



# Knights Council 11187

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## Upcoming Events

### December 1999

- 4 9:00 AM First Saturday Mass
- 10:00 AM Officer's Meeting
- 5 Santa Visit 12:30-2:30 PM
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 13 8:00 PM Business Meeting
- 25 Christmas
- 27 8:00 PM Social Meeting, New Year's Eve Preparation
- 30 Cook New Year's Eve Dinner
- 31 Serve New Year's Eve Dinner



### January 2000

- 8 9:00 AM First Saturday Mass
- 10:00 AM Officers' Meeting
- 9 Pancake Breakfast 9:00 AM—1:00 PM
- 10 8:00 PM Business Meeting
- 17 8:00 PM First Degree
- 24 8:00 PM Social Meeting
- 31 Fraternal Survey Due #1728

## Dear Brothers...

A letter from Grand Knight Fran Vendetta

Where does the time go? It was just summer, then fall and now we approach December and the wintertime.

We are in the midst of the holidays and the new millennium is fast approaching us. Hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our council had another very busy and successful November.

Please join me in congratulating five new brother knights that went through our first degree on Monday night, November 15. Best wishes and a big welcome from our council to the following men and their wives/families: John Trainer, Dan Murphy, Dan Fenters, Len Fatica and John Letourneau. Gentlemen, we look forward to

your participation in our council.

The Ohio State Charities Campaign came to an end on November 13 with the official drawing of the prizes. See the attached sheet elsewhere in this newsletter for a listing of the winners. Our council sold 320 books of tickets equating to **\$1,625** worth of sales. Our goal was 500 books. This level of sales netted our council **\$793** for our coffers. A fine job! Thanks to everyone who helped sell and make this project happen. Hopefully, we can improve and beat this level of sales next year.

Boy, did we put on one heck of a wives appreciation dinner this year?



On Monday evening, November 22, 34 charming wives attended our annual wives appreciation dinner. Our lovely spouses were served stuffed pork chops, boiled potatoes, salad and a lovely ice cream dessert. They were serenaded with music during the evening from the brass quartet group from the parish. All wives appeared to have a fantastic time, had plenty to feast on and hopefully, made some new acquaintances. Brothers George Williams and Bob

Snider, our resident chef, did a great job of putting together the evening.





**Dear Brothers...**

Thank-you Brothers for your leadership and coordination in this program. It was truly a wonderful event! For those wives who were unable to make this evening, we missed you and hope your attendance next year is possible.

**Just a reminder.** Keep in mind that our council sponsors the first Saturday mass of the month at 9:00 AM.



Brother John Morrison and his alternate, Brother Bob Wolf, provide fresh coffee, cold juice and delicious doughnuts immediately following the mass. It would be great to see many knights and their families attend this special mass and pray together. Come join your fellow brothers for worship and camaraderie. Thank Brothers John and Bob for their monthly help and assistance when you see them. It is really appreciated!

Our next scheduled event is Santa's Visit at church on Sunday, December 5, between 12:30 and 2:30pm. Chairman for this event is Brother Joe Rossi. His elf, Brother Charles Giametta, is in charge of candy procurement. Mrs. Claus usu-



ally reads a nice Christmas story. Hope everyone finds time to bring his or her little ones to this function. As always, each child will get a picture with Santa.

On behalf of your Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and all of your elected council officers, we wish all brother knights and their families our warmest wishes for a wonderful, joyous and prayerful holiday season. May the good Lord bless our families, protect us in our travels and provide us spiritual guidance during this special season. May the true meaning of Christmas remain alive and be special in all of us!

*Fran A. Vendetta*  
Grand Knight

**Knight Light: Birthdays**



**THE FOLLOWING KNIGHTS WILL CELEBRATE**

**BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:**

- Allen 'Rusty' Boehm**
- Andrew Durewicz**
- Don Graft**
- Ed Haug**
- Robert Hendrix**
- David Justus**
- Mark Kassouf**
- Bob McDonald**
- John Morrison \*\***
- John Olejniczak**
- Dan Pascale**
- Gino Persichetti\*\***
- Todd Pierce**
- Harold Plant**
- Paul Seaman**
- Dave Shaver**
- Paul Thoburn\*\***
- Steve Thomas**
- Larry Van Orman**

**Looking For A Sitter?**

If you are looking for a sitter for the season, you can give me a call. My name is Vanessa Vendetta. I live in Countrywood and have passed the Red



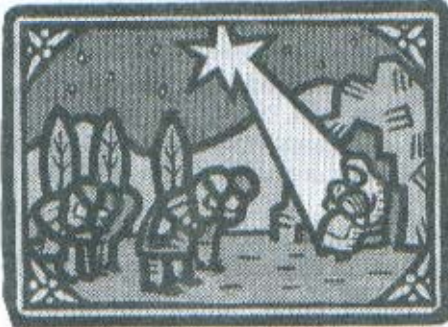
Cross course. You can contact me at 868-0609.

Thanks.

**\*\*Big Milestone**



## Chancellor's Holiday Wishes



I would like to share a verse that I wrote for a Christmas card several years ago. The theme of most of the verses that I write is to remind us of the reason why we celebrate this beautiful day each year.

The years always bring us the same seasons and the weather is always a topic of discussion. This year is no exception because of the dry weather we have had since the spring. And as I am writing this note on this 23rd of November the temperature is

over seventy degrees. Also, the beautiful bird called the cardinal is always with



us no matter what season. The verse begins with winter scene.

*The morning light brilliantly reflects  
The icy coat on the branches.  
This show of brilliance is soon followed by  
The buds of spring, buds of leaf and fruit.*

*The grass begins to green as the  
Crocus welcomes the longer days  
And the balmy breezes from the South  
That bring the blossoms of spring.*

*Hot, humid hay-making days of June  
Harden the grains of wheat for thrashing.  
The late summer sun bakes the gold into the corn  
And sets the orange in the pumpkin.*

*The harvest moon and the hunter's moon pass  
And yet another Christmas is upon us  
And we celebrate with family and good friends.  
And in good health we can enjoy the repast.*

*We think of you throughout the year  
Just as the cardinal visits us in all seasons.  
May our bonds be as perennial as the buckeye tree  
As the time has come again to wish you love and happiness.*

*Remember the reason for the season:*

*Yours, Bud and Terri Joos.*



## Wives' Appreciation

*Thanks to the following Knights who worked at the Wives' Appreciation Dinner:*



*Robert Snider  
John Samborsky  
Mike Welling  
Bud Joos  
Harold Egler  
Paul Seaman  
Paul Grubbs  
Larry Van Orman  
Mike Croyle  
John Trainer  
Bernie Holland  
Rick Meade  
Bob McNicol  
Charles Giametta  
Fred Barwick  
Bob Miller  
Steve Walter  
Mark Holroyd  
Edd Chinnock  
Joe Dignat  
Rick Machinski  
Tim Bowie  
Fran Vendetta*

*If any Knights worked and were left off this list, please accept our thanks and appreciation also.*

## Knights and Religion

Bob Wolf submitted the following two articles:

### Memorial Mass

The Saturday Morning Mass for November was designated as our annual Memorial Mass for our departed Brother Knights and departed wives of Brother Knights. John Morrison read a commemorative statement before the Mass for the souls of Joe Levandusky, Bob Krause, Margaret Ballanti.

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

The December 4th First Saturday Mass will be one of our corporate communions for the year.

### Catholic Men's Conference

On Saturday, November 6th, a Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Central Ohio, was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Grove City.

Steve Newman, the man who walked around the world, and Dr. Lou Jantaglia, psychiatrist, were two of the dynamic speakers that addressed the conference. The speakers stressed the importance of not giving up, even in the face of extreme adversity, and to invoke God's help to see you through troubled times.

As significant number of priests attended the conference and heard confessions during the late morning. The conference concluded with a concelebrated mass with the Pastor, Monsignor Romano, as the main celebrant.

Ten Knights from our Council attended the conference, including Fran Vendetta, Bud Joos, Carl Kipp, George Williams, Dick Peterson, Hector Raymond, Mike Welling, Joe Rossi, John Hamilton, and Bob Wolf.

## 4th Degree

The Southern Ohio District Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held April 7, 8, and 9th, 2000, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton, Ohio. All Third Degree Knights that have been Knights for at least 6 months are eligible (over 60 in the council!).

The Exemplification fee is \$65, which includes the Banquet for the Candidate. All Candidates will be responsible for obtaining their own sword and baldric. There are two types of swords — plain and etched. Lynch and Kelly offers the plain sword for \$89, and the etched sword for \$98. The English Company also offers swords. K & G in the Short North offers the service baldric for \$15.75. I will give a pair of white gloves to each council member that becomes a Fourth Degree this time.

Banquet dinners for guests are \$30. The Ladies' Brunch is \$12. Hotel rooms are \$79 per night (identify yourself as a Knight when making the reservation). The cutoff date for reservations at the Crown Plaza is March 17th, 2000. Make your reservations early. The hotel's reservation phone number is (937)224-0800.

Dress for candidates is a black tuxedo, white tuxedo shirt with lay-down collar (not the collar with little tabs). Dress for current Fourth Degree Knights: tuxedo for the Banquet, full regalia for the Exemplification. Ladies: formal dress for the Banquet, dressy casual for the Ladies' Brunch.

There will be a Mass 3:00 PM Saturday the nearby St. Joseph's Church.

More information regarding the menu and other items will be sent out after the first of the year. It may seem like a long way in the future, but it's coming quickly. Call me if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, or if you have any questions.

Charlie Giametta, 864-8414



## Around The Council

### Santa's Visit

On Sunday, December 5th, 1999, we will receive "A Visit From Santa". Story time is at 12:30 PM in Bishop Herrmann Hall, and Santa himself will arrive at 1:30 PM. The Knights will take a **free** picture of each child with Santa. Don't miss this opportunity to see the Jolly Old Elf — we hear he has a new red suit this year!



nation at the business meeting.

### Membership

We have received about two thirds of our quota for new members (we are up to 180 members), and if we keep asking and offering, we should get the number of new members we need. However, our new insurance quota is 4, and we are down 2 from last year, so we need to have 6 new insurance commitments in order to have a chance at the Star Council award. Grand Knight Fran Vendetta asks that each member consider signing up for the life insurance program.

### Monsignor Hawkins

Father Steve attended the last business meeting and spoke to the group. He mentioned that he became Monsignor because of the hard work done in the parish, and that the Knights were near the head in this respect. He thanked us for our support, and said we should be proud of our efforts.

### Council 11187 Shirts

Past Grand Knight Charlie Giametta has a new method of obtaining the K of C shirts, and expects the delivery time to be much shorter. If you would like one, please fill out the coupon on this page.

### Pasta Payoff

We received a thank-you from a local soup kitchen for our donation of leftover food from the last Pasta Dinner.

### Give the gift of Life

There will be a Bloodmobile at Bishop Herrmann Hall on December 28th, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Please stop in and give if you can.

### Insurance

Grand Knight Fran Vendetta informed us in the last business meeting that the insurance program is short on agents. If you have any interest in become an insurance agent for the Knights, contact Fran and he will get you in touch with the right folks.

### Donations Rolling Along

The Ohio Council asked us to donate \$30 to the State Bowling Association. Grand Knight Fran approved the do-

### Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest has been scheduled for Sunday, January 23rd at the Junior High School. Sign in is at 1:30; competition is 2:00-4:00 PM. Boys and girls 10-14 are eligible. See John Morrison for information.



### Financial Stuff

We made \$308 on the last Pancake Breakfast, and \$841 on the Pasta Dinner.

### Ohio Charities

Committee Chairman Rick Meade reported we sold 320 books of tickets for the Ohio Charities (our goal was 500 books). Our Council gets to keep \$793. The prize list from the drawing is on page 6 of this newsletter.

## Knights of Columbus Council 11187 Shirts

If you have been **admiring** the nifty blue shirts worn by many members of the council, then you almost **certainly** would like to order one (**or more**) for your very own. However, you have been **wandering around**, searching frantically for the store that sells them with no luck, **Look no further!** Fill in the **enclosed order form**, drop it in Past Grand Knight Charlie Giametta's Church Mailbox (with a check), and your shirt(s) will magically appear (OK, you can pick them up at a meeting).

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$28 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE: \_\_\_\_\_



Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus Charities Foundation  
1999 OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST  
"Countdown For Charity"

Prize #	Prize Description	Ticket #
Prize #1 Winner	1999 Ford Explorer SUV, Plus \$8,007 Dot Swiner, 13654 Bandy Rd., Alliance, Oh Sponsor: Francis A. Peters	FX3751
Prize #2 Winner	1999 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Plus \$7097 Angie Prickel, 416 W. Sharon Rd., Cincinnati Oh Sponsor: Ken Prickel	SJ2859
Prize #3 Winner	1999 Dodge Caravan, Plus \$7226 Molly Severns, Millersport OH Sponsor: Norbert Smithberger	KK3338
Prize #4 Winner	1999 Harley-Davidson Sportster 883, Plus \$2399 Mike Roswell, (phone # accepted Not Released) Sponsor: Bob Kline	MG5774
Prize #5 Winner	1999 Polaris 400 4x4 ATV, Plus \$2022 Ernest Fuchs, 1004 Eastwood NE, Canton, OH Sponsor: Same	KG5510
Prize #6 Winner	Home Workshop Tools M. Jakubisin, 59300 Little Kate RD., Byesville OH Sponsor: David Jakubisin	NA0983
Prize #7 Winner	Palmtop Computer Connie Gibson, 7840 Lakeshore, Mentor, OH Sponsor: R. G. Paytosh	NJ0118
Prize #8 Winner	Digital Camera Lee Ann Walton, 3740 Walton Rd., Delaware, OH Sponsor: Jim Law	HC3381
Prize # 9-10 Winner	Phantom Of The Opera, Toronto For Two Rose M. Shine, 2065 St Route 235. Xenia, OH	DD2035
Prize # 11-12 Winner	Windsor or Niagara Falls Casino For Two Robert Edie, 4803 Debbie Dr., Medina OH	NL4365
Prize # 13-16 Winner	Bulova Accutron Mens or Ladies Watch James Bregoves, 160 Greenview Dr., Aurora OH	EE0459
Winner	Patty Jackson, 2121 September Dr, Racine, WI	TG3316
Winner	Betsy Zuppa, 76 S. Main SL, Akron, OH	NA3501
Winner	LaVern J. Forthofer, 2871 Nagel Rd., Avon, OH	TU4272
Prize # 17-20 Winner	Raleigh Multi-Speed Bicycle James Surlock, 262 Ashley Briar Dr, Fairfield, OH	VW4629
Winner	Daniel Long, 2300 M. Genoa Clay Center, Genoa, OH	JA1327
Winner	Jim Lightrer	TB0371
Winner	Joe Bauer, 703 N. Sheraton, Akron, OH	SX0385
Prize # 21-25 Winner	Holiday Inn Weekend For Two R. Ragone, 7225 Meadow Lane, Parma, OH	PN0479
Winner	Larry P. Hug, R 1. 04653 Rd., Edon, OH	LK1781
Winner	Carol Smiley, 85 Steven Ave., Columbus, OH	ND5706
Winner	Kathy George, 14601 Detroit, 1120, Lakewood, OH	RC3001
Winner	Sue Gallagher, 10405 Grace Ave., Garfield Hts, OH	RA3613

Drawing of Award Winners. November 13, 1999, 10 PM

Albert F. Hickey III  
State Deputy

Roland F. Bator  
State Treasurer



# Holy Year Door Program for Knights of Columbus Families

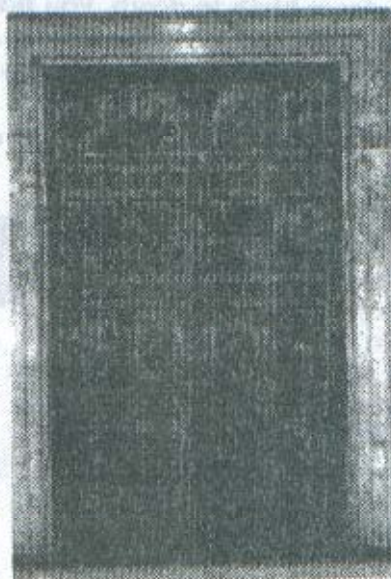
## OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST

**I**N a few short weeks, we will be privileged to share in a profound event: the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth. According to our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 is meant to be "a great prayer of praise and thanksgiving, especially for the gift of the Incarnation of the Son of God and of the Redemption which He accomplished" (*Tertio Millennio Adventente*, 32).

For several years, we as a Church and as an Order have been preparing for the Jubilee Year through our Family Hour of Prayer for the New Millennium program and our *Jubilee 2000* membership campaign.

This Advent, which begins Nov. 28, Knights of Columbus families are urged to make the "Open Wide the Doors to Christ" family prayer program printed on the next page a major part of their preparation for Christmas and the Great Jubilee.

Our prayer program takes its cue from the Holy Father, who on Christmas Eve will open the Holy Door in the Maderno Atrium of St. Peter's Basilica, newly restored by the Knights of Columbus as a gift to the universal Church in the Jubilee Year. The pope will cross the threshold of the Holy Door into the great church and thus commence the



The Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica

Great Jubilee of the Year 2000. Both the opening of the Holy Door and the Midnight Mass from St. Peter's Basilica will be telecast to a global audience thanks to the Knights of Columbus.

One of the most symbolic activities of the Holy Year will be the opening of the Holy Door on Christmas Eve and its closing on the feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6, 2001. The Holy Door is the most important door offering access to St. Peter's Basilica. Passage through the Holy Door sym-

bolizes one's passage from sin to new life in Christ.

In 1983, during a Holy Year proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, he said the Holy Door "must be a sign and symbol of the new closeness to Christ, who is man's savior." On Christmas Eve, Pope John Paul will lead the faithful into the third Christian millennium when he steps over the threshold of the door and into St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate Midnight Mass.

By partaking in this "Open Wide the Doors to Christ" program, Knights and their families will be prepared to cross the threshold of the new millennium committed to protecting and defending our Church, our country, our families and the dignity and sanctity of every human life.



## Holy Year Door Program for Knights of Columbus Families

### STEP 1 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

a. On the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28, designate a room or closet that can remain locked until Dec. 24. (If none can be spared, use a cabinet with a door.) Carefully remove the poster of the Holy Door found on pages 16-17 of the November issue of *Columbia*. The father affixes the poster to the chosen door, which now becomes the family's Holy Door for the Jubilee.

b. The family gathers near the door. The father opens the program by praying:

**"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**"Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you guide our footsteps. You bless our coming in and our going out; from birth to death, you hold us in your care.**

**"Bless this door, O Lord, which we consecrate at this time of preparation. Each time we pass this place, draw us ever more deeply into your Presence so that we may know the wonders of your love for us."**

c. Next, the mother of the family or a child places the Baby Jesus from the family Nativity creche on a pillow inside the room to be locked.

d. The mother of the family offers the following prayer:

**"Heavenly Father, we place this symbol of your unborn Son in your care. We await his birth and with it a celebration of new life, hope and peace through out the world. As we await the new millennium, we ask for your blessings on our family and on all Knights of Columbus families throughout the world. Protect this unborn child and all unborn children so that they may have a chance at life, a chance to carry your love and blessings to all they meet, following in your Son's footsteps. Amen."**

e. The father now locks the door.

### STEP 2 — DAILY/SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

a. During Advent, every time a family member passes by the door, he or she should pause and offer a Hail Mary or a brief ejaculation, such as "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us."

b. On each Sunday of Advent, a family member leads the family in a prayer in front of the Holy Door. This may be done following the lighting of the Advent wreath candle or any other suitable time.

### STEP 3 — CHRISTMAS EVE

a. On Christmas Eve, the family gathers once again around the family Holy Door. The father opens the door and offers the following prayer:

**"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**"You are the door to the Kingdom of God, the sheep gate to life eternal, O portal of eternal peace, our new and living way. Loose our sins and open for us the door to salvation.**

**"We now open wide this door to Christ and carry the Baby Jesus to his crib. Tonight we celebrate the birth of our Savior 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem. We look forward to the Jubilee Year, and we ask for your blessings, dear God, in the name of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Amen."**

b. The youngest child takes the Baby Jesus and leads the family in procession to the Nativity set and places the figurine into the crib. The family sings "Silent Night" or some other suitable Christmas hymn during the procession.

