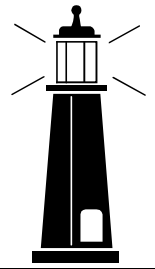


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## Business Meeting

**Thursday December 2 , 7:00 PM**

**Father O'Hare Hall**

**Don't Come Alone– Bring A Fellow Knight**

*Let us meet in the Church on every Second Friday of the month for the 5:45 P.M. Knights Memorial Mass and a Rosary afterward in memory of the unborn.*

## Vote

Due to publication issues, By-Laws proposed changes for meeting dates and dues will be voted on at the December 2nd meeting.

## Grand Knight's Message

### *EMMANUEL!*

**"G**od is with us!" Every Christmas this word, this name of God has always been so much of what the season means to me. How comforting, how much Peace it brings to my soul to know that my God is here with me, with us. I know that this name not only means God is with us in Spirit, but also with us physically. He has always wanted this, but man sinned and ruined the intimate, loving relationship God the Father had with His children.

Adam & Eve walked with God in the cool of the evening in the Garden. God didn't just make man and woman and let them go their way. He wanted to be with them in this physical world. He wanted to share it with us.

All throughout the Bible we see God "showing up" to be with and guide His children. God went to visit Abram as three strangers to let him know that He was not leaving his people alone. God came to Moses in the form of a burning bush to guide and counsel him on how to help His children to become what they were supposed to be. There are many other instances of God coming down to be with His children.

Of course, we have the fulfillment of the promise made in the Garden on Christmas day when God came to walk among us again!

I think God loved us so much, He missed being with us as He was in the Garden. Jesus made sure that we would not be alone. He gave us a Gift beyond what we ever deserved or warranted. He gave us the *Eucharist*! Now again God could be with us physically and 'walk in the cool of the evening' whenever we answer His call to take Holy Communion.

This Christmas Season, and all year, please take the opportunity to "walk" with Jesus and let Him be with you in a personal and intimate way. Prepare yourself properly and partake of this priceless Gift!

Merry Christmas and Peace to all my Brothers and their Families.

**John McCave**

# Chaplain’s Corner



Last month our parish held our annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. 500 dynamic, charismatic, and hungry volunteers arrived within an hour to fill our lovely hall to its capacity. When I read down the list of our 84 apostolates and ministries, each would draw more or less enthusiastic applause. But when I read out “Knights of Columbus Council 10644,” the hall erupted into joyous affirmation. Truly the Knights are the largest and most active group in our parish. As I looked out at 500 people packed into our hall, I realized that we have come a long way towards being a “stewardship parish.” Catholic Stewardship is simply recognizing the Gift—that we have received more than we can possibly give. This is the meaning of Christmas. A Son has been given to us. A Child has been born for us. He is Wonder-Counselor, a Prince of Peace. Let us show our gratitude to Him by loving those around us this Christmas Season!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo

## CELEBRATE!

*Anniversaries*

Camille & Matt Iorns	12-1-2001
Linda & Scott Warner	12-3-92
Debbie & Bill Goulart	12-7-68
Sarah & John Stephen Bacay	12-9-89
Joan & Joe Castagna	12-15-56
Sandra & Ron Uyeshiro	12-18-71
Monica & Al Gonzales	12-21-68
Julita & Lovinio Casiano	12-22
Kathie Lee & Bill Vermillion	12-22
Angelica & Rey Alcares	12-31-60

# CELEBRATE!



Member Birthdays

Ed Gamboa	12-1
Soliel Talamantes	12-1
Jim Galuppi	12-2
Dino Durando	12-3
Rev. Joseph Illo	12-4
Manuel Sylvia	12-4
Anthony Butera	12-5
Bob Lorenz	12-5
Don Burkdall	12-8
Alex Trujillo	12-12
Oren Tuss	12-12
David Castro	12-14
Pat Laubacher	12-14
Carlos Torres	12-14
David Spieker	12-16
Brian Porta	12-17
David Gillum	12-18
Roger Missall	12-19
Alex Richmond	12-19
Nelson Henriquez	12-22
Fred Ibarra	12-24
Noel Lazo	12-24
Mike Bartikoski	12-26
Jim Brady	12-26
John Stephen Bacay	12-27
Jerry Blankenship	12-27
Mel Mattos	12-28
Frank Holmes	12-29
John Luty	12-29
Kenneth Rairden	12-30

Ladies Birthdays

Jean Smith	12-3
Cindy Bartikoski	12-4
Linda Warner	12-4
Cindy Trujillo	12-9
Kay Elson	12-11
Theresa Galuppi	12-11
Judy Bauer	12-12
Sonita Saalfeld	12-13
Linda Standart	12-13
Marilyn Hancock	12-14
Lucille Ortiz	12-15
Karen McCave	12-16
Beth Gorman	12-17
Alvera Baumgratz	12-21
Gwendolyn Cupini	12-22
Anne Missall	12-22
Lucy Mattos	12-29
Theresia Reggiani	12-30
Silvia Ramirez	12-31

# December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Business Meeting	3	4 Adopt a Family Dinner
5	6	7	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Membership Memo

### Calendar Notes

January 4, Officers Meeting  
January 6, Business Meeting

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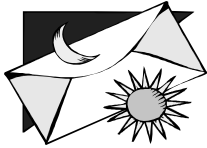
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We are at 9% of our membership quota for this Columbian year which began in July. That's a net of only 2 new Knights. Brothers, that's not good enough. We need to encourage every Catholic man who meets the standards of the Order to become Knights. There is much work to be done and the old guard is getting tired, we need fresh blood to continue our charitable work. Do you know that our Council gave out over \$35000 to different charities and groups inside and outside of our parish last Columbian year? We also bought and paid for material items for donation. That amount is down from past years because our fund raising is down. We need members to work on events such as the golf tournament, tri-tip dinner auction and raffle. We need Brothers to get enthusiastic about bringing back and chairing breakfasts again. We need our clergy to encourage men and their families to join us. I think I have given you enough reasons to get on the recruiting wagon and that we will bring in so many members in the coming months so I can quit writing these articles and take a vacation.

God Bless  
Rick Dinubilo PGK, PFN

## Sunshine Chairman



**W**e need to pray for the following Brothers: **Tony Lee, John Higby, Roy Gordon, Frank Lowry, Dave Tacchini, Vito Pixia, Anthony Suza, Richard Dinubilo, and Steve Loschke**

Continue to pray for **Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Father Illo's mother, Janice, Lisa Scott, Reese Hara, Priscilla Pino, Matt Iorn's mother Sharon, Steve Day's mother Dorothy, Ana Tromica's family, Camille Iorns, Sciabica family, Sylvia Ficken and Wilma Lee.**

Pray for our Pope and our troops wherever they are stationed.

You can reach me at 527-6958 with news of any Brother or family member ill or in distress.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**John Karaz**

## Grodt's Notes

**D**ecember is a busy time for our Council. Last Columbian year our Council donated over \$35k to different Church and community groups so your support is needed and all your work goes to good causes. I will be sending our Dues statements around the end of December asking for donations for the Scholarship fund and the 365 club to help support brothers in need. If I mailed you a intent to suspend notice last month you have 60 days to reply before your membership will be suspended. I will be sending the Suspend notices to Supreme around the end of the year. Please call either the Grand Knight or myself if you want to remain in the Knights but are unable to pay your dues. We can work something out. Thanks F/S

**Mike Grodt**

## John's Jokes



**I**f it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men they would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

How do you know Santa has to be a man? No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.

The Ages of Man

- 1) He believes in Santa Claus.
- 2) He doesn't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) He looks like Santa Claus.
- 4) He believes He IS Santa Claus!

Q. How do Snowman travel around?

A. By riding an icicle.

Q. Where do Snow-women like to dance?

A. At Snowballs.

Q. What happened when Guy ate the Christmas decorations?

A. He went down with tinsel-itis.

'Merry Christmas, Nearly Everybody!' -- Ogden Nash

Christmas is a time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want and their kids pay for it. -- Richard Lamm

Anyone who believes that men are the equal of women has never seen a man trying to wrap a Christmas present.

Christmas is a time when everybody wants his past forgotten and his present remembered.

'I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included.' -- Bernard Manning


'Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year.' -- Victor Borge

Why is Christmas just like a day at the office?

You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit.

**John Gorman, PGK**

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## Dave's Discussion

**W**e have now entered into the Advent season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God's Word Incarnate. This month we also celebrate the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother, who God's plan for our salvation depends upon.

In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 8 December, 1854, Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin."

The immunity from original sin was given to Mary by a singular exemption from a universal law through the same merits of Christ, by which other men are cleansed from sin by Baptism..

Mary needed the redeeming Savior to obtain this exemption, and to be delivered from the universal necessity and debt (*debitum*) of being subject to original sin. The person of Mary, in consequence of her origin from Adam, should have been subject to sin, but, being the new Eve who was to be the mother of the new Adam, she was, by the eternal counsel of God and by the merits of Christ, withdrawn from the general law of original sin. Her redemption was the very masterpiece of Christ's redeeming wisdom. He is a greater redeemer who pays the debt that it may not be incurred than he who pays after it has fallen on the debtor.

Such is the meaning of the term "Immaculate Conception."

May God bless you and your families this joyous season!

**Dave Scott, PGK**

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#### **The Holidays Are Fast Approaching!! Are You Ready For Your Insurance Check-up for 2011?**

Now that the holidays are fast approaching! Can you believe it will soon be 2011? I hope that 2010 has been a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time goes.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2011. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions. **First**, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

**Second**, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change. Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. We call that peace of mind, and that's (as they say in the credit card commercials) priceless.

*THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, KEEP IN MIND THE REAL MEANING OF CHRISTMAS. KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. TAKE TIME TO ENJOY YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THINK OF THOSE THINGS GOD HAS GIVEN US. REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE THE ONE WHO YOUR FAMILY COUNTS ON FOR TOMORROW'S SUPPORT. THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HERE TO HELP ASSURE THAT MISSION IS MET.*

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**Steven Truelsen**

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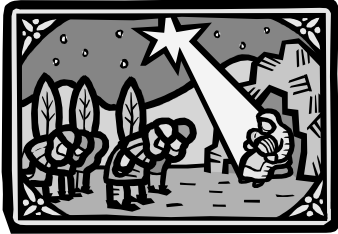
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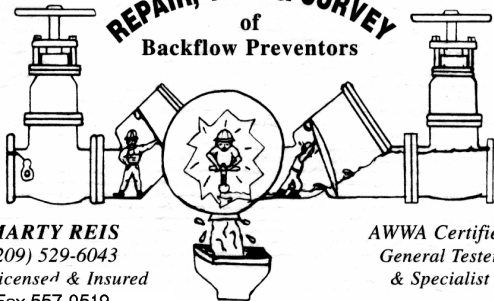
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## Lecturer's Notes

### Christmas; Coincidence or Divine Plan?

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. Luke 2:4-19 RSV-CE  
For more of this article visit our website.

**Ed Ibarra**

## We Need Your Help

We have started planning for our Council's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on June 18, 2011.

We need your help in gathering photographs of the past 20 years. We need pictures of events, ceremony's and just of all of the fun that we have had over the years.

We would also like to find all the awards/certificates and memorabilia presented to our Council in the past.

If you have anything that we could either take a picture of or make copies of, please let us know.

All items will be used in the "year book" we will be putting together over the next few months and in a slide presentation honoring all those who have put so much into our Council to make it the great success that it is today.

If you can help in any way, please contact **Ron Martorana** at 209-868-6809 / monti000@aol.com or **John McCave** at 209-551-9534 / mccave@yahoo.com.

## 'ManPower'

***"There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil.***

***This also I say, is from the hand of God." Ecclesiastes 2:24***

If you are looking for work or need someone to help out temporarily or full-time, go to [kofc10644.org](http://kofc10644.org) to find a Brother Knight in need and you both win!

Visit our Council website and click on the "Manpower" tab. If you are looking for work, enter your information to post and if you are looking for help, send a request to be contacted.

Chancellor Connection

New Knights

**J**uan Jimenez is our newest Knight and a fine young Catholic gentleman. I met **Juan** working with him at the Parish Festival, but had seen him many times on Campus. His willingness to serve others truly comes from his heart and is refreshing to see from a young man. **Juan** is 19 years old and was born in Mexico. When he was just 2 years old, he and his family moved to Modesto. **Juan** has been growing in his faith here at St. Joseph's since he was 10. When talking with him, you will find a man who loves the Catholic Faith and lives it 24/7. He told me he is officially involved in Altar serving, PSR, Youth Ministries and now the Knights of Columbus. Sometimes he just goes into the Parish office and gives a helping hand where needed. On the lighter side of life, **Juan** likes to run with his dog, swim, bike and martial arts. He also said, "and of course soccer because I'm Mexican" with a laugh. **Juan** doesn't work right now but is interested in electrical engineering as a possible career. I asked him which of the 4 pillars of the Knights he is drawn to and he answered boldly, Charity. Please give Juan a warm welcome as our newest Knight.

**Mike Miranda**  
Chancellor

KNIGHT HAPPENINGS

**I**t is hard to believe that we are already five months into the Columbian Year. We have completed several events and will soon be approaching the Adopt-a-Family Dinner. Our Financial Secretary pointed out that last year we gave \$35,000 to charities and people in need. What a great feeling and sense of accomplishment! That is why the Knights of Columbus is such a fantastic organization. What an honor to belong! We have about 300 members in our Council. If each member donated 4 hours a year ( yes, a year), we could accomplish everything we do with ease. Just 4 hours a year per member is all it takes. Not only would all our events get accomplished with ease, but think of all the people we are helping as a result of these events. A side benefit of this is knowing that you were partly responsible in helping so many people. That's a good feeling. Plus, you're making friends in the process. Good thoughts take flight with action. Brothers, please be active in our council. You will benefit greatly. It is well worth the time.

Our Adopt-a-Family Dinner is December 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call **Mike Miranda** at 526-4704 to offer your help. Also, our Coats for Kids drive has begun. Please call **Ed Fernandes** at 551-7622 for information, or if you have questions. Any help you could offer would be very much appreciated. Finally, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets will be sold at the church plaza beginning December 5<sup>th</sup>. Contact **Dave Malsom** at 847-6117 to offer assistance. Merry Christmas Brothers, and I hope to see you at our events.

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