



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brother
Knights:

I pray you are having a blessed Christmas and have a Happy New Year 2022. Staying safe and healthy with this Pandemic that doesn't want to leave us. But we trust in God and may His will be done.

As I am sure we all know, we were unable to have our annual Adopt a Family/ KofC Christmas Party. But thanks be to God we were still able to help out a few fami-

lies that are passing through tough times. Thank you to all that took time of your busy schedule to make it happen.

Blue Mass is coming up on January 29, 2022 and it is looking to becoming a big turn out. We will be needing more help from you and your family to make sure everything runs smoothly and our Officers, First Responders and Firefighters get a good recognition of their service to our community. There is plenty of work for everyone, if you haven't done so yet, please sign up asap. If not, you

are still welcomed to show up and give your Council a hand.

Thanks again Brothers and Family for all your help, I hope to see all of you soon. Don't forget we have our Monthly Business Meeting on Tuesday January 4, 2022 at 7pm.

God Bless!

Grand Knight
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January 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 Solemnity of Mary New Years Day |
| 2 The Epiphany of The Lord | 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus | 4 Business Meeting 7pm | 5 | 6 Dia de Los Santos Reyes | 7 | 8 |
| 9 Baptism of The Lord | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time | 17 St. Anthony Abbot | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 St. Agnes Virgin & Martyr | 22 Day of Prayer for unborn |
| 23 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time | 24 St. Francis de Sales | 25 Conversion of St. Peter | 26 STS. Timothy & Titus | 27 | 28 St. Thomas Aquinas | 29 Blue Mass |
| 30 4th Sunday Ordinary Time | 31 | 1 | 2 The Presentation of The Lord | 3 | 4 | 5 St. Agatha Virgin & Martyr |

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Jason Sablan 1/2
Mark Jeffords 1/3
Eduardo Torres 1/3
Kyle Kemper 1/5
Treasurer Clifford Judd 1/9
Efrain Ortega 1/9
Samuel Moraca 1/10
Daniel Gollin 1/14
Michael Ringler 1/14
Ralph Curtis 1/16
Vito Baccellieri 1/17
Micael Staud 1/17
Wayne Sousa 1/19
Guadalupe Valdovinos



Wives' Birthdays

Joanna Ibarra 1/9
Jill Martinez 1/11
Lupe Perez 1/13
Michelle Nuñez 1/14
Anita Mendoza 1/18
Rosalie Gardella 1/18
Rosemary Davison 1/20
Sandra Karsner 1/21



Anniversaries

Matt & Wendy Bettencourt 1/15
Jeff & Kim McCarthy 1/16
Gary & Rosemary Davison 1/18

Michael & Aninya Lamanet 1/19

Eddie & Lucy Muñoz 1/23

Eugene & Lynn Thiel 1/27



JOHN'S JOKES



- 1) When I go camping, I always bring a tuba. I set it on the picnic table and the sites next to me are always left vacant.
- 2) I cannot believe how much time my parents spent teaching me what sounds barnyard animals make. I have almost never needed that as an adult.
- 3) Dogs are God's way of apologizing for your relatives.
- 4) Little Johnny was a lazy student and was failing math. His parents had enough and so they pulled him out of his regular school and enrolled him in the local Catholic school. After the 1st day, he came home and without a word, went straight to his room to do his math homework. He was up there for four hours until it was all done.

The same thing happened the next day and so on. About a week later, his parents came up to his room and asked Johnny "What has brought this about? You're working so hard!" Johnny replied "When I got to math class on Monday and saw the guy above the blackboard nailed to a plus sign, I knew they were not messing around".
- 5) Nothing messes up your Friday like finding out it's only Tuesday.
- 6) I recently took a pole and discovered that 100% of the people in the tent were angry when it collapsed.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S JANUARY MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights:

I trust the Holidays have been memorable and enjoyable. As we move into this new year there are many opportunities for you to make an impact and contribute to the events happening these first three months of the year. Here is where help is needed:

1. Blue Mass is at the end of this month on the 29th.
2. Crab Feed ticket sales help every weekend on the Church Plaza after each mass- THIS IS A HUGE NEED
3. Help the night of the Crab Feed.
4. Fish Fry tickets on the Church Plaza.
5. Fish Fry help every Friday of Lent.

As you can see, it is going to take cooperation by everyone to make these events a success.

God Bless You Brothers, may you have a blessed Happy New Year 2022!

Yours In Christ;
DGK Taide Zamora
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JANUARY'S PRAYER MESSAGE

Pope Francis Prayer Request for January 2022:

For True Human Fraternity;



We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Happy New Year 2022!

God willing you had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Years Day. Sadly this year we did a loose a few of our Brother Knights but we know that the way they lived their lives in this world, God may soon have them if not already at our Promised Land. I pray to God that all of us have our faith strengthened and continue living with love and helping like our Brothers helped their family and community.

Please, don't forget to scroll down for this months prayer requests.

Don't forget our Memorial Mass.

Thanks to our Treasurer Cliff Judd, Father Sam and Tammy. Brother Cliff was able to schedule us a Memorial Mass beginning on Thursday July 15,2021. This Memorial Mass will be to pray especially for our Brothers Knights past and present. It will consist of praying the Rosary every third Thursday of each month before the 5:45 Mass at 5:15pm. We are looking for volunteers to pray a decade of the Rosary. if you feel the call to pray a Rosary please let or Brother Cliff know either via phone @ (209) 613-7017 or at 5pm before the Rosary that Thursday. God willing we will see you there supporting our Knights of Columbus with your Knight Gear and Badges. Hope to see you there!

Don't 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 our Knights Prayer Group and we will gladly visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer. 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 Brother Everardo @ (209)303-3380.

If you need any assistance or know of an elderly

person needing assistance don't hesitate to let your Officers know by replying to this email or at prayers@kofc10644.com

Don't forget we are here for you!

God willing, you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to contact your Knights Prayer Group. If you hear God's calling and would like to join our prayer group, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. We are open to all our Brother Knights from Council #10644. Please spread the word to our fellow Brothers and family members. Don't forget to pick up a business card with our information to keep in your wallet. The cards are located in the cash box with Brother Cliff or Brother Everardo has them on hand.

Prayer Requests:

Brother Alfonso Chavez, Our Grand Knight and Officers, all our older brothers and family, living and deceased. end to abortion, world peace. Treasurer Cliff Judd. Souls of Our Fallen Heroes. (RIP) Brother Tim Benavidez (RIP) Brother Dave Tacchini. End to the Pandemic.

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

Have a Blessed New Year 2022!

Thank You Brothers, may you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

Praying for you;

Everardo Ramirez, Editor

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at prayers@kofc10644.com



CHAPLAIN'S JANUARY MESSAGE



A few months ago, I posed a series of questions about the mass. The answers should have been easy, since we supposedly go to mass at least on every Sunday. There appears to still be hesitance to respond. Could it be that you don't know the mass as well as you thought?

I recommend that you stop reading right here and go back and read the questions I originally posed. See how many you know the answer to and send me an email. You can find the questions at this link. By clicking you can another tab will open to make it easier for you to come back to read the rest of this article.

I am not going to give all of the 16 answers here. Just a few of them



10. Why do we say "Amen" when we are receiving communion?

Believe it or not, there are actually some people that don't say "Amen" when receiving communion. As an ordinary minister of the Holy Eucharist, I normally am assigned two different masses each week in which I distribute communion. There are weekends in which I do more, but two is the norm. The correct formula for us is to raise a consecrated host to show and then say the words, "The Body of Christ." The idea is that we are saying what we are show-

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ing you: the really, truly present, Body of our Lord Jesus Christ! In reality, what you will be seeing is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord. It is all contained within that small host that you see raised before your eyes. So, the response is important.

I have had a few people, not many but still say, "Thank you." Thank you gives the idea that I am passing you something insignificant and you are showing your appreciation. I could be passing you a cookie, a hymnal, a Kleenex, anything. Obviously, "Thank you" is not the right attitude to receiving what we receive. It leads me to think that the individual doesn't really understand what they are receiving.

The correct response, the one contained in my question, is "Amen!" "Amen" is one of the few Hebrew words that we use continually. Even though we might have forgotten what it means, since we use it so often, it actually means, according to Webster's Dictionary, "used to express solemn ratification (as of an expression of faith) or hearty approval (as of an assertion)." Colloquially, we tend to say that it means, "so be it." I prefer Webster's definition, since it includes "solemn ratification." By stating "Amen," we aren't expressing our thanks, we are saying clearly and forcefully, "Yes, that

is the Body of Christ!" I can tell when someone gets that meaning when they don't whisper, "Amen," rather they say it loudly and clearly, "Amen!" There is actually one gentleman who says loudly, "Amen!" and then follows that with "Thank you, Jesus!"

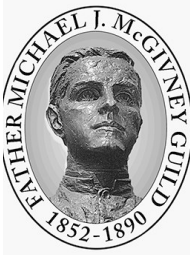
Now, we don't all need to yell out "Thank you, Jesus!" after receiving communion, but if we do truly recognize that we are receiving our Lord's Body and Blood into our mouths, then we should be receiving Him reverently and saying loudly that we believe it with a clear, "Amen!" It shouldn't be mumbled or ignored.



The next question that I posed is the following.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S JANUARY MESSAGE



Brothers;

I hope you had a great time with your family for Christmas. Enjoying those special dishes for dinner (I also assume you craved the desserts that each family member shares only during the holidays) spending time together to laugh and giving each other lots of family love.

We salute to another year being a Brother Knight and I look forward to many changes in 2022. I think about all of you as Brother Knights and wonder when we will see more Brothers attend our General Meetings (First Tuesday of Every Month). I understand the past year and a half being extra cautious, but the time has come to step forward and give back to provide your guidance to our Council, giving your time to help be men of our Parish and Community (we need your Spiritual Guidance) we need your help to give back to those that need support in 2022 and we need you for the events for our Parish Members expect from us in 2022. (Blue Mass, Crab Feed, Fish Fry's and Fireworks Booth). I challenge each of you to remember why you became a Knights of Columbus member, we only ask a few hours of your time in 2022.

FEBRUARY 26th--Annual Crab Feed Fundraiser

We will sell tickets on the Church Plaza during January at the Church Office and online. (See our website for more information beginning New Years Weekend). We will provide ticket prices, table prices and more information about our Crab Feed at that time. It will be fun to have you back in the Hall to enjoy delicious Crab and hang out with your family and friends.

Brother Knights, we need Your Help to gather auction items for the event! Please reach out to your business contacts, families, friends and other associates that can donate gift baskets, electronics, tools, and many more items for this event to help our auction be a success. Please also consider donating a dessert for our desert silent auction. If you are not a crab eater, we still need your help.

March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, April 1st and 8th- Lenten Fish Fry and Soup Dinner

See our DGK Taide Zamora for more information to host a Friday Night Meal Event.

Lastly Brothers, our 2022 Dues should have been mailed by now. You can pay by check, cash or credit card. Please be prompt and pay your annual dues for 2022.

Thank you Brothers and Family, I pray you have a Blessed 2022 New Year. If you have any questions or need any information or want to help, you may contact me at my cell phone number @ (209)484-5509 or email located underneath.

**Yours in Christ;
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CHAPLAIN MESSAGE CONTINUED

11. Do we have to go to mass every Sunday?

Don't laugh, but the answer to that question is really yes and no. Yes, we have a moral obligation to attend mass each and every Sunday and every Holy Day of Opportunity during the year. Since before the time of Jesus, the Jews would gather as a community once a week. They tended to do so on their day of rest, the Sabbath, or Saturday. Once Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday, it became the Lord's Day, and on Sundays we took on the responsibility of gathering as a community (literally a church, as the Greek word *ekklesia*, like in the English word *ecclesiastical*, means a community or assembly). As Canon Law states it: "Can. 1247 On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." The Catechism states it this way: "The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship 'as a sign of his universal beneficence to all.' Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people."

So, yes, we do "have to go to mass every Sunday." There are some exceptions. We can go to the vigil mass on Saturday, and that would fulfill our Sunday obligation. Notice that is the vigil mass, not a Saturday morning or a Saturday wedding mass. Those two are different, so they do not fulfill our obligation. One give away for that is that the readings will be different. What happens is that liturgically after 4 PM on Saturday, it is Sunday. It really was set up to be after sunset, but with the time changes, the Church decided to say 4 PM.

In history, this can affect when certain celebrations are. So, normally a saint is celebrated on the day that he or she was "born onto eternal life" or died. St. Francis died in our reckoning on October 3rd, but we celebrated his feast day on October 4th, because he died at about 5:45 PM after sunset in Assisi. Another example occurred recently. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation, and it fell on Saturday. So, we were obligated to attend, and then attend the next day on December 26th, because that was a Sunday.

Our Sunday obligation can be mitigated if there are extenuating circumstances. Those circumstances need to be grave, not the Super Bowl, family from out of town, etc.

If we are traveling, say in China where there are not a lot of Catholic churches and it is difficult for us to find one, we would not be obligated to attend mass.

If there is a war or pandemic or another instance in which we might be putting ourselves or others in serious danger, even if the Bishop does not give a dispensation, we would not have the obligation to attend.

If we were ill and therefore putting others at risk of contagion, we wouldn't be obligated. (Notice that I said "ill" and "contagion." Being hung over might feel like you are ill, but there is no change of contagion.)

If we are required to work and there is no opportunity to attend mass, we are not obligated. Now, at St. Joseph's we have one mass on Saturday and seven more on Sundays at a variety of times, so there is most likely one that we would be able attend, even if we are working. There is no flexibility in "I can't attend the time I want" or "I can't attend in a language I want." If we can attend, we have the obligation to do so.

Next month, I will continue answering the 16 questions that I posed in August. Most have been answered already, but there are still some. Will you know the answers? Send me what you think by clicking on the email address below.

God bless!
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JANUARY'S EDITORIAL

God Bless you Brothers and Family;

God Willing you had a Blessed Christmas with your loved ones and friends. And continue to receive God's Blessing for the New Year 2022. Every year the majority of us make a New Years resolution, the most famous one is signing up for the gym. And in a couple of months we give up then we have a hard time cancelling the gym membership.

Maybe we should change our Resolution and and make one that gets us closer to God. We should ask God and ourselves what do we need to strengthen our Spiritual Life and what is holding me back. (Comfort Zone?) What does God expect from me? How can I support my Parish and Community? How can I spread God's love with the rest of the world? Am I praying daily and reading the Bible? So many questions but we do have many answers to all these questions.

After asking God one of the first things we need to do is get out of our Comfort Zone. And we have a great opportunity to help our Parish and Community where we need much of your help. There is always something to do and that is; Just get involved in our St. Joseph's Council #10644. God willing we have many events this year and what a better way than to start working for God along with your Brother Knights. We have The Blue Mass, Crab Feed, Fish Fry's, Fireworks Booth, Parish Festival Booth and much more. Two hours sign ups is all it takes to serve God, our Parish and Community. And with your help we raise money to donate those organizations in need and that depend on our generosity. We really have one of the Best Councils in our area but with your help we can make it BETTER. And it is because of our active Brothers and Families that we have one of the best councils. We have 200 + members but only about 45 active. How far can we go if the rest would become active? From personal experience I can tell you that serving God along with my Brothers has been one of the best experience of my life. It does not get any better in serving God and having fun while doing it. Seeing Parishioners and the Communities happiness when we support their cause. There is always something to do for everyone whether your busy, handicapped, or older. As long as you have the WILL you can do it!

As many know I am Handicapped and have a limit on where and how I can help our Council. But God knows I do what I can, when I can and I feel privileged to serve God through our Council #10644. I cannot sit to long, stand to long or lift anything heavy. But that does not stop me from helping to sell tickets, receive our guest at the events, Newsletter Editor, check for ID's at the Crab Feed and the list goes on.

So, I pray Brothers, especially our new Members that you get involved and bring your family along, so they too can feel God's Love while we serve Him, His Parish and His community. I promise you will not regret it.

God Bless you and hope to see you at our next Council Meeting on Tuesday January 4,2022 @7pm. We will send a separate email and let you know if it will be at the Father O'Hare Hall or at the St. John Paul II's building.



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