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Council Business Meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month

From The Grand Knight....

Dear Brother Knights and Family Members,

As we all know December is flying by and before long we will walk into the New Year. Our *Christmas Cheer* and the *Kids Christmas* each had a good turn out. December is a good time, filled with friends and family!

Yup, if you haven't received your gifts from your name being drawn, they are available at the clubhouse! Also on that same note, I would like to welcome our members to come out to your Clubhouse, for a drink, Euchre, or the Thursday drawing. We look forward to seeing you!

(On a side note, we will not have the Thursday drawing between Christmas and New Years.)

I hope everyone has a blessed holiday season Merry Christmas — and Happy New Year!

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- FOURTH DEGREE NEWS...

Brother Knights, we are looking forward to the New Year. I hope everyone and their families have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



I would like to thank all of our Sir Knights who came to the *Christmas Cheer* and paid their dues. A special thanks to all the members who donated to the weekly *Mass for Shut-ins*. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. This Mass is viewed by many in the surrounding area who are in nursing homes, hospitals or home bound.

Please keep in your prayers our service men and their family members, men and women who serve our country here and overseas. May God look over them and keep them safe.

The next Fourth Degree meeting will be Tuesday January 21, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the East Room of the Club House. Hope to see you there!—Your faithful navigator, Terry Obert (217-592-6400).

- ABOUT THE KNIGHTLY NEWS...



The *Knightly News* is available in a printed edition mailed to your home through the U.S. Postal Service. It can also be received by email in the PDF format. You can request the e-mail version from our Secretary, Bill Anderson. Kindly keep Bill updated of any change of postal or e-mail address at billanders44@gmail.com.

If you misplace your copy you can view it on the KC website, quincykofc.org. Click on "Learn More" to find the current copy. The *KN* with back issues can also be found at Sundaymissalservice.com. Click on "Parish Bulletin Service," View Parish Bulletins."

If you have information to publish in the *Knightly News*, kindly send it by e-mail by the 15th of the month to Knightlynews583@gmail.com



- OUR WEBSITE

At the KofC website (Quincykofc.org) you can check out room rental prices as well as info about the things going on at the Club. Want to see if you were a winner in our calendar raffle? It is posted there on a weekly basis. The latest updates on our breakfast buffets, chicken or fish dinners are there too!

Want to know when volleyball or softball starts? Hopefully with the next season we'll be trying to get the schedules on the site. And obviously, any contributions of info for the website would be appreciated. (Please contact John Veith by email at veithj76@gmail.com)

- CALENDAR UPDATE!

We reached the break-even point on sales a week before Christmas!! We are counting on the strong support of all our members to create a year ending rally and make the 2025 Calendar Raffle a success.



It's not too late to contact anyone you know who might purchase a calendar. You can keep selling raffle calendars well into the New Year in order to boost our profits which all go to charity.

We want to thank everyone involved with the 2025 Calendar Raffle for their generosity and hard work. We still have 2025 calendars that are available at the east building during regular club hours or by calling John Veith at 217-653-0258. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Early-Bird Winners: Congratulations to the three early-bird winners listed below who won \$100 each: Rachel Olson, Keith Vahlkamp and Taylor McMonagle. (Point of Contact: Mike Schlipmann, lschlipmann@yahoo.com).

- CHICKEN DINNERS



Our popular Fried Chicken Dinners will resume on January 10, 2025 in Father McGivney Hall from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Price is \$13.00 for adults, \$7.00 for Children 12 & under, Children under 5 eat free.

Includes "all you can eat" fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans & corn. Dine-in or Drive-Thru. Tell your Family & Friends. Everyone is welcome!

- CHAPLAIN'S REFLECTION

Dear Brother Knights And Family Members:

The New Year will soon be upon us! Perhaps it is a good time to look at our priorities. Have you ever sat down and listed them? You might be surprised!



I once gave a retreat and asked the participants to do just that, to take a pen and paper and list the number of hours that they used for their daily activities. They calculated the time they gave to work, sleep, eating, cell phones, computers, watching television, exercise and other tasks.

They were astounded when they saw their lives from that perspective! Fully one-third of most people's lives were invested in sleep! Two hours each day was involved in eating, with more if you include shopping, cooking and cleanup!

And our electronics. How much time do we sit before a screen? Research shows that the average American watches 4 hours of television per day! Kids attend school for 900 hours per year while spending 1500 hours before their tv sets and computers!

I once stood on the bridge of a great aircraft carrier. I was astounded to realize that that mighty vessel was steered by a small wheel about the size of a dinner plate. A sailor was able to change the direction of that 97,000 ton vessel by a small movement of his hand!

We can all have similar control over our lives by the choices we make. And we never have the time to get everything done do we? Does that not make it all the more important that we choose our priorities with care and wisdom?

And as we measure where we spend our time, I wonder how much time I give to the Lord in prayer. Is He one of my priorities?

We only have a finite number of days. Looking at our priorities and how we spend our time will shape the dimensions of our lives. Where you or I am today is a direct product of our past choices.

Where do you want to go? What do you want to achieve? What is stopping you?

Someone once observed that "It is never too late to start; it is always too soon to quit!"

The New Year is the chance to turn in take new directions!

- Fr. Don Blichhan

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all else will come to you." (Matthew 6:33)

- TV MASS FOR SHUT-INS

Broadcast Date	Mass Intention
Sun, Jan. 5,	Leonard (Boots) Niekamp
Sun, Jan 12,	Florence Smith
Sun, Jan 19,	Leo L. Bauer
Sun, Jan 26,	Dwain (Doc) Preston
Sun, Feb 2,	Donald Schuering



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- SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST



A great breakfast is served on the first Sunday of each month in the Clubhouse from 8:30 a.m. till noon. \$13 for adults, 12 & under \$7, 5 & under, free. - served in buffet style. Come by after Mass and join with your friends.

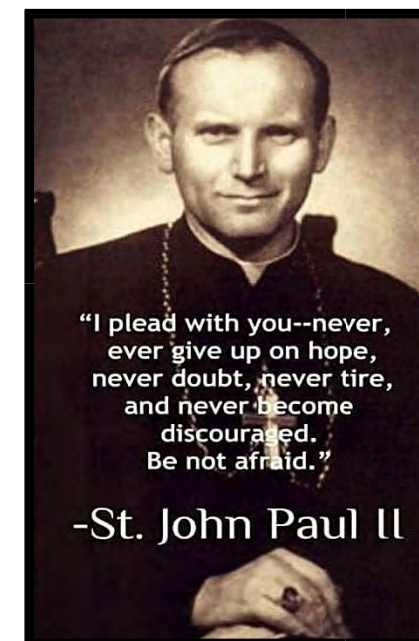
Our Club House Bar is open Monday thru Wednesday, as well as Friday from 4:00 p.m. till closing. On Saturdays it is open from 3:00 p.m. till close, and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.



- EUCHRE CARD GAMES



Euchre card games are available on Wednesday Jan. 8th and Weds. February 12th. Sign in at 6:00 p.m. with play beginning at 6:30 p.m.



-St. John Paul II