



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights:

Like many of you I can't believe the end of the calendar year is a month away. We hope you can join us on our Adopt a family Dinner so while we continue to help those in need, we can enjoy each others company and get to meet your wives and children.

Brothers, you deserve this dinner and social time. Because of your help we were able to continue our support for the Parish and Community. We tried our best

to keep low prices on the meals, so you can join us for this unforgettable event. (You should have received your invitation by a separate email).

You will not be disappointed and your children will have a great time taking pictures with Santa and giving him their wish list. Kids having fun and running around and adults socializing and getting to know new people. It doesn't get any better than that.

And for sure we never forget to Keep Christ in Christmas. He is the "Reason for the Season".

I wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2022. May God continue to bless you always.

Once again thank you for supporting your St. Joseph's Council #10644.

Blessed Father McGivney would be proud of you!

Grand Knight
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- Adopt a Family Dinner -CANCELLED-

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December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30	1	2	3	4 Adopt a Family 5pm (Cancelled)
5 2nd Sun- day of Ad- vent	6 Officers Meeting 6:30pm	7 Council Meeting 7pm	8 Immacu- late Conception	9	10	11
12 3rd Sun- day of Ad- vent	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Last Sun- day of Ad- vent	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	1 Happy New Year 2022!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Edward Gamboa 12/1
 DGK Taide Zamora 12/1
 GK Ruben Sanchez 12/2
 Anthony Butera 12/5
 Robert Lorenz 12/5
 Lee Wolf 12/7
 Raymond Tunkel 12/7
 Kevin Mollard 12/11
 Severino Pongase 12/12
 Daniel Roman 12/12
 Alex Trujillo 12/12
 David Castro 12/14
 Patrick Laubacher 12/14
 Carlos Torres 12/14
 Brian Porta 12/17

Roger Missall 12/19
 Alex Richmond 12/19
 Stephen Santos 12/21
 Nelson Henriquez 12/22
 Steven Tubbs 12/22
 James Brady 12/26
 John Bacay 12/27
 Jerry Blackenship 12/27
 Melvin Mattos 12/28
 Franklin Holmes 12/29
 Charles Gardali 12/31
 Robert Hazy 12/31



Wives' Birthdays

Julianna Rocha 12/8
 Cindy Trujillo 12/9
 Guadalupe Erend Valdovinos 12/12
 Linda Standart 12/13
 Julie Hendee 12/13
 Marilyn Hancock 12/14
 Judy Chavez 12/17
 Bethany Gorman 12/17

Alvera Baumgratz 12/21
 Anne Missall 12/22
 Mary Judd 12/25
 Lucille Matos 12/29
 Silvia Ramirez 12/31
 Selvina Samson 12/31



Anniversaries

Matthew & Camille Lorns 12/1
 David & Lorna Sichak 12/8
 John & Sarah Bacay 12/9
 Ronald & Sandra Uyeshiro 12/18
 Everardo & Loli-ta Ramirez 12/19

Albert & Monica Gonzalez 12/21
 Lovinio & Julita Casiano 12/22
 Marcial & Gloria Chayous 12/26
 John & ileana Rodriguez 12/26



JOHN'S JOKES



1) Can one bird make a pun?
No, but Toucan.

2) I went to the paint store to get thinner.
It didn't work.

3) I woke up this morning and my wife was gone! There was a note stuck to the fridge saying, " I can't cope it's clearly not working. I'm going to stay at my mom's."
I don't know what she was talking about. I just felt the milk an it's cold?!

4) This will be the first year we're not going to Hawaii because of Covid-19.
Normally, we don't go because we can't afford it.

5) My three-year-old granddaughter asked me: "where does poo come from?"

I said: "Well, after you eat food, it goes through your body which takes the good stuff out of it and gets rid of bad stuff. When we go to the toilet we get rid of the bad stuff as poo."

She stared at me for a few seconds, and said: "And what about Tigger?"

6) Don't expect me to stop if you're broken down by the side of the road. You've been offered an extended warranty for your car many times.

7) When my kids and their friends were small, I would organize a drawing competition. "Who can make the best drawing of me pretending to sleep on the couch" Time limit, 90 minutes. Follow me for more child reading tips.

8) My 9 year old son came home from a day at school and said to me, Dad did you know that 10+10 and 11+11 are the same thing?"

I said, "That can't be right!"

He said, " 10+10 is twenty and 11+11 is twenty too!" He just laughed and laughed. I was so proud.

(Hope you're enjoying the Jokes Brothers, Have a Happy and Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!)



DECEMBER'S PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for December 2021:

Catechists:

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

December Prayer Requests:

Pope Francis, Bishops, Priest, Vocations for Diocese of Stockton, Economy, our Persecuted Brothers, Our Officers and First Responders, Peace on Earth. the Un-born, Families, Marriages. And Our Council #10644. Brother Alfonso Chavez, Brother Timothy Benavidez (RIP)

Oh, Lord we ask you this December that all who have lost their faith and those who have been misled in leaving the Church may return home.

We ask to protect those who serve our community so that we maybe able to sleep at night. Such as our Modesto Police Department, First Responders and Firefighters.

In addition we ask you Lord for those who have lost their jobs and are living in the streets. For the Alcoholics and Drug users.

**Bless all our Council #10644 and there families
AMEN!**

Do not 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 us and we will be there to help. 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 directly Brother Everardo's cell phone at (209)303-3380.

God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to contact your Knights of Columbus Council #10644.



**God Bless You Brothers and Family!
May you have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2022**

Remember Don't hesitate to send me an email if you have an

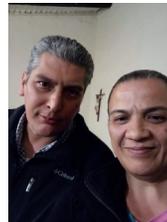
Emergency Prayer request.

Prayer is Powerful!

Vivat Jesus!

**God bless YOU always.
Yours in Christ;**

Everardo Ramirez, Editor



If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at

prayers@kofc10644.com



DEACON'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Brothers,

Fours months ago, I posed a series of questions about the mass. The answers should have been easy to respond to, since mass is something we go to all the time, or at least should be. You can find the questions at this link. By clicking another tab will open to make it easier for you to come back to read the rest of this December article.



Here are the next answers. We are more than half way through.

8. Why do we stand for the Gospel and not the other readings?

As you read a few months ago, the mass begins when we all stand together to begin the processional hymn, the music uniting us as one in our worship of God. Once we complete the next few prayers together (blessing ourselves, the introduction from the priest, the Penitential Act, the Gloria, the Collect), we all sit to hear the Word of God proclaimed. Hearing the Word of God nourishes our minds, so that we can later nourish our bodies with the Eucharist.

The first three readings for a Sunday mass (if we correctly count the Psalm, even though it is normally sung or chanted), include Sacred Scripture from the Old and New Testaments. Normally, the first reading is from the Old Testament, the Responsorial Psalm from the Psalms (duh!), and then the second reading is normally from one of the Epistles or Letters. There is some variation during the year, but that is the most common structure. We sit to hear/listen to them, as it is a ministerial action, something being done for us. The idea is that we are prayerfully listening to the words proclaimed and reflecting on their meaning. Unfortunately,

for many it is the time to zone out, to start looking around, or even to check our cell phone. The readings are for our benefit, not just a filler. We should be paying careful attention. If the Lector proclaims them clearly, we should not even need to look at the words on our phones, in the missalette or in the Magnificat. Looking out from where I sit by the presider at mass, I see quite a few reading along. I understand that, especially if the Lector doesn't project well or there are problems with the microphone.

The Lector will end with the words: "The Word of the Lord" to which we are to reply "Thanks be to God." There should be a brief moment of silence at this point to allow us to reflect on what was just proclaimed. Again, we are asked to do something, even when we are in silence to keep us engaged in the mass

After the second reading and the repeated, "Thanks be to God," the choir or the Lector should begin to sing "Alleluia!" It is at that moment, we stand again. We stand for the Gospel as a sign of respect for the words of Jesus and to manifest an eagerness and attentiveness to hear His Word. This makes sense if we consider our everyday experience of greeting a guest. If we are eager to meet someone important who is about to enter the room, we would stand out of respect. In the same way, we stand to greet Christ and to anticipate the proclamation of his Good News. We stand as well, since we are asked at the end of the mass to share the Gospel: "Go forth, glorying the Lord with your lives." By standing, we should be paying even closer attention to the Good News (what Gospel means), since they refer to the life of Jesus Christ. We stand almost in a manner of pledging to do something: share what we got out of the Gospel.



9. Why do we kneel for a while in the middle of the mass?

Towards the middle of the mass, we take another posture, different from the rest of the mass. Once the gifts are prepared: "Blessed are you God of all creation, for through Your goodness, ...," the priest does some additional prayers tied to the liturgical season, and then we sing together the Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts."

After this, we kneel. You will notice that as Deacon, I tend to kneel a little afterwards. I do later, since one of my jobs is to place and then remove the pall, the small white cover that goes over the chalice. All except for the priest kneel, because it is during this time that the priests, in Persona Christi or the person of Christ, will call down the Holy Spirit in order to transform the bread and wine which were taken up as gifts into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It is really the high point of the entire mass, since we are transported mystically to the Last Supper and the foot of the Cross at the same time, when Jesus gave us his physical body and transformed it spiritually for us to have for eternity.

When I used to have smaller children with me during mass, I would challenge them to look for the moment in which the bread turned into the Body of Christ and the wine into the Blood of Christ. We cannot truly see that transformation, but we know as Catholics that it does happen. We truly receive His Body, Blood, soul, and divinity when we receive communion. That is why we are all kneeling during the consecration. (Continued Page 9)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DECEMBER MESSAGE



Hello Brother Knights;

Merry Christmas to you and your family.

Just enjoy being together, take in a movie, go to dinner and just have FUN.

We thank you for being our Brother Knight. We cannot do this without you and your support.

God willing see you in 2022.



Yours in Christ;
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DECEMBER'S EDITORIAL MESSAGE



Brothers and Family,

Thank you for all your help and support to our St. Joseph's Council #10644. We can't have a successful Council without your support. Because of your help we are able to help our Parish and Community that depend on us.

God bless you Brothers and Family, may you have a well deserved time off this Christmas and very Happy New Year 2022.

Yours In Christ;
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DEACON'S DECEMBER MESSAGE CONTINUED

It is out of extreme reference for what is happening in front of us. If you watch me as the Deacon, you might see that I do not take my eyes off of the hosts or the chalice that the priests elevate, since I know the miracle that is occurring, and I don't want to miss a second.



Now you know what we stand, sit and kneel. Will you remember next time that you are inside of the church? Will it make a difference in how you react during the next mass? Or will you just go through the motions, since it is what "we always do"?

Next month, I will continue answering more of the remaining questions that I posed back in August. How many of those do you know the answer to? I am just an email away for you to give me your answers. Don't be afraid, even if you are not correct, it's all for fun.

God bless!
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Brothers;

The end of the year approaches and with it comes a time to celebrate great traditions and welcome the celebration of the Birth of Our Savior, Jesus.

We must also look ahead as well to a couple of mayor fundraisers that happen after the start of the New Year, specially the Crab Feed and then the Fish Fry Dinners. These will require the participation of all our Brother Knights in order for them to be a success.

We are having planning meetings for the Crab Feed and I encourage you to attend to see how you can contribute to the events success. Keep an eye out for the invitations.

I wish you all a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,
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