



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEWTON COUNCIL 1704

NEWSLETTER
December 2023



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council 1704: Tuesday, December 12 @ 7 p.m. 4th Degree: Tuesday, December 19 @ 6 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lords birth." (USCCB)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE DEC. 24TH

4:00 P.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
7:00 P.M. ST. MARY'S - STE. MARIE
MIDNIGHT ST. THOMAS - NEWTON

CHRISTMAS DEC. 25TH

8:00 A.M. ST. THOMAS - NEWTON
8:00 A.M. ST. MARY'S - STE. MARIE



If you are a 4th degree honor guard member and can serve as usher at any of the Christmas Masses, contact Michael Geier at [217-493-5379](tel:217-493-5379).



During this time of Advent we often think of our Blessed Mother and the Annunciation, the shepherds, and yes even the wise men. But this year I would like to focus on Saint Joseph.

In his book "The Infancy Narratives" the third and final installment of his series "Jesus of Nazareth" Pope Benedict XVI said, "Where as the angel "came" to Mary (Lk 1:28) he merely appears to Joseph in a dream – admittedly a dream that is real and reveals what is real. Once again this shows us an essential quality of the figure of Saint Joseph: his capacity to perceive the divine and his ability to discern. Only a man who is inwardly watchful for the divine, only someone with a real sensitivity for God and his ways, can receive God's message in this way." (page 41)

During this Advent we should make the time to grow in our spiritual life. Make the time to pray, read scripture, celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, then like Saint Joseph you will set the example for your family. But don't stop there, pray as a family, celebrate the December Feasts. So that as the Prophet Isaiah says "A voice cries, in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (Isaiah 40:3), you and your family will be ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Wishing you all the Joy and Blessings of this Season!




**DECEMBER
KC CHRISTMAS STAG**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
7:00 P.M. KC HALL

MEAL BY
BRANDON SCOTT

All are Welcome!



2023 NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS NEWTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jud Cochran – December 1
Jerome Kocher – December 1
Pete Pasero – December 1
Mark Smithenry – December 1
Wayne Bergbower – December 3
Kent Benefiel – December 7
Tyler McClure – December 7
Todd Shamhart – December 10
Mark Benefiel – December 11
Michael McCreery – December 14
Francis Kaufmann – December 15
Nicholas Shamhart – December 15
David Kistner – December 16
Gerald Ochs – December 16
Thomas Rubsam – December 17
Jacob Pilman – December 19
Jeffrey Higgs – December 20
Craig Zumbahlen – December 21
Jerome Probst – December 24
Ryan Probst – December 26
Robert Keller – December 28

Glenn Frichtl – December 1
Gerald Medernach – December 1
Anthony Reis – December 1
Kevin Lidy – December 2
Brian Dhom – December 3
Jordan Hemrich – December 7
Bruce Ochs – December 9
Lucas Zuber – December 10
Justin Guenin – December 12
David Zuber – December 14
Bruce Rauch – December 15
Everett Beucherie – December 16
Ethan Marshall – December 16
Norman Bergbower – December 17
Paul Ochs – December 19
Mark Bergbower – December 20
Robert Smithenry – December 21
David Frichtl – December 22
Michael Murbarger – December 25
Tyler Weber – December 27
Jason Pitcher – December 28

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KNIGHTS!



Knights of Columbus

Newton Council #1704

Years of Service

As of 2023



72 Years – WALTER URFER

71 Years – GEORGE KIRTS



69 Years – FRANKLIN GEIER

69 Years – JEROME KOCHER

67 Years – DAVID SCHAFER

67 Years – MICHAEL SMITHENRY

66 Years – NORBERT OCHS

64 Years – DONALD ANTEY

63 Years – EDWARD SCHAFER

62 Years – TERRENCE KELLER

61 Years – ANTHONY REIS

60 Years – JAMES KOCHER

69 Years – PAUL SCHAFER

68 Years – LOUIS OCHS

67 Years – ROBERT HELREGEL

67 Years – WILLIAM WEBER

65 Years – RICHARD OCHS

63 Years – JOHN MENKE

62 Years – KENNETH MITCHELL

61 Years – FLORENT OCHS

60 Years – JOHN PROBST

60 Years – MAYNARD KAUFMANN

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.