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Father Gzregorz Golyzniak

Dear brother Knights,

Few years ago, prior to the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, which means “Rejoice” Pope Francis encouraged people to strive for joy telling his world flock “We’ve never heard of a sad Saint.” Pope Francis went on to say “man’s heart desires joy, every family, every people, aspires to happiness.”

On the Third Sunday of Advent we wear Rose, colored to symbolize the joy we experience waiting for Christmas. Pope Francis said “being missionaries of joy should be part of our lifestyles to help people face difficult situations in life.”

So, as we will celebrate soon the birth of Christ, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that often is so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends in our parish. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.

Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow “three sizes” this day and continue the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, and knights for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth

peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk 2:10-14)

May you and your family have a blessed Holiday season. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may His peace and love surround you and your loved ones. Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year. Remembering the gift of Jesus on this special day, I pray for happiness, peace, and love for you and your family.

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ’s birth and may you be missionaries of that joy.

With prayer Fr. Grzegorz Golyzniak



Saint of the Month

Born c. 931 in Burgandy, **St. Adelaide** married, at 15 or 16, Lothair of Italy to whom her father had engaged her when she was two. When Lothair died three years later, his successor and usurper Berengar of Ivrea imprisoned Adelaide and attempted to force her to marry his son. Legends tell of Adelaide's escape to Canossa, where she appealed to Otto of Germany for help. He conquered Italy and married her in 951. John XII crowned the pair rulers of the

Holy Roman Empire the following year. After Otto's death in 973, Adelaide quarreled with Otto II, possibly at the instigation of her daughter-in-law, Theophano, and lived with her brother in Burgandy. She established many monasteries and churches; she also became interested in evangelism. She and her son reconciled before his death in 983, and she became regent for her grandson, Otto III. Adelaide died in 999 at the convent at Seltz, which she had founded. Cluny became the center of her cult. She was canonized in 1097.

Feast day is 16 Dec. She is patron saint of abuse victims, brides, widows and prisoners.

DOUBLE Star Award



Chaplain and Pastor Father Grzegorz Golyzniak holds the Council’s Double Star Council Award for parishioners to see following the 0800 Mass on Sunday, 05 November 2023. He explained the meaning and importance of such an award, also noting that a very small percentage of councils in Colorado even achieve a regular Star Council Award, let alone a Double.

He then asked all Knights present to stand and a hearty round of applause was given by the parishioners. Looking on are two altar servers and SK Jim Bergeron.



Tootsie Roll Campaign

As noted in last month's edition of The Knightly News, the Tootsie Roll Campaign netted \$1,171.53 for the District 38 Intellectually Challenged Program. Volunteers who received these funds were: Jim Taylor, Ed Paulovich, John Borkowski, Glenn Whiteside, Art Bell, Patrick Finnegan, Bob Knapp and Fred Seiter (who managed the program).



Bill and Debby Dover receive The Family of the Month Award from Grand Knight Alan Feldkamp. Bill is a recent Knight who is active in all Council events and Debby works diligently with all K of C programs.

Sir Knight John and Lady Karen Hartling celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on 11 November 2023 with a large gathering of family and friends. Father Grzegorz Golyzniak officiated during the renewal of their wedding vows.



Veterans gather at the Crawford Memorial on Veterans Day.

Veterans Day

Faithful Navigator Michael Pietsch worked overtime arranging special ceremonies honoring veterans on Veterans Day. On the 11th, Knights joined the American Legion and VFW Posts at the Medal of Honor recipient MSgt. William Crawford Memorial in Palmer Lake for the annual ceremony. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung, prayers were offered and individual veterans gave accounts of their war-time experiences. The next day, the 12th, FN Pietsch had asked active and veteran members to wear their uniforms at the 0800 Mass. Following Mass, these active duty and veterans were honored by the congregation with many handshakes, hugs and words of thanks. Pastries and coffee were provided for all.

. Knights participating in the event at the Crawford Memorial:

John Hartling
Tony Trifiletti
Ed Paulovich
Randy Fritz
John Wishart

Michael Pietsch
Rob Hoette
Jim Bergeron
Fred Seiter



Prayers offered on Veterans Day by American Legion Chaplain Jim Bergeron



A group photo of some of the 100 active duty, veterans and two cadets gathered after the 0800 Mass on Veterans Day. Surprisingly, many veterans still fit in their uniforms since uniforms tend to “shrink” over the years.

Right: These uniformed men were lined up by FN Pietsch who identified them from left to right as:

Col. Randy Fritz, Col. Alan Feldkamp, Lt. Col. Jim Bergeron, 4-star General Jim McCarthy, Lt. Col. Mike Christianson, and Father Golyzniak.





Newly installed members Reuben Paredes and Tony Carriero receive a Rosary from DGK Bob Lynn.



The First Degree team with the new Knights on 16 November 2023 at St. Peter' L to R: Art Bell, Jim Bergeron, Bernie Kuta, Ed Paulovich, Jim Taylor, Dave McCloy, Bob Lynn.

Knights in Action



Father Golyzniak asked for assistance putting up whiteboards in the PMC and the Knights sprang into action.



The work party poses after several hours putting up the whiteboards. Left to right: Rob Hoette, Bob Knapp, Ed Paulovich, Jeff Sposoto and John Kowalczyk on Wednesday, 08 November 2023.



Gift of Life

Members of Council 11514 donated blood on the 21st of November 2023, the so-called gift of life. In addition to the Knights, your editor usually fails to mention Lady Theresa Knapp who is in charge of the blood drives held at St. Peter's.



Bob Knapp and Glenn Whiteside relax after their donation.



Dick Peters shows off his proof of donation.



Jim Wolfe says, "It doesn't hurt a bit".



Brother 3rd Degree Knights,

Fourth Degree Assembly 2594 will be hosting a "No Frills" exemplification on January 27 from 9:30-12pm in the PMC. This will be the first of its kind in the state. It is a great opportunity for you to advance your Knighthood in our great Order, and join the Patriotic degree.

A no frills exemplification differs from a regular one in that there will be no ladies program, Mass, or banquet, usually an all-day affair.

I will be handing out Form 4's at our next two Council business meetings, December 6 and Jan 3. If you are interested in attending, please come to one of the meetings and bring a check for \$50.00 made out to "Master of the District". **YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE YOUR MEMBER NUMBER.** If you are unable to attend either meeting, let me know and we can arrange to meet.

Attached is the official letter with the details. *****Please do not submit the electronic Form 4 as I need to mail in the completed four page form with all required signatures and payments*****.

If you have any questions feel free to ask. Hope to see a good turnout. V/J.



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is CHRIST the LORD."
~ Luke 2:10-11

Strange is our situation here on earth, each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to divine a purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we know:

That Man is here for the sake of other Men. Above all for those upon whose smile and well-being our own happiness depends, and also for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a kind of sympathy. Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellow men, both living and dead; and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.
~ Albert Einstein

Brother to Brother, family to family, we celebrate as Knights the birth of our Savior, the Son of God, and that in our faith we may have life in His name.

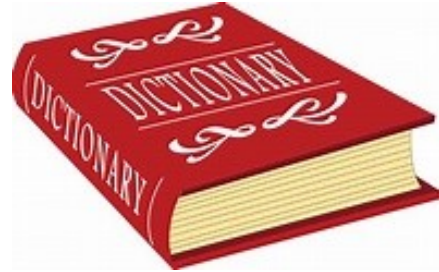
How can we make the spirit of Christmas last for more than just one day?

Happiness will never be ours, if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all.

From the Knights to Christ Booklet



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Word of the Month

Ablution: A term derived from Latin, meaning washing or cleansing and referring to the cleansing of the hands of a priest celebrating Mass after the offering of gifts and to the cleansing of the chalice with water after Communion.

~ Catholic Word Book



Sermonette

God is patient and kind

Growing in faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are faced with temptations, we do not pray as we ought, we are weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; He judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth.



- ❖ 31 Dec – New Year’s Eve
- ❖ **NOTE:** No Council Social Meeting in December
- ❖ No 4th Degree Assembly Meeting in December
- ❖ 27 Jan – No-frills 4th Degree Exemplification

- 05 Dec – Richard Heebner
- 07 Dec – L William Uhl
- 17 Dec – Donald Caughlin
- 22 Dec – Alfonso Bince
- 22 Dec – Anthony Trifiletti
- 25 Dec – Baby Jesus
- 27 Dec – Gary Spoto
- 28 Dec – Michael Casarez
- 31 Dec – John Bode III
- 31 Dec – Robert Gibbons



Keep in our Prayers: Jim Desautel, Jack Benoczi, Father Golyzniak, Chris Otto, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christiansen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Laura Gomez, Charlie Bergeron, Micci Burling
 Pray for our priests, deacons, nuns and for vocations to the religious life.
 Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat roles.
 Pray for Mac Davis and our departed Knights and their families.



- ❖ 02 – 03 Dec – State Mid-Year Convention in PMC
- ❖ 02 Dec – Council Corporate Mass at 1700 with State officers attending
- ❖ 04 Dec – Assemble Knight’s creche after 0815 Mass (weather permitting)
- ❖ 06 Dec – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- ❖ 09 Dec – Annual Knights Appreciation Banquet. Mass at 1700, cocktail hour at 1800, dinner at 1900
- ❖ 20 Dec – Pick up chairs at Grace Best for Christmas Mass in gymnasium
- ❖ 25 Dec – The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)





Members of the Fourth Degree Assembly at St. Peter's in regalia for the funeral of brother Knight Mac Davis on Thursday, 30 November 2023.

L to R: Dick Peters, Alan Feldkamp, Michael Pietsch, Ed Paulovich, Darryl Barker, Bob Knapp, Bob Leise

Requiescat in pace

Dame Ann Decant, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, passed into eternal life on 25 October 2023. She was the widow of Virgil Dechant who died in 2019 after a long tenure as the Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Both were very active in the church, our Order and the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mac Davis, a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Peter's

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