



## Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,  
As I sat down to contemplate on my article for this month's newsletter, news of the horrible massacre in Connecticut was breaking. In spite of the horrific news, I found myself, like many others, listening to more and more details. I did not dwell on the negative side, however but used the difficult news to remind me of the true message of Christmas, that our Savior was born in a manger in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. I invite you to continue to keep all families involved in the tragedy in your prayers into the New Year. May God keep hope in their hearts of rejoining their loved ones at

some point.

I hope that you and your family all had a blessed and Merry Christmas. I wish a holy and prosperous New Year for you.

Since many of us prepare resolutions for the new year, I want to suggest that you consider making one about your Christian stewardship. Please, prayerfully consider finding a way that you can get more involved with the activities of the Council.

I remind you that each of us was recruited by another Knight because of some gift or talent that we have. It might be something that we don't even see. As a Council, we are involved in a lot of different activities from

the business meetings, the events that we host or take part in, the prayer opportunities and much more. Think about the following questions as you put together your resolutions for the year.

How can you use your talents to help others through the activities of the Knights?

How can you help to better our parish, our Council, and our community?

What can you do to help a Brother Knight or the widow of one?

How are you going to live up to the promises you made when you became a Knight?



**Michael Vigil,  
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting  
TUESDAY,  
January 8th, 7:00 PM  
Father O'Hare Hall  
Don't Come Alone Bring  
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 January?*

*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 January? Masses at 8 AM or 5:45 PM.*

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights, During our Advent Mission we heard some inspiring words from Apologist Tim Staples about manhood. The talk was actually about the idea that the pinnacle of God's creation is *woman*. But in order to approach the topic of womanhood, Mr. Staples took a round-about way by first talking about manhood. He said that men, especially husbands and fathers, must see themselves as protectors and guardians of their wives and families. They must be real men and "stop crying and start dying." We must be like Christ who died for his bride the church (Ephesians 5:26ff). At every wedding, the couple makes mutual vows to one another to die to their own personal will and do the will of the other. When they say "I do," they make a vow of self-abnegation for the whole of life that "not my will but thine be done." The wedding vows are the "ratification" of a marriage which is the most important part, after which the "consummation" of the marriage is a "body language" which expresses what has already been said in the vows. Without this *ratification* of total self-abnegation, the *consummation* is no-thing more than selfish fornication.

So, during a marriage a man must be willing to suffer for his bride "as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her." (Eph 5:25) A man must be ready to lay down his life, or to "take the bullet" for his wife. This also means little

sacrifices such as getting up at 2:00 AM to change diapers! Have you felt lately that your wife has given you a scourging or a crown of thorns? Jesus endured this and more from his bride, people for whom he died! His bride killed him. The great image of the perfect husband is Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane throwing himself down on the ground in agony and in a bloody sweat for the sake of his beloved. And she *is* worth dying for! Mr. Staples explained that God created woman as the pinnacle of creation. He quoted Alice Von Hildebrand who once said that man was made from the slime of the earth, and woman was made from man. Which is better: slime or man? (Some might laughingly say that men are worse than slime!) Woman was created from something that is greater. Therefore she is the final pinnacle of creation. St. Paul says that "man is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man." (1Cor 11:7) This basically means God had the intention of creating man, but his ultimate intention was to create woman.

Femininity represents what God has created so that he could love it. Femininity represents all that he created beautiful and loveable. Maleness represents the way God is. In the Sacrament of Marriage the husband is like God who plants seeds of life and love. The Marriage Ritual says that marriage is "the sacrament of the love between Christ and his church." The husband

represents Christ and the bride represents the church. The church receives life and love from Christ. Femininity represents receptivity. Maleness represents the way God is. Also in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the priest symbolizes God who spreads seeds of life and love. Bishop Fulton Sheen explained that priests are male because they must spread the seeds of the Word of God over the fertile land, which is Mother Church. Sometimes we see that there are many women in church, but this is natural because they are more receptive to the word of God. Sometimes we see men standing outside of church instead of attending Mass, but perhaps this, too, is natural because they often think they *are* God!

And, of course, we know that the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is the true pinnacle of creation. God made her to be the perfect creature so that he could love her and make his dwelling with her. She is the great image of the Church, the beloved, the bride. During this new year, let us be faithful and grateful men who know how to esteem, honor and defend our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters. And let us especially love the Most Pure and Holy Virgin who received God's Word and bore him in her womb!

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



## SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Please keep in your prayers our Brothers: Emil Carney and his wife Frances; Joe Castagna and his wife, Joan; Dan Dwyer; Jim Gallupi; Tony Lee and his wife, Wilma; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring and his wife, Ruth; Adrian Catrino; District Deputy and Msgr. Conrad Gruber, 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Chaplin.

Also remember Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Janice

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In solidarity, let us continue to pray for the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, Rev. Bishop Stephen Blair, our Parish Priests, and all of the troops, where ever they are serving our country. If you have any updates on the prayer requests, mentioned, or if you know of anyone in need of prayer, please let me know at 551

-9534. The Holy Father's Intentions for Prayer for the month of January: "That in this 'Year of Faith' Christians may deepen their knowledge of the mystery of Christ and witness joyfully to the gift of Faith in Him."

May you have a Blessed and Fruitful New Year.

**John McCave**  
Trustee



# JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Officer's Meeting JPII Room 4, Vatican	<b>8</b> Council Meeting 1st Degree Fr. O'Hare-Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Memorial Mass and Rosary 5:45 pm Blue Mass set up	<b>12</b> Blue Mass 
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Martin Luther King Jr. 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Tri-Tip in the Rain Dinner 
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

You can find the events for other months on the Council website, [kofc10644.org](http://kofc10644.org).

### Members' Birthdays

Troy Cazares	1-1
Bill Goulart	1-6
Frank Garcia	1-7
Nick Wright	1-8
Kent Rossi	1-8
Cliff Judd	1-9
Sam Moraca	1-10
Michael Ringer	1-14
Ralph Curtis	1-16
Pat Ryan	1-16
Vito Baccellieri	1-17
Joe Castagna	1-17
Mike Staud	1-17
Doug Keller	1-19
Wayne Sousa	1-19
Nick Cupini	1-22
Rev. Camilo Garcia	1-23
Leo Alvarez	1-24
Monte Bauer	1-24
Joe Lucas	1-24
Robert Luna	1-24
Tom Hogan	1-26
Brian Archuleta	1-28
Ronald Lamont	1-30
Dave Noble	1-30
Jim McDoal	1-31
Rev. John J M Foster	1-31

### CELEBRATE!

#### Ladies' Birthdays

Kathie Lee Vermillion	1-3
Patricia Hinojos	1-4
Thelma Hughart	1-9
Joanna Ibarra	1-9
Jill Martinez	1-11
Lupe Perez	1-13
Michelle Nunes	1-14
Joyce de Groot	1-16
Rosalie Gardella	1-18
Heather Hakman	1-18
Rosa Perry	1-19
Rosemary Davison	1-20
Christi Wharton	1-21
Judy Shannon	1-26
Marie Lewis	1-28
Carmen Sablan	1-28
Helen Moya	1-31
Susan Taylor	1-31
Carol Luna	1-31

#### Anniversaries

Aylene & John Wee	1-2
Toni & Don Burkdall	1-9-82
Theresia & Gary Reggiani	1-15-83
Matt & Wendy Bettencourt	1-15-11
Kim & Jeff McCarthy	1-16-82
Rosemary & Gary Davison	1-18-75
Aninya & Mike Lamanet	1-19-98
Karen & John McCave	1-19-91
Gail & Doug Keller	1-20-68
Lynn & Gene Thiel	1-27





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**2013 is here!**  
**Are you ready for your insurance check-up?**

Now that 2013 is here, can you believe it? I hope that 2012 has been a healthy, prosperous year for you and your family. It's said that time flies, and the older we get, the more that statement seems true. As we review the past year and prepare to welcome a new one, we wonder where the time has gone.

If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for 2013. If I may, I'd like to make two suggestions regarding your resolutions.

**First**, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. Writing a resolution down is the first step towards achieving it. Whether your goal is to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch

less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

**Second**, schedule some time to visit with me, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent. The "insurance check-up" that I'll provide (free of charge, by the way!) will quickly identify any gaps in your family's life insurance program. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Because, unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

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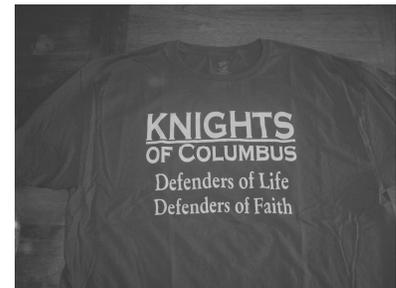
May you and your family have a blessed and very Happy New Year.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Julio Valadez*

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## DEPUTY DAWG'S BARK



Brothers,

Let me start first with an apology for my absence in the Knight Light. My computer was placed in an unexpected quarantine that lasted over 3 months; and I neglected to locate another to write my articles. This I know: I could have made a better effort with so I apologize and will strive to not be MIA again.

As I ponder what to express to you, my heart is once again filled with gratitude as Brother Knights step up and out of their comfort zones to fulfill roles as chairs, co-chairs and teammates. These events, which are so very much a part of the fabric of this Council and parish, would not be fulfilled without you.

Thank you for those who worked hard to make the Adopt-A-Family Dinner go off without a hitch. Every year Ed Fernandes works tirelessly on Coats for Kids and gathers the names of families in need from our parish and community to help create, along with all of you, an amazing Christmas holiday for them in the spirit of Christ. St. Nick even found time to come by thanks to the efforts of Al Toschi and provided gifts for all the children in attendance. Rick Dinublio and his Christmas Crew made a wonderful Christmas Dinner. Alfonso Chavez co-chaired helping to organize, set-up and clean-up (including organizing the food donations with his crew); Gary Humphreys and Adrian Pino helped with the set-up; Marty Reis manned the welcome table; Santa's Elves (Charles Cunningham and his girlfriend Crystal) made the evening all the more jolly; Ron Matorana who donated his photographic skills, so that free photos with Santa were available; Maria

Delgado-Braun and my wife, Nickie, helped with decorations and activities for the kids; and, as always, Richard Braun made an amazing emcee that kept the evening *Merry and Bright!*

The next event coming our way is the Tri-Tip Dinner in the Rain scheduled for January 18 at 6:30PM in the Hall. Thanks in advance to Matt Bettencourt, Robert Hemsley and Al Toschi who picked up the helm for this affair! Please offer all your support whether it is in helping Matt and his brothers or in attending the event itself. Funds go to build our coffers to enable us to better express our love for God's children in charity and faith.

Speaking of faith, these events allow you to participate within your faith in a fuller and richer manner as called by our Holy Father. Perhaps you have read the parish council newsletter on the Year of Faith or read an article or two in the Faith and Life – have you read the letter from our Holy Father himself? As faithful, Catholic gentlemen and brothers in the fraternal Knights of Columbus, I encourage you to read the apostolic letter of Pope Benedict XVI, "Porta Fidei" – "the Door of Faith" (Acts 14:27). In the letter, Pope Benedict calls us to a daily conversion of the heart: an opening of the heart to be renewed by faith; it is a calling to each of us to a deeper understanding of our faith, to be committed, convicted and to fully possess the gifts of our faith. Moreover, to "***profess our faith in the Trinity!***"

As we pass the feast of the Immaculate Conception and enter into the feasts of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Chaste Nuptials of St. Joseph and Mary, the Birth of Christ within the Holy Family and every title of Mary for December, I ask you to determine yourself to fight with the Knights united under Mary's mantle and

ask that St. Joseph, her noble and most chaste spouse, whose protection is so great and so strong before God, to obtain for us all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ for which we offer thanksgiving.

***As Knights, let's call out to each other to hold our banner high in charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism.***

I entreat you to read this letter with fullness of mind and heart taking in all our Holy Father asks of us in fruitful love. His guidance is a sure compass with which to find our bearings and proceed in a faith that will grow when it is received, lived and shared in grace and joy. "We cannot accept that salt should become tasteless or the light be kept hidden (cf. Mt 5:13-16)." (Porta Fidei; paragraph 3). Expand your heart and answer the Lord's Call to discipleship! Our Holy Father beckons us: "***We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to profess the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope... To rediscover the content of the faith that is professed, celebrated, lived and prayed,[15] and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make his own. . . .***" (Porta Fidei; paragraph 9).

Happy New Year as we each rediscover the joys of our faith and a renewed, richer relationship with Our Lord!

**Mike Miranda**  
Deputy Grand  
Knight



***There was an update on the upcoming Golf Tournament that did not fit in the newsletter. Please, visit the website, [kofc10644.com](http://kofc10644.com) to read the article.***

### Moraca's Message

Fellow Knights,  
 By the time you read this you will have received your bill for next year's dues. Please pay as soon as possible after January 1, 2013. This will save the council the expense of sending multiple bills, and save you the added expense of a late fee. 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. Finally, if you attended our Adopt-a-Family Christmas Dinner you will have had the pleasure of meeting the newest member of the Moraca family, Daniel David Moraca, born on 11/11/2012, Veterans Day. Everyone is just pleased as punch with Daniel. We are so grateful for our blessings.



**Sam Moraca**  
**Financial Secretary**

### Membership Memo

My dear Brother Knights, I was disappointed with the poor turnout we had for the Adopt-a-Family dinner and program. We had less show up than had called in to RSVP. When I left, we still had not gotten sponsors for all the families we adopted. I pray that some Knights step up to the plate to make Christmas happen for those families. Making things happen is why we are Knights, collectively we can make a difference in people's lives. That is what one of our first virtues, unity, is all about. To all of the Brother Knights who have not moved

on to the higher degrees in our order, mark your calendars for March 16<sup>th</sup>. Our council will be hosting a Second and Third Degree exemplification at St. Joseph's that day. Come and join your Brother Knights and get the total picture of what the Knights are about.

**Rick**  
**Dinubilo,**  
**PGK, PFN**



### John's Jokes

A couple was having a party at their house. An hour before the party the woman found out that she still needed escargots. So she sent her husband out to get it. He was walking to the supermarket and he figured he had lots of time. So he stopped at the bar on the way. An hour and a half later he looked at his watch and realized that the party had already started. He quickly ran to the market, bought the snails and ran home. He tried to sneak into the kitchen without his wife seeing him. But at that moment his wife came out. He quickly

threw the snails on the floor and said, "Come on guys, we're almost there."

Policeman: "Did you get the license number of the car that knocked you down?"  
 Pedestrian: "No, but I know who it was. My mother-in-law!"  
 Policeman: "How can you be so certain?"  
 Pedestrian: "I'd recognize that laugh anywhere!"

AND NOW - MORE JOHN WAYNE TRIVIA  
 He and his drinking buddy, actor Ward Bond, frequently

played practical jokes on each other. In one incident, Bond bet Wayne that they could stand on opposite sides of a newspaper and Wayne wouldn't be able to hit him. Bond set a sheet of newspaper down in a doorway, Wayne stood on one end, and Bond slammed the door in his face, shouting "Try and hit me now!" Wayne responded by sending his fist through the door, flooring Bond and winning the bet.

**John Gorman**

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### Lecturer's Notes: January: A New Beginning

***“In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, ‘Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.’ But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.” Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36***

I open my letter with the first joyful mystery: the announcement that Mary will have a son and the world will have a savior. What a great way to begin the New Year. In real time we just celebrated the birth of our Lord but what I really wanted to discuss was the rosary, the Knights, and public prayer. First the rosary. Like the Stations of the Cross, the rosary is a guided walk through twenty of the stories of the accomplishment of salvation. A guided meditation, if you will, on the events when God revealed that Jesus had overcome sin and defeated the evil one. These are moments we can glory in and lift our spirits from defeat. The war is won and the foolish one is defeated. People often ask why Catholics pray repetitious prayer thinking that the rosary is a vain prayer. It probably can be if you don't pray with the proper intent. Consider a knife in the hands criminal, and you will soon be robbed of your valuables. But a knife in the hands of a chef or a surgeon, and the outcome could be delicious or life saving. It's really about the intent of the

individual and the proper use of the tool. Prayer is in itself good if it's directed toward God for the purpose of elevating someone or some event up to union with God's will. Let's consider the mechanics of the prayer. Each time we pray the rosary we pray five decades or five mysteries listed under the headings of;

1. Joyful Mysteries
2. Luminous Mysteries
3. Sorrowful Mysteries
4. Glorious Mysteries

A decade consists of:

1. Reciting a short meditation on a specific mystery
2. An Our Father (as we reflect on the mystery)
3. Ten Hail Mary's (as we reflect on the mystery)
4. A Glory Be
5. The Fatima Prayer

Once familiar with the specific mystery, we can play it in our head and heart like the scene of a movie and come to understand its underlying message(s) more deeply. It's through the prayerful meditation on the revelation of God that we come to know Him better. There is no other way; that's how he made us. It takes time and patience, but it is truly worth it. This is why we must patiently pray the rosary and not rush. I bring this up because we, the Knights of this Council are now on the schedule and will be leading the Respect Life Rosary three times this year beginning at 6:30 PM on January 11<sup>th</sup>, once in July and closing 2013 on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a great privilege for the Knights, and I invite you to

attend. You don't have to lead a decade, unless you want to, but I really would like you to come and sit with the guys and just pray with us. The unborn children really appreciate it. In summary; January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM is mass for the deceased members of this Council followed by the Respect Life Rosary lead by the Knight of this Council. Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> is the Blue Mass in honor of the first responders of this community. What a great grace-filled weekend and an awesome way to start the New Year out. Bring your children, your family and your friends. Can you come?

**Ed Ibarra**



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January business meeting is on Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this Council is on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM followed by the Respect Life Rosary which we will lead. Blue Mass is on Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget 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 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. The complete version of this article is posted at: [www.kofc10644.com](http://www.kofc10644.com) Click on Lecture Notes

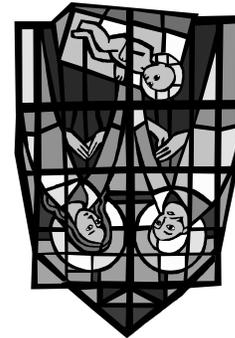
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