



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

We wish you and your family all the joy and peace during this Christmas Season and a better Happy New Year 2021 by God's grace.

As we commemorate the birthday of Jesus, remember our Lord will be with us always till the end of all times. Those who contemplated on this promise of Jesus were consoled and comforted, especially during this year of pandemic.

Brothers and family, if you have not heard yet our newsletter editor, Everardo Ramirez, recently got married. Please, join me in wishing the new couple a happy married life.

On another note, remember that we have the Blue Mass celebration this January 16, 2021 beginning at 10 am. I urge all brother Knights and family to attend this Mass to honor God and pray for our police, fire department, first

responders, and everyone who gives up their life so we can have better life.

Don't forget, brothers, on January 7, 2021 beginning at 7 pm, we have our monthly business meeting. We will be using Zoom and send all the information in the next week or so. We will be discussing the upcoming events and would like to hear your ideas on how we can raise money during this pandemic that only God knows when we may return to normal. We hope to see you there and continue to have a strong active Council.

God Bless You Brothers and Family and may you have a wonderful blessed New Year 2021.

Josey Samson, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on January 7th at 7 PM via Zoom. Don't miss it and tell a brother Knight.

January 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4 Officer's Meeting 6:30 PM	5 Business Meeting 7 PM	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Blue Mass 10 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

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 Baccellieri 1/17
 Michael Staud 1/17
 Wayne Sousa 1/19
 Guadalupe Valdovinos 1/20
 PGK Timothy Matalone 1/21
 Ramiro Morales 1/21
 Robert Luna 1/24
 Thomas Hogan 1/26
 Brian Archuleta 1/28
 Marco Martinez 1/29
 Ronald Lamont 1/30
 John Foster 1/31
 Jim McDoal 1/31

Ladies' 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
 Christi Wharton 1/21
 Judy Shannon 1/26
 Helen Moya 1/31
 Carol Luna 1/31

Anniversaries

Eric & Amanda Peterson
 1/7
 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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Brother Knights,
Well, we are in Year 2021 and are excited. I can say I am looking forward to the summer of 2021 and hoping we get back to normal with the hope of this pandemic put to bed. Our family has much to celebrate in later 2021, and I am praying that we can celebrate all family activities after July.

I am also looking forward to our normal activities as a brother Knight and enjoying each other's company at our council meetings, events and hopefully a great BBQ event in later August or September. My goal to pull this off as a great way to kick off the 2021-2022 Columbian Year. I must ask each brother Knight to keep in touch with our Council. We have been offering our Council meetings through Zoom and we love your participation to continue to be involved. We need you as a member of St. Joseph's Council #10644 to keep our program thriving. We will need your support when that day comes to meet in person and guide us to drive membership and do what we do for the community. We encourage you to try Zoom and join us. Our next meeting will be on January 5, 2021 at 7 PM. All the information coming soon via email through Constant Contact.

A few last things to communicate, we hope to have another BBQ fundraiser in early 2021 and will

communicate soon on a date and time once approved.

We are planning a few fish fry events that most likely will be outside. As we are seeking approval from our parish and ask you to keep Fridays open for February and March 2021. Once approved, we will need all of our brother Knights help. We hope that in January we can communicate to you on both events.

I hope and I pray your holidays were safe and healthy and that you and your family were able to celebrate the holidays as best as possible.

I continue to pray that God's plan will offer us more positive times in our life and that we all can prosper in 2021.

Yours in Christ;

Financial Secretary,
Tim Matalone
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Brothers,
I would assume that this will be the most anticipated year for most of us in a long time. The image to the right of this text was made long before December arrived, obviously, as December had even more quarantine and stress. We are all ready for life to go back to some semblance of normalcy. The vaccines will help, in spite of some concerns with them as well. If nothing else, we can all pray that 2021 should be better than 2020.

The important thing to remember thinking back to 2020 and going forward, is that in the end, God wins. Even in really positive and happy years, we still have struggles and "bad" things that happen. The key to our success and not being overwhelmed by the "bad" things is in how we react to them. Do we get upset and end up causing stress for others as we let known our own frustrations? Or do we buckle down and work on making the situation come out as best as possible?

There are multiple things beyond our control that we have to let go and not try to control. Why do we worry about those? Some of my own biggest frustration in my 55 years have been over things that I have no control and no say. I have had to learn with time and patience to let go and let God. And 99 times out of 100, once I have found a way to let go, things have worked themselves out.

One of the things that has worked well for me is to pray. I have found the Memorare to be especially helpful for me. I have found that when I pray it or a handful of other prayers, I refocus on controlling what I can (myself) and not worrying as much about the other details. My blood pressure drops, my frustration goes away, and I am able to be more productive in helping all to work through what ever is going on. Can I say that this technique of praying of Memorare always works? No. It works more time than not. Here are some questions to reflect on as

you think about what might work best for you.

1. Can you love like St. Teresa of Calcutta? (She was called Mother Teresa before she was canonized.)
2. Can you pray like St. Therese of Lisieux?
3. Can you bi-locate like St. Pio of Pietrelcina? (You might know him as Padre Pio.)
4. Can you elevate like St. Joseph of Cupertino?
5. Can you forgive like Immaculée Ilibagiza? (Look up her story of forgiving those that committed the genocide in Rwanda of the Tutsi people that she is part of.)

The answer to all of those questions is most likely no, at least not by yourself. But neither could they. They all needed God. God knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what you are capable of, while you only know what you have done in the past. Ask Him in prayer to help you to become

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Brother Knights!

As we look into 2021, we need to meditate and thank our Lord for allowing us to be well and learn from the year 2020. On January 6, 2021 we celebrate Three Kings Day. On this day, the baby Jesus receives three special gifts that only a spiritual king would receive.

The first gift was gold, which symbolizes kingship. The second one was frankincense, an incense, a symbol of deity. What is deity? Deity or God is not only a supernatural being but a supernatural being with powers greater than those of ordinary humans, but who interacts with humans positively in ways that carry humans to new levels of consciousness beyond the grounded preoccupations of ordinary life.

The third gift myrrh, an embalming oil, is a symbol of death. This is so amazing that all this was already predicted and the three kings knew what to bring Jesus. In other countries, such as Mexico, they do not give gifts on December 25 nor does "Santa" bring gifts. Instead, the children put their shoes against the wall at night and the three kings (parents) leave their gifts on top of their shoes. During Christmas week, they have Posadas, where they go house to house like Joseph and Mary, looking for shelter. Once they arrive at the house that gives them shelter, the party commences in honor of Our Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Ruben Sanchez
Deputy Grand Knight
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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

what He sees in you. Pray for the strength to do His will. He created you in His image and likeness. He loves you but loves you too much to leave you as you are. You will never know what you are truly capable of until you ask Him who created you.

God bless!

Deacon Richard Braun
Composer of the
Chaplain's Message



KNIGHTS' PRAYER GROUP

Pope Francis Prayer Request for January



Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our

brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Happy January 2021!

God bless you, brothers and family. God willing this New Year 2021 will be better than 2020. If we have our health, food, and shelter we have nothing to complain about. God is good! However, a few of our brothers went earlier than us and we pray that they are with God for eternity. We also pray that we have the privilege to see them in the afterlife.

Thank you, brothers and family, for your continued prayers and all that you do for our council. May God bless you and keep you safe and healthy. Don't forget to visit the Adoration Chapel!

As many of us know, we are limited to the Adoration Chapel at this time and only parishioners that have access are allowed to enter. But God willing, we will soon return to better than normal and be able to have our Lord present in the Adoration Chapel 24/7.

We are asking all our brother Knights to continue praying for our Church, families and our Council.

Remember you can join us on Monday mornings from 11 AM to 12 PM or Thursdays from 8 -9 PM. All are welcomed to join us at either or both these times. Please, wear your Knight gear, so we can let parishioners know that we are also about praying and not just charity.

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 me, Brother Everardo, at my new cell number at (209) 303-3380.

If you need any assistance or know of an elderly person needing assistance don't hesitate to let your Officers know at

prayers@kofc10644.com 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 welcome 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.

January Prayer Requests:

PGK Jim Galuppi (RIP), Brother John Souza, Brother Jim Smith (RIP), Brother Steve Junquerio's mother (RIP), Chancellor Angel Martinez' family and son, Father Micelle, Warden Marco Martinez' grandfather Juan Nila, Anaya Vazquez, brother Ralph Hidalgo's wife, and all our older brothers and family, living and deceased.

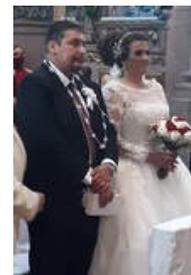
Thank You, brothers, may you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy. God bless you always.

Vivat Jesus!

Praying for you;

Everardo Ramirez

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



JOHN'S JOKES

Twelve Commandments for Seniors



1. Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
2. "In Style" are clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that need work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. "On Time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkled free and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but hasn't shut you up.

12. You still haven't learned to "act your age," and hope you never will.

And one more:

13. "One for the road," means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.



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