



GRAND KNIGHT

DOMINIC GLASS

Keeping Christ in Christmas

The secular and commercial world inundates us with the newest 'got-to-haves' every year and every year the religious shout back "The Reason For The Season".

I will be purchasing some neat toys for my kids and some will be labeled "From: Baby Jesus" like my parents did. The joy of the family gatherings, food and music, do not necessarily detract from our faithful observance of His birth. The over prioritization of these things do. If the green beans left back at home are more important than the fellowship of family or fighting in line for the last greatest toy, racing to swoop in on that closer parking space, passing that red kettle when you know you have spare funds or treating your neighbor with disrespect because of his tacky decorations... you have not Kept Christ in Christmas or your heart. "He so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son..." What an amazing gift, a child, born in Bethlehem, to save us all.



Prayers for Sick

Anthony Delgado, Jose Lopez and Daniel Cordenez

Repose:

Mr / Mrs. Chon Figueroa, Debbie Castro, and Cathy Kolpakd Gallagher

KofC News

A Corporate Mass was held at Our Lady of Hope, Del Rosa Site Council 4488 Sunday, November 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. for those Brothers that entered into their final rest. They were:

- Pete Duarte, December 30, 2014**
- Fr. Barnabas Laubach, June 23, 2015**
- Dale Judy, July 17, 2015**
- Fr. Luke Tran, September 8, 2015**



The Mass was attended by about 15 members, their spouses and friends. A stark reminder that we need to pray for vocations as half of this year deaths were our Priests.

Please pray for all our Brothers.

My Brothers,

Prayer is a part of every practicing Catholic's life. Both communal prayer and private prayer are encouraged, and we have many resources to assist us with our prayer life. Have you thought about your own prayer life? There are many types of prayer, times for prayer, and reasons to pray, it's hard to recall them all. Classically there are 4 primary types of prayer:

- Offering Praise and Glorifying God
- Giving Thanks for many Blessings
- Prayers of supplication, such as for assistance, mercy, and favors
- Prayer of Penance, Sorrow, and Forgiveness from our sins.



Prayer takes many forms, including spoken, sung, and in our thoughts. Many prayers have been composed, some poetic, written and memorized. Others are spontaneous, and even conversational, privately contemplating and conversing with our God. Jesus taught the apostles to pray with the Lord's Prayer. Many Saints have composed their own prayers, and have been passed down through many generations. Honestly, I have not enjoyed many of these "prayers from other people", prayers I have read. But I am reconsidering this, that some of these prayers may give me a glimpse of how a holy person may have viewed their world, his or her faith, and how to live a good and faithful life.

As we now enjoy our Thanksgiving celebration, remember to remind your loved ones that we should be grateful for the blessings of Liberty, of a nation whose people attempt to pass those blessings to others elsewhere, and into the future.

Would you like to learn more about prayer? Catholic theologians (e.g. Thomas A. Kempis) have written about our "Internal Life", which is "to seek God in everything" and to "live in the presence of God". Two recent Popes, John Paul 2 and Benedict 16 have written much about this.

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May your turkey be moist, your cranberries crisp and tart, and your pumpkin pies spicy, and may your tables be full of dear ones. May your celebration be Loving.

## Resolution to provide building funds for St. Anthony Renovation

(For General Meeting, With Officer Edits from November 5, 2015)

Whereas, The Del Rosa Council 4488 supports local Catholic institutions in our local community; and

Whereas, Saint Anthony Church and Parish serve our members and their families; and

Whereas, Saint Anthony Church and Parish is engaged in a major remodeling and repair project; and

Whereas, Del Rosa Council members are personally involved and have verified assistance is needed to complete their next phase.

Now be it resolved that The Del Rosa Council 4488 will provide \$3,000 (three thousand), to be provided in 2 payments before the end of 2015, provided that St. Anthony's supplies documentation that the purchases are made.

Submitted and Approved by Del Rosa Council 4488 on \_\_\_\_\_

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Knight

Attested By: \_\_\_\_\_ Recorder



# Blood Bank Notes

Don Jones,  
Chairman of the "Blood Bank"



Fellow Knights: During the month of October we had 8 donations! That's 2 months in a row with that many. Way to finish up Fall and start the Winter! Thank you to those who are able to help with this gift of life.

LifeStream assists about 80 medical facilities in the local Southern California area, serving approximately 3.2 million people. Aside from their technical and clerical staff, there are also vital volunteer positions, filled with people who are an essential part of the 'life-giving' team. The "Heart at Work" program provides 1) a way to get involved in the community, 2) opportunities to develop new skills, 3) contacts to make new friends, and 4) self-satisfaction through making a difference in the lives of others. These volunteers support the operations by creating a pleasant, educational, and comforting experience for donors.

If you have time to give and want to feel part of a worthwhile effort, consider signing up as a volunteer for LifeStream. All volunteers are fully trained for their tasks, gain skills that may lead to other endeavors, develop new and rewarding relationships, and are recognized for their donated hours and level of commitment.

To become a LifeStream volunteer, there are 3 easy steps:

- Complete a volunteer application
- On-line at <https://www.lstream.org/Volunteer.aspx>
- At any of the four donor centers (San Bernardino, Riverside, Ontario, Victorville)
- Call the Volunteer Program office to request an application (909.885.6503)
- Attend an orientation session at the San Bernardino Donor Center
- Select the type of volunteer duty that best fits your schedule, skills, and interest

This is my last article for the Blood Bank Notes. I want to thank all those who supported me, gave ideas and encouragement, and provided feedback relating to these articles. Please continue to give the gift of life through your donations. For an appointment, call 1-800-879-4484. Remember to use our group number 'OKC8' when you check in. God bless.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

*Fr. Romanus Ike*



### THE IMPORTANCE OF TOGETHERNESS IN THE FAMILY BY POPE FRANCIS:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on the family, today we consider the importance of togetherness. Sitting at table for the family dinner, sharing our meal and the experiences of our day is a fundamental image of togetherness and solidarity. Because Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a meal, there is a close relationship between families and the Mass. The togetherness we experience in our families is meant, in the family of the Church, to extend to all as a sign of God's universal love. In this way the Eucharist becomes a school of inclusion, in which we learn to be attentive to the needs of everyone. Sadly, the family meal, this great symbol of togetherness, is disappearing in some societies. Food itself, the very sign of our sharing with others, is wantonly wasted in some places, while our brothers and sisters go hungry in others. The Eucharist reminds us that our bread is to be shared, with all. May our families, and the entire Church, be signs of togetherness and solidarity for the good of the whole human family, especially during the coming Jubilee of Mercy.

As we come closer to the thanksgiving celebration how can we make our thanksgiving meal a Eucharist where we can pay attention to the needs of everyone? Let this time be a time of family togetherness, family worship of the triune and true God, time of praise and time of joy.



# Bible Study

Wednesday from 7 PM to 9 PM  
in the council lounge

Bob Herness  
Church Director, 4488



Venite, venite, Emmanuel. Dear Brother Knights and friends, since December now often seems like nothing but parties, shopping, football and Santa Claus, the holy season of Advent should not be just a prelude to secular holiday time, but a penitential season of prayer, watchfulness and waiting for the greatest event in world history. The greatest event in world history is God Almighty, humbling Himself and taking on our human flesh in the Divine Person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. By taking on our weakness, our sins, our poverty of spirit, He became the Way to eternal life, the Truth that we must believe and follow, and the Life of Grace that He merited for us on Calvary and His Glorious Resurrection.

Join us for these events in December to deepen your celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord on December 24-25 throughout the 12 days of Christmas.

December 2, 2015: Prophecies of the Messiah and discussion of false messiahs like politicians, Islam and the health, wealth and false attractions of this world.

December 9, 2015: Sacred Music and Art which lead us to Christ

December 16, 2015: Our regular STARTING TIME IS MOVED UP TO 6:00 P.M. SO WE CAN SHARE TOGETHER OUR ANNUAL ADVENT AND GAUDETE CELEBRATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS. All are invited to our potluck dinner. Please bring your own eating utensils and either a main dish, salad or dessert for enough for 12 people. We shall also have some visitors, some caroling and music by our Worthy Financial Secretary, and a fun game to test your knowledge of our Holy Faith.

Please join us for a joyful evening of friends, food and fellowship.

Church Director, Council 4488

Bob Herness



## "Del Rocco at work"

Del Rocco held a work party on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015. The Columbian Room got a fresh coat of paint while the kitchen exhaust system was cleaned. Those present from left to right were John Henry, Bruce Ewing, George Steffens, Vernon Ashbaker, William Calderon and Manuel Carabajal. Come join in next time.

## KOFC NEWS

Those that came to our Veterans Day dinner in honor of any and all vets who attended that evening, some with their wives and lady friends, know about these brave pilots including my friend, Alex Jekel, Bruce Crandall and Ed Freeman. We showed the movie, We Were Soldiers, starring Mel Gibson about this great battle six miles from the Cambodian border. The battle of the Ia Drang Valley was one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War and is a tribute to the brave men who fought and died there. My friend, Alex Jekel, knew Ed Freeman, and prayerfully, we trust in God's mercy that they are now in Heaven with the others who gave their life for the rest of us.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam  
Bob Herness

# COUNCIL FIELD AGENT REPORT

David Keeling,  
Council Field Agent

As my last Field Agent article (I am retiring 12/31), I have been blessed in completing a truly rewarding career that began in serving Councils in San Gabriel Valley back on September/1985. Where has the time gone? Over that span of years, I have seen our Supreme Agency Benefits Department grow to now providing over 100 billion dollars of insurance coverage while always remembering its purpose & responsibility exclusively to membership families. I have many wonderful memories of visiting thousands of brother Knights & their wives, past & present, who encompassed Fraternal Catholic Volunteerism and put their trust in the Knight's Fraternal Benefits Program. That includes some of you who are possibly reading this. For those members who have yet to utilize these benefits, never doubt what the always top-rated Knights of Columbus insurance program offers as it has proven to work in bad economic times as it will in the good financial times. No KofC product has ever failed in 133 years. Just don't assume you're good health, if you still have it today, will last until a certain time convenient to you. Only God controls our health and the Knight's need your cooperation by meeting with the Field Agent in acquiring KofC coverage before your health takes an irreversible bad turn.

And finally, when I was asked to join the Knights, through Colton Council in 1979, only God knew it would become a major influence in my life becoming a member, a Grand Knight and then a Field Agent. Reflect how & what the Order brings to your life and understand you are truly evangelizing by inviting others to join us in sharing their time, talent & energy for their faith through an Organization whose primary purpose is to serve and defend the Holy Catholic Church. "You should always keep a KofC membership form handy to approach and ask any man you see practicing his Catholic faith." Vivat Jesus

May this CHRISTmas & New Year bring you & loved ones good health, success, joy and spiritual peace...  
David Keeling, FICF, CSA & Council Field Agent



The Faithful Navigator of FRAY FRANCISCO DUMETZ ASSEMBLY 0055  
Cordially invites you to our Annual Christmas Dinner on  
Saturday, December 19, 2015 at Colton Council 4017,  
740 Pennsylvania Ave, Colton, CA 92324

Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (no host bar)  
Dinner: 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Dress Attire:  
Men – (4<sup>th</sup> Degree members) Tuxedo with Social Baldric;  
(non 4<sup>th</sup> degree members) Coat and Tie

Women: Semi-formal dress or pant suit

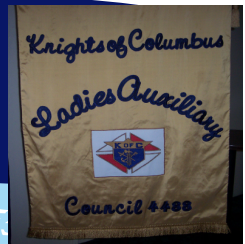
Cost: \$15.00 per person (make reservations and pay at the door)

Please contact the Faithful Captain Alejandro Martinez at (951) 789-8276, **by no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2014**. We will not plan for extra dinners, so make your reservations.

**Please bring a pack of socks, underwear, T-shirts, scarf, pair of gloves, crossword puzzles or puzzles for a Veteran at the VA hospital.**



# Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 4488



Thank you to all the ladies who supported our parking lot sale. We raised over \$300. A special thank you to the men who helped with set up and clean up. We really appreciate your support.

Our next fundraiser will be a bake sale at St. Adelaide's on December 6, followed by our Christmas raffle on December 12. We need everyone's support in order to have successful events.

We will be decorating the Knight's lounge on Wednesday, December 9th at 12 noon. Please come and join us to prepare for Christmas and bring your favorite dish for a pot luck luncheon.

May everyone have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Judy Figeroa  
Knights' Ladies President



## Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary #4488

Several Prizes Including: Laughlin Getaways Gift Cards Gift Baskets

# Annual Christmas Raffle

## December 12, 2015



All proceeds benefit Knights' Ladies Charities



Many times over the life of this bulletin we have stated that "we, the Knights of Columbus, must defend the faith" because one day we may be called upon to do just that with our lives. In view of this, we cannot disregard what Islamic forces are doing to Christians and other non-Muslim persons in the middle east who will not convert to Islam. We must be pro-active in meeting such a threat here in America. Also, remember to be pro-active in the signing of petitions which will promote Personhood for the Unborn Child, as well as petitions to de-fund Planned Parenthood (PP). Can you believe that the state of California is now requiring pro-life crisis pregnancy centers, like ours in San Bernardino, to promote abortion services to the women who turn to them for help in their moment of crisis. This outrageous law, which is an assault on the First Amendment Freedom Of Speech, requires the crisis center to post a sign informing every woman who passes through its doors that the State of California will pay for them to have an abortion by just calling a toll-free no., and, course that number will lead them to PP, or a similar abortion group. Crisis pregnancy centers who fail to comply will face crippling fines. What audacity! The American Center For Law & Justice (ACLJ), who our council supports, financially, has filed a major lawsuit against the law. ACLJ could use financial help. If you can and want to, please call me (909) 862-6662 for info concerning how to do it. All of us, certainly, must be pro-active in anything we can do to reverse this law. Let us also remember to pray about any of these actions we take.

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# December 2015

| Sunday                                                             | Monday                                                                                                       | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                                                           | Thursday                                              | Friday                                                                                                         | Saturday                                                                                             |
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|                                                                    | <br>6:15 - 10:00 PM       | 1       | 2<br>CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY<br>7:00 PM                                                                | 3<br>OFFICER'S MEETING<br>7:00 PM                     | 4<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM  | 5                                                                                                    |
| 6<br>KNIGHTS' LADIES<br>BAKE SALE @<br>ST. ADELAIDE<br>ATTEND MASS | 7<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM  | 8       | 9<br>KNIGHTS' LADIES<br>CHRISTMAS DECORATING<br>& POT LUCK LUNCH<br>CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY<br>7:00 PM | 10<br>GENERAL MEETING<br>7:00 PM                      | 11<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM | 12<br>COUNCIL #4488<br>CHRISTMAS<br>PARTY<br>SOCIAL HOUR 5PM<br>DINNER 6PM                           |
| 13<br>ATTEND MASS                                                  | 14<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM | 15      | 16<br>CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY<br>6:00 PM                                                               | 17<br>BULLETIN<br>ARTICLES DUE<br>DEL ROCO<br>7:00 PM | 18<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM | 19<br>COUNCIL #4017 COLTON<br>CHRISTMAS PARTY<br>SOCIAL HOUR 5:30PM<br>DINNER 6:30PM<br>\$15 DOLLARS |
| 20<br>ATTEND MASS                                                  | 21<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM | 22      | 23                                                                                                  | 24<br>CHRISTMAS<br>EVE                                | 25<br>CHRISTMAS                                                                                                | 26                                                                                                   |
| 27<br>ATTEND MASS                                                  | 28<br><br>6:15 - 10:00 PM | 29      | 30<br>BINGO BOARD<br>7:00 PM<br>CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY<br>7:00 PM                                     | 31<br>NEW YEARS<br>EVE                                |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                      |



# WELCOME

**Please welcome our  
NEW MEMBER  
Rony Higueros!**



*Chris & Celest Cerna  
are the entertainment.*

# Christmas Party



**Saturday, Dec. 12th**  
**Social Hour 5pm**  
**Dinner 6pm Potluck**  
*(Please bring your favorite dish)*

**3 Turkeys and  
3 Hams provided**

