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Sick & Distressed



Please Remember These Brother Knights, Their Ladies, Relatives and Friends in Your Prayers.

R.I.P.

Conchins Lopez - Felipe Fernandez' Aunt

Special Intentions for Brother Knights

Bob Marsh Horace Castro (chemo therapy) George Kubeck Deacon Del Al Castellano (cancer) John Oliver Lloyd Duronslet PGK Louie Chavez George Limar Mario Bica (paralysis) Sam Gloriso (kidney failing)

Special Intentions for Relatives and Friends

Fr. Aaron's Mother Normita – Curt Briskorn's Wife Jay Connell (procedure) – Kevin Connell's Brother Eleanor Azurin (cancer treatment) – Felipe Fernandez' Friend Rosario De Los Reyes (healing) – Roselito De Los Reyes' Mother James Cooper (parkinsons & cancer) – Bill Mead's Father-in-Law Jesus Ramirez (stomach cancer) – Brian Cota's Father-in-Law Mary Cota (stage 4 kidney failure) – Brian Cota's Mother Alma Solao (cancer) – Car Donor Toni Cholewinski Rose – Carlos Chavez PGK's Wife Jill Duronslet (breast cancer), Byron Hithe, Shryl Pringle, Vernon Woods Jenny Hayden - Kevin Duronslet (bone cancer), Gary Woods, Patricia Cambell (stroke), Pat Duronslet - Lloyd Duronslet PGK's Family & Friends Donna Just, Jim Mangrum, Linda Alder – Family & Friends of John Oliver

Reminder – To have anyone placed on this list you can send information to our Grand Knight or directly to our Bulletin Editor.



THE GRAND KNIGHT



"And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory"

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year Brothers! With each new year that dawns we get another opportunity to renew our hearts, minds and lives. This is a time to reflect on what happened in the previous year and look forward to the coming year in order to grow closer to God and to our families and friends. Jesus took the form of a lowly babe because he wanted to show how much he loved us and to connect better with us by taking human shape and talking to us plainly. The world has not gotten any easier and definitely needs the service of good Catholic men more than ever. Consider increasing your support to the council and parish by taking on more responsibility and becoming a chair for some programs this year. Your help will definitely be noticed and appreciated.

Thank you so much for making 2022 another fantastic year for the council. Last January we helped Deacon Jerry collect 6000 pounds of clothing, we came back strong with a Fiesta food booth, helped organize a Eucharistic procession, and made collections for pregnancy support centers and another outstanding Veteran's Wheelchair collection! We also held a fantastic drive through fish fry, blood drive, HOPE food distributions and various contests and activities to support the St I school. And all of this with COVID still lingering. I truly appreciate all your great service for the last year.

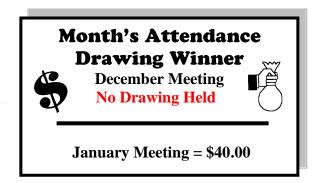
Keep your eyes out for the Warm Clothing Drive, Free throw contest, Delta Church Drive and Men's retreat that are coming up soon. See our calendar for the dates and contact me if you have any questions. Finally, please fill out the Annual Survey of Benefits form for your volunteer services last year that we will forward to Supreme to show the world how much help the Knights provide.

May God richly bless your families in the new year!

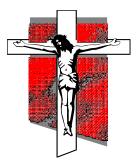
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COUNCIL CHAPLAIN'S Corner



We Are Children of God

I can't think of a better way to start the New Year than by remembering who we are. We are children of God. He chose us to live with Him forever and He wants to work through us to spread His word to the world. When Jesus steps into our hearts we become part of His family. We become sons and daughters of the most high.

In His word He gives us promises so that we will know how much we are loved **I John 3:1-2** See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know Him. Dear Friends, we are already God's children, but He has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He really is.

I Peter 2:9 You are a chosen group of people. You are the Kings religious leaders. You are a holy nation. You belong to God. He has done this for you so you can tell others how God has called you out of darkness into His great light.

2 Corinthians 5: 17-18 if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold; the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Timothy 2:19 Gods solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are His and everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

Romans 8: 15-16 You did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry "Abba Father!" the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Thank you Lord for choosing me as part of your family, forgive me when I forget who I am, and thank you for not giving up on me. $_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm NSS}$



Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director



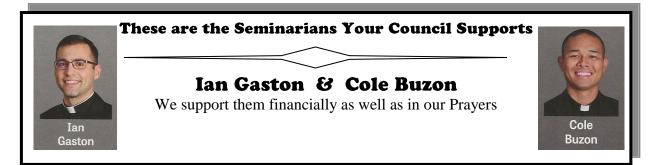
Dear Brothers Knights,

I hope all of you are doing well. Thanks for helping in all the events that we had last December. Please we need your help in the following events:

- 1. Friday January 6th: H.O.P.E. Food Bagging at 7:00 am.
- 2. Saturday January 7th: H.O.P.E. Food distribution: 7:00 am.
- **3.** Saturday/Sunday, January 7/8 and 14/15: Annual Winter Clothing Drive at the church. Please bring clean, used blankets, jackets, sweaters, sleeping bags and shoes to patio after all the masses. Deacon Jerry needs your help in sorting, bagging and delivering these items to the various agencies. Remember that your help is very much appreciated. Please sign up to help at one of the masses.
- 4. Thursday January 19th: Planning meeting at 7:00 pm in classroom 6.
- 5. Brother's in good standing with their council are eligible to receive their Fourth Degree.
- 6. Friday January 20th: H.O.P.E. Food Bagging at 7:00 am
- 7. Saturday January 21th: H.O.P.E. Food distribution: 7:00 am.
- 8. Tuesday January 24th: Member meeting in the Ed Building at 7:00 pm.
- January 27th 29th: Annual Men's Silent Retreat at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Center, Sierra Madre. See Carlos Ramirez to RSVP.
- Friday January 27th: Clergy Night at San Francisco Solano in Rancho Santa Margarita 6 pm. \$25 per person.

May your New Year's resolution be based on the life and light of Jesus Christ.

Deputy Grand Knight Chris Nsor



From the Desk of the

FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Dear Brother Knights,

For those of you present at our December meeting, we didn't have a "Good of the Order" drawing for \$30.00 as your FS was missing. At our January meeting, we will have 2 drawings, with only the members present at December meeting eligible to win. If no winner for December, the second drawing at the January meeting will be for \$40.00.

Dues Statements for 2023 calendar year have been sent out via email. In case you did not receive it, please call me. In addition to our \$32.00 dues, there are 4 special assessments included. *If you are having financial difficulties in paying your dues, please contact either myself or Grand Knight Rick Tkach as we can help you remain a Council Member in good standing.*

Please pay your dues by **January 15th, 2023** to be entered into a drawing at the January Members Meeting with the **winner having his dues refunded**. If you are having financial difficulties in paying your dues, please contact either myself or Grand Knight Rick Tkach. We want you to remain a member in good standing, and now have a fund created from brother Knight's donations to provide assistance to Brothers in need.

If you no longer want to remain an active member of Cypress Council 8599, please notify either myself or Grand Knight Rick Tkach no later than January 15, 2023, and you will be transferred as an <u>Affiliate Member</u> to the California State Council. You will no longer be assessed dues and will remain eligible for future transfer to Cypress Council 8599, or any other active Council should you move into another jurisdiction.

NOTE: <u>Ukraine Relief</u> is a new voluntary contribution, and any amount you choose to donate will go 100% to Supreme to provide relief to Ukraine refugees.

Fraternal Activities Survey forms were emailed in December. Please complete yours and return with your 2023 dues or at the January Member Meeting, as its data is needed by the Supreme Council for documentation for the IRS to maintain 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization status.

I hope to see you all at our January Member Meeting on the 24th. Please email me if you are not receiving Emails from Knights of Columbus" as we may have a bad email address for you.

Vivat Jesus!

Tichal W. Marcos

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MONTH'S ACTIVITIES



Coming in February

3 rd	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
4 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
5 th	CORPORATE COMMUNION	8:00 AM
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12 th	"LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY"	
14 th	"VALENTINF'S DAY"	
14 th	4 th DEGREE MEETING	7:30 PM
16 th	PLANNING MEETING	7:00 PM
17 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD BAGGING	7:00 AM
18 th	H.O.P.E. FOOD DISTRIBUTION	7:00 AM
20 th	"WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY"	
21 st	FAT TUESDAY – School Breakfast	6:00 AM
22 nd	"ASH WEDNESDAY"	
23 rd	CHAPTER MEETING	7:00 PM
24 th	FISH FRY	5:00 PM
28 th	MEMBERSHIP MEETING	7:00

Message from Your Council......Recorder

My Dear Brothers,



Happy New Year! For the first full year back from the Pause; as Covid is starting to be called; Our Council did some great work. We embark again on our own "Liturgical" calendar of sorts. We will be helping with the Warm Clothing drive, the Free-throw Contest, March for Life, Mother's Day Flowers and brunch, Veterans Wheel chair event, Parish festival and more.

What another rich month of feasts is January! January is full of Saints who went through Conversion or gave up luxury for service. One of my favorite Saints is Saint Francis de Sales, whose feast Day is on January 24. As a person who suffers from anxiety and self-doubt, I have leaned on a quote from Saint Francis de Sales since I first learned about him at a St. Irenaeus Parish Mission.

"Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them - every day begin the task anew".

Every day....begin the task anew. That is our goal for this new year and for each day in it. We may do very little perfectly. We might be worried of saying yes for fear of failure or embarrassment. We might let the doubt about our imperfections be a door that the evil one uses to keep us from fully living our faith. We might allow that discouragement to keep us from fully engaging, shaking off setbacks, seeking reconciliation and trying again.

The day after St. Francis de Sales Feast Day is the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25th! Did you know that he was the chief Christian persecutor before his conversion? Did you know he spent 3 years in preparation before being accepted by St. Peter? Did you know that his entire life after his Conversion he felt inadequate and unqualified for the mission that Jesus gave to him? Oh what role models we have when we feel unqualified for what Christ has called us to do! God qualifies us for the mission he has given us! Our responsibility is to surrender and allow God's Will to be done.

Let's pour ourselves into our work this year. Let's invite more men to join us. Let us grow each other's faith. Let's be the eyes and hands and feet of Christ and if we stumble or we get set back we simply begin the task anew, with Christ to guide us.

Vivat Jesus!

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David Dunn Recorder

Brother Knight at Large & Vehicle Donation Chairman



OUR JOURNEY TO GLORY

Our journey through life began at the very moment of our conception. After that for nine months or so inside our mothers we were in darkness during the miracle of our growth. A modern Ultrasound machine was created to show our tiny forms taking shape, growing, and developing. At the miracle of our birth we were brought out into the light of life!

Jesus as the second person of the Holy Trinity was present for all eternity. In time He humbled Himself to be conceived as a human inside the womb of Mary. After nine months, He was born in the humble surroundings of a stable at Bethlehem. Miracles abounded around His birth! Angels sent poor shepherds to behold His light in the manger! Wise men from the East journeyed afar following a star to Bethlehem, where they presented gifts to this child.

Those same wise men were guided by an angel to journey home by a different route. Evil King Herod ordered the murder of holy innocent Jewish boy's two-years-old and under. By then Mary and Joseph had fled to safety in Egypt after Jesus was presented to Simeon in the Temple.

We don't know much about Jesus' early life, except when a young Jesus stayed behind in the Temple causing his parents great anxiety. Jesus did return to them to live in obedience until the time He began His second job. His first job was as a carpenter/mason under Joseph's guidance.

What about our journey? As Christians many of us began our spiritual journey as a baby at baptism.

In *Daily Devotions with William Barclay*, we read the reflection for December 18 on "The Word Became Flesh." Reverend Barclay, a Scottish Protestant theologian and favorite author of Bishop Sheen, was reflecting on the gospel passage in John 1:14. He said, "The glory of the Lord means quite simply the presence of God."

After our Christmas celebrations, how do we continue our life journey? In January, Deacon Jerry of St. Irenaeus will set aside two weekends to gather an enormous collection of used clothing and bedding to comfort homeless and cold men, women, and children throughout Orange County.

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At the end of January, the men of St. Irenaeus and other parishes from Orange County will spend a weekend at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the foothills of Sierra Madre, CA. We'll quiet down and slow down at a silent retreat to reflect on our past and our future year journey.

The beauty and joy of celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas should continue all year. The presence of God is all around us when we reflect on it despite the false messages and evil happenings the world seems to focus on and glorify. Let us focus on the Good News that all the People of God live by and spread throughout the world!

THE END

Frank Faeck Frank J. Fasche

Your Council's Acting - Membership Director



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