

# Knights of Columbus Newsletter

Fr. August Zeller Council #4118, Wichita, KS

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## Grand Knight's Report—Thomas Mayhill



### Proudly Serving the West Wichita Parishes of:

- St. Joseph
- Christ the King
- St. Francis of Assisi
- St. Catherine of Siena

### Prayer Requests:

- 1) **Bud Hentzen - Re-  
pose of his soul**
- 2) **Vi Schuckman -  
comfort and healing;  
broken rt. arm**
- 3) **Dick Warren - com-  
fort and healing; re-  
covering - pneumo-  
nia**
- 4) **Jim Monroe - com-  
fort and healing; dur-  
ing chemotherapy**
- 5) **Our Chaplain and  
all priests and reli-  
gious; for strength  
and grace**
- 6) **Lois Soward\*\***
- 7) **Emily Riggs\*\***
- 8) **Glenn Goodwin\***
- 9) **Ralph Butler\***
- 10) **Special Intentions**

\*special request, tmm

\*\*expecting wives of  
brother Knights.

**Earlier this month** I had lunch with the gracious members of Harvest House. We shared great fellowship and a wonderful luncheon in Clara Hall. We also watched a video movie, appropriate for the times, titled: **The Nativity Story**. It was a really complete and well done story of the Nativity.

What I found most interesting was the **portrayal of Mary**. And it gave me cause for thought about her and who she was as a person and her obedience to the Father. And as I thought more about Mary, I began to reflect upon **what it is that God wants from His people**. You may have already come up with your own answers but certainly we would all agree that **He desires our love and obedience and that we love our neighbor**.

**How do you demonstrate your obedience to the Father and how do you demonstrate your love for Him?** Your responses may vary but probably include those behaviors that make us practical catholic men like helping support the church and attending Mass weekly (the precepts of the Church). What about **increasing the joy and blessings you'll receive** by attending **two or three additional** times each week. You will be amazed at the joy this gives the Father and the increase in blessings that He will bestow upon you as you spend more time with Him and by doing Christ's work. Maybe you could help with one or two charitable projects at the Church or by helping with the Knights of Columbus charitable projects. Even **attending the monthly meetings and participating in the Council activities will strengthen your relationship with other Christ-centered men**. All of which gives the Father great joy knowing that these men are doing His work and sharing together in those activities helps you **strengthen your relationship with the Father**.

Mary was a very normal loving caring person...as we are, but **she caught the Father's attention by her love and obedience to her God**. What a wonderful and beautiful person to be the mother of our Christ. **What can we do in our lives to be more like Mary and Joseph?** Consider in your prayers making this one of your petitions: **"Father, fill my heart with the love and compassion that Mary and Joseph had for Christ. Let my life be a reflection of their obedience and love for you."** Weekly and daily commit yourself to becoming more Christ-like. There are many of our Knights who are truly walking this part of their faith journey. **I pray that each of you will examine their own conscience and make a more concerted effort to become one of those special persons that the Father is watching for who are unique and loving in their relationship with the Father as were Mary and Joseph**.

I want to share with you that the Knights of Columbus Council 4118 Christmas Tree Lot was an **AMAZING SUCCESS!!!** I give much of the credit to a handful of brother Knights **lead by Nathan Buche**. Several of these Knights worked multiple shifts braving some really wintery afternoons and nights with frequent electrical outages due to faulty breakers. The Home Association will be asked to correct this issue. It is important, whether we have the Christmas Tree Lot again or a Car Show, that the lighting and electrical power be available.

**The Children's Christmas Party** was a success even with only 45-50 children in attendance. The kids had a great time with Mr. and Mrs. Claus and the elves. It was enjoyable seeing their interaction with the children. The clean up crew, of one person, finished at 6:30 and Leon Schmidt reports that an outstanding job was done cleaning the kitchen, mopping the floors and sweeping the carpets. The room was even set up for the next regular Membership Meeting.

Thank you to the one person who cared enough to see that it was done and done well.

In the month ahead please mark Sunday, **January 29, 2012** as a family event in support of our Council as the Blue Knights will be challenging the Padres in the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual **Basketball Classic for Vocations**. The south doors known as **Entrance 4** will open at 5:30 pm with tip-off at 6:30. Suggested donation for adults will be \$5, kids (K-12) will be \$2.50 and a Family Pass will be \$15.00. Your past generosity and support has helped raise over \$35,000 to support our Council's vocations programs. (Continued pg. 2)

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The printed edition of our Newsletter must now be limited in size due to the continued increase in publication expenses. The full 'expanded' version will be published to the KOC 4118 website. I am seeking additional media to keep you informed about the Council and our future events as we serve the community and Church. Please follow us on the web. Become actively involved in our growth.

## Calendar of Events

### DECEMBER:

**12/2: Grand Knight's Christmas Party, Meal 6pm** ( Entrée provided, please bring side dishes...veggie, salads and desserts. We'll decorate the Hall and sack goodies for the Children's Christmas Party (see below). This is a fun time for our knights and their ladies.

**12/11: Children's Christmas Party...Family activity...Lot of Fun with Santa as he tell stories, snacks and drinks provided.**

**12/27 Knights of Columbus / Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE in parking lot. Give the give of life on Tuesday between Noon and 6 pm. This year be one of the 48 donors needed to help meet the Holiday Shortage.**

### JANUARY:

**1/1: Solemnity of Mary, HDO**

**1/2: Officers Meeting 7 pm**

**1/4: Lord's Diner**

**1/9: Home Assoc. Meeting 7 pm**

**1/11: Home Assoc Qrtly Meeting**

**1/16: Retirees Monthly Mtg 12:30**

**1/16: Membership Meeting 7 pm**

**1/23: Family Home Assoc. bus mtg and election of officers 6 pm**

**1/27: Membership Apprec. Party 6 pm**

**1/29: Knights vs Padres 25th Annual Basketball Classic at BCHS 5:30 pm**

**Nathan Buche - chosen December 2011 Knight of the Month**

**Dr. Ron and Dorothy Helten - chosen December 2011 Family of the Month**

See the articles about our brothers and their activities in their Parishes and in our Council in the digital version of the Newsletter sent to the membership and posted on the Council Website at [www.kofc4118.org](http://www.kofc4118.org). **Thanks for your leadership and service.**

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**Leon Keiter** is managing a new project that Council 4118 will initiate early in 2012. The project has not officially been named so I'll just refer to it as "**An Evening With The Retired Priests.**" The Retired priests have given so graciously serving, teaching and pasturing to us over the years that we wanted to express our appreciation by serving them a catered dinner and spending time enjoying their company. Leon has done a wonderful job working out all the details. In developing this idea it was important to involve other Councils and brother Knights so that all of the area councils have an opportunity to participate. So, "**An Evening With The Retired Priests**" will be rotated among the Councils before returning to Council 4118. When it returns other members of the Council will have the opportunity to participate.

And finally, **what does COMMITMENT mean to you?** "Times" have changed and we have families with kids playing sports and school activities. But, give careful thought and consideration to **what it means to be a knight.** Share with your brother knights who are making a commitment to our Council and to doing **charitable work for Christ through the Council?** Don't be a stranger now or at some point in the future when you might be asked: "**Who are you?**"

**COMMITMENT:** The commitment of our treasures goes beyond giving money to the work of the Lord. It also includes giving Him our time and talents and making Him first priority in our lives. "*But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you*" (Luke 12:31). The decision of choosing which master to follow is one that all Christians must make daily. For this reason, Christ must be not only Savior but also the Lord of our lives.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Thomas  
Remember to pray for our Priests and religious.*