

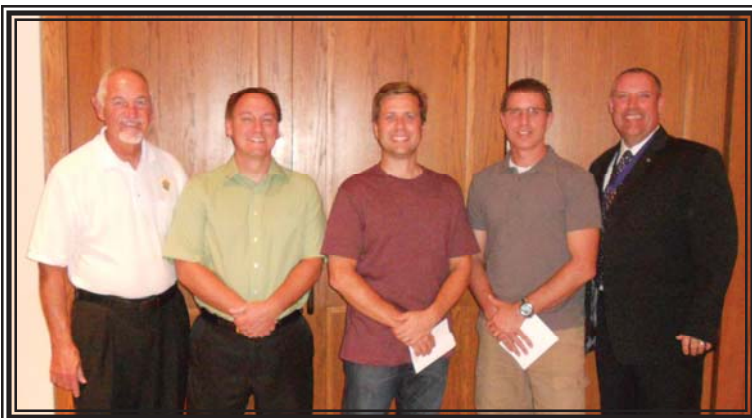


# THE HOLMEN KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

**FATHER JOHN ROSSITER COUNCIL #9385**

**HOLMEN, WISCONSIN**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Council #9385 welcomed in three new members at the October meeting. Pictured above flanked by District Deputy Al Schelfhout and Grand Knight Joe LaMere are new 1st Degree members: Matt Engleth, Anthony Villare and William Arnold.

## *Requiescat in pace* **LEONARD COOPER**



HOLMEN — Leonard G. Cooper, 76, of Holmen died on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011.

Leonard was a Charter Member of the Holmen Knights of Columbus joining the Father John Rossiter Council #9385 on August 1, 1986. He was a 3rd Degree Member.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; three children, Robert (Cathleen) Cooper of La Crosse, Kathleen (Robert) Martin of Holmen, and Larry Cooper of Independence; twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; an uncle, and two nephews.

A Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Holmen. A Rosary was recited Sunday at 4 p.m.



*God of faithfulness, in Your wisdom You have called Your servant Leonard out of this world; release him from the bonds of sin, and welcome him into Your Presence, so that he may enjoy eternal light and peace and be raised up in glory with all Your saints. Amen.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPORTS MEMORABILIA WINNERS

- 1<sup>ST</sup> Prize - Green Bay Packers Football—  
Pat McGuire – West Salem
- 2<sup>ND</sup> Prize – Ryan Braun Baseball—  
Dan McHugh – Holmen
- 3<sup>RD</sup> Prize – Zack Greinke Baseball  
Clarence Stellner – Onalaska
- 4<sup>TH</sup> Prize – Jack Del Rio Autographed Football  
Lyle Antony – Holmen



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A person's a person  
no matter how small  
Dr Seuss

## Knights of Columbus

What season is it in heaven? Springtime, perhaps? The time of new life, growth, refreshment and renewal. Or maybe heaven is a perpetual summer—bright and beautiful, radiant with goodness and peace. St. John Damascene, who poses the question, suggests that in heaven it is always autumn—the time of harvest and the great gathering in of God’s saints. Beginning with All Saints and All Souls and continuing through the month of November we are reminded of the intimate connection we have with Christ and with those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We are one church-- those of us who are pilgrims here on earth, those who are being purified and the blessed in heaven. We are one church, one family. Just as we pray for the living so too we pray for the dead, and our beloved dead pray also for us.

I remember as a child gathering at table. My parents were there and my four brothers. My grandfathers had died before or shortly after I was born but both of my grandmothers were there. At the end of the meal one of my grandmothers said, “I am so happy. I couldn’t be any happier until the day all of us are together in heaven.”

That is the longing that inspires our prayer this month as one church we pray for and with one another. Our longing is the result of love, and love is what God’s harvest is all about.

This month please keep in your prayer all the former Knights of our parish. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

May the Lord be with you always.

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*Grateful for each hand we hold Gathered round this table. From far and near we travel home, Blessed that we are able. Grateful for this sheltered place With light in every window, Saying "welcome, welcome Share this feast Come in away from sorrow." Father, mother, daughter, son, Neighbor, friend and friendless; All together everyone In the gift of loving-kindness. Grateful for what's understood, And all that is forgiven; We try so hard to be good, To lead a life worth living. Father, mother, daughter, son, Neighbor, friend, and friendless; All together everyone Let grateful days be endless. Grateful for each hand we hold Gathered round this table.      Mary Chapin Carpenter*

**HOLMEN KNIGHTS  
of COLUMBUS**

Monthly meeting schedule : Officers meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the PIZZA CORRAL on Hwy 53. Regular Council meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Church in the gathering space at entrance of church. All Knights of Columbus members in good standing are invited to attend all regular meetings and officers meetings.

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## GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT



Dear Brother Knights,

As we come in to the month of November, we all start looking at all the things that we need to get done by year's end. We look at our calendars, plan our parties, family time, travel, and menus. The holidays are approaching fast: Thanksgiving, holiday parties, Christmas and even for some us "The great whitetail hunt". But I ask you my Brother Knights, please take time this month to thank God for all our blessings and pray for those who maybe struggling with their health, personal addiction, finances or other problems.

lems.

I would like to take time myself to thank each and everyone of you that have helped the council grow this year. At our Officers' meeting, we began the process of next years budget planning. Wow, every year, we, as a council, do unbelievable things and this year is no exception. In the past month alone, we have had our Brother Knights working on projects such as the "40 Days of Life", Sports Memorabilia Raffle, Bingo at the VA Hospital, getting ready for setting up our Nativity scene, as well as helping out with Church needs.

As we enter this time of year, please remember our work is not done. We are looking for assistance with the Church Bazaar, helping with our Rotary Lights Programming (parade, tree decorating, and traffic control/food collection), and our Christmas program - highlighted by the lighting of our Nativity Scene and trees out side of Church. I invite all our Brother Knights to our next General Meeting on November 13th at 7:00 pm in the Church gathering area. We will be finalizing our budget and looking at our current and new projects for 2012. Your input in very important to the success of the our Council.

Please put these dates on your calendar:

- \* November 13 General Meeting 7:00 pm in the gathering area at Church
- \* November 25 Rotary Lights Parade
- \* December 3 Christmas Program at Church following the 5:00 pm Mass
- \* December 19 Traffic Control/Food Collection at Rotary

Lights

I would like to wish all my Brother Knights and Families a very Blessed, Safe ,and Enjoyable Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe La Mere, GK



And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me. *Lee Greenwood*



The Holmen Knights of Columbus wish to offer or deepest sympathies to the family of Irene Schaller who passed away Monday, Oct. 3, 2011. She and her husband were charter members of St. Patrick Church, Onalaska in 1949 and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Holmen in 1983. Her sons Thomas, Joseph, and Father Bob and son-in-law Ron Bertelsen are members of Council #9385.

She is survived by four daughters, Joan Schaller of Onalaska, Judith McHugh and Janet (Ron) Bertelsen of Holmen and Joyce (Jeffrey) Tabbert of Brandon, S.D.; seven sons, Thomas, Barry (Susan), Richard (Susan), and John (Barbara) of Onalaska, Joseph (Susan) and Father Robert Schaller of La Crosse, and Jacob (Marlitt) of Barranquilla, Colombia; and son-in-law, James Engeliien of Brandon, S.D. She is further survived by 45 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Irvin, Floyd, Bernard and Roland (Patricia) Kriesel; and sister, Phyllis Hazler; sisters-in-law, LaVonne Kriesel and Ann Schaller and many nieces and nephews.

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Fri. Nov 11.....Veteran's Day  
Sat. Nov. 12.....St. Elizabeth's FALL HARVEST BAZAAR 9 am to 2 pm  
Sun. Nov 13.....regular Council meeting / 7 pm at St. Elizabeth's  
Sat. Nov. 19.....opening day Wis. Gun deer season  
Thurs. Nov 24.....THANKSGIVING DAY / Mass at 9 am  
Fri. Nov. 25.....Rotary Lights Parade in La Crosse  
Sun. Nov. 27.....1st Sunday of Advent / start of the *new* translation of the Roman Missal  
Sat. Dec. 3.....KC Christmas program following the 5 pm Mass at St. Elizabeth's /  
There will be no regular council meeting in December  
Tues. Dec 6.....Feast of Saint Nicholas  
Thurs. Dec 8.....Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION / holy day of obligation  
Mon. Dec 12.....Feast of Our Lacy of Guadalupe  
Sun. Dec. 25.....CHRISTMAS DAY  
Sun. Jan.1, 2012.....NEW YEAR'S DAY  
Sun. Jan. 8, 2012.....regular meeting of the Father John Rossiter Council #9385 Holmen, Wisconsin  
Sun. May 19, 2012.....4th Degree Exemplification to be held in Onalaska, WI \* ( join up with GD )

### CONGRATULATIONS :

### COUNCIL AWARDS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

KNIGHT OF THE  
MONTH for  
OCTOBER:



**Knight of the Month:**  
Congratulations to Grand  
Knight Joe La Mere for his

very successful Sports Charity Raffle -  
there were many brother knights hoping they  
held a winning ticket! Well done Joe!

#### FAMILY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER:

Congratulations and "Thank you" to Matthew  
and Fabiana Berns, and their children Alessan-  
dro, Tommasco, Guilia, and Gabriele, for the  
sights, the sounds and food of Italy at the Italian  
Dinner Night. It was a memorable evening en-  
joyed by all! Complimenti!

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING !

How did Albert Einstein celebrate Thanksgiving? He was  
very thankful.

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?  
If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

How many cooks does it take to stuff a turkey? One, but you  
really have to squeeze him in!

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery  
store, but couldn't find one big enough for her family. She  
asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The  
stock boy answered, "No ma'am, they're dead."

What does a Pilgrim call his best friend? A palgrim.

Why can't you take a turkey to church? Because they use  
such FOWL language.

What kind of music did the Pilgrims like? Plymouth Rock.  
If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers  
bring? Pilgrims and furniture.

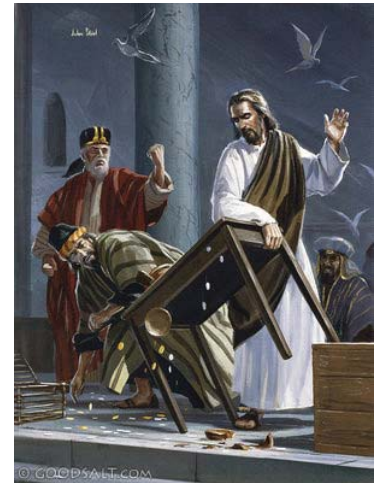
#### THANKSGIVING

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, for love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



# “You will have just scales, just weights” (Leviticus 19:36)



Today, the political landscape is ripe with anxiety and the wounds from the conflicts of ideas are deep. We have the Tea Party on the right and the Occupy Wall Street movement on the left. Disparate as they seem, they are alike just the same; incensed that man has lost precedence to the state and markets, violations of Catholic social doctrine.

The Tea Party is in response to the breach of the principle of subsidiarity, which calls for decision-making at the most local level of governance; higher levels of governance should support the lower levels of governance, “harmonizing the relationships between individuals and societies.” (CCC 1885) Tip O’Neil understood it when he quipped, “All politics is local.” Both the US and EU Constitutions are in the spirit of Subsidiarity, with the limiting of Federal powers. An example of this principle’s infringement is in the number of prosecutable US federal laws affecting an individual. In 1970, there were 50 criminal offences, which could subject an individual to persecution. Today we have over 4,500. The most alarming being many of those offences, waive the standard of “Mens Rea”; no longer, do prosecutors need to establish a willful and criminal intent for a conviction.

The Occupy Wall Street movement at its core is a response to the increasing concentration of wealth, the use of that wealth for the self-interest of the holder, violating the principle of solidarity. Through the principle of solidarity, each person has the right to own of property, to earn wealth, and “a more just order” (CCC: 1940). In a recent Wall Street Journal article it was noted that the six largest banks post bailout, “having been encouraged to snap of competitors at bargain prices, these banks now have assets worth over 66% of gross domestic product—at least \$9.4 trillion, up from 20% of GDP in the 1990s.” Causing one to ponder the reasonableness of G.K. Chesterton’s, “The problem with capitalism is there are too few capitalists.”



How are we to start restoring our governments and markets so that they serve humanity rather than humanity being in servitude? It starts with us, as men of faith, leading with prayer and reflection, which deepens our acceptance that our talent, time, and treasure are gifts from God. It is in our wanting to be aligned perfectly to God’s will. It is through our virtuous works, when we distribute our gifts that we find our mutuality, the binding commonality, which unites and heal us. It is our acts of charity that builds a just society and fulfills the commandment, “You must love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:39).

**Jeff Reiter, DGK**

*Sun. May 19, 2012.....4th Degree Exemplification to be held in Onalaska, WI  
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A photo of a pumpkin carving  
of Jesus in Mary's womb.

By:

Jennifer Fisk



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The Knights could not do our , KornFest Fun Run, Appreciation Banquets, Newsletters, youth contests, scholarships, "Super Bowl breakfast and charity fundraisers without the help of our sponsors. We also want to take the time to say **THANK YOU** to all of our supporters and volunteers that make these programs work. And last, but certainly not least, **THANK YOU** to all of our brother Knights and their families for all you do for the KC's all through the year !

**Mark it down ! HOLMEN KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
highlighted by the lighting of our Nativity  
Scene and trees out side of Church following  
the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 3rd.**

**The Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign** ended on Sunday, November 6th. As of Monday, November 7th, 540 babies had been confirmed saved through 40 Days for Life prayer vigils across the country and around the world. We are very grateful for the presence of several Knights and their families throughout the 40 day campaign, and especially want to thank the Knights who came out for the "Knights' night" on October 20th. We did have a stronger showing than last year and it was very good to see many Knights wearing the Knights' insignia, bearing witness to the Knights of Columbus being a pro-life organization.

There was a "halfway rally" on day 20 of the campaign with over 40 people showing up to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet (again, several Knights from the area were there). The 40 day campaign concluded with a soup supper at Blessed Sacrament during which participants were able to share stories of their experiences "on the corner." Most experiences were positive with many honks and waves in support of our efforts. Several employees from Gundersen made it a point to thank vigil participants for their presence and many people passing by were given literature and information on pro-life, pregnancy and post-abortive healing support available in the area.

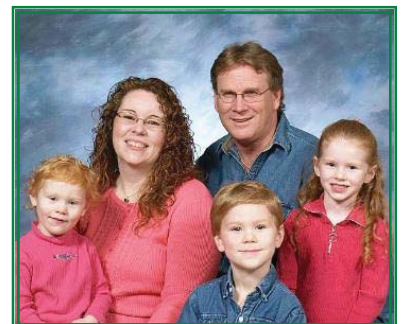
Although this 40 day campaign has ended, the fight for life is far from over. As long as any human life is threatened, whether it be because they have not yet been born, have a "defect," are seriously ill or aged, or are seen as a "burden," we must continue to work to increase the respect for the dignity of all human life. We leave you with the following message from Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston delivered during the 129th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Denver August 2-4 of this year.

"May I propose an invigorating dedication to the human person, most especially to those persons most vulnerable. In the current climate the attack on the human person still focuses on the beginnings and end of human personal life, the stages of greatest vulnerability. The Annunciation scene manifests the astounding act of the Eternal Word being conceived in the womb of his mother. It puts an exclamation point on the reality of every human being made in the image and likeness of God.

"Certainly, we must be mindful of the poor and weak, the stranger and immigrant and those who have wandered away from the Father's embrace. Above all, though, we Knights must be mindful of the unborn, whose fragile and delicate beginnings the Savior himself accepted in becoming man. The first and last stages of life, where the newly conceived may not yet have a name and the seriously ill and elderly may have forgotten their name, are most crucial."

On behalf of all of our unborn brothers and sisters (and future Knights) God Bless you,

Paul and Jennifer Fisk,  
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*At the October 17 meeting the motion was made and approved to change our Assembly meeting night to the 3rd Thursday Monthly, beginning in November. Meetings are held at St. Patrick's in Onalaska unless other plans are made.*

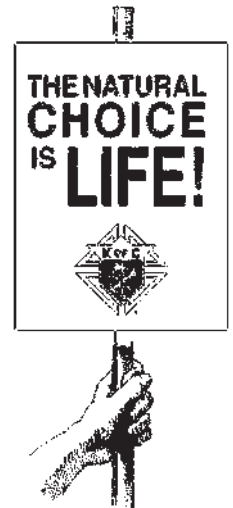
Brother Knights take a few moments to consider taking the final step in Knighthood that of the 4th degree in the Knights of Columbus. A 4th degree exemplification will be held May 19th 2012 in Onalaska and all 3rd degree brother Knights are asked to seriously consider advancing to the patriotic degree in Knighthood. Contact any 4th degree Sir Knight or you can e-mail me at [henrymaryellens@centurytel.net](mailto:henrymaryellens@centurytel.net) for more information.

Henry Schultz



### IN REMEMBRANCE

On Saturday, November 6th, the Town of Holland dedicated the playground just north of New Amsterdam on County Road XX as the **GEORGE HAMMES MEMORIAL PARK**. George died one year ago on November 7, 2010. He was a member of Council #9385, a Past Grand Knight and a 4th Degree member of the Bishop Schwebach Assembly. George and Bonnie's son Jeff is a member of Council #9385.





**Paul Anthony Oestreicher**  
 Branch: Army Rank: Specialist Forth Class / E4  
 Regiment: 18th Infantry Casualty Date: 06-Oct-67

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."  
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Tom Ryan	18-Nov
Brenner Bertelsen	26-Nov
Eric Wink	2-Dec
Joseph Anonie	3-Dec
Mike Paremski	3-Dec

(please notify editor  
if we missed your name.)

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...*

Jeremiah 1:5



**Jason Dummer with  
Grand Knight Joe LaMere**



**Vickie Trailer**

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**Do you have coverage?** Did you know that about 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance? The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don't change from survey to survey. First, let's look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association in 2010).

Why people don't buy life insurance:

- 74% list "can't afford the coverage" as a major reason they don't buy.
- 52% say a major reason is that they "can't decide what to buy."
- 50% agree it is a good idea but "put it off until tomorrow."
- 43% worry about "making the wrong decision."

Let's examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget. It is in no one's best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent (like me and other Knights of Columbus agents) goes through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40-year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day.

If a client can't decide what to buy, I will conduct a needs analysis, which helps identify goals and objectives while considering your budget, at no cost. We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and I recommend against that. You get older and premiums go up, and you run the very real risk that your health can change. A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to be denied coverage all together. Delay can be disaster.

For those who worry about "making the wrong decision?" Well, I can help. You can trust me. I know what to look for and what to recommend. A conversation with me can help erase your doubt.

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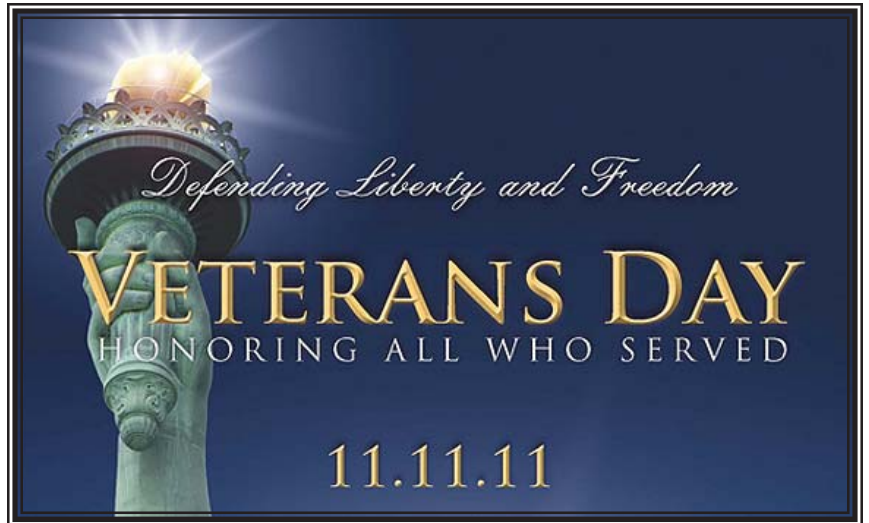
## HOLMEN KNIGHTS NEWSLETTER

# NOVEMBER 2011



**Meeting  
Notice!**

THE REGULAR COUNCIL  
MEETING FOR THE *HOLMEN  
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS*  
will be held on *SUNDAY,*  
*NOVEMBER 13, 2011* at  
*St. Elizabeth's Church*  
at 7:00 P.M.



### **BLESSED HARVEST BAZAAR**

Saturday, November 12,  
9 am until 2 pm  
At St. Elizabeth's Church  
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**TO ALL THOSE WHO  
HAVE SERVED OUR  
COUNTRY...**

# **THANK YOU !**