

“Happy New Year – Let’s Roll Up Our Sleeves.”

“Then God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the seasons, the days and the years, and serve as lights in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth. And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.” – Gen 1: 14-19



Happy New Year!!! May the grace and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! There is so much to be thankful for as we end 2011 and prepare to set 2012 on fire. For me, this is always a great time to summarize the year just ended and set a few goals for the year to come. Aren't New Year's resolutions great?

The reading above from Genesis is fitting because it's about the creation of time. On the fourth day of creation, God created time. On December 31st, we mark the end of one year, and on January 1st, we mark the beginning of another. None of us knows what the New Year holds for us. Will the country come out of depression and return to prosperity? Probably not. Four years ago we were paying \$1.70 per gallon. Will gas prices return to pre-2008 levels? Most likely not. Will people in our community need help paying bills and keeping food on the table? Undoubtedly. Will the Knights of Columbus be there to lend a helping hand? Absolutely. This is why we exist and this is why we signed up: to do God's work in this Catholic community.



So, with the time we have at our disposal what can we do to serve God and maybe have some good clean fun and fellowship? Consider some of the things that we can do listed below.



January offers two great events to take part in. First is the Blue Mass on January 7th. I think we are in our tenth year celebrating this beautiful Mass for first responders. The Blue mass is a great place for our children and grandchildren to get a close up look at an ambulance, police car and a fire truck. Don't miss this opportunity to shake hands and say thank you, face to face with the men and women who protect

our community. The second opportunity is the “Walk for Life – West Coast” in San Francisco on January 21st. We will be taking 5 buses from our parish. As usual, there will be a lot of Knights there seeing to the safety of the 40,000 people who want to bring an end to abortion. Ask anyone who has been there, and they will tell you how fun it can be. Plus, you can network with Knights from around the state. When you get off of the bus you can go straight to the Tri-Tip in the rain dinner. All of us should be at one or the other event. Don't forget the Knight's memorial mass on the 2nd Friday of each month.



Lent begins in mid-February with the first Fish Fry and Stations of the Cross. We should all resolve to make a good Lent, attend Stations and the Parish Mission, and give up something meaningful while doing something meaningful for our faith. And don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually. We have a parish breakfast on the 12th and second and third degree exemplifications on the 25th. Don't forget the Knight's

memorial mass on the second Friday of the month

March brings 3 Fish Fry's and a Crab Feed: time to roll up our sleeves and get busy. These are just plain old fun. In April we have the building of the baptismal font, the Easter Vigil and the reception afterwards. Be sure to sign up for one of them and don't forget the Knight's memorial mass on the second Friday of the month.



May is sunscreen month and it offers warm sunny weather. The Council Family Picnic will be on the 5th, the 21st annual Charity Golf Tournament on the 18th and the Knight's memorial mass on the second Friday of the month.

June closes the Columbian year, when on the 13th we celebrate the 21st anniversary of this Council. On the 16th, we celebrate the annual Kick-Out Dinner and on the 18th, we have the Parish Blood Drive. Bring your blood and your best vein and give till it hurts. Just kidding, it won't hurt much. Did I forget to mention that the Knights memorial mass is on the second Friday of the month?



Remember: the 8th annual Walk for Life – West Coast.

<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/> Maybe your photo will be on the web page this year

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January business meeting is on Thursday January 3rd at 7:00pm. Blue Mass is on January 7th. Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, January 13th at 5:45pm followed by adoration and confession. Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him and to do His will in January and throughout the New Year. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart.