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John Piotrowski, (630) 810-0199



Brothers,

This November, our thoughts turn to our beloved friend and deceased Grand Knight, John Koys, who passed away one year ago. May John's loving spirit and humanity be with us always and guide us in all that we do. In addition, may our thoughts and prayers continue to include Pat, his beloved wife, whose presence at our events is an inspiration.

And now, back to business: The Council Blood Drive was conducted on October 26th; 17 pints of blood were donated. Thanks to brother Knight Walter Shiffer for organizing the program along with the St. Scholastica CCW. Thanks also to brother Knights who came and donated their blood for this worthy cause.

Deacon Tom and JoAnn Fricke, DGK John Piotrowski and Elena, brother Knight Mike Wagner, and brother Knight Jerry Bevignani and Carol attended the Annual Bishops Burse Dinner at Sts. Peter and Paul on November 9th. Thanks to all of you for representing the council at this important event. A special note of thanks to Mike who participated in the Honor Guard.

Once again this year, the Council is participating in the Coats-for-Kids Program, with two cases of coats to be donated to the West Suburban Pantry for distribution to needy children. The actual presentation of the coats took place at the Pantry on Tuesday, November 26th. Kudos to Financial Secretary Mike

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Notice

Our next meeting will be held
Wednesday, November 27, 2019
At Christ The Servant
Starting At 7:00 p.m.



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Dear Brother Knights,

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We open the newspaper and mail today and we find all kinds of advertisements for Christmas gifts, decorations and super discount sales. What happened to Thanksgiving? It seems like every day now is “Black Friday”.

But the beginning of this December is really the season we call Advent. The Church begins its new ecclesiastical year with a change in colors of the vestments and the eschatological readings. The word ‘advent’ is Latin for ‘a coming or arrival’. The idea behind it is that God came to earthly life and lived among us. It’s something to celebrate, rejoice, because just by being in it, God was giving the supreme blessing to the created world.

Advent is a season of preparation. In Advent we thank God for Christ’s first coming, prepare for his final coming at the end of time, and celebrate Christ’s presence among us today through the Spirit. God loved and wanted to share that love. In order to rescue the created world from evil, God chose to come here to walk the earth and to die. The only way to start such a thing is as a baby, and the only way to be a baby is to be born. Hence CHRISTMAS. Because Christmas is centered in the new hope brought by a baby it’s very child-oriented holiday and Advent leads us up to that baby.

For most people, Advent becomes a time to get ready for whatever you’re doing with family and friends on Christmas, and not a time to get ready for the Christ child. The bigger Christmas becomes the more it swallows up Advent. In fact, whatever Christmas-y thing we think of as being done before Christmas Day is actually done in Advent. Everything after Thanksgiving and lately even before Thanksgiving is now seen as part of Christmas. The main problem is that people no longer keep their *Christmas* focus on Christ, and then that Christ-less Christmas saps Christ from Advent. Practicing Advent as a religious season may help us recover Christmas, but it can’t do it by itself. If you don’t look to Jesus everyday you’ll lose Advent and Christmas. It’ll be a tiring rush, not a loving celebration, and it’ll be about family or money or image and not our loving Maker.

As we make preparations for the coming of the Christ child in our homes let’s prepare our souls thanking God and asking for His forgiveness for our misgivings and sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Without a doubt, it would make it a Merry Christmas for you.

Vivat Jesus!

Deacon Tom Fricke

“May our expectation of the coming of the Son who called us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and visit the lonely strengthen our will to actively bring comfort and seek justice to those who are in need, let us pray to the Lord.” (Taken from Advent Awakenings)

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Wagner for ordering the coats and bringing them to the Pantry for the presentation, and thanks to Margaret for taking pictures of the donation.

I give thanks to Christ the Servant Parish for hosting the council's November Meeting. A particular note of gratitude is expressed to Corinne Hanson, the CTS Business Manager, who facilitated the arrangements for the change of location.

Our next meeting! A look at the calendar tells us that the 4th Wednesday in December falls on Christmas Day, December 25th. Therefore, the council's next meeting will take place on **December 18th** at St. Scholastica, *only three weeks after the November meeting*. Please make a note on your kitchen calendar, or wherever you keep notes of important upcoming dates.

Thank you to all brother Knights who contributed to the Christmas Toys for Girls and Boys program organized by brother Knight Jerry Bevignani. Toys collected at the November meeting will go to needy families, and will be much appreciated by children who would not otherwise receive much for Christmas. Finally, may the message of gratitude expressed in the Thanksgiving Prayer on page 4 be with you, your families and friends. May you all have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus!
Jerry Munley
Grand Knight



Featured in the picture taken with Bishop Conlon are John and Elena Piotrowski

BISHOP'S BURSE DINNER
Saints Peter and Paul
Naperville, IL
November 9th, 2019



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE'S
FEAST DAY
December 12th**

Our Lady appeared to Juan Diego and told him to have the bishop build a church on the spot where she appeared. (Tapeyac Hill in Mexico.) The bishop didn't believe Juan and asked him to prove he talked to Mary, the Mother of God. Juan went back to the spot and Mary told him to gather flowers and bring them to the bishop. Juan wrapped the flowers in his cloak called a tilma. The flowers fell out of his cloak and in their place was an image of Mary. This image is still visible on the cloak today in the church she asked Juan to build.

WINTER COATS DONATED

On November 26, 2019, the Knights of Columbus, Rober P. Connelly Council, #5918 donated two cases of winter coats to the West Suburban Community Pantry. There are 12 coats in each case.

One case for girls and one case for boys. Kristin Jachymiak accepted the donation on behalf of the Pantry.



THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

“Father all –powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

(Catholic Online)



PIZZA WARS AT ST. SCHOLASTICA
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
6:00—8:00 pm
In the Activity Center

Come taste pizza samples from: Papa’s Pizza, Rosati’s, Jets, Lou Malnati’s, Aurelio’s and MOD. Then cast your vote for Best Crust, Best Sauce and Best Overall!

Tickets purchased in advance are \$10.00 for Adults, \$7.00 for Kids under the age of 10. Tickets at the door are \$15.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Kids under 10. (All proceeds will help to offset the cost of the St. Scholastica 8th grade trip to Chicago.)



**MEN’S ADVENT MORNING
OF REFLECTION**
Saturday, December 14, 2019
9-11:30 am

“Explore the key messianic passages from the Old Testament that punctuate the Advent season and apply them to our spiritual lives with Matt Posen. A continental breakfast and fellowship will be at 9:00 am. Contact Beth at 630.985.9255. or bcarter@stscholasticaparish.org by Tuesday, December 10th.

IMPORTANT

Vocation raffle tickets need to be turned in no later than the November 27th Meeting!!

“Don’t leave home without them!”



CHRISTMAS TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Our Council #5918, is collecting toys for girls and boys. Please bring a toy with you to the meeting on November 27, 2019. If you are unable to come to the meeting but would like to make a donation, contact Jerry Bevignani at 630.747.4705. Cash donations will also be accepted. **Please do not wrap the toys.**

Your donations make a difference for needy girls and boys!



December Birthdays

John Babista	12/22
Dominick DiMaria	12/17
Ron Dilger	12/04
Rev Bob Duda	12/01
Joe Gajc	12/25
Gerald Heble	12/19
Paul Hoffmann	12/04
Paul Labak	12/05
Stephen Lipa	12/03
Richard Marten	12/29
Philip Moore	12/05
James Nicholson	12/23
Ernie Puzon Jr	12/20
Fil Sanchez	12/29
Norbert Snow	12/19
James Van Rhein Jr	12/06
Bob Witherspoon	12/24
William Yunker	12/30

“May the message of Advent that God’s grace is at work in the world, move us to be agents of God’s grace in the activities of our everyday lives, let up pray to the Lord.” (Taken from Advent Awakenings)

COUNCIL 5918 CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Advent Begins Hospitality At St. Schol.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 4th Degree Assembly Mtg	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14 St. Schol. Men's Advent Program
15	16	17	18 K of C Council Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24 Vigil of Christmas	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 Feast of the Holy Family	30	31 New Year's Eve				
				Note: There are 5 Sundays, Mondays, And Tuesdays in December.		



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