



Issue 12

December 2014



## Grand Knight - Paul V. McJunkin

Brother Knights and Knights' Ladies. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving last week. December is a busy month and we all need to get our gift shopping done. However, this month I hope we all slow down and spend some quiet time reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here are some other important events for December 2014.

- December 4th - Officer's meeting - 7 PM,
- December 8th - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- December 11th - General Membership Meeting at 8 PM,
- December 12th - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,
- December 13th - Children's Christmas Party in the middle hall (11 AM)



We will have pizza, cake and ice cream for lunch plus a visit from Santa himself.  
 "Children" defined as 12 years old and under. If you are bringing a child to the party please notify me by Dec. 4th. I need the age and gender of the child. This will give us time to buy the gifts needed and time to wrap the gifts.  
 December 13th - Council member's potluck Dinner in the council lounge.  
 Social hour - 5:30 PM ----- Potluck supper at 6 PM----- Main dish "Ham"  
 We will have Christmas CD music and possibly some caroling. We will also have the Knights' Ladies Raffle of great gifts!  
 December 17th - Church & Bible Study Christmas potluck - 6 PM in the council lounge.  
 All members welcome!  
 December 24th-25th - Christmas Eve / Day Masses  
 Finally, my mom Nina and I would like to thank everyone who help, and continue to help, this council. I would like to wish each of our members, Knights' Ladies and friends a safe, joyous and Merry Christmas! I extend to all my best wishes for a blessed, peaceful and Happy New Year 2015

God Bless, Paul McJunkin Council 4488 Grand Knight



## Culture of Life

John Rozzi-Culture of Life Director

**There is no question that the encroaching threat of Muslim ideology and its aggressive attempts to invade our judicial system with its Shariah Law presents a problem that can corrupt our Judeo-Christian legal system and ultimately destroy our culture of life. We cannot ignore this. Indeed, we must oppose it, even to the extent of giving our lives, since it will be in defense of our faith. Read just a few lines of a letter we recently received from a person who used to be a radical Muslim:**  
**"My name is Nonie Darwish, and I can tell you from first hand experience, Islam is not a religion of peace. I know because I turned to the light of Christianity and became a proud American, I was once a radical Muslim myself. My Islamic teachers taught me to hate America. They taught me that my holy duty was to kill others in the name of Jihad. And now, what I see happening in America scares me to my very core. The American left is actually opening its arms to embrace the hate-filled religion of radical Islam in the name of political correctness. The liberal media is bending over backwards to convince you that Islam is the religion of "peace and love." .... My fellow Americans, these are warning signs that cannot be ignored. I know because I was raised under the lies and oppression of radical Islam." Need I tell you more? A word to the wise is sufficient.**

Do you recognize the message commonly seen at large sporting events?

John 3:16

**“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”**



What greater gift could anyone give another than their first and only child. The love and trust bestowed upon us to receive this gift frankly causes me much pause. I can't imagine handing one of my children over to a stranger hoping they will love him.

Yet the Lord did just that, knowing we

would ignore Him, bare false witness upon Him, hit Him, and even crucify Him.

As we stop to remember the innocent babe in the manger, hold the secular holiday trappings at bay, start by showing reverence to the event of Christ Child's birth. Do not accept "Happy Holidays", say "Merry Christmas" to everyone you meet.

***Honor the precious gift given unto us.***



## A Christmas Prayer

Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the Past, no more be seen! But the Bethlehem star may lead me to the sight of Him Who freed me from the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art Holy; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly; Now beginning, and always, Now begin, on Christmas day.

(By Gerard Manley Hopkins, 1844-1889.)

# COUNCIL FIELD AGENT REPORT

David Keeling,  
Council Field Agent



## **SANTA SAYS "IT IS NOT HOW MUCH MONEY YOU BUILD... IT IS HOW MUCH OF IT YOU KEEP!"**

The well known inspiration-strategist speaker "Tony Robbins" makes this statement in mastering today's financial money game. What is your hunger (he asks) in wanting to be financially independent throughout retirement?" Mr. Robbins has worked with just about every financial expert imaginable, from a minimum waged worker to Warren Buffet & Bill Gates. Taxes are the #1 concern!

The one financial matter every future retiree should deal with years before retiring, but doesn't, is the taxes he/she will pay out of their monthly pension incomes. What difference is there if you have say \$300,000 to \$400,000 dollars in pension funds and pay some 34% to 39% of it in Federal & State income taxes versus having \$200,000 and paying 5% to 10% in taxes? NOT MUCH! Diversifying some of your monthly savings contributions in an insurance based cash value program with tax-saving features is not only shrewd, but in fact what financial planners have been suggesting since the 2008 crash. What they know is what the Knights of Columbus has always known: pay minimal taxes if any on pension income money which will also not be considered earnable income affecting your income tax-bracket. Show me another money growing program that can do this? Meet with me to talk about a program that "gives to you, not takes from you later in retirement".

David Keeling, Council Field Agent at (909) 824-1024 or e-mail: david.keeling@kofc.org.



## *Blood Bank Notes*

Don Jones,  
Chairman of the "Blood Bank"



Fellow Knights: I have been unable to get donor information from LifeStream for the month of October 2014; however, thank you to all who were able to give.

As we have learned, bone marrow and peripheral blood stem cells are two sources of blood-forming cells used in transplants. There is a third source: cord blood. As its name implies, it comes from a newborn baby's umbilical cord. Understandably, there are much less blood-forming cells in a unit of cord blood, thus these samples are more commonly used to treat smaller children than adults.

If a woman is expecting a child and wishes to contribute the cord blood, she should talk to her doctor between the 28th and 34th weeks of pregnancy. There is no cost for the donation but not all hospitals work with a cord blood bank. Upon collection, the cord blood will be evaluated for its number of blood-forming cells, tested for infectious diseases, and tissue typed to be placed on the registry. Privacy of the family will be insured by referencing the sample by number, not name. The sample will then be frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored.

Studies have shown that while a close match is most desired, cord blood does not need to match the patient as closely as with peripheral blood and bone marrow donors. Since it is stored in a public cord blood bank, it is readily available and does not need to undergo the extended testing of the prospective donor, which may take weeks or months.

More than 25 thousand patients around the world have received cord blood transplants. There are at least 193 thousand cord blood units listed in the Be The Match Registry. If you know of someone who is healthy and expecting, consider letting them know about this life-saving possibility. It's free and easy!

If possible, make a donation to the blood bank during this upcoming holiday season; remember, the gift of blood is the gift of life for someone. For an appointment, call 1-800-879-4484. Remember to use our group number 'OKC8' when you check in. The God bless.

Don Jones



# Bible Study

Wednesday from 7 PM to 9 PM  
in the council lounge

Bob Herness  
Church Director, 4488



December 17th - Church & Bible Study  
Christmas potluck 6 PM in the  
council lounge.  
All members welcome.  
Merry Christmas.



Sandy Groszewski  
President Knight's Ladies

**Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary  
Council 4488**



Dear Knights' Ladies;

It is hard to believe that I am writing a December bulletin article. We had a fabulous Bingo Luncheon this past month. We have some exciting events coming up this month. Don't forget the bake sale on 12/7 at St. Adelaide Church. We will be there from about 6:30am to 1:00PM. We need contributors of baked goodies and workers for both the bake sale and raffle sales. Those of us who are there every year sure do have fun. We hope you come and join us for a cup of coffee and a goodie.

On 12/9 at 11:00am, we will be decorating the council hall for Christmas, so if you are free, we would love to have you come and help. We will be having a pot luck afterwards.

The Christmas party will be on 12/13 and we are looking for some good raffle prizes. Please talk to your service station, beauty shops, grocery stores and fast food places for prizes. I have letters with our non-profit number for any of those organizations that request one. Call me or email me and I would be happy to send you a letter.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the generous service you provide to our great organization. I hope your family has a meaningful and blessed Christmas with family and friends. God bless you and Merry Christmas!!!!

Sandy Groszewski  
Knights' Ladies President

# Chaplain's Corner - Fr. Romanus Ike



## **CELEBRATING THE REAL THANKSGIVING, ADVENT, AND CHRISTMAS:**

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas let us stop a moment and ask the question what does Thanksgiving mean to my family and me? What is Advent saying to us as children of God? And what is this Christmas celebration all about? Many people go through these events without meditation or reflection, therefore, they lose the real meaning of both Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. Many only look at them from the social point view, again, losing the spiritual heritage of these beautiful celebrations in our country. The heart of Thanksgiving is proclaimed in Psalm 95 thus:

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with Thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker (ps.95:1-6).

Now during this season of Thanksgiving gather your family and proclaim to them the words of the Psalmist: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our Salvation, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel down before the Lord our Maker. It is necessary that we recognize God the Rock of our Salvation and our Maker. And thank Him for his goodness to us.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means "coming" or "visit." In the season with this name, we keep in mind both "advents" of Christ, the first in Bethlehem and the second yet to come. During Advent, we are reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Savior, and we look forward to our Savior's second coming even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas. During this season some activities could help us realize a deeper meaning of Advent in our families. Activities like lighting the candles every Sunday with the whole family present, bible sharing and prayer sessions that brings out the meaning of Advent, that is: the nearness of God to every family.

Christ's birth is the celebration of the great Emmanuel (God is with us) mystery. And God is with us so that we may know that we are infinitely lovable. To come, as a baby was his first and greatest lesson to us, for it teaches us the most important lessons of all about God's attitude towards us. Christmas speaks peace to us and this is what St John Paul II tells us about Christmas:

Christmas is a mystery of peace! From the cave of Bethlehem there rises today an urgent appeal to the world not to yield to mistrust, suspicion and discouragement, even though the tragic reality of terrorism feeds uncertainties and fears. Believers of all religions, together with men and women of good will, by outlawing all forms of intolerance and discrimination, are called to build peace: in the Holy Land, above all, to put an end once and for all to the senseless spiral of blind violence, and in the Middle East, to extinguish the ominous smoldering of a conflict which, with the joint efforts of all, can be avoided; in Africa too, where devastating famines and tragic internal conflicts are aggravating the already precarious conditions of entire peoples, although here and there signs of hope are present; in Latin America, in Asia, in other parts of the world, where political, economic and social crises disturb the serenity of many families and nations. May humanity accept the Christmas message of peace!

I wish to summarize Christmas in the words of Steve Maraboli:

Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you.

I hereby call for the celebration of the real Thanksgiving, which actually means, thanking God the maker of us all. Advent: which really means Spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ the Lord. And the real Christmas: which is realized by our intimacy with Christ and care for the poor, the hungry, the guilty and the unwanted in the society. May God grant us all a happy celebration of Thanksgiving, advent and Christmas.

Read more: <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/markdroberts/series/introduction-to-advent/#ixzz3lvF7SQt5>

**General Meeting start time will move to  
7pm starting January 8, 2015.**

**All applicable activities will adjust accordingly.**

# KOFC ACTIVITIES

John Rozzi-Activity Director



On Sunday, Nov. 16 the council conducted its annual Mass for those Knights who died since last year's Memorial Mass. Those deceased were James Bazner, Alfred Carabajal, Manuel (Rick) Elias, Rene Wolff and Ed Smith. Thanks to our Chaplain, Fr. Romanus Ike, who celebrated the Mass, and thank you, brother Joe Burns, who, as the Lecturer, did a fine job. Thank you, Lupe Perez who assisted Father as the alter server, as well as for helping to serve breakfast later. Most significant is our great appreciation for the kitchen crew, Virginia and Steve Reyes, and headed by Henrietta Chavez and her husband, David, who prepared a most delicious breakfast. Thanks to my wife, Kitty, for selling the \$3.00 breakfast tickets. Thanks to Jim Haubner and son, Jim Jr. for the tasty Bloody Mary's and Mimosa drinks, and a genuine note of gratification to GK. Paul McJunkin, assisted by Frank Beltran and whoever also helped in arranging the furniture in the Columbian Room, as well as the Knights' Lounge to make all of this possible. Finally, thank you, Gina, for the efforts you made in purchasing the goods to make the bar service available.

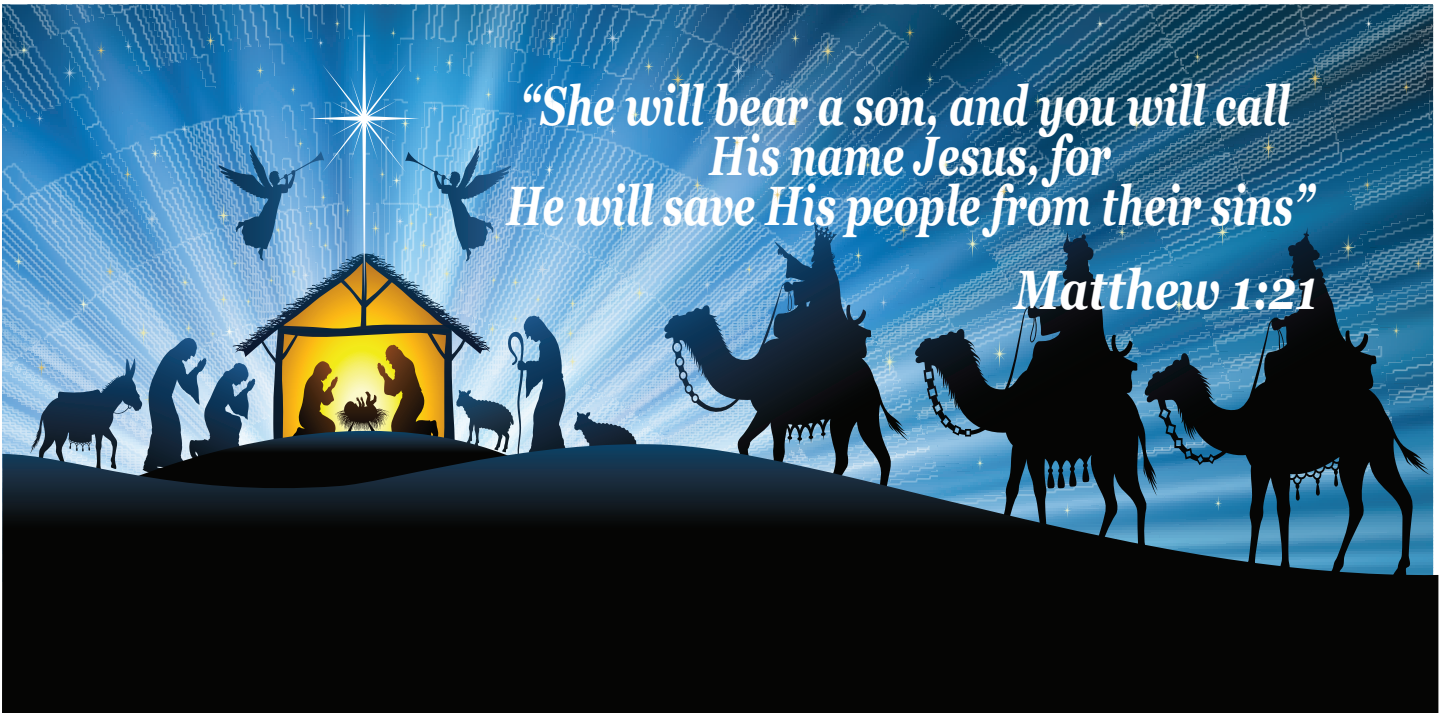
"Also, a hearty thank-you to Bruce Ewing for the splendid memorial cards related to the five knights who died since last year." - Activity Director - John Rozzi

## RECAP OF M/R DRIVE

The drive to solicit funds to assist People With Intellectual Disabilities ended on the weekend of November 8, & 9. The total money raised was approx. \$2,000.00; down somewhat from the average of most years. One reason was that for one cause or another we were not able to solicit at two of the churches. A special note of appreciation, again, is due for Barbara Bonadiman and her family for providing \$500.00 to pay for the Tootsie Roll Candy, and this gracious gift is in honor of Joe Bonadiman, a deceased knight and patriarch of the family. We recognize the following knights for their leadership roles in overseeing either at the Stater Bros or the solicitation at the churches. A special note of gratification is due brother Ray Midian for his coordination and scheduling of the various shifts at the markets. Other brother knights who led the way at either the markets or the churches were: Dr. Luis Arciniega, Luis Avalos, Manuel Carabajal, Carlos Teran, David Calhoun, Paul Dainko, Phil Garcia, Lupe Perez, Jack Mielke, GK Paul McJunkin, Tom Sherrier, John Rozzi and Gerry Dubeck. Also thanks to all the other knights who lent their efforts in working a shift at a market or solicited after a Mass at one of the churches.



It is noteworthy that Stater Bros has been most kind in continuing to allow us to solicit at their markets, and we are, indeed, grateful. Try to shop at their markets when you can. A final report will be made when we receive the checks for distribution to the local organizations which are the benefactors.



## Information Center

CHAPLAIN	FR. ROMANUS IKE	909-862-8669	IKEROMA@YAHOO.COM
GRAND KNIGHT	PAUL MCJUNKIN	909-862-6403	
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT	DOMINIC GLASS	909-831-5812	DOMINICGLASS@HOTMAIL.COM
CHANCELLOR	DAVID CALHOUN	909-888-7121	DAVID.CALHOUN@VA.GOV
WARDEN	LUIS AVALOS	564-435-3795	METALGOD_75@YAHOO.COM
RECORDER	JOHN MCELLIGOT	909-862-0302	JOHNMCELLIGOTT@MSN.COM
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	JOHN D MIELKE	909-862-1545	PILOTJACK@ROADRUNNER.COM
TREASURER	PAUL DAINKO	909-425-1845	JPDAINKO@GMAIL.COM
ADVOCATE	ERNEST K OTT	909-793-2349	EKMO@EKOTT.BIZ
1-YEAR TRUSTEE	BRUCE EWING	909-907-0512	BEWING_5@YAHOO.COM
2-YEAR TRUSTEE	ENSELMO GUTIERREZ	909-362-4079	SAMGUTIERREZCA@SBCGLOBAL.NET
3-YEAR TRUSTEE	LUPE PEREZ	909-864-4377	LPEREZ56@ROADRUNNER.COM
INSIDE GUARD	PHILIP GARCIA	909-882-3141	
OUTSIDE GUARD	JOEL WRIGHT	951-973-8096	JGWRGHT@YAHOO.COM
CHURCH DIRECTOR	ROBERT K. HERNESS	951-845-2615	RKHERNESS@GMAIL.COM
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR	VACANT		
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	DOMINIC GLASS	909-831-5812	DOMINICGLASS@HOTMAIL.COM
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	LUIS ARCINIEGA	909-213-4738	LARROARRIL@HOTMAIL.COM
RETENTION DIRECTOR	LUIS ARCINIEGA	909-213-4738	LARROARRIL@HOTMAIL.COM
FAMILY DIRECTOR	PAUL MCJUNKIN	909-862-6403	
YOUTH DIRECTOR	ERNEST K. OTT	909-793-2349	EKMO@EKOTT.BIZ
BLOOD DONATIONS CHAIR	DON JONES	909-883-7256	DTJMJONES@VERIZON.NET
VOCATION CHAIR	VACANT		
ROUNDTABLE CHAIR GK	PAUL MCJUNKIN	909-862-6403	
SQUIRES CIRCLE ADVISOR	VACANT		
BULLETIN	PRECISE PRINT	909-381-3447	PPPI@SBCGLOBAL.NET
INSURANCE FIELD AGENT	DAVID KEELING	909-824-1024	DTKSR1@DSLEXTREME.COM
BINGO CHAIR	GERRY DOUBEK	909-862-0774	
DEL ROCO PRESIDENT	MANUAL CARABAJAL SR.	909-887-5331	GJDoubek@ROADRUNNER.COM
KNIGHTS LADIES PRESIDENT	SANDY GROSZEWSKI	909 260-8675	NONE
CLUB STEWARD	GINA REYNOLDS	909-889-7053	SANDYS264@GMAIL.COM
			CHERUBLVR1@AOL.COM



Knights of Columbus  
 Council 4488, Division 5  
 1729 E. Baseline  
 San Bernardino, CA 92410

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 Permit #1912  
 San Bernardino, CA

NON-PROFIT  
 NEWS NOTES  
 Published Monthly  
 Volume 16  
 Issue 12  
 December 2014

Return Service Requested  
 TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

Free Annual Subscription  
 to Membership

*"In God We Trust"*

Bulletin Team: Precise Print and Promotions - Editor  
 Precise Print and Promotions - Distribution  
 Proofreaders: DGK Dominic Glass, SK Steve Figueroa,  
 Lady Sandy Groszewski, & Grand Knight Paul McJunkin  
 Email: pppi@sbcglobal.net

www.kofc4488.org

# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  6:15 - 10:00 PM	2	3 CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	4 OFFICER'S MEETING 7:00 PM	5  6:15 - 10:00 PM	6
7 BAKE SALE ST ADELAIDE 7AM-1PM ATTEND MASS	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  6:15 - 10:00 PM	9	10 CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	11 DINNER 6PM ROSARY 7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING 8:00 PM	12 FEAST OF OUR LADY GUADALUPE  6:15 - 10:00 PM	13 CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY KNIGHTS LADIES AUX. RAFFLE POTLUCK DINNER 6PM
14 ATTEND MASS	15  6:15 - 10:00 PM	16	17 CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY POTLUCK CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	18 DEL ROCO 7:00 PM	19  6:15 - 10:00 PM	20
21 ATTEND MASS	22  6:15 - 10:00 PM	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS	26  6:15 - 10:00 PM	27
28 ATTEND MASS	29  6:15 - 10:00 PM	30	31 BINGO BOARD 7:00 PM CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM			