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Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Brothers,

This coming Sunday, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. In the calendar of our Church, the season of advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Now what is the message of Advent? During this time, the Church looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's Kingdom when he returns for his people. On our end, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like lent. It is a time to reflect on the violence and evil in the world which causes us to cry out to God to make things right. It is a time for self-examination of our sinfulness and to ask for his grace to renew and conform us in his image. May we then celebrate Advent in this spirit.

On December 8th, Friday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Solemnity is the patronal feast of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Spain, Uruguay and the United States. It is an important day in salvation history and it is a holy day of obligation. Come and join us in our celebration as we honor Mary, the Mother of God, and celebrate her Immaculate Conception.

Grand Knight's Message



Brothers:

Aside from our regular meetings and events, December will be a quiet month for our Council.

Please remember that our Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 7:00PM. The Party is open to members, spouse/guest and PROSPECTIVE candidates for membership. This year's free-will-offering will be for the Jessica Livingstone Medical Fund for which monies were to be raised from the cancelled Beefsteak Dinner. Donations from our Friday Night Dinners currently total \$500.00. I would like to raise additional monies from the Christmas Party so that a substantial amount can be given to Jessica's family to offset her medical expenses. I hope that you have already made plans to attend.

Now that we are beginning Advent, it is a good time to reflect on its meaning. Advent is the time in which we remember the prophecies of a coming Messiah. We celebrate His arrival during the Christmas season. Advent also reminds us that He will come again....this time to judge and welcome into His kingdom those who have tried to be faithful to the call to discipleship.

(GK Message)

May you all have a Blessed Christmas with family and friends and a Healthy and Happy 2018. Let us all be thankful for what we have and be hopeful for the future!

Joe Bisi, GK.

(Chaplain's)

Christmas is just around the corner. We all look forward to this season. For many of us, it is a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Yes, Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men and angels all shared in the excitement of knowing about this great event. May we, as well, celebrate this great season with joy and peace in our hearts.

May god bless us all and our families.

Sincerely.

Fr. Alex

Spectrum Canteen

The next Spectrum Canteen will be our special Christmas Canteen to be held on December 11. The usual help is, as always, gratefully appreciated.

Winter Clothing Drive

Our Annual Clothing Drive is now underway. Please give by donating your clean adult and children's coats, jackets, hats gloves, etc. The clothing should be bagged and left at the entrance to the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 40 Crest Street, Westwood NJ 07675. The drive will continue through the end of February. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Paul Bonanno at **201-906-5897**.

Thank you for participating in this worthy cause.

From JFL Assembly 0665

The Lamb Assembly will have a brief business meeting, followed by Our PFN Dinner on December 19th 2017. It will be held at La Neves starting at 7:30pm. We will be honoring our most recent PFN Antonio Artola. Cost is \$40.00 pp. Please contact Mike Maione @201-666-2857 for tickets.

We recently held our Exemplification & Military Ball with great success. The next Exemplification will be held on April 22nd 2018. It will be held at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Parsippany. Contact Jim Sok your Liaison Officer for applications and information.

Wishing all my brothers a Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I have two quotations for your consideration. The first is from St. Thomas More, "Give me, Lord, a full faith, a firm hope and a fervent love, a love for you incomparably above the love of myself. These things, good Lord, that I pray for, give me your grace also to labor for."

The second is from an article written by Fr. George Smiga. "The good news about Christmas is that it does not need to meet our expectations. God comes to us in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Although we do not always receive the blessings we deserve, God never ceases to bless us. It is therefore important to change with John the Baptist: to let go of what we were expecting and recognize the blessings that God is giving us, to forget the things we cannot have and claim the good things in our life that are ours. If we do that, we will find Christ. And if we find Christ, we will find Christmas".

Fraternally

Al Lukievics PGK, PFN

Calendar of Events for November and December
2017

December


- 12/03 1st Sunday of Advent
- 12/07 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 12/08 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- 12/11 Spectrum Christmas Canteen.....6:15 PM
- 12/12 First Degree.....7:00 PM
- 12/13 Columbian Club Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 12/14 Members Night.....7:00 PM
- 12/14 20/20 Project Mass at St. Andrews.....8:00 AM
Sponsored by our Council
- 12/21 Officers' Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/28 Members Night.....7:00 PM

January

- 01/04 Regular Business Meeting.....8:00 PM
- 01/06 Christmas Party.....7:00 PM
- 01/09 First Degree..... 7:00 PM
- 01/10 Columbian Club.....7:30 PM
- 01/11 Members Night.....7:00 PM
- 01/18 Officers Meeting.....7:30 PM
- 01/19 March for Life in Washington, DC
- 01/22 Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ
- 01/25 Members Night.....7:00 PM



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