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# **Knight Light Newsletter**

**BROTHERS**;

TRUSTING YOU CONTINUE HAVING A
GREAT CHRISTMAS
AND WISHING YOU A
PROSPEROUS MEMORABLE 2023.
GOD BLESS YOU
BROTHERS AND
HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING ON

**OUR ANNUAL BLUE** MASS IS COMING UP AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND I WANT TO PERSONALLY IN-VITE YOU TO COME AND BE PRESENT. IT IS TIME WE EM-**BRACE LIFE AND** MAXIMIZE OUR ABILITIES WHILE WE **ENCOURAGE OTH-**ERS TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE. **OUR OFFICERS ARE GOING THROUGH A** LOT THESE PAST YEARS AND WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THEM INCLUDING OUR FIRST RE-SPONDERS AND FIREMAN. IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR SERVICE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE BETTER SLEEP AT NIGHT. WHILE WE ARE **RESTING THEY ARE ACTIVE AND DOING** GOD'S WILL IN PRO-

TECTING OUR COM-MUNITY.

**GOD BLESS YOU BROTHERS AND** HOPE TO SEE YOU CIL MEETING ON **JANUARY 3,2023** @ 7:00PM AT **FATHER O'HARE** HALL. PARTICIPA-TION HAS BEEN **GROWING MORE** AND MORE EVERY MONTH. IF YOU HAVE NOT ATTEND-ED A MEETING IN A WHILE OR NEVER HAVE ATTENDED ONE OF OUR MEET-INGS WE ENCOUR-**AGE YOU TO JOIN** US. OUR BROTHER-**HOOD AND CAMARA-DERIE IS GETTING** STRONGER. THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO JOIN US MONTHLY.

WE HAVE MANY
EVENTS COMING
UP AND AS ALWAYS WE CANNOT
DO IT WITHOUT YOU. PLEASE
MAKE IT PART OF
YOUR NEW YEAR
RESOLUTION AND

COME TO OUR
MONTHLY MEETING (LESS THAN 2
HOURS A MONTH).
AND AFTER THE
MEETING WE
HAVE A CHANCE
TO TALK TO FELLOW BROTHERS
AND ENJOY A
SMALL MEAL/
SNACK.

GOD BLESS YOU BROTHERS AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED 2023!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1 New Year 2023! Mary Mother of God So- lemnity	2 St. Basil St. Gregory (Bishops)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus  Council Meeting  @7:00pm	4 St. Eliza- beth Ann Seton	5 St. John Neumann Bishop	6 Epiphany Feast (Mexico)	7			
8 Epiphany of The Lord (USA)	9 Baptism of The Lord	10	11	12	13	14			
15 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time	16	17 St. Anthony Ab- bot	18	19	20	21 St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr			
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	Day of Prayer for Legal Pro- tection of Unborn	24	25	26 St. Timo- thy & St. Titus Memorial	27	28 Blue Mass St. Thomas Aquinas			
29 4th Sun- day Ordi- nary Time	30	31 St. John Bosco (memorial)	1	2	3	4			

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays	Guadalupe Valdovinos 1/20	Wives' Birth- days		Anniversaries	
Jason Sablan 1/2 Mark Jeffords 1/3 Eduardo Torres 1/3 Kyle Kemper 1/5 Clifford Judd 1/9 Efrain Ortega 1/9 Samuel Moraca 1/10 Daniel Golling 1/14 Michael Ringer 1/14 Ralph Curtis 1/16 Vito Baccellie-	Timothy Mata- lone 1/21 Ramiro Mo- rales 1/21 Cristian Ortiz 1/23 Robert Luna 1/24 Thomas Hogan 1/26	Joanna Ibarra 1/9  Jill Martinez 1/11 Lupe Perez 1/13  Michelle Nuñes 1/14 Anita Mendoza 1/18	Rosemary Davison 1/20	Matt & Wendy Bettencourt 1/15	Michael & Aninya Lamanet 1/19
	Roberto Men- doza 1/27 Brian Ar- chuleta 1/28			Jeff & Kim McCarthy 1/16	Eddie & Lucy Muñoz 1/23
	Marco Mar- tinez 1/29 Ronald La- mont 1/30 John Foster 1/31 Jim McDoal 1/31		Helen Moya 1/31 Carol Luna 1/31	Gary & Rose- mary Da- vidson 1/18	Eugene & Lynn Thiel 1/2 7
ri 1/17 Michael Staud 1/17 Wayne Sousa 1/19	ENJOY YOUR BIRTHDAY	HAPPY	BIRTHDAY		

## COUNCIL'S JOKES







1) New Year Prayer For the Elderly God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones that I do, And the eyesight to tell the difference.

2) New Year Resolutions for 2023 and past years: (Hey I'll get there, don't judge me)

Year 2019:

I will get my weight down below 180 pounds.

Year 2020:

I will

follow my new diet religiously until I get below 200 pounds.

Year 2021:

I will develop a realistic attitude about my weight.

Year 2022:

I will

work out 3 days a week.

Year 2023:

I will try to drive past a gym at

least once a week.

- 3) Dear Lord So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen
- 4) On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer. 'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Daniel.
- 'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the officer sarcastically. 'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.
- 5) What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve? Chill out.
- 6) Youth is when you're allowed to stay up on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.
- 7) What do New Year's Day parades have in common with Santa Claus? No one is awake to see either of them.



## JANUARY PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for November 2023

—For educators—
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses,

teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

### Happy New Years 2023!

Brothers and family, join us and pray for Pope Francis. I recently seen a video on Facebook of an laicized Priest. Not exactly sure why he was excommunicated but by his videos it's likely he wasn't listening to the Church and talking bad about other Priest that all they do is get drunk and live a disorderly life. And now he has a new video saying that Pope Francis is behind the pedophiles and supports his priest to violate children and covers up for them. He is warning everyone not to leave their children with any catholic priest because they will be violated. I personally truly believe that he is the devil in disguise. He goes through everything for ordination and once he is ordained he wins people's hearts and kindness. After that he attacks the Catholic Church beginning with Pope Francis and those followers he has convinced believe him and also begin attacking our Pope and Church. The Devil disguised as a lamb does his videos in Spanish and his name is Adam

Here is his video if you would like to watch. But I warn you, you will get angry on all the stupidity he says. Your faith is strong so I don't worry you will get sucked into these lies.

As Father Domingo says:

Kotas.

(Catolico Ignorante Seguro Protestante) (Ignorant Catholic is a sure Protestant)

And I share this video to remind us that we must pray for our Mother Church and Pope Francis, Priest, Deacons, Lay Brothers and Sisters and the lost souls. Jesus Christ has promised us that the Gates of Hell will not prevail our Church. But he still wants our prayers especially for the lost.

God help us with these devils in disguise and those that actually believe them. May God return soon and put order in what rightfully belongs to him.

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 <a href="mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com">prayers@kofc10644.com</a> 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 newsletter or at <a href="mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com">prayers@kofc10644.com</a>.

Don't forget we are here for you!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Brother Alfonso Chavez, Brother Robert Mendoza's Father in Law (RIP) Our Enemies, Raul Gonzalez, People in Rehabilitation Centers, Our Council and all our older brothers and family, living and deceased.

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

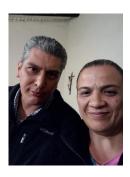
Have a Blessed New Year 2023!

God bless YOU always. Vivat Jesus!

Praying for You

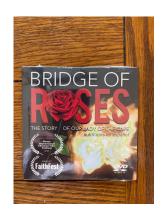
**Everardo Ramirez** 

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### DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S JANUARY MESSAGE







### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Fellow Brother Knights;

What I want to share this month with you are some images and the story of our Lady of the Cape. This is the oldest Shrine in North America and the story was on EWTN this past October. It's also on DVD through EWTN. You can also YouTube it and watch a very uplifting, motivational story of our Lady in the miracle of God. And I am sharing this information with you Brothers and your families.

I have giving a copy of the video to a few and others have looked it up. I do so because I think that this is what we need right now with all the violence and persecution of Mother Church and our Priest is the heresy going on throughout the world.

I encourage you to look up and watch this video. It's about two hours but totally worth it. It may change your life and you may become members the conformity of the Holy Rosary. It has personally helped my wife and I pray together. We have been praying especially for our marriage, our lives, our families, people around us, our Country, our Diocese and especially for our Church.

I am sure you will enjoy this Beautiful Story like we have. God Bless You Brothers and Family and have a wonderful Year 2023.

Yours in Christ Deputy Grand Knight Richard Goeken dgk@kofc10644.com



#### DEACONS MESSAGE FOR JANUARY

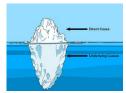
#### **Greetings, Brother!**

It is that time of year when many of us end up making New Year's resolutions. Every year there is a lot of media time both in ink and on the screens (big and small) of people sharing what they are resolved to accomplish in the upcoming year. There are a lot of them in the image to the right. Drinking less, helping others, enjoying life, loosing weight, getting fit. Don't those all sound like positive things to do?



People go out and buy work-out equipment and clothes. They buy self-help books on how to quit smoking or drink less or help others.

Then, they begin whatever program that will help them to live up to those resolutions. They are intent on being successful. They are reading. They are getting up early. They are doing whatever it takes.



Then, about three weeks go by. The weather is cold. The credit card bill shows up. Something distracts from the program. And what happens? Little by little (or sometimes right away), those resolutions go out the window.

It might seem as if we are failures for not being able to keep resolutions. As I said above, the goals are all good ones. We should strive to achieve them. Perhaps the problem isn't that we "can't keep them." Perhaps the problem is more

basic. Perhaps the problem is why we would need to make those changes. If we don't look at the underlying causes, can we really be successful at overcoming whatever we are trying to change every January 1?

So, if we set a resolution to lose weight but don't look at why we are at the weight we have, we might not be able to lose. Or we might fall into the same traps over and over again. That could lead to us gaining even more weight. It is exactly the same with all of the others things that inspire us to make resolutions that we end up not keeping each and every year.

There is no one thing that causes issues for all. Right? We can't all have the exact same underlying cause for all of the little things that we to change, can we?

Maybe there is. Maybe the hole that we have, that we try and fill with food, smoking, drinking, partying, or whatever we now want to change has only one thing (or one person) that will fill it. Maybe we are restless, because we aren't looking in the right direction.

God does give us all that we need. But do we search out for Him? Do we pray unceasingly? Do we visit Him and listen to Him in the adoration chapel? Do we have a regular schedule for taking advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Are we reading His word, if not daily, at least once a week? Do we schedule our Sunday activities around masses, regardless of where we are or whatever else we are doing? Are we taking part of any of the things that the parish is doing related with the Eucharistic Revival?



Brother, my prayer for you at the beginning of this New Year, is that you continue to fly to Him today, tomorrow, and every day. Let Him fill the hole in your heart and your soul with His grace. He is always there waiting for you with His arms wide open. Let your resolution be like mine: to strive to keep the Lord as the center of my life! Fall more fully in love with Him this year!

God bless! Deacon Richard Braun Richard@worldablaze.org



#### EPHIPHANY REFLECTION

What Is Epiphany? The Meaning of Epiphany, How To Celebrate and When To Mark the 12th Day of Christmas



The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — Pius Parsch

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated either on January 6 or, according to the decision of the episcopal conference, on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. The young Messiah is revealed as the light of the nations. Yet, as the antiphon for the Magnificat at Second Vespers reminds us, three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana. Extra candles and/or lamps may be placed around the sanctuary and in other parts of the church to honor Christ revealed as the Light of the Gentiles (Ceremonial of Bishops). It is customary to replace the images of the shepherds at the crib with the three Magi and their gifts. --Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year, Msgr. Peter J. Elliott, Ignatius Press.



The feast of the Epiphany, which was kept in the East and in certain Western Churches before being observed in Rome, seems to have been originally a feast of the nativity; January 6, for those churches where it was kept, was the equivalent of Christmas (December 25) in the Roman Church. The feast was introduced at Rome in the second half of the sixth century and became the complement and, so to say, the crown of the Christmas festival.

Epiphany means manifestation. What the Church celebrates today is the manifestation of our Lord to the whole world; after being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem He is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. Christian tradition has ever seen in the Magi the first fruits of the Gentiles; they lead in their wake all the peoples of the earth, and thus the Epiphany is an affirmation of universal salvation. St. Leo brings out this point admirably in a sermon, read at Matins, in which he shows in the adoration of the Magi the beginnings of Christian faith, the time when the great mass of the heathen sets off to follow the star which summons it to seek its Saviour.

That is the meaning, too, of the wonderful prophecy from Isaias which the liturgy appoints to be read in the first nocturn at Matins and at the Epistle of the Mass. This same thought of universal redemption the Church returns to as she sings, in the antiphon to the Magnificat at 2nd Vespers, applying the words to herself, of the union with Christ typified by the wedding feast at Cana, by the baptism of her children foreshadowed by that of Christ in the waters of the Jordan. Formerly the Epiphany was an additional day for solemn baptisms.



Solemnity of the Epiphany—Day Fifteen

Epiphany is a large celebration, especially in Spanish speaking countries. Things look different around the household: the infant Jesus in the manger now has a small gold crown and is wearing regal robes. The figures of the wise men have reached Bethlehem, completing the nativity scene.

The Church extends itself on Epiphany to the homes of the faithful. The custom of blessing the home on this day probably originated from these words in the Gospel, "And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary, His Mother, and falling down they adored Him." The priest blesses the house if he can be present, but if not, the father of the family may do so.

## EPHIPHANY REFLECTION CONT.

Mass Readings for the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Cycle A:

The First Reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 60:1-6. The prophet is trying to cheer the exiles by foretelling the glorious future of the new Jerusalem which is not yet rebuilt. The special radiance of God will illuminate it. Gentiles will bring their riches to it. From East and West peoples will flock to it. The Feast of the Epiphany is the feast which commemorates the manifestation of God to the Gentiles. This manifestation began when the Wise Men from the East came to Bethlehem to pay their respects and offer their gifts to the newly-born king of the Jews. Though the words of Isaiah were not understood by his hearers as referring to this event, it was only in the coming of the Magi, to welcome Christ, that they were really fulfilled.

The Second Reading is taken from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3; 5-6. St. Paul's thoughts in his prison in Rome are not for himself nor for the fate that awaits him. He is thinking instead of the mission Christ gave him, to evangelize the Gentile nations. He has done much already, and even in prison he does all he can to continue the good work. He writes to his Gentile converts from Rome, to remind them of their great privilege in being called to the Christian faith. They are now God's new Chosen People, they are now members of Christ's mystical body.

The Gospel of today's feast, is from the Gospel of Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi are the central personages in today's feast of Epiphany. They were pagans who did not know the true God of the Jews. Yet that true God revealed to them that the King he had promised to the Jews had come. The expected Prince was born. They came to Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, expecting, of course, to find the city and the whole country rejoicing. Instead they found suspicion and hatred in the reigning king—a hatred which in a few days turned to murder. Among the religious leaders they found knowledge of their past history, but utter indifference as regards the present and the future. These leaders knew the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem; they must have realized that the Magi were very sure of the truth revealed to them—they would not have come such a long journey on a "fool's errand." In spite of that, the thought of going to Bethlehem with the Magi never entered their minds. These were the leaders who some years later refused to listen to Christ and in spite of his miracles refused to admit his claim that he was not only the promised Messiah, but the true Son of God. These were men who rejected him because he had mercy on sinners, and spoke of a future life. What they wanted from their Messiah was political power and earthly freedom and prosperity. Like Herod they ended with murder-the crucifixion of the "King of the Jews." The pagan king was not much worse than the indifferent leaders of God's Chosen People. Let us resolve to make the Magi our models, to follow them to Bethlehem and offer Christ all that we have and are.

-Adapted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O F.M.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord,

Station with San Pietro in Vaticano (St. Peter's in the Vatican):

The Station is in the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican, in keeping with the dignity of the festival of the Epiphany. Epiphany means manifestation. It is the mystery of Christmas, the manifestation of Christ to the world. It is no longer only to the Jews that He is shown; in the person of the three Wise Men it is to all people that He stand revealed as the light of nations. The

original basilica was built by Constantine in 323 over the place where St. Peter was buried.

Yours in Christ;

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