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Grand Knight's Message

The editor did not receive a message from the Grand Knight in time for inclusion in the December edition of the *Communiqué*.

Chaplain's Reflection

Advent represents our deepest longing. We long for a world where there is no more death. We long for a world where all peoples and nations will be at peace. And, Christmas is the fulfillment of our deepest longings. We believe that Christ came to die to show us that death was not the end. And, his farewell gift to us was the gift of peace. Jesus is love in human form. And he came to share that love so we would have that same love living inside us. And just as we must make a decision to come to Christ, so God had to make a decision to come to us.

No one can know the mind of God. No one can pretend to fathom the depths of infinite love and infinite wisdom. It almost seems sacrilegious to try to enter the mind of God to put words there. Yet from our human point of view, it seems that there must have been a time in the timelessness of eternity, when God had to decide to become a man. Since all time is present to God, since he could see both the future and the pasts of human history, why did God enter that history?

If we might be so bold as to imagine that choice, put words where in fact there was only a Word. Perhaps, God saw His world groaning in terrible pain and watched the tears of many innocent people. God could see that the "crown jewel" of his creation was shackled by the sin which had overcome His good world.

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So, God decided to enter human history for a brief period of years to send down his dawn from on high to break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. God entered our world because He loved us so much that He could not stay away. God longed for us more that we could ever long for Him. And so it came to pass that there were shepherds in the field. There was a baby in a manger. God was with his people.

We need to remember what Christmas is all about-- God coming into the world to set us free from prejudice and sin, to set us free from selfishness and domination, to set us free from just living for ourselves in order to be free to care about each other. The message of Christmas is that we are all brothers and sisters, all sons and daughters of the same father, all people bonded by a common creator, and all destined to build a common kingdom--a kingdom of justice, and light, and truth. The ultimate meaning of Christmas was captured by St. Augustine, who said: "God became man that man might become God!" The baby Jesus grew to adulthood with an awareness of the divinity within him. When we grow up in our faith, we become aware of the divinity within us. The God who came once in history to dwell in our world, wants to come every day to dwell in us. He wants to make his home in us. This Jesus gave us his Father as our father, his Spirit as our Spirit. We are empowered to live the life of God. If only we believed God! If only we accepted God at his Word.

We sometimes forget that love and joy and peace are natural to us. That's the way it was in the Garden of Eden. However, once we left the garden, anger and fear and tension came in. Christmas brings us back to who we are. God came to restore His life within us. As one spiritual commentator put it, "All religions can help us to find our way to God. What is unique about Christianity is that we believe God is looking for us."

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carl Fefe who recently passed away.

COUNCIL

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	Edwin 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

The editor requests your help to keep the sick and the birthday lists current. If you know of any additions to or deletions from the birthday or sick lists, please let the Editor know via email: paul.lindekugel@verizon.net

COMMUNITY

Shepherd's Table

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on Wednesday, December 21, 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.

COMMUNITY

Olive Wood Sale

The annual Christmas sale of olive wood products made by Christians in the Holy Land will take place the weekend of December 3 and 4 at St. Jude's. Please contact Frank Carroll to volunteer or for more information.

COMMUNITY

Tootsie Roll Collection

Our Council will be conducting a Tootsie Roll collection after all the Masses at St. Jude the weekend of December 3 and 4. Mass times at St. Jude are 5pm Saturday; and on Sunday at 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, and 5pm. The 12:30pm mass is in Spanish.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale

On the weekend of December 9-11, our Council will be selling Christmas trees and wreaths at St. Jude's as we have done the past 2 or 3 years. Your help is greatly appreciated. Sale hours are as follows:

Friday, December 9 - 3-6pm
Saturday, December 10 - 9am-6pm
Sunday, December 11 - 9am-5pm

From the District Deputy

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MEMBERSHIP

Degree Exemplification Schedule

The Initiation Degree Team at St. Joseph Manyanet Council will be hosting an Initiation (1st) Degree Exemplifications during on **Thursday, December 15**, beginning at 8pm in the Council's Chamber (Room 11 of the school building at St. Catherine Parish). Candidates should report to the lobby area outside of Room 11 by no later than 7:30pm. Please contact F.S. Roger Szabo as soon as possible if you know of any candidates, so that proper arrangements can be made.

The Council will be hosting additional Intitiation Degree Exemplifications on the following dates: Thursday, February 9, 2017, Thursday April 6, 2017, Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 8pm

The Council will also be hosting a Formation (2nd) Degree on Thursday, May 25, 2017.

District 18 Christmas Party

The District 18 Christmas Party will take place on Friday, December 16 from 5:30 to 9 pm. The party will take place at the Rock Creek Mansion, home of Rock Creek Council - 547 W. Cedar Lane, Bethesda Maryland. There is no admission charge but 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold to help defer the cost. It is located near the intersection of Cedar Lane and Old Georgetown Rd.

Council 5567 Christmas Dinner and Party

The Council 5567 Christmas Dinner and Party will take place on Saturday, December 17 in Madigan Hall (formerly the Blue Room) at St. Jude's, following the 5pm Mass (6pm). It will be a potluck buffet affair as it was last year.

Merry Christmas to All!

December, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Tootsie Roll @ SJ
4 Olive Wood Sale @ SJ	5 Tootsie Roll @ SJ	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9 Christmas Tree Sale @ SJ	10 Christmas Tree Sale @ SJ
11 Christmas Tree Sale @ SJ	12	13	14	15 Initiation Degree 8pm	16 District 18 Christmas Party	17 Council Christmas Party
18 4 th Sunday of Advent	19	20	21 Shepherd's Table 5pm	22 Business Meeting 8pm	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



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