



Knights of Columbus—Bishop Britt Council #8117

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Points of Interest:

*** Next Meeting ***
Tuesday, December 15
700pm w/1st Degree
honoring Fr. Sudlik
at St Robert
Visit our website
www.kofc8117.com

Grand Knight Report

Brother Knights,

As the celebrated holiday season unfolds upon us, my thoughts go to the many good works that our council as a Christian organization does to impact our community, family and friends. A few examples are: supporting the needs of seminarians, nuns, nursing students, community special needs programs, and the needs of our parish family. We as knights are following the example of that first family who long ago showed us how to love and serve one another.

At the November general meeting, our District Deputy Doug Kokot presented one of the highest award that a Knights of Columbus Council can receive, the Star Award. Many requirements need to be accomplished in order to be eligible. I accepted this award on your behalf, and it will be hung on the Knights' Information Center wall in St. Robert's Newminster Hall. It will always be a reminder of the tremendous work you've done this past year, and it is a special form of appreciation from the State and Supreme Knights of Columbus. Please take note of this award the next time you are

at Newminster Hall, and please accept my sincere appreciation for all your dedication and commitment to the Knights of Columbus Council 8117.

Brothers Phil Wosinski and Jay Huston were elected and have agreed to serve as trustees at our November general meeting. We appreciate their willingness to serve our council. The officers have an important role in guiding our council in doing the work that Fr. McGivney directed us to do as knights. Please keep our officers in your prayers for guidance.

May God bless you and your family abundantly during this holy season. We can be very thankful that we are living in a country in which we can celebrate Christmas and honor our Lord. Also, please remember to pray for our military who are protecting that which our great country stands for. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!

Your Grand Knight,
 Arnold C. Zueger

Chaplain's Corner

November's focus is on funerals and "All Souls"

—By Father Len Sudlik

How difficult it is to celebrate Advent properly? And how difficult it is to celebrate Christmas properly? I'm not talking about keeping the secular as opposed to the sacred, I simply mean the integrity of the seasons. Advent is those four Sundays and anywhere from twenty-two to twenty-eight days before Christmas, during which we are called to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Yet, all the Christmas Carols, parties, decorations, and gift giving take place between Thanksgiving and December 25.

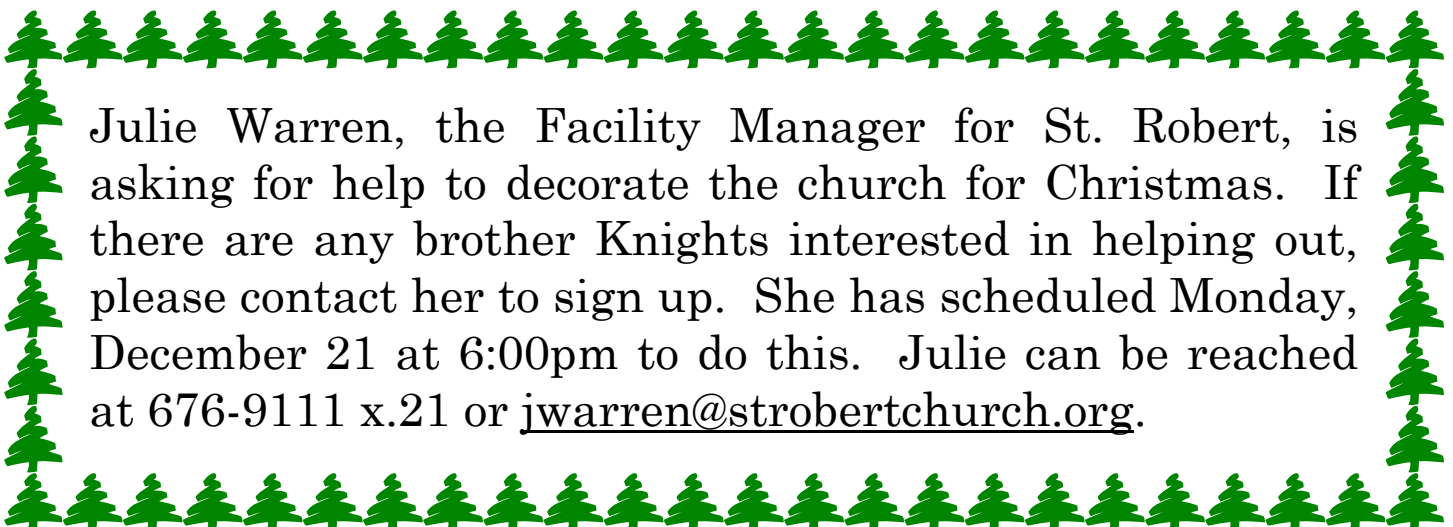
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Christmas begins on December 25 and extends through the twelve days that remember the Holy family, the Holy Innocents (think Project Rachel and Respect for Life), the Epiphany and even beyond to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Yet, Christmas trees come down the day after Christmas and you can't find a single Christmas Carol playing on

December 26.

Our redemption is found in the fact that we really don't celebrate history, we celebrate mystery. The history of Jesus' coming has already happened once and for all. Liturgically, we celebrate the mystery of that coming and his continued presence in our lives. So don't worry too much about separating Advent and Christmas. Just make sure each season has some of each dimension. During Advent, be sure to ready your hearts amidst all the business of the season. Take a moment for quiet prayer. Find time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Open your hearts in expectation.

And when Christmas is over on December 26 and everyone else has moved on, keep humming or whistling Joy to the World!

 Julie Warren, the Facility Manager for St. Robert, is asking for help to decorate the church for Christmas. If there are any brother Knights interested in helping out, please contact her to sign up. She has scheduled Monday, December 21 at 6:00pm to do this. Julie can be reached at 676-9111 x.21 or jwarren@strobertychurch.org.

THE FRATERNAL BENEFITS REPRESENTATIVE’S CONCERN

By J. Michael Taylor, Field Agent

The need for long-term care insurance is clearly increasing, as our nation’s population ages and the cost of care increases. But what is long-term care insurance, exactly?

It’s certainly not as straightforward as, say, life insurance or auto insurance.

I’d like to share some information with you about what these policies cover, and the multiple options offered in Knights of Columbus Care that allow you to tailor the coverage to your needs.

But first, I’d like you to know these two things right now:

- ❶ The expenses covered by long-term care insurance are not generally covered by government programs, except in the case of extreme poverty.
- ❷ The earlier you buy long-term care insurance, the less you’re likely to pay in total premiums over your lifetime. Long-term care insurance not only helps safeguard your quality of life, it safeguards the net worth you’re able to pass along to future generations. If you haven’t discussed this matter with your family yet, it’s time to do that. Then, let’s talk.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, I can help. I’m at 356-1186 or james.taylor @ kofc.org - Call me – let’s talk.

James Michael Taylor - -“MIKE”



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Are you sick of being politically correct by saying “Happy Holidays” and reading about cities removing nativity scenes?

Proudly display these beautiful yard signs we are selling that reminds people of the meaning of the season and shows off your faith.

They are only \$5.00, while they last. See an officer or pick one up at Donut Sunday (December 13) or at the Membership meeting (December 15).

Knight of the Month

Family of the Month

October

Gregory A. Apel

**The Curtis Rowe Family,
wife Margie**

**Knights of Columbus
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St Robert of Newminster
and
St Thomas the Apostle

IMPORTANT DATES

December 13: Donut
Sunday at St. Robert

**December 15: First
Degree 7pm;** General
Membership Mtg, 7:30pm;
St. Robert.

January 3 Monthly Rosary
at St. Robert, Chapel,
10:30am

January 10: Donut Sunday
at St. Robert

January 12: Officer's
Meeting, St. Robert,
6:30pm

January 19: General
Membership Mtg, St.
Robert, 7:30pm

January 24: Pancake
Breakfast, St. Robert, time
TBA

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