



Brothers,

As we end this calendar year, we begin the new liturgical year with the season of Advent, in which we prepare for the birth of our Lord. Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when he returns for his people.

We will be rolling out the **Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities** very soon, so please be on the lookout for it in your emails. Your **2020 dues notices** will also be mailed out soon, so make sure to keep an eye out for those. If you have any questions about your dues, please feel free to contact the Financial Secretary or myself and we will assist as best we can.

On behalf of all my officers, directors, committee men, and our Editor in Chief, I would like to wish all of my Brothers a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Our first meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM. There will be a social with doors open at 6:00.

God Bless,
Jorge Soto
Grand Knight

***For Pope Francis and the Catholic Church**

***For Brother Knights:** Walt Arney, Joe Bator, Mike Bettencourt, Frank Brophy, Michael Brown, Hector Colon, Bob Conboy, Jim Delfin, Grant Denney, Robert Detchon, Charley Ell, Rev. James Fry, Ramon Garcia, Mel Genter Jaime Guerra, Ron Harvey, Matt Heck, Travis Jones, Ulpiano Juguilon, Dave Marvin, Br. Kevin Moshier (Spiritual Director). Chris Musel, Bernie Nacional, Michael Nicometi, John O'Brien, Ron Restaino, George Rovetto, Ben Russell, Jack Sampson, Stuart Schepp, Don Schweibold, Bryan Simpson, Gary Valente, Paul Vaifanua, Alonso Vega, and Joe Zagata.

***For Brother Knights' Friends and Family:** Wauneta Garcia (Wife of BK Eugene), John Gomez (Friend of BK Eugene), Michelle Schad-[Daughter of BK Barry Horton], Cassandra Marvin (Wife of BK David), Father Vincent Mesi, OFM (our pastor), and Sherry Reising (Wife of BK Tom), Don Naffziger's brother William - Sandra Ramirez [friend of Gilbert Alveraz]

***For the faithful departed:**

***For our deployed Brother Knights on active duty:** Chad Buckel and Adrian Cardenas.

***For the promotion of Priestly Vocations and especially for Brother Knights:** Bishop Joe Coffey (chaplain USN), Fr. Jim Fry, Fr. Luis Guzman, Fr. Jorge Hernandez, Fr. Louis Khoury, Fr. Peter Kirwin, Fr. Armando Lopez, Fr. Arturo Lopez, and Fr. Ed Sarrazin.



Happy Birthday Brother Knights-December-2019



Joseph Alvarado-5, Kenneth Parrilla-9, Henry Sosa-13, Joseph Ottobre-16, Alex Flores-18, L. Mark Stechschulte-20, David Diaz Jr.-22, Timothy Daniels-23, Alan Camacho-24, Pablito Narisma-24, Chris Carll-25, Gerardo Vargas-26, Chad Buckel-28, Benito Gonzales Jr.-28

+Good of the Order+

***Opportunity Drawing –No Dec. Meeting**

***Attendance Drawing -No Dec. Meeting**

Insurance Corner - December –CHRISTMAS

This Christmas give your family a gift that they'll cherish. It is a gift that shows that you truly love your family. Life insurance.

When you purchase life insurance it isn't just for yourself. It is for your entire family.

Life insurance does two things. The first thing is it provides you and your wife with an income during your retirement years. It enables you to live and not worry about money. You may go and do what you want.

The second thing it does is it protects your loved ones if you were to die prematurely. It gives your family financial protection so that they may survive in your absence. It can be nearly impossible for a family to live with- out life insurance when the breadwinner dies.

Be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today.

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DECEMBER

15th Sunday- Last Christmas Card Sales Day

25th Wednesday -MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY

4th Saturday- Officer Meeting – 8:00 AM in KofC Hall

8th-Wednesday -Business Meeting- Hospitality-6, Meeting 7PM

12th-Sunday-Corporate Communion 10 AM Behind Ambo

24th Friday - Chili Cookoff-TBD

29th Wednesday -Officers Mtg. Council Hall 7PM

Brothers contact Mem. Dir. David Austin for degree advancement

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Update your contact information

If your contact information has changed, please contact the Financial Secretary to update your contact information. The Financial Secretary's contact information is on the back of your KofC Membership Card or on page-7 of this Crusader to submit any contact updates. Your 2020 KofC Council Dues Notice will be published December 15th, and you will receive a copy in the mail. If you have any questions when you receive your 2020 KofC Dues Notice, please contact the Financial Secretary at your earliest opportunity.

**Please Take the Opportunity to Join the Father Michael J.
McGivney Guild For Free at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org>**

For more Council information, please visit our Website

<http://www.kofc3162.org>

There will be 4th degree exemplifications on February 22, 2020 in Ontario, CA

BK Sage reminded all 4th degree members that full regalia must be worn to serve in an honor guard provided by the 4th degree. Sir Knights in tuxedo and baldric may participate in some processions.

Our 4th Degree assembly is offering to support the purchase of new regalia by spreading the \$ 510.00 cost over monthly payments.

2020 KofC Membership Dues Notice coming soon

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Your **Annual Dues** are based on the following membership status:

Regular =\$48, Honorary =\$20, Student =\$15, Military =\$10, and Honorary Life, Seminarian, & Disabled = \$0.

All Billable members receive a **Special Assessment** =\$3 for Catholic Advertising and Culture of Life.

The **Miscellaneous Assessment** = \$3.65, is for 365 Club which is optional. See the 365 Club description below.

365 Club Donation

In 1955, the State Council created California Columbian Charities, Inc. The charity is dedicated to assisting California Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. For almost sixty years, we have consistently worked to provide charity, the first principle of our Order, and to fulfill Father McGivney's mandate of BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.

We ask that every Brother in California join the 365 Club and **donate a penny a day, by adding an additional \$3.65 to their dues payment.** This will provide every Brother in your Council an opportunity to practice charity, unity and fraternity. We hope that 100% of the active Councils in California will contribute. The council should hold these funds until May when they can be brought to the State Convention.

For more information on the 365 Club and other state council programs, please visit the KofC State Council website at www.californiaknights.org. Also, there is a link on our Council website.

Directed Charitable Donations

Anybody can contribute! If you would like to help Council #3162 continue our charitable works, we invite you to consider making a directed contribution to one of the following charitable funds:

- 365 Club, - Culture of Life Fund, - Intellectually Disabled Drive,
- Military Fund, - Rachel Statue Fund, - Scholarship Fund, - Special Olympics,
- Vocations Fund, - Widows & Orphans, Disaster Fund, - Wheelchair Mission.

The money in these charitable funds are held separate from the Council operating funds and used for the specific funds intended purpose. If you decide to make a directed donation to one of the above charitable funds, please send your donation to Council #3162 and your funds will be directed as you intend the money to be utilized. Your donation goes to good use to help those less fortunate.

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Domestic Church -December 2019

As we conclude the year, we look forward to a new beginning, full of hope and comfort. We do not know what challenges may face us in the upcoming year, but we must seek the strength and love necessary to bear witness to the mercy of God. Mercy and forgiveness start with those who are close to us, as the wounds made by spouses, children, parents or siblings are usually the most hurtful. The family, therefore, is our first school of forgiveness where we learn that to forgive is something divine, the most perfect gift. When we forgive someone, we help them understand the meaning of God's forgiveness. Meditation From Pope Francis' homily proclaiming the Jubilee dedicated to Divine Mercy. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, God never ceases to show the richness of his mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is "God's gift," it is "his work" (cf. Eph 2:8-10). To be touched with tenderness by his hand and shaped by his grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins ... [and to] find the certainty of forgiveness. The greater the sin, so much the greater must be the love that the Church expresses toward those who convert. Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. ...This Holy Year will begin on this coming Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will end on November 20, 2020, the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — and living face of the Father's mercy.

1. When have we felt the mercy of God in our own lives?
2. Have we ever been a "witness to mercy" and extended God's forgiveness to others? Have we been able to look beyond the limitations of justice, and forgive those who have offended or hurt us?
3. Can we, as a family, renew our own "spiritual conversion" by going to confession more frequently?

Family Project -Go to confession together as a family. Young children may need guidance in preparing for the sacrament: discuss with them how one might sin in regard to the Commandments and precepts of the Church. Older children might instead independently review A Guide to Confession (#2075), or a similar examination of conscience. Share with your children that although it's normal to feel some shame when preparing for confession, it should not be something to fear. Through reconciliation and penance, a person is released from the burden of sin and gifted with great graces.

Special Christmas Project -Bring the miracle of Christ's birth into your home by displaying a special Nativity scene in a prominent location in your home. Throughout Advent, have family members place a different figure in the manger and meditate on the meaning of this humble place where God became man.

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