



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
I hope that you all had a very blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends, taking time reflect on all things in your life for which to be thankful. I hope that, as a Council, our thankfulness carries forward as we enter into December. December 15th will be our annual Adopt-a-Family Dinner, where we help out 10 needy families. We will need your generosity to make the dinner a success. Any canned goods, other non-perishable food items, gift cards, or anything else that you can give

will be needed to help make Christmas very merry for those families. Also during December, our Parish will have its annual Parish Mission. I am very excited about this year's mission, as it will involve talks by Tim Staples from Catholic Answers. He will be talking about the Year of Faith and Mary. I encourage each of you to turn out for these talks, so that as Knights we take advantage of the opportunity to strengthen our faith. The Mission starts on the 16th and will continue every night through the 18th. They will start at 7

PM each evening in the church. I hope to see many of you there.

There will be elections at our December meeting, as the Worthy Chancellor, Pete Sedillo, had to resign for personal reasons. The Warden, Richard Braun, has accepted the nomination to move up to Chancellor. The Recorder, Gary Reggiani, has accepted the nomination to move from Recorder to fill the position of Warden. Brother Kwei-Cee Chu was nominated to fill the empty Recorder position. Further possible nominations and elections will be held at the meeting.



**Michael Vigil,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
December 6th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
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A Fellow Knight!**

Don't forget to meet in the Church on every second Friday of the month for the 5:45 PM for the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and a Respect Life Rosary afterward. In December there were only 8 Brothers present. Where were you? Will you be there in December?

Did you know that there is plenty of time to go to mass before the meeting each month? It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. Will YOU be at daily mass during the month of October? Masses at 8 AM or 5:45 PM.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear defenders of life and of the church, In this season of Advent we are preparing for Christmas but even more, we are preparing for Christmas in the Year of Faith! We have this "opportunity", as our Pope says, to "rediscover the joy of believing" in Christ who is both God and a man born of the Virgin Mary. This is the faith of the church: to believe in the one sent by the Father. Faith consists in accepting this stupendous, incredible story about a god who became a shivering cold baby in a dark cave for animals. We can begin this year contemplating this mystery. The pope has said that this is a year for studying the "content" of our faith as it is presented in the creed and the Catechism and the Documents of Vatican II. Sounds difficult! Sounds like we've got a lot of homework! But as important as study is, it does not always guarantee that our faith will grow.

Some people study a lot of theology instead of growing in faith they grow in pride. So before studying we should do some "kneeling theology." We should kneel down before the manger scene and just gaze on Him who is the real content of our faith: the God-Man, the Word Made Flesh. Most of us have a somewhat incomplete faith in Jesus. We tend to over-emphasize either his humanity or his divinity. We tend to overemphasize one or the other. We tend to err on one side or the other. Some people forget his humanity and only think of him as an exalted, unapproachable divine king. Other people forget his divinity and think of him as an ordinary friend: as a "pal" or a "buddy." But Jesus is both at the same time. Mary can help us as we begin our Year of Faith. Devotion to Mary helps us to have true faith in Jesus who is both God and man at the same time. Who knows Jesus better than Mary? She was the Mother who

knew he was truly a man because she bore his body in her womb, embraced him and nursed him. And she is the Virgin who knew he was truly God because she more than anyone else knew for certain that he had no other father but God. If we get close to Mary she can present her son to us, who is one person with two natures. She can introduce us to the complete mystery of her Son without neglecting either his divine nature or his human nature. She helps us keep these two truths in tension and not forget either one.

I conclude my message with the last words of Pope Benedict's Year of Faith message: "Let us entrust this time of grace to the Mother of God, proclaimed 'blessed because she believed'" (cf. Lk 1:45).

**Father Mark Wagner
Chaplain and Pastor,
St. Joseph's Parish**



Members' Birthdays

Ed Gamboa	12-1
Soliel Talamantes	12-1
Jim Galuppi	12-2
Manuel Sylvia	12-4
Anthony Butera	12-5
Bob Lorenz	12-5
Don Burkdall	12-8
Severino Pongase	12-12
Alex Trujillo	12-12
Oren Tuss	12-12
David Castro	12-14
Pat Laubacher	12-14
Carlos Torres	12-14
David Spieker	12-16
Brian Porta	12-17
David Gillum	12-18
Roger Missall	12-19
Alex Richmond	12-19
Nelson Henriquez	12-22
Steven W. Tubbs	12-22
Nicolas Delgado-Braun	12-24
Fred Ibarra	12-24
Noel Lazo	12-24
Mike Bartikoski	12-26
Jim Brady	12-26
John Stephen Bacay	12-27
Jerry Blankenship	12-27
Mel Mattos	12-28
Frank Holmes	12-29
John Luty	12-29
Kenneth Rairden	12-30

CELEBRATE!

Ladies' Birthdays

Jean Smith	12-3
Cindy Bartikoski	12-4
Cindy Trujillo	12-9
Kay Elson	12-11
Theresa Galuppi	12-11
Judy Bauer	12-12
Sonita Saalfeld	12-13
Linda Standart	12-13
Marilyn Hancock	12-14
Lucille Ortiz	12-15
Karen McCave	12-16
Judy Chavez	12-17
Beth Gorman	12-17
Alvera Baumgratz	12-21
Gwendolyn Cupini	12-22
Anne Missall	12-22
Lucy Mattos	12-29
Theresia Reggiani	12-30
Silvia Ramirez	12-31



Anniversaries

Camille & Matt Iorns	12-1-2001
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Sandra & Ron Uyeshiro	12-18-71
Monica & Al Gonzales	12-21-68
Julita & Lovinio Casiano	12-22
Thelma & Danny Hughart	12-22
Angelica & Rey Alcaarez	12-31-60



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2 First Sunday of Advent	3 Officer's Meeting JPII Room 4, All Saints	4 Council Meeting Fr. O'Hare-Hall	5	6	7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9 Second Sunday of Advent	10	11	12	13	14 Memorial Mass and Rosary 5:45 pm	15 Adopt-A-Family Dinner
16 Third Sunday of Advent	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Fourth Sunday of Advent	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS 	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Jerry Oftring, Tony Lee, Ron Uyeshiro, Pete Sedillo, Dan Dwyer, Henry Ficken, Joe Castagna, Mike Miranda, Jim Gallupi, John Karaz, Monte Bauer, Geraldo Dequeiroz, Emil Carney, District Deputy Adrian Catrino, Carlos Torres and Monsignor Conrad Gruber.

Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Ruth Oftring; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Hilda Sylvia; Wilma Lee; John Mullins; Rosemary Torres; the family of John Gorman and Patricia Dinubilo. Pray, as always, for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict

XVI, our parish priests, and our troops wherever they are stationed.

John McCave has agreed to be our new Sunshine Chairperson. He replaces our previous chair for the last 9 years, John Karaz. You can reach John at 551-9534 or at mccave@yahoo.com if you know of someone in need of our prayers.





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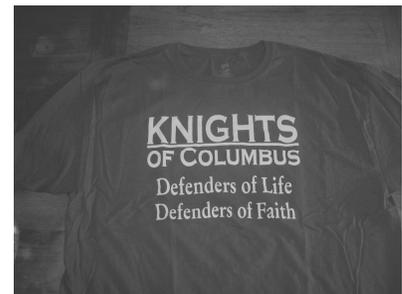
Brothers,
For this month’s column, I thought a little “Life Insurance 101” might be beneficial. Whole life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection, and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers four permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life. “Ten Year Pay Life” and “Twenty Year Pay Life” are exactly as the name suggests: permanent plans with premiums payable for either 10 or 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 10 or 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.
Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

And of course the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It’s possible!
Finally don’t forget that the Knights of Columbus also offers Retirement plans, Long Term Care, and Term Insurance. I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I’ll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.
Brothers as we sit down for our Thanksgiving dinner, let us remember to pray for the families who are struggling to put food on their table and make ends meet in these difficult economic times. During this holiday season and beyond, I encourage everyone to open their hearts, to come together and help their family, friends, and people in our communities, and our church; in their time of need. This CHRISTmas season let’s remember our widows and elderly members within our councils and church to identify those who may need help. If you are not sure if your Council can help, let me know and I will find out what help is available in your area.

Hope you all have a blessed and Merry Christmas with your families.

Julio Valadez

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WARDEN'S WORDS OF WISDOM

Brothers,
The Pope has provided us with a wonderful opportunity, a Year of Faith. If you have not read his brief introduction to the Year of Faith, his encyclical titled "Porta Fidei" or "Door of Faith," I invite you to do so. I posted it on our Council's website, kofc10644.com. Within the document, he makes a statement that hit me right between my eyes (or as Brother Tyson Murphy and I have talked about in the past, like a two-by-four in the back of my head). Pope Benedict XVI encourages us to not "grow lazy in the faith." I have included a series of question below, which I ask each of you to reflect on and think about what your true answer is. While praying a rosary (if I even pray one, as I promised in the exemplification of my First Degree), do I do so quickly without reflecting on the mysteries of the life of Jesus? Do I say it quickly just to get through the words and get on with life? Do I spend my time at mass, looking at my watch waiting for "donut time" or the time after mass to socialize with others instead of actively participating in the ultimate prayer of the Church? Do I look forward to the sign of peace as the "highlight" of the mass? Do I mumble

through the words of the Creed, which I should be proclaiming loudly and proudly, as they state what the Church (and I) really believe? Do I even know what the words of the Creed mean? Do I even know that Creed comes from the words in Latin "I believe"?

This Year of Faith is a great opportunity for each of us to strengthen our faith, to understand it deeper, and to truly live it. Not only will we be better Christians, but the Pope has also granted plenary indulgences for taking part in easy steps to deepen our faith. In case you have forgotten, a plenary indulgence is a complete "relieve of the temporal punishment for our sins." It "may also be applied to the souls of deceased faithful." Our sins are forgiven in confessing them, but the indulgence relieves the punishment that we still have to face.

So, how do I go about getting an indulgence? There are four easy steps.

1. You have to be truly penitent, which means going to confession.
2. You have to take part in the Eucharist (i.e. go to mass).
3. You have to pray for the intentions of the Pope.
4. And you have to do one of three following options:
 - i. Be part of 3 sermons during a mission or 3 talks about Vatican II or the Catechism.

(Our parish has monthly talks about the Catechism and a mission with Tim Staples coming up this month.)

- ii. Make a pilgrimage. Now, not everyone can go to the Holy Land, but we can make a pilgrimage to a cathedral (our own or in another diocese), a shrine or a basilica. The California Missions make for a great pilgrimage, as does Our Lady of Peace Shrine in Santa Clara. Many make for great day trips. For this option, we do have to take part in a mass or at least stay for "an extended period of prayer and pious meditation".
- iii. If we visit where we were baptized and renew our "baptismal promises in any legitimate form."

So, are YOU up to getting a plenary indulgence? Can you complete those 4 easy steps? Are you going to be like a true knight, preparing yourself for battle and deepen your faith during this Year of Faith? Let us join, Brothers, to live up to our newly adopted slogan and be true "Defenders of Life—Defenders of the Faith!"

Richard Braun
Warden



Moraca's Message

Fellow Knights,
By the time you read this the bills for next year's dues will be in the mail. Please pay promptly. This will save the council the expense of sending multiple bills. There are a few outstanding balances for apparel. Please pay these ASAP. If you are experiencing difficulty in these trying economic times please contact me or the Grand Knight in order to make arrangements for your dues. We miss you and would like see you again at our events.

**Sam
Moraca
Financial
Secretary**



Membership Memo

My Brother Knights,
I would like to share with you some of the famous men who have been members of the Knights of Columbus: Babe Ruth, Connie Mack, Vince Lombardi, John F Kennedy, and Ron Guidry. These are just a few. If you would like to see more of them there is a book called "By Their Works: Profiles of Men of Faith Who Made a Difference," published by HarperCollins. You don't have be famous to make a difference. Just by taking an active part in our Council you are making a difference in peoples lives, more so

than you probably know. God bless you all and have a Merry Christmas.

**Rick
Dinubilo,
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Lecturer's Notes: December: another Advent, another opportunity

Jesus said to His disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then, they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

This reading is from the first Sunday of Advent. In this passage from the gospel of St. Luke, Jesus says what He means and means what He says. The message is unmistakable. I respect a man who is clear and firm because you don't have to wonder what he means. I expect nothing less from God.

Advent has arrived. When Advent begins everything changes, literally. Liturgically Advent is like New Year's. This Advent marks the beginning of the "C" cycle of the Sunday readings. The readings of the three year liturgical cycle are arranged like this;

A. Year of Matthew

B. Year of Mark

C. Year of Luke

(John is interspersed throughout the three year cycle on holy days.)

This is the year where we focus on the gospel of St. Luke, an account filled with beauty and some other really cool stuff. For me, the most unique thing about Luke is how the first couple of chapters focus on the conception and early years of Jesus. For people who don't read the Scriptures regularly, these chapters reveal a lot about the Holy Family in general and the Blessed Virgin Mary in particular. It's from the passages of these first chapters that we get the "Hail Mary" prayer and knowledge that God's promise in the garden will be fulfilled. Salvation is about to come into the world.

Luke, the author of this book, must have spent a great deal of time interviewing Mary, the mother of God, to get such detailed accounts of the events leading up to and surrounding the birth of Jesus. In the classes I teach I always re-visit the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden. If our first parents hadn't fallen, then Jesus wouldn't have needed to come into the world to save us; oh happy fault!

The Gospel account is real; Jesus, Mary and Joseph are real; sin is real; and salvation is necessary. The passage above alerts us to the possibilities. As I mentioned in my October article, Advent is a time of preparation and penance. Preparation because salvation is coming into the world and penance because we can't be in the presence of God with sin in

our hearts.

How have we prepared for our encounter with God when He comes again? This passage shows us two choices;

1. **"People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken."** It sounds like His second coming will be hard to ignore. Or
2. **"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."** Stand tall and be recognized, your reward is at hand.

Where will you stand on that day? Tempus Fugit Memento Mori. Prepare.

**Ed Ibarra
Lecturer**



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December business meeting is on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, December 14th at 5:45 PM followed by the Respect Life Rosary. This is a great time to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually.

Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have a conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all, pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies. Pray for our priests.

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