



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year
Worthy Fellow
Brother Knights!

I hope you had time to relax and are ready to get back to work commencing this month. First of all we need help for Fathers Sam's appreciation dinner on January 6, 2024 for all the EME volunteers he has invited. You should have received a separate email requesting your help. If not, let me know.

And on January 13, 2024 we have our Annual Blue Mass and we will also need your help for traffic control, hall set

up, clean up etc.. Join us to honor those who help make sure we are as safe as possible from criminals, fire or illness.

And coming up on January 27, 2024 we have our Crab Feed and we are also going to need your help. If you can donate a dessert for the dessert auction or anything you think may be a good auction item, as well we want all of you to help and purchase your tickets or a table and make sure to bring family and friends with you.

Don't forget we have our next meeting this Tuesday on January 2, 2024. I look forward to

seeing all of you once again after, hopefully a great Christmas and New Years Day.

Praise, Glory and Honor to the Mother of God, our Lord Jesus Christ!!
our Queen of America!!

God bless you brother and may you and your family have a wonderful 2024.

Yours in Christ

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January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 The Holy Family	1 New Years Solemnity of Mary, Mother	2 Council Meeting @7:00pm	3	4 St. Elizabeth Ann	5	6 Dia de Los Santos Reyes
7 Epiphany of The Lord	8 Baptism of The Lord	9	10	11	12	13 Blue Mass
14 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	15	16	17 St. Anthony Abbot	18	19	20
21 3rd Sunday	22 Day of Prayer for Unborn	23	24 St. Francis de Sales	25 Conversion of St. Paul Apostle	26 STS. Timothy & Titus	27
28 4th Sunday	29	30	31 St. John Bosco	1	2 Presentation of The Lord	3

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Jason Sablan 1/2
 Mark Jeffords 1/3
 Eduardo Torres 1/3
 Kyle Kemper 1/5
 Clifford Judd 1/9
 Efrain Ortega 1/9
 Samuel Moraca 1/10
 Kenneth Kelso 1/12
 Michael Ringer 1/14
 Ralph Curtis 1/16
 Vito Baccellieri 1/17
 Michael Staud 1/17
 Wayne Sousa 1/19
 Guadalupe Fabian Valdivinos 1/20
 Timothy Matalone 1/21
 Ramiro Morales 1/21
 Cristian Ortiz 1/23
 Robert Luna 1/24
 Thomas Hogan 1/26
 John Paul Thornton 1/26
 Roberto Mendoza 1/27
 Brian Archuleta 1/28
 Marco Martinez 1/29
 Ronald Lamont 1/30
 John Foster 1/31
 Jim McDoal 1/31

Wives' Birthdays

Joanna Ibarra 1/9
Jill Martinez 1/11

Lupe Perez 1/13
Michelle Nuñez 1/14

Anita Mendoza 1/18
Rosemary Davison 1/20

Sandra Karsner 1/21
Christi Wharton 1/21

Judy Shannon 1/26
Helen Moya 1/31

Carol Luina 1/31

Anniversaries

Jeff & Kim McCarthy 1/16

 Gary & Rosemary 1/18

 Michael & Aninya Lamanet 1/19

 Eddie & Lucy Muñoz 1/23

 Eugene & Lynn Thiel 1/27



BOB'S JOKES



-PHILOSOPHICAL SAYINGS-

1. "Once you understand that the "solution" wasn't created to solve the "problem" was intentionally created for the "solution" to be rolled out- then you will comprehend the magnitude of the "government"
2. People say I'm a plagiarist. Their words, not mine.
3. Let folks do what they need to do to make themselves happy. Mind your own business and do what you need to do and make yourself happy. The end.
4. Character is how you treat those who can do nothing for you.
5. Eating a donut this morning wasn't cheating on my diet...going on a diet was cheating on my donut.
6. 97% of scientist agreed with whoever is funding them.
7. Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.
8. Free marriage tip: Don't ask your wife what's for dinner while she's owing the lawn.
9. Appreciate your parents, we grew up thinking that our parents would never understand our struggles, but the truth is that they made sure we never felt theirs.
10. My half brother and I aren't allowed to play with chainsaws anymore.
11. Imagine, if you will, a world in which YouTube, Twitter and Facebook merge to become known as YouTwitFace.
12. Wife says to the husband- You've been drinking beer, I can smell it on your breath. Husband reply's- No! I've been eating frog legs, what you smell is the hops.
13. Drama doesn't just walk into your life out of nowhere, you either created it, invite or associate with the people that bring it...
14. Man killed in skydiving accident described by friends as 'down to earth'.
15. In 1963, the Bronx Zoo had an exhibit called "The Most Dangerous Animal in the World" It was a mirror.
16. My favorite part of attending a marathon, is watching the reaction of the runners who grab my plastic cup of vodka.



JANUARY'S PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for
January 2024:

-For The Gift Of Diversity
In The Church-
Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize

the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

What is going on in the Vatican?

News agency's are having a field day with this news and manipulating everything as always. Make sure always use trusted sources when we have news from the Vatican. National Catholic Reporter is one good source.

Some say this is just the beginning but can it be the just the opposite? As Catholics we cannot abandon our Church, even if we do not agree with our Pope in many issues, especially when he is opening the door to accept LGBT community in our Church. Some say it is just a blessing, to chill out. Others say it is the beginning for more to come and one thing is for sure, the LGBT will be fighting for our Church to accept them as a marriage and the adoption of children by same sex couples. Before the Vatican used to say that God cannot bless sin, so what has changed now?

We can go on and on and on about all the flaws in our church, but we will get nowhere and just more confused. One thing we know for sure is that our Lord Jesus told us that the gates of hell will not destroy our church and we can always be assured this is true because our Lord said so.

So what do we do? I suggest we trust in our Lord and do as our Mother Mary continues to remind

us to do. Pray, Pray and Pray!

Let Go and Let God! He has never and He will not start today to abandon us. We must trust in His will and if our Pope is wrong, God will judge him and according to our Mother Mary, Jesus is coming soon to put order back in this World we have destroyed. The evil will be gone and the Just will stay.

Don't give up Brothers and continue to pray everyday for God to come and put order in the Vatican and Life on Earth.

Don't forget, brothers, if you or a family member have fallen ill in the hospital, a care home, or your own home, we encourage you to contact our Knights' Prayer Group and we will gladly visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer. Or if you just need a prayer, or an email "blast". Please, do not hesitate to contact us

at prayers@kofc10644.com with your name, phone number and your prayer request. Or you may call Brother Everardo @ (209) 303-3380.

Prayer Requests:

Pope Francis, Vatican, Brother Steve Junqueiro, Brother John Wharton's wife Christi, Brother Marlin Avila (RIP), Brother Steven Tubbs, Brother Jon White, Passed Brother Knights and there widows, another successful year for our council.

Thank you for your prayers, Brothers. May you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Yours in Christ;

Everardo Ramirez

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT JANUARY'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!!!

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and are continuing to enjoy this holiday season. Reflecting on this past year, I would have to say it was a very good year! We accomplished a lot for the benefit of our parish and our community.



To name just a few of our accomplishments, this past year started out with our Blue Mass, followed by our Crab Feed, Fish Fry's, Fireworks Sales, EME project, Seminarian Fund-raiser, the purchase of an Ultrasound Machine for the Modesto Pregnancy Center, Our Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner and we closed out the year with a very special and successful Adopt-a Family Dinner.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to shop for a family at Christmas, there really are no words to describe the emotions that you will see and feel when you deliver this much needed food and gifts to these families. You will see lot's of smiles, tears of joy, and if you look really closely, you'll actually see and feel the parents relief as they know that their family and children's needs have now been met.



As one year closes out, a brand new year awaits us. We start off the new year like last year, with the same expectations and demands that our church and community expects of us. The Blue Mass, the Crab Feed and Fish Fry's are right around the corner. We are the Knights of Columbus, the dependable and reliable right arm of the church. I know we won't let the church down, because we have so many dedicated and talented men in our council, who give unselfishly on their time and talents, and who truly believe in our mission.

Every new year brings an opportunity to start over, to change, to do better, to give more of ourselves and our time to our council. For me, the past six months have been a real eye opener. I see just how hard our officers and many of our members work to make this council run.



There are many of our members who are new or just not sure to get involved. I can tell you the easiest and best way to get involved is to start attending our monthly meetings. It's at these meetings that you get to meet, socialize with, and eat with your fellow brothers. At these meetings events are and you can choose which ones you want to participate in based on your own personal schedule.

And finally as 2023 comes to end, please take a moment to remember all our brother knights and their spouses who passed away this past year. May God grant them peace and eternal rest in heaven.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Yours in Christ;
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PADRE PIO'S BASILICA



JANUARY'S FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hello Brother Knights,

I hope you had a great time with your family for Christmas and New Year's. The next half of the 2023-2024 Columbian Year kicks off January 1, 2024. There is a lot happening from January to June 2024 with many events from the Blue Mass (January 13), Crab Feed (January 27), and Fish Fry's beginning on the first Friday of Lent (February 16).

I salute all Brother Knights that continue to support St. Joseph's Council #10644 and I look forward to having our new Brother Knights attend our meetings and provide help at a few of these events noted above. (Please attend the January 2, 2024 council meeting to get your new KofC Badge). Also make sure to mark your calendar for the full year for the First Tuesday of every month to attend our Monthly General Meeting. We have had great attendance at our meeting and it's also great having brothers hang out and enjoy the food and drinks after the council meeting. Let keep this up and see you on January 2, 2024.

Annual Crab Feed
on
January 27, 2024

We will begin to sell tickets at the Church Plaza during the month of January and we will continue to sell them at the Church Office and Online. (see our website for more information). We need your support to buy a table or individual tickets for this big fundraiser.

We especially need your help Brother to gather auction items for this event. Please reach out to your business contacts, families, friends and other associates that can donate auction items, such as gift baskets, electronics, tools, and many more items you can think of that would benefit our auction and make it a success. Also, consider donating a purchased or your own baked dessert for our dessert auction.

We also need help from the teenagers to volunteer and help serve our guests, help in the kitchen and more. If you can get your son or daughter to volunteer get in contact with me and let me know. We need at least 35 teenagers to give us a hand.

And from us the adults, we need help in the Kitchen to help prepare and dish out the trays for our guests, also help at the cash table and place a wristband on guest after checking their ID so they can purchase beer or wine. Contact me asap if you or your teenagers can help.

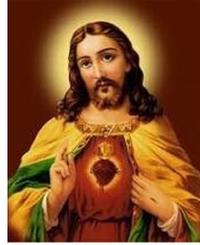
Your 2024 statements for dues were mailed out on December 19, 2023. You can pay by check, cash, credit or debit card either at the meetings or online. We also have the option to mail in your check. Cash is only accepted in person to myself at our Council Meeting. Once payment is received, I will send out your new membership card. Please be prompt with your member dues, we are asking to get all dues paid by April 1, 2024 or sooner. If you do not receive your statement please contact me asap. I am always available to discuss any issues with you.

God bless you brother and have a great 2024!



Yours in Christ;
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JANUARY'S LECTURER REPORT



Happy New Year Brothers;

It was great to see so many of you at last months meeting. I hope that you all were able to spend a little extra time with those you love during the Holydays. During Advent, we all made room in our hearts for Jesus, at Christmas we excepted him into our hearts and now as we begin the new year, still the octave of Christmas, is he there in our heart? What does that even mean? I know we receive him truly in the Eucharist at mass, I know he is alive in his word, but what happens when I have made room for him in my heart, he is much bigger than me, or my heart. If I invite Jesus into my heart, then he is going to spill out from there and spread to others. That is the idea! Our heart becomes like his, a heart of service. Help your neighbors, smile at strangers, help your family, your kids, your parents, spread him around!

Jesus his name and his name means God saves. Mother Church, and a great wisdom starts off the year with the month of January devoted to the Name of Jesus. His name helps us to understand who came into the world that day. Our Salvation.

We had a wonderful, Liturgical celebrations to start our year off right. On New Years Day, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God. With several mass times. On the third we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus, what our monthly devotion is based on. I know this is on Wednesday, but I hope to see some of you there that evening. Sunday the seventh is the Epiphany of The Lord...We three Kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar... they bring gifts to Baby Jesus and recognize him as King. The very next day on the eight we celebrate His Baptism. I love that we all think of baptizing babies and Baby Jesus was just visited by the Wiseman and we wake up the next morning and he is 33 years old and getting baptized in the Jordan River. We have a lot of important stuff to get to and less than a year to do it in. So infant in the manger to full grown Jesus overnight.

I hope to see you at the Blue Mass on Saturday January 13,2024 for those who serve our community, also come and join the small but growing group of us that celebrates the Knights of Columbus Holy Hour of Adoration for our Lord on Friday night on January 12,2024 at 6:30pm. We will be praying the Rosary and offering prayers for the MPD, Modesto Fire, and First Responders. Sing up with me and lead a decade of the Rosary or if you don't want to lead a decade help us pray and keep Jesus company for an hour. He really appreciates when we spent time in His presence.

I hope to see you at this months meeting, but if you can't make it we are having another one the following month, please make sure and attend our meetings.

Great food, great company...first Tuesday of every month rain or shine, not much shine after all it is at 7:00pm, not much rain either, but we will pray for that.

God bless,
See you at Mass!



Yours in Christ;
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