

# DISCOVERER

Knights of Columbus Council #3412

## Grand Knight's Report

Brothers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Holiday with their families. Another 365 days has flown by and again, like clockwork, we start to reflect on how we can make ourselves better. As the saying goes, new year, new me. While we aren't necessarily looking to make ourselves "new", I think we do need to try some things again. Making better decisions, clearing our head, not worry as much, praying more or even spending more time with our family. Whatever it may be, we definitely need to look to the Lord for that answer. We hear it all the time to "Leave it in God's hands" but, to actually carry on with it is a whole other task. Where do we start? How do we start? How do we know he's listening? So many questions and very little Trust.

With everything that went on in 2020, I know it's hard to picture a better future. One that we left behind early last year. While we don't know what is to come tomorrow, one thing we always need is Prayer. That's how we start anything, how we finish and how we put Trust in our Lord. Knowing that no matter what he is always there to listen to us and take care of us. Even though hearing this may sound like a broken record, it's something we always forget or get away from. During this time especially, we NEED constant prayer. I'm sure some of you can relate to me when I say that I have seen things happen that I never thought would happen, through the miracle of prayer. Constant prayer and Trust in our Lord.

Trust me, I know it can be difficult to keep praying everyday about something and feel like you aren't heard or nothing is changing. But in that time, we also need to change ourselves.

### Praise & Worship

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"Spirit lead me where my trust is  
without borders,  
let me walk upon the waters,  
wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could  
ever wander,  
and my faith will be made stronger,  
in the presence of my Savior."

Our song for January is "Oceans," by Hillsong United. What better song to fully encompass the meaning of praise and worship than this one. As we see in the lyrics, we are called to put our total Faith and Trust in God. We must not fear the unknown but Trust that no matter where He leads us, He will always be there.

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## **4th Degree**

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Attention, members of the 4th degree. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, January 13th, at 7pm. Please do your best to try and attend.

## **Council Meeting**

We will have our regularly scheduled in person council meeting on Monday, January 12th at 7pm. Because of the current situation and last month's attendance, we will not have a dinner before the meeting.

We are encouraging everyone to attend, if possible. I want to make sure we have enough members in attendance since we will be voting on some items. Also, our meeting format has changed, so we do expect it to be a lot shorter. Hope to see you all there!

## **Member Drive**

Every year our council holds a membership recruitment drive at St. James. With everything going on, it seems like this year is going to be more of a challenge but we do plan on holding some type of drive in the Spring. Although we are unsure of the date, we still need to create a plan and figure out how we can adjust to this year. If you are interested in joining our team for recruitment, please contact Victor Pizana or Jericho Lomas for more information. We will need help all around with new ideas, pulpit talks and members to stand outside and recruit. Please consider joining us building for our council's future.

When you least expect it, you'll see what He is trying to tell you, where he is trying to lead you, and the Blessings he gives you for doing His work. Sometimes the Lord only gives us a sign, a sign that no-one else can see but you. Just like the Magi in last week's Gospel, God gave them a sign, a shining star, to point them in the direction of our newborn king. King Herod could not see it himself. This was meant for the Magi.

Brothers, I urge you to keep praying everyday and as much as possible. Not just for yourself and what you can do better, but for everyone out in the world who is suffering. Sometimes we don't realize how lucky we are to live the way that we do and how unlucky the rest of the world is. It's almost ignorant on our part as we indulge ourselves everyday on luxuries we have access to so easily that millions of others may never get to enjoy. While yes, there isn't much we can do at this moment and help millions of others in an instant, it's still something to think about and Thank God for. Count your Blessings and live your life helping others, just like our Lord would do and would want us to do.

Thank you all. I pray that you all have a Blessed 2021 and that the future may be bright for all of us and our awesome council. I love every single one of you and from my family to yours, God Bless!

-Jericho A Lomas

Grand Knight, Council 3412

## **Bingo Help**

Crunch time is here and as of right now we are still allowed to operate Bingo. With that being said, we are still looking for help on Tuesday nights. Don't want to be away from the wife? No worries, you can bring her too! Anyone can help. It's not hard at all but we do need the manpower to help us achieve our goals. Even just once or twice a month is fine too. So please, keep it in mind, pray about it and see if this is something you can assist our council with. Of course we are looking for anyone who would be comfortable with doing this. If you're interested please contact Jericho Lomas or Aniceto Canales and we'll get you set up.

## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

JANUARY 2021

**They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.** (Gospel for Jan. 3, Mt 2:10-11)

It's quite a magnificent scene: Intellectuals from a faraway land, not even of the Jewish faith, travel to pay homage to the newborn king. Their gifts acknowledge the child's kingship and foreshadow the sacrifice he was to make. They are also a sign of what a gift this newborn king is to the entire world. We must also recognize every child as a gift to the world, created in the image of God himself. May we recommit ourselves with renewed vigor to protect and cherish the life and dignity of every human person.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

I challenge you to take a concrete, tangible action to support the cause for life in your community, by donating money or supplies to a pregnancy resource center, praying outside an abortion facility or joining your parish's pro-life group. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program or, if possible, the March for Life program.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you see the image of God in every child, in every person, or do you sometimes look at others as objects to be used? What does taking action to defend life show you about how individuals can impact the world? What more can you do to support the cause for life, whether the contribution is great or small or consists of prayer or works?

## On Demand Exemplification

If you have not received your 2nd and 3rd degrees, I would strongly consider taking advantage of this opportunity while it's still present. Down below is the link for the On Demand Exemplification. Follow the link, register and you'll be directed to the video. Please, only sign up when you are ready to watch it. We will be notified when you have completed the video. If you need any help at all just let me know and we can get you registered.

**<https://files.constantcontact.com/716460b3001/9f8a0036-a39b-4288-87ce-dbe26a0a42c1.pdf>**

## Free Throw Competition

This weekend on Saturday, January 23rd, Council 16748 from OLG will be hosting their Free throw competition. Grand Knight, Joe Medina, invites anyone who would like to assist them with this program. I will be there myself to help out our fellow Brothers. They ask anyone who would like to help to please be there at 9am. You can also contact me if you have any other questions or would like to participate. I do anticipate on our Council getting back to doing the Free throw competition next year and hopefully we can make it a great event for the community.

## Pork Steak Plate Sale

Our Council is planning on having another Pork Steak Sale. It will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. We did so well with our last one, we decided to run it again! We are already working on posters and ads to get the word out to the community but we need your help. Preparation for the Pork Steaks doesn't take much, but it does take manpower to cook, make plates and distribute them. Any help we can get would be great. While we do understand it is Super bowl Sunday, the game won't be on until the evening so we'll definitely be done before then. We need help seasoning on Friday morning, February 5th at 11am. Then our first shift of cooking will begin at 6am on Sunday, February 7th and second shift will start at 10am. Ideally we want around 10 people per shift so please let us know as soon as possible if you can help out. We will send out the schedule again to show everyone where we need help. We will run the same thing again, pork steak plate with 3 sides for \$10. Thank you.

## Shield a Badge Chairperson

We are looking for someone to head up a Shield a Badge program here in our community. This is something anyone can do since it doesn't require us to operate in person. The goal of Shield a Badge is to have every officer in our community "adopted" and prayers offered for their safety, health, good judgement and a safe return home. The commitment is for one year. This is an opportunity to show them support and help the police officers that serve our community. The daily prayer can be as simple as "Dear Lord, please keep officer Johnny San Miguel safe today." Also, there will be NO contact with the officers. No promises beyond praying for them everyday. Of course they will be aware that someone is praying for them and maybe we give them a card but beyond that, there will be no contact and they won't know our names. This might help them everyday as they do their job, knowing that someone cares and is thinking and praying for them. I think we owe it to the great officers of our community by showing them how much we appreciate the work they do in risking their lives everyday to keep all of us safe. Again, this program does not require us to operate in person. So please, think about it and pray about it. If you feel like this is something you are being called to do or if you would like to help in any way, please contact me. I do see this as something we could do with another organization as well or even with our wives. Since Supreme made everything more open and not private, they encourage us to invite our families and friends to help out with anything we do. I am open to any ideas that anyone might have. Thank you, Brothers.

## Help Needed

Brothers, I'm sure you all are getting tired of hearing this but, we still need help all around. For those that are interested and able, there are so many things we can do or head up. Some of these programs or initiatives don't even require us to be in person or have very little contact. I understand some of us are going through tough times and some of us just don't want to be out in general. One thing we can't forget though is our calling as Knights. The time is now for us to stand up and respond by helping others. The ones who need it most. Whether it be a blanket drive for STPCC, or a prayer group, or even a fundraiser, we need to do what we can to help others, just like our Lord would do. So please, Pray about it, consider it and let me know if there is anything you would like to do or be a part of.

"What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2: 14-17



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## January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Council Meeting 7pm	12 Bingo	13 4th Degree meeting 7pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bingo	20	21	22	23 OLG Free Throw Competition
24	25	26 Bingo	27	28	29	30

## January Birthdays

Julian C Manly	1/4/1946
Lloyd Newton	1/5/1938
Richard R Braune	1/6/1969
Lige H Kasmiroski III	1/7/1949
James M Ramos	1/7/1968
Guadalupe Valdes	1/8/1978
Eloy Ramirez	1/11/1985
Manuel E Yosko	1/11/1938
Brian L Scheel	1/14/1960
Adan Lomas	1/17 1969
Antonio Sandoval	1/17/1925
Michael A Jaso	1/18/1971
Scott A Henry	1/22/1971
Jose A Penalver Jr	1/23/1976
Jeffery J Hopcus	1/24/1963
Paul C Mayer	1/25/1957
Michael A Huser	1/27/1961

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