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Grand Knight's Message

The Grand Knight has not submitted a message for inclusion in the December Communiqué.

Chaplain's Reflection

In a scene from the movie *Ben-Hur*, Ben-Hur's girl friend, Esther, is preparing to escort his mother and sister to freedom from the leper colony to which they had been sent after contracting the disease in a Roman prison. As Esther helps them to leave, they are paralyzed with fear and they stop. Seeing their fear, Esther says very tenderly: "Do not be afraid. The world is more than we know. I have seen a man named Jesus." Esther knew and understood their fear. However, she herself had moved beyond fear into an incredible calm and a sense of certitude and peace.

Fear is a fact of life. None of us are completely unafraid. Even Mary and Joseph needed reassurance. When the angel appeared to Mary asking her to be the Mother of God, he said: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God (Lk 1:30)." When the angel appears to Joseph, he says: "Joseph, ... , do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home (Mt 18:20)."

So, fear respects no one, not even the Holy Family. In fact, psychiatrists tell us that fear is the most common and subtle of all human diseases. Where we cannot find an answer, we will seek and find fear. We fear the future, danger, nuclear war, disease, poverty, and especially death. But, if we let fear be a big factor in our lives, we will be unnerved by crippling anxieties that refuse to let us know lasting peace. Fear can grab hold of us and adversely influence our mental outlook. It is an emotional force that has an insidious power to make us do we should not do, and to leave undone what we should take care of.

Faith in God, and trust in His inscrutable ways are our best response to fear. However, faith is not about enduring pain or hardship without showing feelings or complaining. That was the outlook of those who followed the ancient philosophical school of Stoicism. Rather faith is to know, to believe without doubt, that God is always engaged for us.

Faith is a religious posture in the midst of a world that often seems like it is being overrun by the forces of evil. However, it is not a crusade against these forces. Rather it is the recognition that God is fighting for us. God is with us, Emmanuel, in the battle. Faith is the belief that God will be the ultimate victor in the conflict with the forces of evil in the world.

Christmas Day celebrates of birth of Christ who came to conquer sin and death, and cast out our fears. This is really the central mystery of Christianity. Through the Incarnation, the invisible and immortal God became one of us, entering the world as a little baby. God took on our flesh and our mortality. This is not what we would have expected.

In Emmanuel, God has become skin of our skin and flesh of our flesh. God shares with us our trials, pains, temptations, disappointments, and fears. Through the Sacrifice of the Cross, the God of creation has shared the taste of death with us. God has sought us. In Jesus Christ, God has shown us his very face. In doing so, God assures us that His Word will be the final Word, and His love the conquering of all fear.

God has been in love with us from the beginning of time, even before creation, and that is the real mystery of the word that was enfleshed in Jesus. Emmanuel is here. God is with us. Believing that, like Esther in the movie *Ben-Hur*, we can also say, "Do not be afraid. The world is more than we know. I have seen a man whose name is Jesus."

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Michael Salah ❖ the Grandfather of Danny Grant ❖
Carl Fefe

COUNCIL

December Birthday Greetings

The Council extends best wishes for a Happy
Birthday to our Brother Knights who are celebrating
a birthday in December!

Phillip M. Wethington – 6	Guidto Catada - 22
John D. Markland – 8	Ewin Dinsmore - 29
Waldemar B. Stack – 8	Rev. Adam Park - 29
Donald P. Kilner – 9	Philip Yeungling - 29
Rev. Robert E. Walsh – 13	Jeff Mortimore - 30
Charles A. Hudson Jr – 17	Frank Carroll - 31
Urias E. Rodriguez – 18	Roger E. Gomez - 31

CHURCH

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sales

As we have done the past two years, St. Joseph
Manyanet Council will again be selling Christmas
Trees and Wreaths at St. Jude's. The sales will take
place outside the Thaddeus room, across from the
children's play area. Dates for the sales this year
are Friday, December 4, Saturday, December 5, and
Sunday December 6. Your help will be greatly
appreciated. Contact Frank Carroll for further
information.

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on **Wednesday, December 16, 2015**, beginning at 5:00 PM. The time spent will be most rewarding. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call William Trimble, PGK, 240-603-2574, for more information.

To get to Shepherd's Table, drive south on Georgia Avenue toward DC until you see Silver Spring Avenue on the left. Turn right and proceed into Progress Place. The actual address is 8210 Colonial Lane #A, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Annual Council Christmas Party

St. Joseph Manyanet Council will be holding its Christmas Party this year in Madigan Hall (a.k.a. The Blue Room) following the 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 19. We will attend the Mass as a Council community and then have our party afterwards. Please contact Bill Newbrough, PGK for further information. Party is open to family and friends, as well as Brothers.

COUNCIL

Degree Exemplification Schedule

The Council First Degree Team will host its next First Degree Exemplification on **Thursday, December 10**. The Degree begins promptly at 8pm, and candidates should report to the lobby outside of Room 11 by no later than 7:30pm. If you know of any candidates, please make arrangements with F.S. Roger Szabo as soon as possible.

St. Joseph Manyanet Counsel will also be hosting a 2nd Degree Exemplification on Thursday, March 24 at 8pm. The full degree calendar is available on the Maryland State Council's website:
<http://www.kofc-md.org>.

CHURCH

Ushers Needed at St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's is in need of volunteers to help out as Ushers at the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Contact Roger Szabo, or any one of our Brothers from St. Catherine's to volunteer to help.

COMMUNITY

Olive Wood Sales at St. Jude's

The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) will be selling items made from olive wood after the Masses at St. Jude's on Sunday, December 13. Help with the sales is requested. Contact Frank Carroll for additional information or to volunteer.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Simulcast – Help Needed

As was done last year, HCEF is once again hosting a Christmas Simulcast. It will include prayers, speakers and choirs from both St. Jude in Rockville and from Bethlehem in the Holy Land. Your help is requested with resetting the Thaddeus room after the simulcast so it is ready for the next event on Sunday morning. If you can help out, please contact Frank Carroll.

RCIA Help at St. Jude's

Fr. Ken Gill, one of the Parochial Vicars at St. Jude's, and also one of our Chaplains, is asking all the organizations within and associated with St. Jude to help out with St. Jude's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). No, we would not be teaching classes, but we would help out with refreshments afterwards.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Turkey Distribution

We will be purchasing and distributing Christmas dinners to needy families in both our Parishes. The date will likely be Saturday, December 19. Please contact Mike Holder for further details or to volunteer.

COMMUNITY

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

We will once again host a *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest at St. Jude School. School children are invited to make "Keep Christ in Christmas"-themed posters. Winners from St. Jude will advance to the District and State contests. Contact Bill Newbrough or Frank Carroll to volunteer.

The Editor apologizes for the lack of a November newsletter. I will strive to be more timely from now on.


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Tree & Wreath Sale - SJ	5 Tree & Wreath Sale - SJ
6 Tree & Wreath Sale - SJ	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9	10 1 st Degree 8pm	11	12 Olive Wood Sales @ SJ
13 Olive Wood Sales @ SJ	14	15	16 Shepherd's Table	17	18	19 Christmas Party 5pm
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27 Fellowship Sunday @ SJ	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

Council Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday at 8pm in Room 11 of St. Catherine School (Claridge Rd. & Veirs Mill Rd.)

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