



# Communiqué

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## *Grand Knight's Message*

Worthy Brother Knights,

It is the time of the year again when we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, our Lord Savior.

The Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph were full of joy when the little boy Jesus was born in a very humble way in a manger in an unknown little town of Bethlehem. Even His first bed was made of hay. The simple shepherds were his first visitors followed by the three Magi.

As for us in the modern times, we do remember His birthday, by being spiritually close with each other. We try to be like children, showing love and care with sincerity.

A very warm Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year 2018 to all of you!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally yours,

SK Danny Oriño, 46th Grand Knight  
St. Joseph Manyanet Council 5567

## *Chaplain's Reflection*

### Miracle of Christmas

Christmas is God's greatest miracle. What is a miracle? A miracle is any special showing of God's goodness. And His Son, the infant Jesus started working miracles right from the moment he was born. There is a legend about the first miracle of the infant Jesus. It is a legend because it is not in the Gospel, but knowing how much Jesus loves us, we can be pretty sure that it is true.

Two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, there was a young orphan boy named Ezekiel who was born unable to speak. Through his mouth came only ugly grunting sounds--no words. He was tongueless. Ezekiel was a wonderful little boy who worked very hard to please everyone, but people at the inn where he helped out made fun of him because he could not speak.

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## *Chaplain, continued*

Ezekiel trusted in God and prayed to him every night for the gift of speech. He wanted to be able to talk, and sing, and play with all the other children. Every morning he woke up believing that God would one day work a miracle, but he was always disappointed.

As he wandered the hills and fields of Bethlehem, Ezekiel came upon other tongueless ones like himself. The streams would chatter, the trees would whoosh, the rains would pelt, and the grasses would rustle. And graciously, they blended his unmusical noises right into their symphony. Ezekiel came to understand how God had answered his prayers in a very special way, for he could talk with all the tongueless ones. His life became filled with joy.

However, one terrible morning, the innkeeper was really mean to him and sent him out to eat with the pigs in the stable behind the inn. Later that evening, large crowds suddenly descended upon Bethlehem, and the inn became very full. So, Ezekiel had to work long and late hours. But, the patrons were cruel and impatient with him because he could not speak.

Feeling alone, Ezekiel ran out into the darkness of Bethlehem to talk to his only real friends, the tongueless ones. But, on this night, they did not speak back to him. The streams, the winds, the grasses, the trees, and the leaves were absolutely silent. Feeling abandoned, Ezekiel cried himself to sleep in the fields.

While Ezekiel slept, a great white star rose over the city of Bethlehem. When Ezekiel returned to the inn, he saw a bright glowing radiance coming from the stable where a man, a woman, and a child--Joseph, Mary, and the infant Jesus--were waiting for him. Jesus smiled at Ezekiel as he approached. As Ezekiel opened his mouth to say "Hello," he was suddenly able to speak as sweetly as the winds and as perfectly as the raindrops.

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COUNCIL

### **Council Officers Meeting**

The monthly Council officers meeting will take place on Thursday, December 14, beginning at 7pm. The meeting will take place in Room 11, our Council chamber.

### **Please Remember in Your Prayers:**

Luke Barr (Bernard Wikramanayake's Grandson) ❖  
Bernadette Barr (Bernard's Daughter) ❖ Connie Berens (Pattie Kane's Mother) ❖ Harry Canter ❖ Christina Cooper ❖ David V. Dube, Jr. ❖ Patrick J. Freimuth , PGK ❖ Chris Glaser, Jr. ❖ Thomas Strobel ❖ Charles Hudson ❖ John Kominski ❖ Alfio & Rosemary Mazzaglia ❖ Gloria Pelletier ❖ Evans Family (adoption) ❖ Rice Family (adoption) ❖ James Stack ❖ Roger Vales ❖ Mary Wells (Bob Kane's Sister) ❖ William Cooper ❖ Peggy Leake-Ross's Son-in-Law ❖ Deacon John DeWolf ❖ Nimal Perera's Daughter Savini ❖ Fr. Val Keveny ❖ Ron Dunn ❖ Jack McCue ❖ Bill Hanna ❖ Maria E. Cooper, daughter of Christina Cooper (widow of George Cooper) ❖ Carl Dabbs, PGK ❖ Orlando Lau ❖ Marlene Trimble ❖ Chris Glaser ❖ family of Ted Sintetos ❖ Mary Masto ❖ Sharon Kassel ❖ Peter Latora ❖ Dawn Szabo ❖ Alice Clair ❖ Aristotle Prado's Nephew ❖ B.G. Thompson, PGK and his wife Caroline ❖ Fr. Alphonso Carew ❖ Joe Fantom's daughter ❖ the Grandfather of Danny Grant ❖ Iria Pereira ❖ John Naughton ❖ Wally Stack, PGK ❖ John Pettit ❖

### **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

**Deadline for publication in the upcoming newsletter is the 25<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. Thank you for our cooperation. Thank you – The Editor.**

### **From the Editor**

Following a review of the Council budget by the Financial Committee, it was determined that the Council's expenses needed to be reduced. One of the recommendations is to reduce the cost of printing the *Communiqué*.

Beginning with this, the December edition, the *Communiqué* will be four pages, rather than six, as hit had been.

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The infant Jesus had taken the voices of his tongueless friends, and given them to Ezekiel. That was why the tongueless ones were so silent earlier that night. Ezekiel's voice had become the song of all the tongueless ones to the child in the manger. And that was the first miracle performed by the infant Jesus on night he was born.

Ezekiel received a gift that he would keep for the rest of his life. It was a gift that he had prayed for every night for years and years. Even today, two thousand years later, if you listen carefully, you can hear the faint voice of Ezekiel in the wind, rain, snow, trees, and grasses.

The real meaning of Christmas is the miracle of God sending us the infant Jesus. And, the gifts we receive from Jesus last forever.

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COMMUNITY

***Tootsie Roll/Recruitment Drive***

The final Tootsie Roll collection, coupled with a Recruitment Drive, will take place at St. Catherine's on December 2 and 3 after the Masses. Mass times are 5:15 and 7pm on Saturday, and then 7:00, 8:15, 10:00, 11:30, and 1:15 on Sunday.

To volunteer, contact Danny Orino, or you may sign up to help by going to the Council webpage: [www.kofc5567.org](http://www.kofc5567.org)

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***Shepherd's Table***

Let's give a hand to the good people at the Shepherd's Table soup kitchen on Wednesday, December 20, 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. You may also sign up by going to the Council webpage, located at: [www.kofc5567.org](http://www.kofc5567.org).

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.

***From the District Deputy***

The Editor did not receive a message from the District Deputy this month.

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CHURCH

***Olive Wood Sale Support***

Your help is requested with **two** Olive Wood sales on December 3. The proceeds from these sales benefit Christian crafters in the Holy Land, many of whom have few other sources of income.

St. Jude            12701 Veirs Mill Rd. Rockville, MD  
Masses: 7, 8:30, 10:30, 12:30, & 5p

St. Matthew's 1725 Rhode Island Ave, NW, DC  
Masses: 7, 8:30, 10, 11, 1p

Contact Frank Carroll, or sign up to help on the Council Website: [www.kofc5567.org](http://www.kofc5567.org)

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CHURCH

***Christmas Tree & Wreath Sales***

The Council once again is selling Christmas trees and wreaths at St. Jude. We will be under the canopy outside the Thaddeus Room. Sales take place Friday, December 8 – Sunday December 10. Hours are as follows: Dec. 8 – 5:30-7:30pm, Dec.9:00-7:30, and Dec. 10 – 8:00am-3:00pm.

Contact Mike Holder or Frank Carroll, or sign on the Council website: [www.kofccouncil5567.org](http://www.kofccouncil5567.org)

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***Christmas Hams for the Needy***

As in years past, the Council this year is purchasing hams for Christmas dinners for those in need in our Parishes. We need help to purchasing and transportation, as well as preparing food packages. Just meet Mike Holder at the Aspen Hill Giant on December 16 at 8:00am.

Contact for this event is Mike Holder, or you can sign up on the Council website: [www.kofc5567.org](http://www.kofc5567.org).

*Lessons and Carols Concert*

The Music Ministry at St. Catherine’s is having their Advent Lessons and Carols concert on December 17 at 4:00pm in the Church. The program consists of music and specially selected readings, plus favorite Christmas hymns.

A number of our Brother Knights sing in the choir and would love to see you there.

*District 18 Christmas Party*

Please join your Brothers from District 18 for their annual Christmas Party. The festivities take place on Friday, **December 8** at the Rock Creek Mansion, home of Rock Creek Council, located at 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD. It’s near the intersection with Old Georgetown Rd.

Contact District Deputy Joe Stewart for further information.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>3</b> Tootsie Roll Olive Wood	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> District Party	<b>9</b> Christmas Tree Sale SJ
<b>10</b> Christmas Tree Sales - SJ	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Initiation Degree 8pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Hams for the Needy 8am
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Shepherd’s Table	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Solemnity of Christmas	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Business Meeting 8pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

