Dear Brother Knights and Family,

In just a couple of days, we will break into the New Year with the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. At the Annunciation of the Lord, the Angel Gabriel made it known to her that her cousin Elizabeth was with child. Mary knew that her cousin is advanced in age and probably needed help. What did Mary do after hearing the news? She gathered resources needed for the long and dangerous journey to visit her cousin and then would spend many months there helping her. What would we do if we know someone in similar distress?

The visitation reminds me of a story I read regarding the passing of an elderly grandmother in a family. After the funeral and with heavy hearts, her son and two grandchildren went to her apartment to pack everything up for donation. There, they would encounter many memories. They found a handmade quilt with the names of all family members carefully stitched into it, each name in the same handwriting style of that member. In her bedroom, they found a journal on top of her bedside table. The family leafed through the journal. At the beginning, they found many wonderful entries and those entries reinforced memories of their time together. Toward the end of the journal, they were heartbroken. Scribbled on those pages were entries about how lonely she was; about how she only gets to see her grandchildren twice a year; about how her own children never visit her unless they needed something. In her loneliness, she despaired and wanted to die.

After reading this story, I wondered about how many people in the world feel like the lonely grandmother? I wondered about how many husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, children feel lonely and unwanted, even when they live together in the same household due to their lack of communication? It is true that we can be surrounded by people and still feel lonely. Many of us do not feel appreciated or loved by those around us.

Let Mary’s visitation be an inspiration for us this coming year. We can make a difference in our lives and those of others regardless of where we are in life. We can bring the same joy to others as Mary did to Elizabeth at the visitation, that is because when we visit others, we bring the Lord with us to bless them and they will be filled with the holy Spirit.

Every day of this coming year, may the Lord bless you, my Brother Knights and families. May the Lord fill you with love for one another; may the Lord strengthen your faith to persevere in difficult days ahead; and may the Lord come to visit you through family and

In Christ,
Rev. Benjamin Le, SVD

Inside this issue:

- Chaplain’s Message
- Prayer Requests
- Grand Knight’s Message
- Council Happenings
- Council Happenings (cont.)
- Council Happenings (cont.)
- Insurance Agent’s Message
- Officers & Contacts
- Upcoming Calendar
- Back Page

Leave No Neighbor Behind
- Reach Out to Members
- Provide for Your Parish
- Care for Your Community
- Promote Blood Donations
- Support Local Food Banks

More information is available at: www.KofC.org/neighbor
Knights of Columbus Prayer During Pandemic

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Prayers Needed

Please remember the following brother Knights and their family members in your prayers:

Efrain Aguirre, PGK
Suzanne Aguirre
Joe Alvarez
Connie Aranda
David Barkas
Joanne Carter
George Cerisara
Dorene Escamilla
Shaun Fesler, PGK
Heather Flynn
Rick Foss, PGK
Liz Gonzales
Rev. Fr. Joe Gregorek
Mary Ellen Hess
Arlene Johnson
Dale La Pre’
Manny Landeros

Joseph Mafnas
Henry Mirelez
Molina Family
Ernie Ochoa
Belinda Reyes
Carlos Reyes, PGK
Gloria Robertson
Nora Rojas
Allan Sheppard
Clayton Trejo
Edith Wierzbinski
Richard Williams

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dennis Altenburg
Mario Aguirre
Susan Lynn Berry
George Brunswick
Norman Carniello
Carl P. Carroll
Allan Carter, PGK
Robert Cavanaugh
James Cook
Mary Lou Cullen
Rebecca Fesler
Dr. Otto Flores, PFN
Reilly Flynn, PGK
Linda Carol Gobble
Jessie Gomez
Thomas Graham
Mario Guzman
Robert Hernandez

Richard “Dick” Hess
Patricia Holder
Murray Johnson
Johnny T. Kaisaki, PGK
Monsignor Lawler
Bob Leonard
Ralph Lopez
Ismael Paredes
Peter M. Perrone, PGK
Robbie Robertson, PGK
Jonathan Sanchez
William A. Summers
Bernard Ticich
Jerry Vermillion
Dr. Stephen Wierzbinski
Glen Willett, PGK
Maryann Williams

†
My Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a wonderful and Blessed holiday, that you have taken the time to give reverence to the birth of our Lord and that your family and friends remain safe and healthy.

Our council is still experiencing some very challenging times, having to deal with this Covid-19 issue, that just does not seem to go away. Despite this, our council has and will continue to step up to the challenge. We have still managed to meet some of our goals.

Thank you to the brothers that helped with our ID drive. We couldn’t stand outside church after Masses, so we took it to the community. We were able to raise funds by standing outside of two Stater Brothers stores. The public showed their appreciation and were very generous with their donations.

Thank you again, for our brothers that stepped up to help support our widows this year. As you may know, we now have 29 widows and keeping in stride with our order’s first principle, Charity, we managed to take care of our widows with Stater Brothers Gift cards, thanks to your generosity. We now have an account set up just for our widows, so you may donate at any time. This is replacing our Turkey Raffle for the immediate future.

Our Council did have a Christmas Party this year. There were close to 30 who attended the event held at the Cask n’ Cleaver Restaurant. It was so nice to see Brother Knights and spouses in attendance. We exchanged greetings and cheers, enjoyed some good food and gathered many toys for our annual toy and jacket giveaway drive. Yes, we distributed food, food gift cards, toys, jackets and socks to about 60 families at St. George Church before Christmas. I think all that attended and participated had a good time at both events.

Upcoming, we still hope to put on our Lenten Fish Fry. As you all know, this is our main fundraiser that allows us to continue to do God’s works. Please pray that Father will allow us to put on our Fish Fry. We also have the Reign Hockey Family Night scheduled for Feb 20th. Check with Brother Ray Hoch for your reservation.

Brothers, the start of the new year will bring some changes, and new ideas. Please attend our Zoom meetings so you can stay up to date. The Zoom link is posted about 2 days before the meeting. So be sure to review your emails. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Vivat Jesus,

David Schaefer, Grand Knight
If you have been attending our monthly meetings on Zoom, or were sharp eyed viewing the previous page, then you know that our council has a newly-elected Grand Knight. At the November business meeting, Past Grand Knight and current 3-year Trustee, David Schaefer was nominated and elected to serve out the remaining 8 month term of Grand Knight for our council. This after several months of not having a GK, following Brother Michael Davis’ resignation from the position for personal reasons. Following David’s election as GK, Past Grand Knight, Brother Kevin Cavanaugh, was nominated and elected to fill the vacancy of the 3-year Trustee office. We applaud and thank Brother David for stepping up to again head-up our council and to Brother Kevin for agreeing to once again become an officer.

Following the election just mentioned, our council officers were finally installed. Due to ongoing scheduling conflicts with our assigned District Deputy and wanting to make sure our council stays current in all areas, Former District Deputy, Brother Kevin Cavanaugh, installed the officers utilizing the current protocol for the ceremony. Congratulations to all our officers.

Adhering to our by-laws, a second reading of a resolution to approve the purchase of gift cards for the council’s widows, was read and approved at the December business meeting. GK David Schaefer proceeded to procure the cards and sent them out with Christmas greetings to our special ladies. As our GK mentioned in his message this month, we now have an account specifically targeted for funds to assist our council’s widows. Donations can be made at any time, directed to this account. Normally we fund much of this with our Turkey Raffle in October-November. But that has been sidelined due to dwindling raffle ticket purchases.

Following last year’s cancellation, members of our council and their wives and a few friends, gathered on Sunday, December 5th at the Cask n’ Cleaver Restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga for the council’s Christmas Dinner. The venue was chosen as an alternative to the Magic Lamp Inn, as the minimum needed by them (the ML Inn) was larger than our expected attendance would be. That turned out to be the case as the number who reserved for the dinner with our Grand Knight, was just under thirty. As in past years, those attending the dinner were asked to
bring an unwrapped toy which would be distributed later in the month at St. George Church. The room provided to us by the restaurant was quite cozy and decorated festively. There were several choices for the dinner menu, which had been decided on previously. Judging by the images, those that attended had a good time and enjoyed their meals and the fellowship to start the Holiday Season. In addition to the door prizes that were awarded after the dinner, Grand Knight David Schaefer presented Immediate Past Grand Knight, Carlos Reyes, with the Columbian Award for the year 2020-2021. He also presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, for Carlos’ service as Grand Knight. The Columbian Award, given to councils by our Supreme Council, recognizes excellence in a council’s programming and charitable outreach. Congratulations Brother Carlos!

At the request of Fr. Dominick, our council once again assisted with the distribution of toys and food items to families in need of the parish. This was carried out on Saturday morning, December 18th at St. George. In addition to the toys and food and food gift cards donated by our council and other ministries of the parish, our council distributed coats and jackets to those in need. These are purchased by our council in conjunction with the Coats for Kids and Jackets for the Homeless program run by fellow Brother Knight, Zaki Mustafa and his wife Loretta, of the Ran...
Ontario Council Happenings (continued)

cho Cucamonga Council. We had our canopy set-up by the drive way in the courtyard and as the families drove up they were assisted in finding a coat and/or jacket to fit and given toys and food/gift cards. This was all pre-arranged by the parish. Again, the call for assistance to help with the distribution, was answered by our Brothers, with many showing up that morning. Thank you all for giving up your time to help others!

December business meeting, it was decided to schedule the monthly Rosary Walk in Upland for the third Saturday of every month, starting in January 2022. In the past it had been scheduled for the Saturday following the regular business meeting, but this was a bit confusing, as it could fall on either the second or third Saturday. Now we can count on a set day every month. We look forward to seeing you there.

At the December business meeting, it was decided to schedule the monthly Rosary Walk in Upland for the third Saturday of every month, starting in January 2022. In the past it had been scheduled for the Saturday following the regular business meeting, but this was a bit confusing, as it could fall on either the second or third Saturday. Now we can count on a set day every month. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our outing for the Reign Hockey game is still set for February 20, 2022. Puck drop @ 3PM and tickets are $18 per person. Contact Brother Ray Hoch.

We were informed in November of the passing of another one of our members, Brother Frank Hernandez. Frank originally joined our Order in 1977 and re-entered in 2016. Please keep his widow Lupe and their family in your prayers.

At this time, our Lenten Fish Fry is still up in the air. If we get the okay, the first night could be Friday, March 4, 2022. Watch our website for further information. Better yet, join us on our Zoom Business Meeting and get the information firsthand and add your input. All members are invited to join in the meeting just as if it was in person.

Our Worthy Advocate, Brother Michael La Pre’, sends his and wife Dale’s, greetings from snowy Idaho, where they relocated to in September. He might need a snow shovel based on the photo. Stay warm and cozy!

Thanks to GK David Schaefer, PGK Carlos Reyes, FS Efrain Aguirre, Advocate Michael La Pre’, and Brother Zaki Mustafa for supplying the images used in this issue.

Insurance Agent’s Message

Please note: Our council is now in the care of Field Agent Jawad “Pete” Sayegh of the Ronald Sandoval Agency (626) 510-6262. If you have any questions regarding a current insurance policy or are considering a new or additional product, please contact him to schedule an appointment. Vivat Jesus!

Jawad P. Sayegh
Field Agent
Tel) 714-335-7653
Pete.Sayegh@KofC.org
**Council Officers and Contacts 2021 - 2022**

- Grand Knight: David Schaefer, PGK 909-921-5006  
  dt.kofc@gmail.com
- Chaplain: Rev. Benjamin Le, SVD  
  benjaminlesvd@gmail.com
  GREGOREK001@GANNON.EDU
- Deputy Grand Knight: Stanford Castillo, Sr. 909-989-0715  
  stanfordcastillo@gmail.com
- Chancellor: Raymond Hoch, PGK 909-988-4663  
  raymondhoch49@gmail.com
- Warden: Tony Aranda 909-944-1743  
  tony.nena@juno.com
- Recorder: Phillip Imlay 909-706-5413  
  philimlay@gmail.com
- Treasurer: Victor Arellano, PGK 909-418-4678  
  voarellano34@yahoo.com
- Financial Secretary: Efrain Aguirre, PGK 909-730-0419  
  efrainfs3672@gmail.com
- Advocate: Michael La Pre', PGK 909-982-0521  
  scoutkofc@gmail.com
- Inside Guard: Gilbert Maravilla 909-923-3468
- Outside Guard: Andrew Villareal 909-947-9756  
  villa1058@aol.com
- Trustee 3-Year: Kevin Cavanaugh, PGK 909-268-3566  
  cavanaughk@earthlink.net
- Trustee 2-Year: David Kotce, PGK 626-437-7968  
  dktoc@gmail.com
- Trustee 1-Year: Peter-John Mafnas, PGK 909-608-7414  
  pjmafnas@gmail.com
- St. George Coordinator: Ray Hoch, PGK 909-988-4663  
  raymondhoch49@gmail.com
- Compassion Coordinator: Richard Carniello 909-982-3759  
  rlcupl@aol.com
- Culture of Life Coordinator: Richard Williams 909-985-4632  
  rpwilliams33@yahoo.com
- State Deputy: Dr. Noel Panlilio  
  state.deputy@californiaknights.org
- Chapter President: Ivan Reek, PSD  
  ivanreek@gmail.com
- District Deputy (Dist. 144): Miguel Molinam 626-347-7490  
  miguelmolinam4@hotmail.com
- Insurance Field Agent: Jawad P. Sayegh 714-335-7653  
  Pete.Sayegh@KofC.org
- Council Webmaster: Kevin Cavanaugh, PGK 909-268-3566  
  cavanaughk@earthlink.net
- Newsletter Editor: Kevin Cavanaugh, PGK 909-268-3566  
  cavanaughk@earthlink.net

**Editor Emeritus** † Robert Leonard

**Upcoming Calendar**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>JANUARY 2022</th>
<th>FEBRUARY 2022</th>
<th>MARCH 2022</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 NEW YEAR'S DAY</td>
<td>2 Officers/Planning Mtg*</td>
<td>2 ASH WEDNESDAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Officers/Planning Mtg*</td>
<td>12 General Business Mtg*</td>
<td>2 Officers/Planning Mtg*</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| 17 Dr. Martin Luther King B-day | 19 Pizza Night Social-Upland R/T | 4 First Lenten Fish Fry ???
|                   | 2 Ground Hog Day             |                             |
|                   | 15 ROSARY WALK - Upland      |                             |
|                   | 9 General Business Mtg*      |                             |
|                   | 16 Pizza Night Social-Upland R/T |                 |
|                   | 30 Corporate Communion       |                             |
|                   | 21 PRESIDENT’S DAY          |                             |

*Schedules of events & meetings subject to change. Please check the council website for current dates and times.*
In his message on the front page, our Chaplain, Fr. Ben, spoke of the Visitation of Elizabeth by Mary. Of how she sacrificed to travel to be with and stay with her cousin. Then a story of a woman who died a lonely person, because her loved ones didn’t visit her. He challenged us to examine our own lives and to help others in need. Our Order’s First Principle is CHARITY. This new year of 2022, let’s help ourselves by first helping others and checking in on those who may be alone. It is a resolution that should be easy to keep and practiced often.

Vivat Jesus!