will be serving a Pulled Pork Dinner.

If you know of a friend, relative or neighbor that would be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus contact, Robert Moreland, 557-0874, Sean Olmstead, 712-5457 or Tom Heltemes, 425-2314.

Sean Olmstead, Tom Heltemes

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Turkey bingo

My Brother Knights, I wish to take some time and space in this newsletter, to thank all of you for your support at our Turkey Bingo event. It was very successful. The best to date. We cleared \$2,926.97 (including the food service). I especially wish to thank Kevin and Shari Ahlers and their crew for the food service. Tim Ryan, for his ordering the Gambling permit. Dave and Julie Wilhelm for all the advertisements; my set-up crew which consisted of Tom Stevenson, Tom Clifford, Kelvin Landis, Darwin Fure, Chris Mercadante, John Fritsch, Carl Fisher, Tom and Nancy Moorman, John and Carole Ampe, Scott Benik, Jim Kirscher and especially my grand daughter Nicole Kirscher. I think we can all say we had a good time and we should thank God for all the community that participated. Again, thank you.
Jack Kirscher, chairman



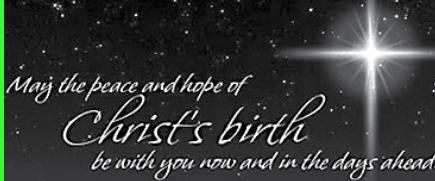
Serving breakfast at Sharing and Caring Hands on Oct. 27 (above left to right) seated; Rich & Darlene Grugal, Frank Sager, Bill Peloquin and Skip Levesque. Standing are Kyleigh, Pam, Sean and Miranda Olmstead. Kyleigh & Miranda on left wrapping sporkware.

CHRISTmas Cards

Our council is once again selling Christmas Cards. They will be available for purchase at all council events and in the gift shop. The prices range from \$6.00 for a box of 12 cards to \$12.00 for a box of 18 cards. We also have a few Christmas seals available for purchase. For further information or to place an order contact Jack Barr at 763.425.8065.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" poster & coloring contest

We are in the midst of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Religious education and St. Vincent's school students grades K-6 are eligible. Posters will be judged on Dec. 12th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will receive awards. The winning posters will be displayed in the church gathering area.



Pastoral Minister, Margaret Schauer holds a \$400 check for Thanksgiving baskets for St. Vincent's. CROSS and CEAP also received checks for \$500.

Villa at Osseo news

Our next scheduled bingo at Villa at Osseo will be Saturday, December 21st at 2:15 p.m. I have failed to recognize those people who have donated stuffed animals and beanie babies. They are still a very popular bingo prize and we depend on your donations. In the last few months donations have been received from Bob & Dorothy Andrews, Bill Peloquin, Jack Barr, Russ Funk, Shirley Homan, Emmie Eng (my granddaughter), Buzz & Ellie Schmeltzer, Frank Sager and Tom Heltemes. I hope I didn't leave out anyone's name. Buzz is still a household word there and Ellie volunteers in the business office. They both have seen many changes in the last few months connected with the ownership change. A very special thank you goes to Julie Wilhelm who brings cookies every Thursday to the weekly rosary and coffee afterwards for all residents. Julie and Les Eiden participate in leading the Friday morning Catholic communion as well. Tom Heltemes will be announcing a black jack social event soon. Thanks to all the volunteers and their families from our council that help out at Villa at Osseo. **Merry Christmas!**
Forrest Zimlepan, 424-4612.

2014 dues billing

The dues billing for the 2014 council year will be in the mail in early December. The Council dues remain at \$24.00. The billing will also include a \$2.00 donation request for each of the following; Pennies for Seminarians, the Jim Campbell Fund, Culture of Life and the Minnesota Student Loan Fund. Please pay your dues promptly, and pay the \$32.00 requested if possible. If not, please pay \$24 to maintain your membership. Honorary members (age 65 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will be billed at a rate of \$12 plus the \$8 in additional donations requested. Honorary Life members (age 70 and over with 25 years of continuous service) will not receive a billing. Your membership card will be included in the mailing with the Minnesota Knights raffle tickets, if you wish to purchase them. In addition, we always welcome donations from Honorary and Honorary Life members for the worthy causes mentioned above. If you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact the Grand Knight to discuss deferring your dues for one year. Our council does have a financial hardship policy, but the member must make that request of the Grand Knight, Sean Olmstead, (763) 712-5457. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 612-590-8507.
Russ Funk, FS