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Grand Knight's Message

Thank you for attending our Council meetings and events. Continue to attend meetings and give a member a ride to the meeting. Meeting dates and times are listed in the Church bulletin.

We are always looking for new members. Talk to male parishioners 18 and over. If they want to join the Knights have the person fill out a Knights form 100. I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and I wish all a Happy New Year.

The new year will be busy.

1. There is a K of C officer training day on Jan 6th at Fr. Gabriel hall.

2. We will set up the Heritage Festival and volunteer during the weekend. The festival is Feb 2-4. The Knights cook and serve food at the All American food booth. Jim Cleary will be the booth chairman.

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3 We have to schedule a fundraiser soon so send me your ideas.

4. A First Degree was held in December and we have 4 new members. This is great news and thanks to the first degree team volunteers.

Some important upcoming dates and opportunities to volunteer:

Jan 2 - Knights meeting, all Knights are invited

Jan 6 – K of C officers training at Fr Gabriel hall

Jan 27 or 28 – volunteers needed to set up Heritage Festival tents

Feb 2-4 - Heritage Festival

Tootsie Roll event is scheduled for May, we collect donations for people with disabilities

The Hygiene Ministry desperately needs donations of Men's and Women's: underwear, tee shirts, socks, deodorant, bug spray, sunscreen and chapstick.

These items can be dropped off at the hall on Fridays from 11-2 or at the Church.

St. Vincent DePaul needs help every Wednesday at 8 am to unload food at the Battersea St. location. Help St. Vincent DePaul if you can.

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Think you are too old for Life Insurance Coverage.....maybe not !!

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

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Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you. Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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| 01/03- Robert Ghany | 01/20- Albert Gutierrez |
| 01/03- John Hooi | 01/22- Timothy Jacques |
| 01/04- Thomas Duffy | 01/23- Frank Lubbering |
| 01/04 Angel Hernandez | 01/26- Ramon Calderon |
| 01/04 Kenneth Lulewicz | 01/27- Jerome Sicinski |
| 01/06- Joseph Tran | 01/28- Thomas Flavell |
| 01/17- Jack Rhine | 01/28- David Harris |
| 01/19- John Mazziotti | 01/29- Dan Dominguez |

Anniversary of Knighthood

01/01/72 – William Raffinello
01/01/81 – John Lacey
01/01/87 – Thomas Flavell
01/18/99 – Ronald Hammersley
01/24/05 – Paul Herrera
01/24/05 – Anthony Vasquez

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Our Lady of Grace Youth Group hosted the living Nativity as part of its Christmas celebration. There were sleigh rides (thanks David Harris), hot chocolate, face painting and Santa Claus.

The youth did a great job as always. Knights involved were: David Harris, Mark Stephenson, Norman Carrasquillo, Andy Schwind, Phil Rucky, Larry Davis and if I missed anyone I apologize.

Cirque Dreams

On Dec. 10, the council sponsored a bus trip to the Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center to view a performance of Cirque Dreams and to see the ICE presentation Christmas around the world. 55 people from the parish participated in the trip. A great way to start the Christmas season.



Our attendees



Acrobats



More Acrobats.....foot balancing act

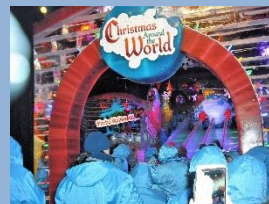


Randy Allen on stage



Tree at Emerald Plaza

ICE....Christmas around the World



Entrance to Ice slide



Ice sculpture of Santa



Ice sculpture of Peace Dove.....Crystal clear ice



Nativity scene

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Welcome our newest Knights

John (JT) Kenney, Hector Cumba, Cameron Mears, Quinton Mears. These brothers received the honor of the 1st degree Sat., Dec. 16. Please welcome them into our council.



THEME – FAMILY PRAYER

The Christian family needs to put first things first by cultivating a relationship with God together through prayer. Prayer is essential for families to develop Christian joy, faith, hope and love.

Meditation

From Pope John Paul II's Familiaris Consortio

Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in common, husband and wife together, parents and children together. Communion in prayer is both a consequence of and a requirement for the communion bestowed by the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony. The words with which the Lord Jesus promises His presence can be applied to the members of the Christian family in a special way: "Again I

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say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Family prayer has for its very own object family life itself, which in all its varying circumstances is seen as a call from God and lived as a filial response to His call. Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of the parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, the death of those who are dear, etc. — all of these mark God's loving intervention in the family's history. They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving, for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God's unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned in prayer.

1. Is prayer at the center of our family life? If not, why?
2. How can we better build a rhythm of prayer into our family's life? In what way can we mark significant family moments throughout the year with prayer?
3. What are our family members' preferred ways of praying — vocal, meditative or contemplative? Is there a way to incorporate each family member's preferred way of praying into family prayer?

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