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## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings my Brothers,  
We have made it to the end of the calendar year. These last few months have flown by, just in time for our busy season. Please, be sure to read our Deputy Grand Knight's article regarding the upcoming events. Once again thank you all for making our events successful. We had a successful membership drive and now are looking to have a first degree to welcome new brothers. Brothers, I would like to remind you and invite you to our monthly business meeting. Our normal business meetings are on

the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in Fr. O'Hare Hall. There are rare occasions where we need to hold the meeting on a different date or location. In these situations, we will send an email with the updated information.

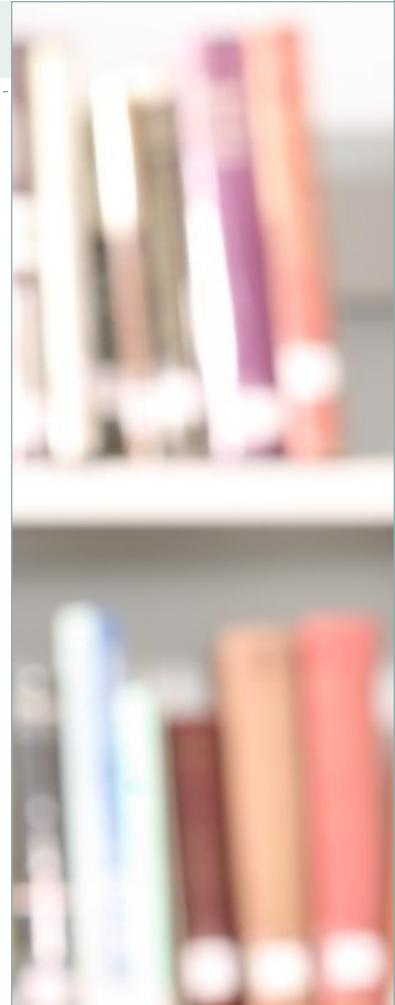
I would like to once again direct you to our newly created Knights of Columbus Prayer Group. Please email our Worthy Recorder, Brother Everardo Ramirez Jr, at [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com), with your name, phone number and your need, so someone can contact you as soon as possible. You may also send a special prayer

request, if needed.

If you have any ideas or requests of your council, please send me an email. I am open to any and all input. This is your council as much as it is mine and the other officers. You can heavily influence the direction we go, but first you have to express your ideas. I invite you all to get involved and make a difference.

Vivat Jesus!

**Larry Kjellberg,  
Grand Knight**



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on December 4th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

December 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 <b>Officers' Meeting, 7 PM Parish Office</b>	4 <b>Business Meeting, 7 PM, Father O'Hare Hall</b>	5	6	7	8 <b>Special Olympics Bowling &amp; Adopt-A-Family Dinner</b>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	16	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Christmas</b>	26	27	28	29
30	31 <b>New Year's Eve</b>					

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Edward Gamboa 12/1  
 Taide Zamora 12/1  
 James Galuppi 12/2  
 Ruben Sanchez 12/2  
 Anthony Butera 12/5  
 Robert Lorenz 12/5  
     Lee Wolf 12/7  
 Kevin Mollard 12/11  
 Severino Pongase 12/12  
 Daniel Roman 12/12  
 Alex Trujillo 12/12  
     Oren Tuss 12/12  
 David Castro 12/14  
 Patrick Laubacher 12/14  
     Carlos Torres 12/14  
 Brian K. Porta 12/17  
     Roger Missall 12/19  
 Alex Richmond 12/19  
 Stephen Santos 12/21  
 Nelson Henriquez 12/22  
     Steven Tubbs 12/22  
     Alfredo Ibarra 12/24  
     James Brady 12/26

John Bacay 12/27  
 Jerry Blankenship 12/27  
     Mel Mattos 12/28  
 Franklin Holmes 12/29  
 Kenneth Raider 12/30  
 Charles Gardali 12/31  
     Robert Hazy 12/31

**Ladies' Birthdays**  
 Julianna Rocha 12/8  
 Cindy Trujillo 12/9  
     Kay Elson 12/11  
 Theresa Galuppi 12/11  
 Guadalupe Valdovinos 12/12  
     Sonita Saalfeld 12/13  
     Linda Standart 12/13  
     Marilyn Hancock 12/14  
     Karen McCave 12/16  
     Judy Chavez 12/17  
 Bethany Gorman 12/17  
 Alvera Baumgratz 12/21  
     Anne Missall 12/22  
     Mary Judd 12/25  
     Lucy Mattos 12/29  
     Silvia Ramirez 12/31  
     Selvina Samson 12/31

### Anniversaries

Matthew & Camille Iorns 12/1  
 David & Lorna Sichak 12/8  
     John & Sara Bacay 12/9  
 Ronald & Sandra Uyeshiro 12/18  
 Albert & Monica Gonzales 12/21  
     Lovinio & Julito Casiano 12/22  
 Marcial & Gloria Chavous 12/26  
     John & Illeana Rodriguez 12/26



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is December already! Just a reminder, if you have not yet paid your dues for 2018, you will be reminded of that fact soon.

Your dues billing for 2019 will be mailed in December. December includes an Adopt-A-Family dinner. It's the Christmas season. The Filipino community has their annual Simbang Gabi – nine masses at 5 AM on the nine days before Christmas. There is a breakfast in the hall or in one of the rooms of the St. JP2 Center afterwards. The Christmas Eve concert will be before Midnight Mass. The adult choir is part of a concert at the Gallo Center for the Arts this year as well.

For me, Christmas was always a special holiday growing up. It included the family gatherings, dressing up in Christmas colors, attending mass and, of course, the big family dinners. Mom would cook up a storm and the house would become toasty with all the cooking and baking she was doing. Roast turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, some kind of vegetable, and pumpkin pie were always present.

Growing older and getting married, my wife and I along with her son and his wife have made some of those memories and had those big dinners. One year, we were lucky enough that her mom visited us. She lent her own special Filipino touch in the kitchen.

Another memory was the decorations we would put up. Mom alternated each year. My favorite was the old aluminum tree with the tri-color light wheel. I wish I could find one. Then we would get a green tree. I don't know if people still do it anymore, but we always dangle the silver strands on the branches. Of course, Dad would put up the lights outside.

I've been under the weather lately, so I thought I would go way back in time and share a few pictures. The black and white one with the record player – that was my first one and where I played one of mom's 78s. I got hooked on Hank Williams from that day forward. It is December, brothers, no doubt it's the beginning of your busy time of events.

Lorna and I wish you and your family – Maligayang Pasko, Merry Christmas, Manigong Bagong Taon and Happy New Year!

*Cast your cares to the Lord, and He will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 52:22)*

If you or a member of your family, have fallen ill in the hospital, 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.

Just send a message via email

to [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com) with your name, phone number and your need, so someone can contact you as soon as possible. You may also send a special prayer request, if needed.

The Knights Prayer Group now consist of six Broth-



er Knights dedicated to daily prayer and visit Our Lord at the adoration chapel either Monday mornings from 11-12 pm or Thursdays from 8-9 pm. God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to send us a message.

If you hear God calling to join the Knights Prayer Group, you are more than welcomed to do so, we are open to all Brother Knights from Council #10644. Thank you, Brothers. May God bless you along with your family and keep you safe and healthy!

Yours In Christ,

**Everado Ramirez, Recorder**

# FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Soon and very soon, we will celebrate once again the amazing fact of the virginal birth of the God-Man. Even the angels were amazed and a heavenly host appeared to the shepherds singing "Glory to God in the highest." Not all of the angels were so thrilled about God's plan. The fallen angels fell from heaven precisely because they refused to bow down and worship the baby Jesus and his Virgin Mother. Satan and the rest of the demons refused to accept the idea of becoming humble.

When God created "heaven and earth, things visible and invisible," he created the angels first. He created a multitude of heavenly host. There are billions of angels. Every human being has a guardian angel, who was created specifically to guide one human being. In addition to angels, however, there are eight additional choirs of angelic beings. We believe that there are billions in each of the nine choirs of angels: Angels, Archangels, Virtues; Powers, Principalities, Dominations; Thrones, Cherubim, Seraphim.

The angels were given a choice as to whether or not they would serve God. Nevertheless, God was up front with them and let them know ahead of time what would be involved. They would have to accept God's mysterious

plan of salvation. Each angel was given a choice. Immediately after they were created, they were subjected to a test. They would not be allowed to see the Beatific Vision in heaven, unless they freely chose to obey and serve God and his plan. They were given a glimpse of God's plan and their role in it. They saw that God would humble himself and be born of a virgin. God would become "*lower than the angels*" (Hebrews 2:9). God wanted to join the human family and adopt them as his own children. He would become a man and have a human mother who would be exalted as Queen of all the angels. The angels were created to serve him ("*All was created for him*" - Colossians 1:16)

One of the highest angels, seraphim, refused to bow down or

serve any of the lowly human creatures. He declared, "I will not serve."

This caused astonished silence in heaven, until one of the lowest angels, Michael the Archangel, defended God's sovereign rights and said, "Who is like God?" (This is the meaning of the name "Michael"). Then, God raised up Michael and made him to captain of all the angelic armies who "battled against the dragon... who is called the Devil and Satan..." so that the dragon "was thrown down to earth and

his angels were thrown down with it... its tail swept a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth." Those fallen angels hate human beings and they now prowl the earth and try to tempt us to reject God as well.

We should not have any sympathy for the devil, but we can certainly understand why Satan would be upset. It was difficult for Satan to understand why God would choose to lift up the lowly. God's plan is very strange. Human beings are much less intelligent than angels. Human beings have squishy, awkward bodies. Humans are half-animal and half-angel. Yet God was "not ashamed to call them brothers." God's strange plan was similar to those strange stories about royal prince falling in love with a commoner. God's plan is like one of those "upstairs-downstairs" novels in which a prince falls in love with one of the servant girls in the cellar. The entire royal household becomes very upset if the prince wants to marry a servant and wants everyone to attend the wedding. They do not want to serve the new princess nor mingle with her relatives. Some would rebel against the lunatic lord.

God's plan is like this. Before time began, God had in mind a

## JOHN'S JOKES

A man was getting a haircut prior to a trip to Rome. He mentioned the trip to the barber who responded, "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded & dirty and full of Italians. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?" "We're taking TWA," I replied, "We got a great rate!"

"TWA?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are surly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at the downtown International Marriott."

"That dump! That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is surly and they're overpriced. So, whatcha doing when you get there?"

"We're going to go to see the Vatican, and we hope to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the man again came in for his regular haircut.

The barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man, "not only were we on time

in one of TWA's brand new planes, but it was overbooked and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and the stewardess waited on us hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$25 million remodeling job and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us a suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, for as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Holy Father likes to personally meet some of the visitors; and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, he would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later in walks the Pope through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down as he spoke a few words to me."

"Really?" asked the Barber. "What'd he say?"  
He said, "Where'd you get the lousy haircut?"

FATHER MARK'S  
MESSAGE CONTINUED

perfect creature, the Immaculate Conception, with whom he would fall madly in love. She would fill her Immaculate Heart with more love than all the angels and saints put together. He would send his Holy Spirit to espouse her, unite himself to her, and live with her and make her the Mother of His Son. He would raise her up along with all of her human family and make them all heirs of his heavenly kingdom. He would expect all the angelic courtiers to sing and serve at this mismatched royal wedding. If one refused, he would have her crush his head.

What an amazing God we have! "He casts down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." He sent an archangel to a maiden in lowly Nazareth and his Divine Spirit hovered over her, making her the Queen Mother. He was not ashamed to take the form of a slave, to cavort with the non-royals in the basement, to dance with the lowly creatures in steerage. (Cf. Luke 1:52; Phil. 2:7)

Christmas is a time for all of us to humble ourselves and join the angels and the kings in adoration before the Babe and his Mother. The Knights of Columbus rise in rank in the illustrious order. However, a true Knight should never forget humility, and that we serve the one who came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28).

**Father Mark Wagner  
Chaplain and Pastor  
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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,  
We are approaching some events for the holidays and into the New Year. We will call upon you to help manage (set up and clean up), offer financial support, or help organize these events. The events we share with you are:

**December 8th, 2018  
Adopt-A-Family Dinner**

We need help to set up the hall and take down. We are looking for extra hands to help with kitchen clean up after the dinner and along with this service. We need your support for the families for whom we will be helping to make their Christmas holiday a special time. Please plan to attend the Adopt-A-Family dinner and bring your donations of boxed or canned food items or make a cash donation. We are looking for volunteers to take on duties to shop for the families (more info at the dinner December 8th). Reach out to Ruben Sanchez to offer your support at the dinner , his email is ruben.g.sanchez74@gmail.com.

**January 19th, 2019  
Blue Mass**

This event is in the planning stages, and if you would like to help please reach Brother Knight, Eric Pearson, to offer your support for the mass or lunch after the mass. Reach Eric at eric.a.pearson.ep@gmail.com

**February 16th, 2019  
Crab Feed Dinner**

Tickets will go on sale after the New Year in the church office and on the plaza starting January 12th & 13th for all masses and run through February. We are looking for brothers to help with this event and will have a signup sheet starting in January 2019. We could use your support in the planning of this event and help to secure donations for the auction and raffle. Give me a call at 209 484-5509 or email at dgk@kofc10644.com to offer your support.

In the January 2019 newsletter, I will talk about the Fish Fry Dinners and the plans for these five weeks of Friday night dinners starting on March 8th, 2019.

I hope your holidays are safe, enjoy your family and thanks for all you do to support our Council.

Sincerely yours,  
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