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From: GK Rick Caron, a
letter from...

Warriors to Lourdes



Worthy Brother Knights,

Past and current conflicts have inflicted wounds, both visible & invisible, on our armed forces. The Knights of Columbus helps these wounded warriors by sponsoring each year a healing pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes in France. Our pilgrims join fourteen thousand (14,000) warriors and pilgrims from 41 countries in seeking Our Lady's intercession for their suffering. The 5-day event involves prayer, reflection, group discussions, visits to the healing baths, candlelight processions, Masses, and interactions with fellow warriors.

Having twice attended this pilgrimage, I can personally attest to the spiritual and miraculous nature of the experience.

This May, we will bring about 300 pilgrims, chaplains, caregivers, and support staff to Lourdes for the pilgrimage. We will receive over a

thousand applications in the coming months.

Our wounded, ill, or injured pilgrims, their caregivers, and companions with financial need will not pay a cent for this healing experience. However, it costs us about \$3,000 per person for transport, food, lodging, and materials.

This month, in conjunction with Veterans Day programs and activities, I ask your council to consider making a monetary contribution to support this wonderful program. Perhaps you could also consider making annual donations a part of your charitable giving plan.

Thank you for supporting our troops and for all you do.

Vivat Jesus!
Tom McCaffrey, Captain,
USN (Ret)
VP, Fraternal Operations



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Check the website
<https://kofc3162.org>

November Birthdays

Name	Date
Gerry Zeledon	5
Art Gunther	6
Steve Kimball	10
Andrew Martinez	10
Steven White	11
John Shaffer	17
Tony Andreas	19
Jonathan Enerva	22
Ramon Garcia	24
Michael Brown	25
Br. Andrew Dinegar, OFM	28

December Birthdays

Name	Date
Vincent Hentges	1
Ricky Ruffier	2
Joe Alvarado	5
Ken Parrilla	9
Henry Sosa	13
Joseph Ottobre	16
Mark Stechschulte	20
David Diaz Jr PGK	22
Tim Daniels	23
Lito Narisma	24
Chris Carl	25
Gerardo Vargas	26





Nativity Scene Mission San Luis Rey



Luminaries from Squire Rose

Tis the Season, Keep Christ in Christmas, **Daily news updates and opinions**



Jesus is 'All in All'

When we peer into the crèche this Christmas season, we “see not only the image of a baby, but indeed the Lord of history,” Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori wrote in his column for the December issue of Columbia. “For it is the eternal Son of God who has brought to fulfillment the Father’s plan for the redemption of the world. It is the Lord who gives history its direction and purpose, and who gives us meaning, freedom and eternal life. We Wish You All a Very Merry Christmas.

Humans by nature are always seeking answers – and ultimately an explanation for all of reality. In his December 2023 Columbia column, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori reminds us that the answers to all of our questions lie in the world-changing event we celebrated yesterday: “There is only one truly totalizing fact. ... It is the birth of the Son of God into human history.” [READ MORE](#)

THIS MONTH'S SUPREME'S CHALLENGE

January 2024

Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” (Gospel for Jan. 28, Mk 1:25-27)

The unclean spirit immediately recognizes Jesus as the Christ and is aware of his power. As St. James tells us, “You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble” (Jas 2:19). We must not take for granted who Jesus is, his presence in our midst and the power he has to help us. Let us always recognize that Jesus is actively working in our lives and seek him daily in our prayer.

This month, I challenge you to attend Mass and receive holy Communion more often than just on Sunday – daily if possible – to grow in awareness of Jesus’ presence and power in the Eucharist.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you take the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist for granted? Does the way you dress for Mass reflect that Jesus is present? Do you remain conscious throughout each day of Jesus’ activity in your life and turn to him frequently in prayer?



Congratulations



BK Matt Heck for **35yrs** of service in the KofC and BK Victor Benitez for **50yrs** of service in the KofC.

Vocations support

Checks were presented for \$375 on 3 December to Friars Adolfo and Nathaniel who are attending Franciscan School of Theology in San Diego. Pictured L to R: BK'S Alex Rivera, Steve Kimball, Buster Beazley, Fr. Joe, Bro. Adolfo, Bro. Nathaniel, Fr. Roger and BK Vern Capistran, Thank you BK Knights for your volunteer work and supporting our seminarians!



Our Knights of Columbus Vocations Program via its program director Vern Capistran “adopt” one or more seminarians, postulants or novices and provide them with financial assistance and moral support. The money is used by seminarians and those in religious formation for tuition and books, car insurance and maintenance, travel, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Knights provide more than financial support, though. Members write letters to students, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the Order and, most importantly, pray for vocations.

Coats for Kids Event - BK Alex Rivera

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3162-Mission San Luis Rey donated coats to 30 boys and girls at Libby Elementary School in Oceanside, Ca. The event took place on November 15, 2023, Nationally the KOC raises millions yearly for this worthy endeavor and provides warmth to over 1 million kids since 2009

Thank You Brother Knights Jack Schwarzel, David Diaz Sr., Stephen Kimball, Lawrence Boyle and Alex Rivera with daughters distributed the coats at Libby Elementary School. They were assisted by Ms. Gibney who is the Community Coordinator for the school.



2024 KofC Dues Notice

The 2024 Council Dues notices will be published on December 15th. If you receive "The Crusader" in your email, you will receive your 2024 Council Dues Notice from "KofC.org" on December 15th via email. The 2024 Dues for Regular membership is \$48 annually, and for Honorary members and those council members under age 26, Council Dues is \$21 due to Per Capita increase. If you have any questions about your membership dues or the status of your membership card, please contact the Financial Secretary; the contact info is located on the back of your Council Membership card and listed in "The Crusader".

You can submit your Dues payment through one of the following methods:

- Zelle- submit your payment from your bank to the Council account thru "Zelle". The procedures are in "The Crusader" and posted on our council website.
- Bring your payment to a Council meeting.
- Mail your Dues payments to:
 - KofC Council #3162
 - PO Box 5162
 - Oceanside, Ca. 92052
- If you are submitting an electronic bank check, ensure you use our new mailing address in your bank's online bill pay.

365 Club Donation

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.

You will see a Miscellaneous donation fee on your Council Dues notice for the "365 Club". The following information gives the background on how the 365 Club was developed and how the funds are utilized. Please consider making this voluntary donation with your Council Dues payment.

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.

Making electronic payment or donation

Council members can now pay your dues or make a donation electronically through your bank. Council #3162 has adopted "Zelle" to send funds electronically from your bank account to Council #3162. Zelle works with banks across the U.S. so you can send and receive money in a moment. All you need is Council 3162's email to send money directly to our council account. Your account information stays protected- you won't see the Council's bank account information, and we won't see yours. You can pay your Dues or make a donation to the Council by utilizing the Council email (kofc3162@gmail.com). Zelle procedures are posted on the Council website and can be found with this link: <https://kofc3162.org/zelle/>. This system has been working well for council members this year.

Annual Fraternal Survey coming soon!

We are coming down to the end of the calendar year and KofC wants to know the good works we have done throughout 2023. We ask all Council members to be thinking about the charitable activities you have performed from January 1st to December 31, 2023. Your active participation in submitting your charitable activity information is important to Council #3162 calculating accurate volunteer data. Be thinking about the following categories:

- The Number of visits you made to the **Sick or Bereaved**,
- The # of times you **donated blood**,
- The hours of **Fraternal Service** to Sick/Disabled Members and their families

The Council will request your information in January. We need **All Council Members** to respond to this Survey to make this a true reflection of Council #3162.

Rental Market impact

The economy is having a significant impact on parishioners, council members, and family members. There are many rental assistance programs for people who are currently in a lease. However, when their lease is not renewed, for various reasons, it becomes difficult for some people to qualify for an apartment, provided one is available, in the current rental market. More people, especially those on fixed income, are relying on facilities that rent rooms.

If any council member knows of a legitimate place in north county that rents rooms, please notify the GK or FS. Together we can make a difference.

Also, the KofC **Columbian Senior Advisory Service (CSAS)**, in California provides a comprehensive senior living resource. CSAS helps senior members and their families navigate the many challenges of aging.

Did you know:

Did you know the KofC provides scholarship opportunities for undergraduate, and graduate studies to children, wives, & widows of KofC members in good standing or deceased members? If you are interested in scholarship opportunities, please visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/scholarships/index.html>.

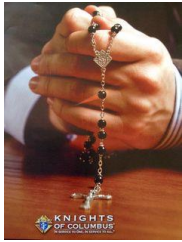
Watch out for scammers!

Unfortunately, there are people who try to scam unsuspecting targets. From time to time at the Knights of Columbus we see scams that target our members and subordinate units (councils, assemblies, and chapters). For example, in recent weeks, many subordinate units received a notice claiming kofc.org was expiring unless money was paid by a certain date. Other scams ask for money or gift cards.



More information on this topic can be found on the United States Federal Trade Commission website at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam>. The Canada Revenue Agency has a similar site at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/campaigns/fraud-scams.html>. If you are the target of one of these marketing scams, you may file a report through these websites. Fraternal leaders may wish to alert their members to be on the lookout for these kinds of scams.

All emails from Council#3162 will say "GK Message" in the From line, followed by the council email address. An official Council #3162 email will not have a council members name in the "From line".



Prayer List

BKs Fernando Acuna, Michael Brown, Bob Costa, Tim Daniels, Gene Garcia, Ron Harvey, Tom Reising, George Rovetto, Al Rowe, and all of our deployed military council members.

A Letter our council received from supreme.

Worthy Grand Knight and Worthy Financial Secretary:

I write today to recognize San Luis Rey De Francia Council 3162's support of women and children through the Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program.

For more than 50 years, brother Knights have proudly taken action to build a culture of life in North America and beyond. On the local, state, national and international levels, our members have organized, led, and participated in countless initiatives, as part of the fight for life.

San Luis Rey De Francia's efforts today through ASAP are a crucial part of our Order's continued work to defend the unborn and the vocation of motherhood. Thanks to your council's generosity, women facing fear and uncertainty will receive the help they need to choose life. Together, our brother Knights are offering signs of hope that the sanctity of all human life will be affirmed in our world.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a check, representing the Supreme Council's contribution to your work as part of ASAP. Please present the check to this life-saving organization as soon as you are able.

Brothers, please convey my heartfelt thanks to all the members of Council 3162 for their participation in ASAP and support of the most marginalized in our society.

With gratitude for your efforts and dedication to the cause of life, I am

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly

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Supreme Knight

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