



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Worthy Brother Knights;
Merry Christmas Worthy Brother Knights;
I would like to say thank you to all of you and your wives and or significant other or friends that showed up to our 2nd Annual Appreciation Dinner on Veterans Day. I hope you had a great time, won a prize and had fun at the casino night.

Our next council meeting is on December 5, 2023 at Father O'Hare Hall beginning at 7:00pm. Hope to see you there and after the meeting join us for a nice meal with your fellow Brother Knights.

I hope to see you at the Adopt-a-Family on Saturday December 9, 2023. This event is free of charge for you and your immediate family, children under 17 years old. (if in doubt, ask), our PGK

Ruben Sanchez and his wife need for you to RSVP asap so we can prepare the food and gifts. And for you children and grandchildren, Santa will show up at 7:00pm so they can tell Santa what they would like for Christmas.

Other events coming up soon is the Blue Mass on January 13, 2023, we hope you can join us to Honor our MPD, Fire and First Responders. And on January 27 we have our Annual Crab Feed Dinner with silent and live auction. Put it on you calendar and purchase your tickets today. Early access for our Council Members online.

You should have received an email if not got to our webpage

We also need help with raffle tickets, selling tickets at the Church Plaza as well as getting raffle items from local businesses, so if you have any connections somewhere, please let us know and see if we

can get a donation from them.

On another note, the Ultrasound Machine that we purchased for the Modesto Pregnancy Center should be coming this month. They are still waiting for the contractor to finish everything up. Hopefully it will be open by the third week of December. God bless you for all you support especially on this matter. Saving babies lives is important!!

Brother, have a Merry Christmas from my family to yours.

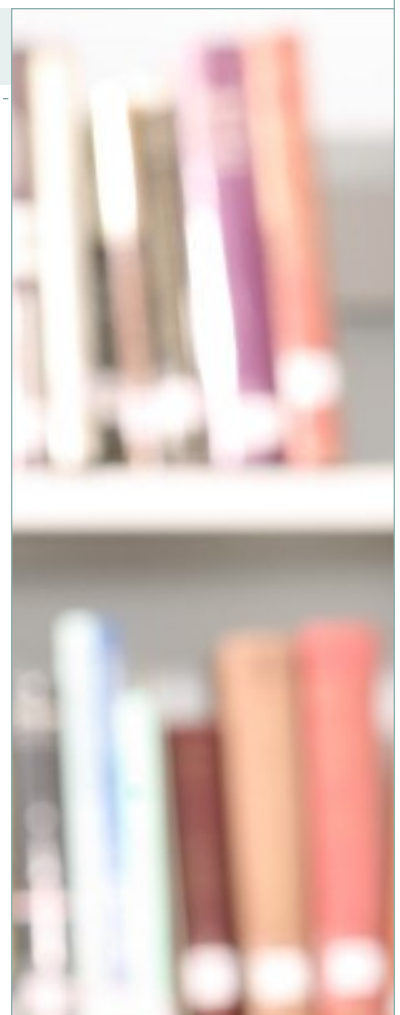
Yours in Christ; GK
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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3 1 Day of Advent	4 Officers Meeting 6:30pm	5 Council Meeting 7:00pm	6	7	8 The Immaculate Conception	9 S. Juan Diego Adopt a Family
10 2nd Sunday Advent	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy	14 St. John of the Cross	15	16
17 3rd Day Advent	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 CHRISTMAS	26 St. Stephen	27 St. John Apostle	28 The Holy Innocents	29	30
31 The Holy Family	1 NEW YEAR 2024	2	3	4	5	6

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Edward Gamboa 12/1
 Taide Zamora 12/1
 Ruben Sanchez 12/2
 Anthony Butera 12/5
 Robert Lorenz 12/5
 Lee Wolf 12/7
 Ray 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

Members' Birthdays

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 Blankenship 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 Valdivinos 12/12
 Linda Standart 12/13
 Julie Hendee 12/13
 Marilyn Hancock 12/14

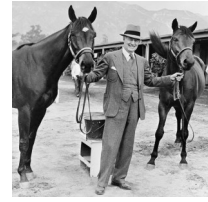
Judy Chavez 12/17
 Anne Missall 12/22
 Mary Judd 12/25
 Lucile Matos 12/29
 Silvia Ramirez 12/31
 Selvina Samson 12/31

Anniversaries

Matthew & Camille lorns 12/1
 David & Lorna Sichak 12/8
 John & Sarah Bacay 12/9
 Ronald & Sandra Uyeshiro 12/18
 Everardo & Maria Dolores Ramirez 12/19
 Albert & Monica Gonzales 12/21
 Lovinio & Julita Casiano 12/22
 Marcial & Gloria Chavous 12/26
 John & Ileana Rodriguez 12/26



BOB'S JOKES



FOOD 4 THOUGHT_THOUGHT 4 FOOD

1. If a bottle of poison reaches its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
5. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".
6. Over 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich owns horses.
7. If people evolved from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
8. Why is there a "D" in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
9. As I've grown older, I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, but pissing everyone off is a piece of cake!
10. I'm responsible for what I say, not for what you understand.
11. Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it the most never use it.
12. My tolerance for idiots is extremely low these days. I used to have some immunity built up, but obviously, there's a new strain out there.
13. It's not my age that bothers me-it's the side effects.
14. I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.



DECEMBER PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for December 2023

-For People with Disabilities-

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

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

Brother;

Have you ever wondered why I always have notebook and what I am writing? Most likely you have seen me at Mass and The Adoration Chapel writing something down. It's pretty simple, that Journal is my way of talking to our Lord Jesus Christ. I feel I can best thank him for all the blessings he bestows on me and my wife, but I also talk to him about my problems going on and asking for his guidance. It's a real closeness I feel with our Lord when I have that personal encounter with him. And I am also taking notes, so I can better remember what Father spoke about on his homily.

I don't think someone will get that far but just a precaution if picked up by mistake.

My plan is to have them burned in a special ceremony. Or maybe ask Father if they can be burned and used for Ash Wednesday.

Either way, God remembers all my good and bad days. Sometimes I go back to them and read on how much I have progressed and what I continue doing that is in the way of my spiritual life.

I highly recommend to give it a try and see if you enjoy it. Sometimes I see one or two that also have a journal or notepad. Hopefully it catches on, even though my wife does not like it because others just stare and wonder what I am doing. I have no problem letting them know if they just ask.

So now you know in case you ever wondered. Thank you for letting me share.

On another note brother

I am leaving to Mexico on December 1, 2023 to spend the Holydays with my wife.

I will still be taking your prayer request and continue with the Newsletter, so feel free to send me a message if you need a prayer for yourself or someone

you know.

I will have internet and my cell phone also works abroad..

I wish all of you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2024!

PRAYER REQUEST:

**Brother Everardo's Wife Lolita Ramirez, Brother Steven Tubbs, Brother Marlin Avila (RIP), Brother Jon White, Brother Dave Wharton's Wife Christi, Knights Living and Deceased, End to Abortion and Child Trafficking, Peace on Earth
The Seminarians and more Priests.**

If you need a prayer, or an email sent out for more to join in and pray with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at prayers@kofc10644.com with your name and your prayer request. Or you may call or text directly to Brother Everardo's cell phone @ (209)303-3380.

24/7 365 Days a Year!

Remember Don't hesitate to send me an email if you have an Emergency Prayer request.

Vivat Jesus!

Praying for you

Everardo Ramirez, Editor

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DECEMBER LECTURER REPORT

Greetings Brother;

December is here again. I pray that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am looking forward to Advent and Christmas, as the time of year gives me a great hope for renewal.

There is strife and turmoil in the world right now and we could use some light,

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Many struggle with health issues, many are hungry, many have no shelter and no one to help them,

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Many are indifferent to those who struggle, many hearts have turned away from God.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Let us open our hearts to Him, let us prepare Him room. Room within our hearts, so that we can welcome Him,

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Or as Saint John concludes the New Testament "Come Lord Jesus". This is our "call" for Advent and this should be our "call" for each day.

Come into my life Lord Jesus and make me a gift to my neighbor. Throughout December let us find ways to "call" Him into us. Bring Him into our hearts and homes.

Also this December, the Church dedicates the month to the Immaculate Conception. This is one of our great Marian dogmas and a great Marian Holy Day of Obligation on December 8, 2023. This is Mary being born without the stain of original sin. God prepared the way for His Son by giving Mary the grace of being born without sin. Mary is super special, we are pretty special as well, He gave us the Sacrament of Baptism to wash away the original sin we inherited, and He gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to wash away the un-original we have committed, That's right, un-original because I seem to keep committing the same sins again and again.

We also have the Guadalupe Celebrations, beginning on Saturday the 9th with the feast of San Juan Diego and the feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas on the 12th. (Keep an eye out on the Church Bulletin or an ear for the announcements for the Guadalupe Celebrations at our Parish) If you never been to our Lady of Guadalupe's celebration, I highly recommend you go, they are AWESOME.

December 25, 2023, Christmas the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, El Santo Niño, Jesu Bambino, The Word made Flesh, The BIG BIG day!

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night...yes, but there are some great days on our Church Calendar that often get overlooked because they are so close to Christmas...

December 20, 2023 Saints Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Old Testament Prophets.

December 21, 2023 (Now July 3) St. Thomas The Apostle

December 26, 2023 St. Stephen (The First Martyr)

December 27, 2023 Feast of St. John Apostle Evangelist

December 28, 2023 Feast of The Holy Innocents

December 29, 2023 St. David The King (973 BC)

December 31, 2023 and one of my personal favorites to finish the month on New Years Eve, Feast of The Holy Family.

My Brother, have a wonderful Advent, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024!

God bless you and your family, God bless our Council and God bless our Church.

Yours in Christ
Lecturer
Ray Tunkel



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Gentleman;



First of all, I want to thank all of you who attended our council's appreciation dinner. It was a wonderful night with great food, great games, great gifts and most of all a really great time shared among friends! It was wonderful seeing all of you at the dinner and I hope that it won't be the last we see of you, in fact, why not get together again, at the Adopt a Family Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2023? Enjoy dinner, while we make dreams come true for the underprivileged members of our community. Let's show them

that people really care!



Secondly, this past month we just celebrated two very important holidays, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day. Both of these holidays should cause us to reflect on the impact that others have had on our lives and how grateful we should be for them. In the case of our veterans, who fought so bravely and sadly gave up their lives for the freedoms we enjoy, and so often take for granted. If you ever get the chance to visit a

national cemetery and walk among the thousands and thousands of soldier's graves. I promise you, in less than a heartbeat, it will put your life priorities back in proper perspective.



During the month of December, we celebrate two very important holydays of the year. Christmas! For most of us it's a great joy, where family members come together, share food, memories, hopes and dreams, all while celebrating the true meaning of this holiday, the birth of our Lord and Savior! Christ came into this world to save us and give us all hope.



But sadly, for many in our community and our nation they have no hope. Oh, sure they have heard of Jesus, but to them, Jesus is a myth or a fable. They simply don't know he is real, alive and not just in our hearts and minds, but in the Holy Eucharist and in all the tabernacles around the world!

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This Christmas lets be mindful of our calling to evangelize the world by sharing Jesus Christ not only by our words but by our example. This year let's give generously of the gifts God has giving us. It may be money, but it doesn't have to be. It can be a gift of food, lending a hand, or just taking time to talk, listen and love one another even the perfect stranger.



We never know what hardships, despair, or loneliness our neighbors or that person sitting next to you in the pew are going through. They may be at the end of their rope and are just sitting there silently screaming for help and companionship! Don't let an opportunity to be Jesus Christ pass you by. We are the hands and feet of Christ and by helping those less fortunate than us...we might just save us both!

To all my Brother Knights and their Families, I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Yours in Christ;
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S DECEMBER MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights,



We are now into the holidays and will celebrate the New Year of 2024. This is a time to enjoy your family and friends, enjoy colors of the season with lights, displays and Christmas Trees. I am joyful for where we are as a Council #10644, the Appreciation Dinner was a success and seeing brothers attend with their spouses or guest was perfect. Lot's of praises from Brothers and Spouses and even the guests that helped host this event. Thank you to those of you that attended and we will continue to look at hosting future events that we can enjoy each others company and stay in touch. One last note to all Brothers that attended, we would truly enjoy your presence at the Council Meeting held the first Tuesday of every month at Father O'Hare Hall beginning at 7:00pm.



As we approach the final month of the first half of the Columbian Year, it's time for our yearly dues and the statements will be mailed out after December 15,2023. Please mail you payment or you can pay online, all the information will be sent out to you via USPS or email. As soon as I receive your dues I will mail out your new year membership card or personally give it you at one of our meetings.

Our hope is to continue to get members back that are late on dues and reduce the number of members that have an outstanding balance (current number is at 86 Brothers). If we can get the Brothers that owe \$30.00 we can reduce the outstanding balance by 11 Brothers. Make sure and watch out for your statement and remember you can also pay online and by check, cash is accepted either at the council meeting or if you see me around. Please reach out to me if you do not receive your statement or have a change of address. If you have an outstanding balance, please reach out to me and we can discuss your balance and see what we can do to help. We have already been able to help quite a few brothers this way, all you have to do is reach out to me and together look for an adequate solution. Our goal is to get Brothers back into our St. Joseph's Council #10644 and participate at our meetings.



The time has come to sell our Christmas magnets on December 2 and December 9,2023 weekends at the Church Plaza. We need volunteers to sell these magnets after each mass, all it takes is just 15 minutes of your time to sell the 200 magnets we have. Hope to see you there!

Brothers,

I want to wish you a great Christmas and Happy New Year 2024 and thank you for your support for the first half of Columbian Year 2023/2024 and look forward for the second half.



Yours in Christ;
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