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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Welcome to 2020.

2019 has been another busy year for CLC. CLC's first Annual meeting was held in October. As we reviewed the comments from the surveys; we can say the meeting was a success. There were some negative comments but for the most part attendees were happy with the meeting. 2020's annual meeting will be held October 10, 2020 at the Robert's Centre in Wilmington, Ohio. We will try to change the venue and location of the meeting each year so members in different areas will have a better opportunity to attend. Please save the date. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Board and I are thankful for the cooperation that we have received from CLC members and the Home Office Staff. CLC is fortunate to have such a good team in place that works well together. It makes all of our jobs easier with the good communication and effort to work together for a common goal.

Working with the Board, committees and home office staff, CLC continues to update and add to our manuals and procedures that are needed to keep current with the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure statement required by the Ohio Department of Insurance. We have several new policies in force and continue to improve our way of doing business. Corporate Governance is important for CLC to continue to grow and succeed. Thank-you to all of the people that have helped with this process.

Remember to reward yourselves on your 2019 accomplishments and look forward to an even better 2020. The Board's goal is to continue to promote CLC and to strive for its continuing success.

This is a perfect time to add to your Roth IRA and Traditional IRA. You have until April 15th to make 2019 additions. These are excellent ways to save for your retirement.

The scholarship forms are now available on line at www.theclc.org. Any member may apply for the scholarship if they have had a life insurance policy for three years.

The deadline for applications is Feb. 29, 2020. Make sure you or your student take advantage of this fraternal benefit.

As our lives and families change remember a perfect gift is life insurance. What a great gift as a way to plan and protect our families for their future. The Board will meet in January and continue to look to the future as we prepare for 2020.

I am preparing the President's letter and it will be mailed the end of January to give you more information about CLC programs and activities. I will also include the new updated and revised ritual book that was presented at the Annual meeting. A lot of time and discussion is included in the revised ritual. There is no longer a need for initiation with the annual meetings taking the place of the convention, so the Board believed it was necessary to update our rituals. It is also important to keep our heritage and common bond. The words have been updated but our ritual traditions have stayed the same.

I attend the funeral services for our council members and it is important to the families that we continue our ritual service for our deceased members. It is also important to continue with the installation of Officers at your January meetings. The installation includes each officer's duties and the importance of their contributions to the councils, meetings and members. Welcome your new officers and continue to give them your support at your local council meetings.

My family had our traditional pork and kraut on the 1st for our continued prosperity in 2020. I wish you and your family the same along with good health.

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Wishing you health and prosperity for the New Year!



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Council #86 Christmas Celebration!

Upper Sandusky held their annual Christmas party and potluck at the Upper Sandusky KofC Hall with over 60 members and guests attending. The evening was opened with prayer led by Father Conrad Sutter. Along with the potluck meal a silent auction was held. Each month's committee prepares a gift basket to be auctioned to the members during the evening. Over \$700 was raised and will be donated to Kirby St. Mary's Chapel stained glass window fund. Jane Smalley won the 50/50 drawing and many door prizes were also awarded to guests. The members were reminded of the OLC bake sale to be held Dec. 15 at the OLC gym.



Kalida Council #134 100 Year Celebration!

Pat Zeller won the CLC gift basket at Kalida Council 134's, 100th Birthday and Christmas celebration. She is pictured with her sisters Alice Ricker and Ann Beckman. Members from Kalida and Fort Jennings council gathered to celebrate Christmas and the 100th Birthday of Kalida council. Over 30 members attended and enjoyed a catered dinner, entertainment from the St. Michael's Men's choir and bingo.



A Christmas Wish To Help The Homeless

CLC would like to thank all of you for your donations toward our charitable cause this year. Because of your charity in conjunction with the CLC Home Office donation, hundreds of "blessing baggies" were distributed to the homeless in Columbus, OH. In addition to the baggies filled with personal hygiene items and snacks, blankets, pillows, socks and other items were also distributed.

A big thank you to all of those who volunteered their time to collect the items and help assemble them. Thank you, as well, to those who took their time to speak with the homeless and distribute the much needed items.

The Cause!



The People!



Faith!



The Donations!



The Blessing!

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The Home Office and The Board of Directors Had Some Holiday Fun With Ugly Hats and Christmas Spirit



The CLC Home Office Christmas party had an afternoon full of laughter and shenanigans! Last year was the ugly sweater contest. This year we had an ugly hat contest that proved to be funnier than it was ugly. A great time was had by all!

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