



Grand Knight's Message

Many thanks to John McCave for the wonderful job he did in chairing the Grab-and-Go Chicken Dinner. Kudos also go to Jim Galuppi for helping get the tickets produced and to those who helped with the cooking and distribution of the food. It was another great event put on by the Knights of Columbus. Our Tootsie Roll Drive also went well, thanks to our great site captains Bill Vermillion, Bob Shannon, and Adrian Pino. Also, thanks to those Brothers and their family members who worked the two hour shifts in front of the stores. Our events are successful because of those who get involved. By getting

involved, we are serving God and providing for others. In Matthew, Chapter 25, Christ said, "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you invited me in; I needed clothes and you clothed me; I was sick and you looked after me; I was in prison and you came to visit me. Whenever you did these things for the least of my brothers, you did them for me." This is what the Knights of Columbus do. We provide food and drink for the homeless and for people through the Adopt-a-Family Dinner; we welcome those who are strangers, or are in distress, and we pray for them; we provide clothing

for people through St. Vincent de Paul, Coats for Kids, and the Adopt-a-Family Dinner; we visit the sick in hospitals and at home; we visit those in prison. Whatever we did to help our brothers and sisters, it was like we did it for Christ. Charity is the first principle of our order. We do what God wants just by doing what Knights do. What an honor! In continuing with our charitable work, our next big event is the Adopt-a-Family Dinner which will be on December 10th. Please contact Mike Miranda at 526-4704 to offer your help. God bless you, Brothers, and Merry Christmas.

**Mel Mattos,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
December 6th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone
Bring A Fellow Knight!**

Don't forget to meet in the Church on every second Friday of the month for the 5:45 PM for the Knights' Memorial Mass and a Rosary afterward in memory of the unborn.

Why don't we meet for mass before each of our monthly meetings also? It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. Will you be there?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The New Missal

By the time you read this, we will have begun using the new translation of the Mass. Its beauty and depth may escape you at first, but here is a sample of the richness of the new Missal. The old translation of the closing prayer for the First Sunday of Advent went like this: "*Father, may our communion teach us to love heaven. May its promise and hope guide our way on earth.*" The new translation goes like this: "*May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray,*

for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven, and to hold fast to what endures."

Notice the color and texture that has returned to our prayer. Phrases like "these mysteries" and "profit us" and "we pray" and "holding fast" have been faithfully rendered from the original text. Notice that we address God more delicately by saying "we pray, O Lord" rather than just "Father." Notice finally that in the old translation, it is "our communion" (the people gathered together) that teaches

us to love heaven. In the new translation, it is the *Lord* through his "mysteries"—the sacraments—who teaches us to love heaven. We realize in the new prayer that we come to love heaven not through our own resources but by God's grace. May we pray these lovely prayers from the heart this Christmas!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo
Pastor
St. Joseph's
Catholic Church



CELEBRATE!

Member Birthdays

Ed Gamboa	12-1
Soliel Talamantes	12-1
Jim Galuppi	12-2
Rev. Joseph Illo	12-4
Manuel Sylvia	12-4
Anthony Butera	12-5
Bob Lorenz	12-5
Don Burkball	12-8
Severino Pongase	12-12
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
Nicolas Delgado-Braun	12-24
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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
Cindy Trujillo	12-9
Kay Elson	12-11
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Judy Bauer	12-12
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Marilyn Hancock	12-14
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Karen McCave	12-16
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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

Anniversaries

Camille & Matt Iorns	12-1-2001
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Monica & Al Gonzales	12-21-68
Julita & Lovinio Casiano	12-22
Thelma & Danny Hughart	12-22
Kathie Lee & Bill Vermillion	12-22
Angelica & Rey Alcaarez	12-31-60



DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	5 Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, Vatican	6 Council Meeting 1 st Degree	7	8 <i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i>	9 Memorial Mass 5:45 pm	10 Adopt-a-Family Dinner
11 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>

Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Tony Lee, Ray Jones, Scott Fernandes, Mike Miranda, Dave Scott, Dan Dwyer, Jim Standart, Bill McClure, Gerardo Dequeiroz, Monsignor Conrad Gruber and the eternal repose of the soul of Danny Vele and Tom Trombetta.

Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Patricia Dinubilo; Robert Hemsley's son, Jeremy; Eleanor Karaz; the repose of Gary Mota's mother; and

Wilma Lee.

Pray, as always, for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, our parish priests, and our troops wherever they are stationed.

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

John Karaz



Grodt's Notes

Late in December, I will be mailing out dues statements for next year. After the first degree during the business meeting, I will update the phone roster and include a copy with

your statement. Thank you to those that sent in partial payments on your past due accounts.

Reminder: there are 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications at St. Joseph's on Saturday,

Feb. 25th. Come check out the updated form or continue to becoming a full Knight

Mike Grodt
Financial Secretary
529-3105



CHANCELLOR'S CONNECTION

The Visibility of the Knights: Our 4th Degree

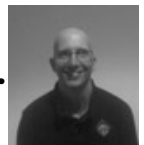
The last months have brought me full force into the face of what the Knights represent, specifically the 4th Degree. I have been blessed time and again to honor the fallen Sir Knight by standing at his side, guarding his body before burial and offering unspoken support and love to Sir Knight's family. These events, coupled with the month of November, offer two particular places of honor for the 4th Degree Knight – Veterans Day and the remembrance of All Souls throughout the month. This is of particular importance to the 4th Degree Knight who is a part of the Color Corp. The Fourth Degree is the highest and the Honorary Degree of our Order.

In fact, if I can be so bold, if you are a 4th Degree Knight, you should endeavor to become a member of the Color Corp. The Knight in Color Corp, dressed in full regalia, is the visible arm of the Knights; how every man, woman and child distinguishes the Knights from other organizations. When they see us they know we are Knights! Nickie still recalls her childhood at St. Francis Cabrini Parish and seeing the Knights of the 4th Degree at every High Mass and present at many parish functions. It is the Knights of the 4th Degree Color Corp that make the biggest impression. Though some would say the

impression is due to its regalia, and I could agree to a point, the impression truly is in how these men hold themselves. It is self evident in their character. They have been inducted in to God's Kingdom in a very special way. They are not just Knights of Columbus they are HIS Knights. They are on a mission; called and responsive with gratitude as worthy Catholic Gentlemen and worthy of the duties of a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus: *aiming to glorify God through service to their community and nation, to be responsible citizens, to protect and honor symbols of national pride and to build and PROTECT God's Kingdom.* The 4th Degree finalizes the Knighthood; it brings us to an understanding of our full duty as men, husbands, fathers, brothers - all the roles God calls us into, we are to live them to fulfillment in His name, for His kingdom and His glory. It is this degree that fully develops our charism of patriotism. Representing that principle, we deem it an honor and a privilege to carry the triad emblem. It consists of three overlaid objects representing the Trinity. The Globe represents God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth. The Crusader's Cross, similar to

the cross which knights used to wear into battle during the Holy Crusades, represents God the Son, Jesus Christ. The Dove represents God the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. The colors, Red, White, & Blue are the colors of the American Flag. Our foremost symbol in our regalia is our sword. Impressive in nature it has had many different forms. Since the 1940's, we have carried the sword we carry today. The most identifying characteristic of this type of sword is that Columbus' head on the pommel (grip cap) is now facing forward when you look at the front of the sword or facing right when the sword is worn on the service baldric, the sash used to support the sword. Look to future articles for more history on the 4th Degree and a calling to arms of our Brother Knights in 3rd Degree!

**Mike Miranda,
Chancellor**



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AN INVITATION

As we all at least should know, as Knights of Columbus our primary values are charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Just like the knights of old, our role is also to defend. We don't defend king and country as in times of old, but we defend our faith and, as part of that our priests. The beauty of our faith includes many aspects including respecting life in all stages. As I heard one speaker state it, "We defend life from sperm to worm." We have a great opportunity coming up to show our defense of life, the Walk for Life West Coast. Last year's walk brought over 40,000 people from across the western states to show their support for the unborn. Included within the walk was a small

contingent of Brothers from our Council, who helped with security (wearing vests and carrying walkie-talkies to help those who needed it).

This year's walk is easier than it has been in previous as it is a different route, which is shorter (2 miles instead of 3 and includes NO HILLS!). Wouldn't it be beautiful to have five buses that are scheduled to leave from St. Joseph's full of Knights of Columbus? Wouldn't it be a great show of our role as defenders of the faith?

If you have never gone before, please consider going this year. If you have been before, find a Brother Knight to invite to go.

The Walk for Life West Coast will be on Saturday, January 21st. Buses will leave St.

Joseph's at 9 AM, so there will still be plenty of time for mass beforehand. T-shirts for the walk will be sold after masses in December and bus tickets in January. I hope to see you there!

NEW LOCATION:
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WEST COAST

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Rally: 12:30PM (New Time)
(Info Fair: 11:00AM)
Saturday, January 21, 2012

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Ends at Justin Herman Plaza/Ferry Building
Ample parking and BART at both locations.

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415-634-1753 | email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

WalkforLifeWC.com

Don't forget to save the date as well for the Blue Mass. It will be at 10 AM on January 7th and is to honor all of the first responders in Stanislaus County.

Tony's Time

I once had a very good friend who decided to move from New Jersey to Minnesota. I missed him and sulked over his departure. I heard from him from time to time, but it just wasn't the same. We had gone places together, had fun and I thought the good times would never end. However, his new job soon garnered all his

attention and contact became less and less frequent. Then I met someone who explained to me why my friend had left. He said that God knows of our needs and sends someone to help us to enjoy living. Then, when we are able to cope by ourselves, He sends the wonderful friend to someone else who needs him more.

The moral here is to cherish friendships while we have them, for we never know when a friend will leave when God decides he is needed elsewhere. I got over missing my friend, but never saw or heard from him again. I pray he is happy and is making someone else's life happy too.

John's Jokes from guest jokester Robert Shannon

Why isn't the number 11 pronounced "onety-one"?
 If 4 out of 5 people suffer from diarrhea does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
 Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
 If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
 If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
 Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a racecar is not called a racist?
 If it's true that we are here to

help others, then, what exactly are the others here for?
 If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
 If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
 Do Lipton Tea employees take "coffee breaks?"
 What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
 I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little

spoons and forks, so I wondered what do: Chinese mothers use toothpicks?
 Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them?
 Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?
If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?
 Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?
 With taxes due in only four months, did you ever notice: When you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together, it spells, "THEIRS."

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

Brother Knights,
 We lost two Brother Knights this last month, Danny Vele and Tom Trombetta. Danny was a loud and vocal voice of the Knights, always recruiting and promoting men to join the Knights. Tom, on the other hand, was a strong and silent Knight promoting the Knights and giving his treasure's to our charities. These two Brother Knights were

sterling example's of what our order is about. Please follow in their footsteps and be a voice for the Knights of Columbus.


Rick Dinubilo,
Past Grand Knight
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Lecturer's Notes: Advent to the Manger – Salvation Has Come!!!

“Away in a manger no crib for His bed,...” What a great hymn! I remember singing this hymn in early elementary school at a Christmas pageant. In elementary school, I wondered what a manger was but it never occurred to me to look it up.

When I returned to the Church (after a 25 year hiatus) I was confronted with all kinds of terminology that was mysterious, unfamiliar and intimidating. Was this some kind of secret meant to confuse people like me? At first I thought so, but boy was I wrong! It wasn't that the Church was trying to confuse me; it was that I was lazy.

What I found was an explanation that I could understand if I was willing to work hard to find the answer. For example, since it's December let's look at the wood of the manger as one of the three trees in salvation history. We can do that by considering some seemingly unrelated passages. First, to lay the groundwork, near the end of the book of Revelation the apostle John tells us that “nothing unclean” will enter heaven. That means “no sinners allowed”, or people like us. If mankind was to have any hope of entering heaven God would have to have some way to reverse the effect of the sin of Adam.

After the fall of Adam when original sin entered into the world, any hope of eternal joy in heaven would have been lost but for God's promise of redemption. If you recall, God told Adam that he was “free to eat the fruit of any of the trees

in the garden except the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.” This was a living tree whose living fruit brought death to all mankind. We can consider this the first tree in the story of the fall and redemption of mankind. But sin is not more powerful than God, and His will wasn't to be outdone by the foolishness of a man.

I looked up “manger,” and this is what I found: a manger is a “trough or open box in a stable designed to hold feed or fodder for livestock.” So hungry animals go to the feedbox to eat and be sustained, hmmm. The manger is made from the wood of a dead tree. So, God is pretty smart because this particular manger was destined to hold the bread of life. We can consider the manger that baby Jesus was laid in to be the second tree in the story of the fall and redemption of mankind.

This is perhaps one of the greatest stumbling blocks for the average person in the pews. We live in an age when television has taught us to be lazy and we have developed a short attention span. In 30 to 60 minutes the answer to the mystery movie will be given to us anyway. Not so for God. He doesn't just throw answers at us.

God didn't want us to have the answer without some knowledge of its value; He wanted us to work for it.

As I mentioned earlier, some of us mistakenly think that the Church is trying to hide things from us. It is God, ever the gentleman, who is giving us the gift of Himself enclosed in a

beautifully wrapped package, hidden from view so as not to cheapen the gift. And we, His bride, are the only ones intended to receive something so precious. What a gift, what love! We are so undeserving.

There is another tree, but to find out about it, you have to read the whole version of this article at the website, www.kofc10644.org.

Ed Ibarra Lecturer



The December business meeting is on Tuesday December 6th at 7:00pm. Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, December 9th at 5:45pm followed by adoration and confession and a rosary led by the Knights of this council; please come and join us. Let's all make a good confession this month and pray that God give politicians the grace to seek Him and do His will throughout the year. Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Pray that Catholics be drawn to the Cross and conversion of heart. Pray that brother Knights seek God's peace.



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