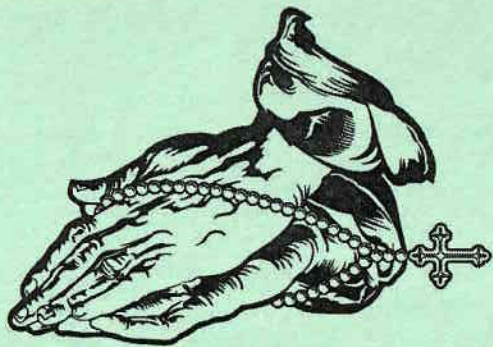


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*December 2020*

Men's Meeting:  
Dec. 15th, Jan. 5th, 19th

DRIVE UP SANTA  
Dec. 12th., 11:00 - 12:30

BLOOD DRIVE  
Jan. 7th., 2:00 - 7:00

1st - 3rd DEGREE  
Jan. 21st, 6:00 pm

*visit us at: [kc1709.org](http://kc1709.org)*

**BINGO CANCELLED**

# *Grand Knight Report*

Hello All,

While still in the grips of this nasty pandemic, life at the council still goes on. Bingo has been canceled due to safety concern, but meetings and some small events are still being held on schedule with all safety protocols in place. It's been a very rough year for a lot of people, but lets keep the faith and hope for better days ahead. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Health and Happiness  
Grand Knight, Michael Kaplanek

## ***BINGO IS CANCELED!***

Bingo has been canceled until further notice.

***NO PACKER GAMES  
AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE***

***ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED***

## **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

The journey to Christmas!

All of us are familiar with a Milwaukee tradition, Candy Cane Lane. For the past years, whenever there is a newcomer, I try to bring him to the most traditional places that Milwaukee has to offer. It goes from Candy Cane Lane to Miller Brewery, and everything in between. There are so many reasons to love Milwaukee, and there are so many things to see and enjoy in Milwaukee. We can also complain about many things, but the truth is that the metro area has a rich past and, hopefully, a rich future. Of course, that rich future depends on our participation in order to build it. To achieve that, we must be people with an explorer and adventurer spirit. We must be people of hope. To my mind comes Pere Marquette, a great icon for Milwaukeeans, who in the hope of discovering, and evangelizing, trailed most of the water ways of the State. As he searched for new discoveries he hoped for the salvation of souls. He was a man of hope. He endured all his sufferings and trails just to be able to accomplish his mission.

In the same way Saint Paul reminds us: "Knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." We are called to be people of hope, and our first week of the Advent season calls us to watch and wait, it calls us to look at the fulfillment of the promises of God. He is going to send us a Savior who will make the crooked paths straight and level all that is uneven. God becomes man for our sake! He becomes one like us, to make us partakers of His life. It is then, in this certainty, that we watch and wait, as we try our best to cooperate with God's grace. We ask, then, through this season, that we may be filled with hope and faith, so that our active waiting may bring us to the fulfillment of the love of God. We pray that we may be heralds of the good news of salvation as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

May you become a blessing to others!  
Fr. Alejandro, s.x.

## Ladies Auxiliary December 2020 Updates



The Holiday Season is here! Let us give thanks for what we have and count all of our blessings, big or small this year. I know this year has been very trying, but we can get through this by being grateful to God for what he has given us. May your holidays be Happy, Merry, Bright, Healthy and Safe!

The following ladies will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of December. Let's wish them a very "Happy Birthday".

Kris Pluskota

December 25<sup>th</sup>



Don't forget our "Drive Up with Santa" on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 -12:30. Please let me know how many children will be in your car. **PLEASE NOTE** the email address was incorrect on our flyer, please respond to "kc1709ladies@gmail.com, or text me at 414-322-8481 by December 5th.

We are in need of new members for our Ladies Auxiliary, so if there are any ladies that are reading this bulletin and would like to become a member, please contact me. I can be reached at 414-481-5028. If I am not available, please leave me a message and I will get back to you. Our Auxiliary meets monthly except for January, February, July and August. Our meetings start at 7:00 pm and normally last about 60-90 minutes.

We are also in need of Bingo Kitchen Workers. Please consider helping! If you have two or so hours on a Monday, once a month, please let me know. We are in desperate need of workers for our Bingo Kitchen for 2021. You can contact me at 414-481-5028 for specifics. We are going to make a change for 2021 and only be open from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. We have found over the last several months, that we do not sell enough after the 6:00 time to stay open any longer than that. So even if you play bingo every Monday, this might be an opportunity for you to help us out. Please consider!

We are also in need of a Secretary for our Auxiliary in 2021. If you are interested, please let me know.

Please keep the following Ladies Auxiliary Members in your prayers, Alice Berezinski, Marge Hauke, DeeDee Stopla, Pam Bloom's daughter-in-law, Carol Peterson's husband, Nels, Audrey Janiga and for her daughter, Donna.

**Merry Christmas! God Bless, stay healthy and prayers for a safe, healthy & normal New Year!**  
Diane Fritsch, Ladies Auxiliary President

## Santa is coming to the Knights of Columbus in South Milwaukee



Santa has not forgotten about all of the children during this very trying year and he contacted us and said he would love to come and see them. Please join us on:

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus  
732 Badger Avenue, in South Milwaukee

In order for everyone to be safe, Santa has requested a "DRIVE UP ONLY" line, where he will greet each vehicle, provide the children in the vehicle with a bag of special treats and will gladly take their letters that they have written to him.

In order to make sure Santa has enough for every child, we are asking for an RSVP no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. You can RSVP by emailing the number of children that will be in your vehicle to [kc1709ladies@gmail.com](mailto:kc1709ladies@gmail.com) or texting Diane Fritsch at 414-322-8481. Again, all responses need to be received by December 5<sup>th</sup> in order to make sure Santa has something for every child.

If you would like a template for a letter for Santa, please also include that in your email or text and I will forward it to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Fritsch at 414-481-5028 or via text at 414-322-8481.

# December 2020

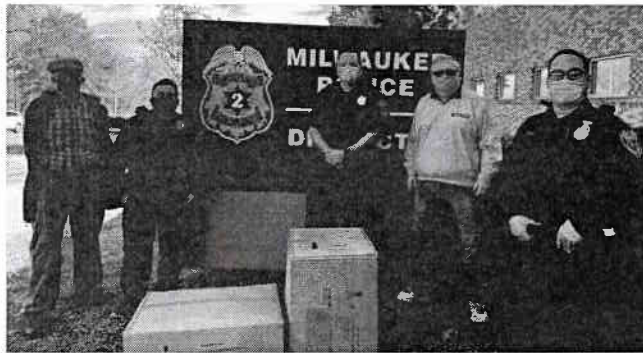
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Ladies Aux. Meeting Men's Meeting (Manger Lighting)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12 Drive Up Santa 11:00 – 12:30 RSVP 414-322-8481
13	14	15 7:00 Men's Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21 Start of Winter (Winter Solstice)	22 7:00 Officers / TCI Meeting	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 7:00 Men's Meeting NO Ladies	6	7 Blood Drive 2-7 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr.	19 7:00 Men's Meeting	20 Inauguration Day	21 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree 6 pm	22	23
24	25	26 7:00 Officers / TCI Meeting	27	28	29	30
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Knights of Columbus, Council 1709 donated coats, hats and scarves to Milwaukee Police Dept.

**Pray For The Souls Of Our Faithfully Departed:**

Carol Miller, Mother of Brother Knights Butch (PGK) and Scott, Christine Knaus, former employee and wife of former hall manager Jerry, Dawn Theisen, Brother Jeff Klinkowitz's sister in law, Lee Bloom, Tony's Father, Jerry VanEimeren, Jeffery John Trapp, Connie Trapp's son and Dayle Kordylas' Aunt Geraldine Brother Tim Wendt's Mother, Doris Wendt, Connie's Wife Angeline "Margo" Thil, LeRoy Schissel, Fr. Aniello, sx.

Thursday  
January

**7**

2 PM - 6:30 PM

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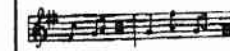
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