



# The Knightly News

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## Merry Christmas

### Chaplain's Column



By: *Father Gzregorz Golyzniak*

Dear Brother Knights

Madelene L'Engle's children's book *The Summer of the Great Grandmother* tells of being with her grandchildren at bedtime for reading and song.

Her grandchild Lena turned to her and asked, "Is everything all right?" She said, "Yes, of course, everything is all right."

Lena asked again: Gram, is everything really all right? I mean really? L'Engle says she looked at that little child in her white nightgown and

realized that she was asking the cosmic question—the question that is out beyond the safety of this home full of light and love and warmth.

Every Christmas we approach the manger and ask the same question: Is everything really all right? Is everything all right? It's a challenging question

because we know that on the surface everything is not all right as we gather together this Christmas of 2019 so many of our young men and women are still dying in war zones. Family members grieving at home. There is violence, greed, racism, sickness and hatred all around us, shootings in high schools and malls. It's a messy world.

But we are called to remember this Advent and Christmas that into this messy world a Savior has been born. God has shown himself and though we may not be all right there is **HOPE** and as Josh Grobin sings on his Christmas album And on this day we hope for what we still can't see.

In our day not everyone has this hope.

And again Josh Grobin in his wonderful new Christmas album sings "*Each of us must find our own truth.*"

These are difficult days in our search for truth. There are many confusing voices out there. And truth is so difficult to discover but we have come to believe that once there was a man who so personified God that we have come to believe that he was God's son. This man who we have discovered is the Christ gives us a glimpse of what God is like this man proclaimed that there is a design to the world there is purpose. But this Christ is also realistic, **he is honest with us stating that there is evil and good and we must not be blind or indifferent.** This man answered the question

**IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?** by telling us no everything is not all right now but there is more than what meets the eye this man showed us

how to live in this messy world and find HOPE. Christmas happens in the midst of all our mistakes and imperfections. Christmas once again breaks into our lives to tell us with a promise of hope and as Josh Grobin sings *“sometimes we fail to look around us – we do have so much to be thankful for.”*

A light has come into the world and the darkness will not overwhelm it. Everything is not all right, but there is a light shining and no forces will ever put this light out.

And so we approach the stable once again we ask the question “Is everything all right?” and to search for that answer we tell our stories, we sing our hymns. Stories and hymns about a star, and a manger, wise men and angels, a census to be taken, Mary and Joseph with no place to spend the night, gold, frankincense and myrrh. These stories and hymns are a container for meaning in our search for truth they remind us that God broke into our world to give us hope and in the midst of this messy world everything will be all right and this Christmas promise leaves us as Josh Grobin sings with *“much to be thankful for – so let’s not forget to look around us and see the joy that surrounds us”*

And on in this Advent and Christmas season pray for what we know can be hope for what we still can’t see in our search for truth.

With prayer

**Father G**



### *St. John the Apostle at the crucifixion of Jesus*

St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the “beloved disciple” and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him guardian of His Mother. His later life was passed briefly in Jerusalem and at Ephesus and he founded many churches in Asia Minor. He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. Brought to Rome, tradition relates that he was by order of Emperor Dometian cast into a cauldron of boiling oil but came forth unhurt and was banished to the island of Pathmos for a year. He lived to an extreme old age, surviving all his fellow apostles, and died at Ephesus about the year 100.

St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The “beloved disciple” died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb which was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque.

John is credited with the authorship of three epistles, and one Gospel, although many scholars believe that the final editing of the Gospel was done by others shortly after his death. He is also believed by many to be the author of the book of Revelation, also called the Apocalypse, although this identification is less certain. St. John was the only apostle not to have achieved martyrdom.



## Immaculate Conception

*Not A Holy Day of Obligation this year*

In the Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* of 08 December 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced and defined that the Blessed Virgin Mary “in the instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin.”

The term *conception* does not mean the active or generative conception by her parents. Her body was formed in the womb of the mother, and the father had the usual share in its formation. The question does not concern the immaculateness of the generative activity of her parents. The person is truly conceived when the soul is created and infused into the body. Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin at the first moment of her animation, and sanctifying grace was given to her before sin could have taken effect on her soul.

The formal active essence of original sin was not removed from her soul, as it is removed from others by baptism; it was excluded, it was never in her soul. Although Mary was exempt from original sin, she was not made exempt from the temporal penalties of Adam—from sorrow, bodily infirmities, and death.

The Feast Day is celebrated on Monday, 09 December and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will be at 0800 – no Vigil.



## Christmas

*The Magical Time of the Year*

For a few weeks before Christmas everyone is in a happy mood, with laughter and good cheer the norm for the season. Parties are given by friends and places of employment. In the midst of the pre-Christmas frenzy, it is easy to lose sight of the profound spiritual importance of the Advent season. Your greatest temptation during Advent will be scrimping on your spiritual needs because so many other things are going on.

There are presents to make or buy, cookies to bake, cards to mail, gifts to wrap and trees to decorate. Even the parish can put demands on your time with choir practices, pageant rehearsals, candy sales, food collections for the poor and Advent evenings of reflection.

There is nothing wrong with pre-Christmas preparations, but it's important to balance the sacred part of the Advent season with all the other things you are doing. If you don't make time for the quiet reflection, prayer and conversion of heart, you will find yourself physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted by Christmas Day. Your Christmas celebration will look perfect on the surface, but will feel spiritually unsatisfying. You will have a hard time experiencing the joy and peace that the Babe in Bethlehem brings.

Block into your calendar specific times every day for personal prayer, spiritual reading and reflection. As you move through Advent you will begin to relish those quiet moments in your day. They will become like a spiritual port in a secular storm. The prayer time will renew your spirit. The spiritual insights will help keep you focused. You will like it so much that you'll decide to carry over into the New Year the practice of setting aside daily quiet time with God.



## Newest Full Knights

Congratulations on our members who entered full Knighthood in our Order on 09 November 2019 at Holy Apostles Church in Colorado Springs. They are:

**Luke Fallentine**  
**Chuck Delich**  
**Frank DeLalla**

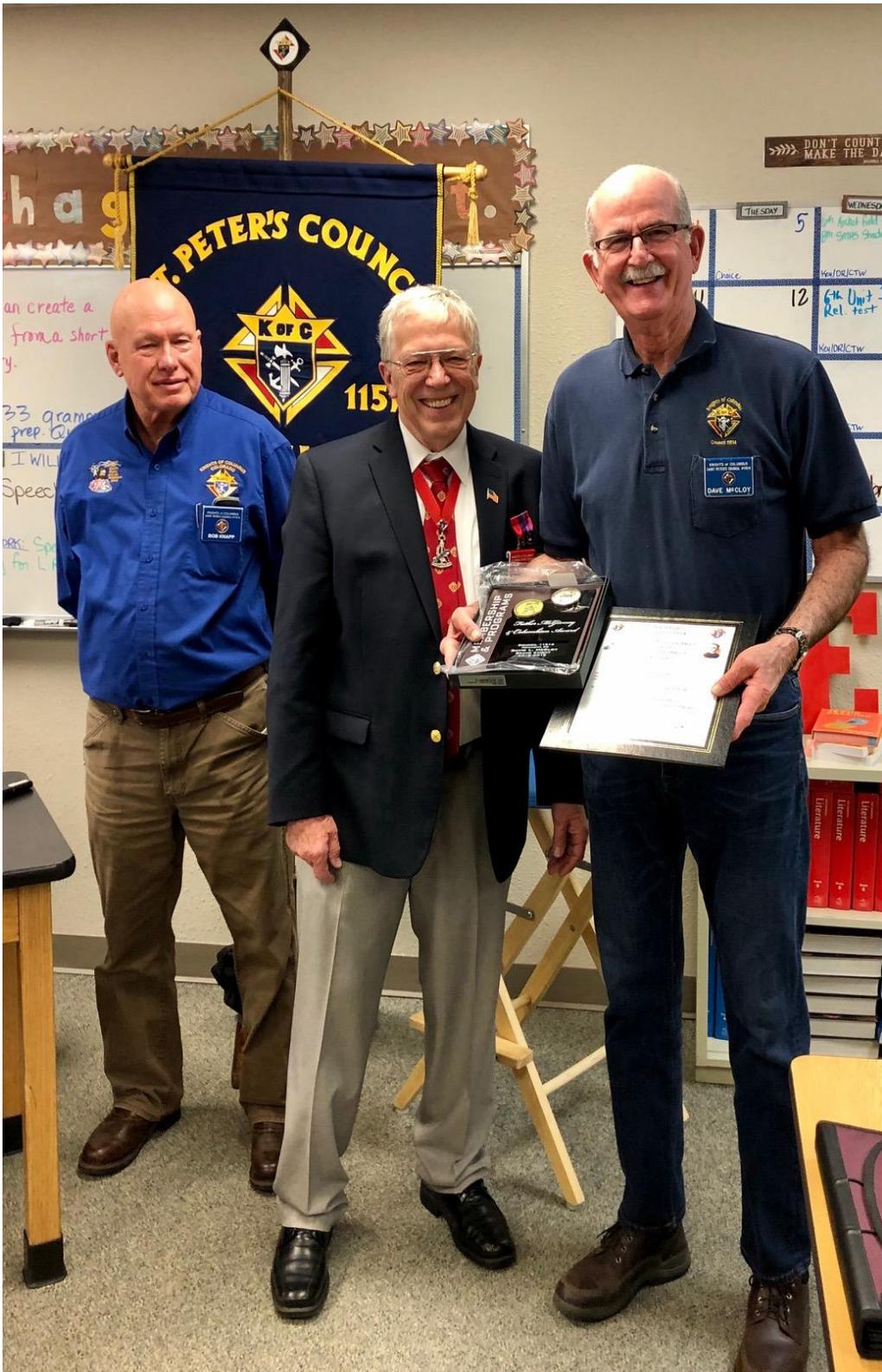
*Submitted by SK John Hartling:*

Tuesday afternoon (19 November 2019) myself, my 2 grandsons, daughter-in-law and Stephanie Kemp packed up my truck and 12-foot trailer with all the contributions from Walmart customers to deliver to the Veteran's home on Weber and Costilla in Colorado Springs. We also provided \$1,500 in Walmart gift cards.

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- > This is a 2-story building that normally houses 20 men and 3 women. We spent a half hour talking to the resident director and learned the following:
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  - > - all funding comes from the VA
  - > - the roof collapsed during the October snow storm and the building flooding the entire building.
  - > - all sheet rock, floors and beds, etc. had to be replaced.
  - > - resident veterans were temporarily housed in motels
  - > - residents are housed for up to 90 days without charge with month to month extensions depending on individual circumstances
  - > - they are required to be out of the facility looking for work and must report back with contact information to verify their efforts. Potential employers are contacted weekly.
  - > - breakfast and lunch are on the veterans, dinner is provided. All vets are required to participate in meal preparations, building maintenance and other functions.
  - > - all residents undergo urinalysis and breathalyzer tests - daily. Violators are expelled.



- > - numerous cameras are positioned in and around the entire building and loitering on facility grounds is not tolerated
- > - the building was contributed by the city in 2001 and started operations in 2006. Expectations to move in this week were overly ambitious as floors were still in process and sheet rocking had not started as yet.
- > - homeless and vagrants in the area are a serious problem
- > Next door there are 2 houses they host a number of veterans that pay \$350/month and must be employed. They are allowed to stay for up to 2 years. They were offered \$1.5 Million to sell but the VA turned th offer down.
- > This was a joint venture of the Sons of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and associated family members and Stephanie Kemp.
- > Many thanks go to Stephanie Kemp and Nate Hartling who logged in excess of 20 hours over the weekend, for organizing this event in only 1 month from inception of the idea, our Grand Knight Bob and his wife, Sean, Pam, Matthew, Karen Hartling who each put in a 4 -hour shift at Walmart.



Grand Knight Bob Knapp looks on as District Deputy Dan Rolenc presents the Father McGivney and Columbian Awards to Dave McCloy under whose watch as Grand Knight, they were earned.

## BELOW

Brother Donald Rank became a transitional Deacon on 16 November 2019 at St. Anthony Mary Claret in San Antonio in the Capuchin Franciscan Order. Deacon Donald is a member of St. Peter's Council 11514, as is his father Rick. The anticipated ordination into the priesthood is expected in August of 2020.



## Happy Birthday, Earl



**Earl Depner, a Knight of Columbus for 84 years and a member of St. Peter's Council 11514 celebrated his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 12 November 2019. He attended daily Mass until three years ago and now is seen at 1030 Mass on Sundays. Earl is a retired Air Force colonel, a veteran of WW II (flying P-51's) and the Korean War – definitely one of the Greatest Generation!**



**Science students at St. Peter's School learn rocketry under the guidance of Knights and teachers at SK Bob Leise's ranch in Larkspur.**





**Retired members of Council 11514 formed an honor guard and posted the colors at the banquet for the benefit of Gold Star Parents.**

**Left to Right:**

**Col. Jim Taylor, Lt. Cdr. John Hartling, Lt. Col. Jim Bergeron, Lt. Col. Patrick Finnegan, Col. Allan Feldkamp, Maj. Fred Seiter, Col. Bob Mossey, Brig. Gen. Tony Trifiletti**



**The table set for the POW-MIA at the Gold Star Banquet. The Banquet was sponsored by Knights of Council 11514 and American Legion Post 9-11.**

**Guest speakers were Gold Star Mother Donna Ribsi and Gold Star Father Paul McShane, both of whom lost sons as a result of war in Afghanistan.**

**Thanks to efforts by SK and Post Commander Randy Fritz and Grand Knight Bob Knapp.**



**Knights of St. Peter's Council 11514 and Legionnaires of Post 9-11 attend a memorial ceremony for Medal of Honor Recipient United State Army MSgt William Crawford on Veterans Day.**



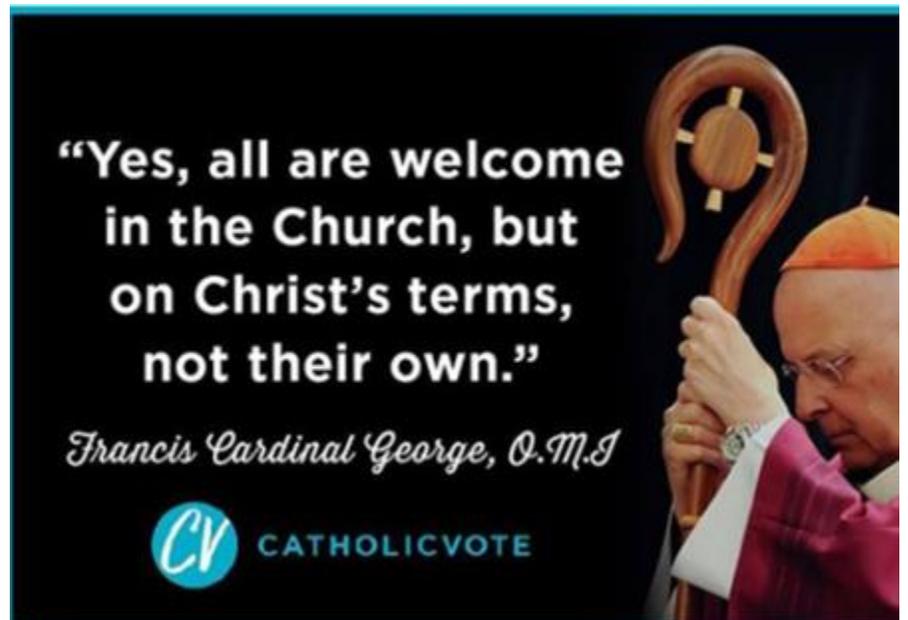
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**OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



## Requiescat In Pace

Richard Haberkorn (Rich) was born on 02 January 1943 and entered eternal life on 02 November 2019. He was a charter member of St. Peter's Council 11514 and Father Kekeisen Assembly 2594. Rich is survived by his wife Gloria, four children, 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.





**The annual “Coats for Kids” sponsored by the Knights of Columbus had 19 Knights and four spouses distributing 172 coats in time to ward off the wintry weather ahead.**



## Assembly News

Thanks to the Sir Knights who continue to volunteer in regalia at the First Sunday Knights of Columbus 0800 Mass. The presence of these men certainly add to the dignity and solemnity, and they are also a good recruiting tool.

At the Monthly meeting on 21 November, Sir Knight Bob Knapp gave a well-thought out presentation on John Jay in line with monthly presentations about our founding fathers. Thanks Bob, for a job well done!

The Veterans Day tribute by Sir Knights for Palmer Lake Medal of Honor recipient MSgt. Bill Crawford was held despite freezing weather. Members of the American Legion also participated.

The Patriotic Rosary was prayed on Sunday, 10 November 2019 for the first time and it was a resounding success. A Hail Mary was said for each of the 50 states and prayers were offered for heads of state. This will be a recurring event.

## Christmas Trivia

“*White Christmas*” (a 1954 takeoff of the 1942 movie “*Holiday Inn*”) starring Bing Crosby was the first movie to be made in Vista Vision, a deep-focus process.

The movie “*Holiday Inn*” (1942) starring Bing Crosby first introduced the song “*White Christmas*.”



According to a 1995 survey, 7 out of 10 British dogs get Christmas gifts from their doting owners.

Animal Crackers are not really crackers, but cookies that were imported to the U.S. from England in the late 1800’s. Barnum’s circus-like boxes were designed with a string handle so they could be hung on a Christmas tree.

Before settling on the name of Tiny Tim in “*A Christmas Carol*”, three other names were considered by Charles Dickens. They were Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam.

Christmas is not widely celebrated in Scotland. Some historians believe that it is downplayed because of the influence of the Presbyterian Church, which considered Christmas a “Papist”, or Catholic event. As a result, Christmas in Scotland tends to be somber.

In the Thomas Mast cartoon that first depicted Santa Claus with a sleigh and reindeer, he was delivering gifts to soldiers fighting in the Civil War. The cartoon, entitled “Santa Claus in Camp” appeared in *Harper’s Weekly* on 03 January 1863.

The song “*Jingle Bells*” was composed in 1857 and was originally called “*One-Horse Open Sleigh*”.



## Month’s Sermonette

No one goes to Mass on Christmas Eve in the morning without deliberately taking the time to be there. There are Vigil Masses and Midnight Masses yet to come. Why not wait for one of those? With gifts to wrap, food to prepare, and last minute details to attend to, isn’t there enough to do around the house? Yet being at Mass on Christmas Eve morning is the best reminder that the Christ comes to us even without the hurried and harried preparations, without our doing anything at all. In the reading from 2 Samuel, King David has settled in his own house after establishing the kingdom of Israel. That’s when he realizes there is still no house for God. God is living in a tent. But just as David gets busy with plans to build a house for God, the prophet Nathan comes and speaks a word from the Lord. God, it turns out, is going to build a house for David. This house is not the Temple David is busy planning. This house isn’t a building at all. This house will be a

kingdom of David's line, the kingdom that will one day welcome a new king "from the house of David." That king is Jesus himself. Before our busy preparations, even without our busy preparation, God's kingdom comes in grace as he prepares a place for us all in his house.



## Your Insurance Corner

### In a Quandary about a Christmas Gift?

#### How About Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. How morbid, they think quietly or aloud. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception.

Many think of life insurance only in cases where someone dies. Life insurance should, in fact, be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for the family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardships. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

May you and your families have a Blessed Christmas.

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**When you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.**

## Word of the Month

*From Catholic Word Book, A K of C Publication*



**Crib (Also Creche):** A devotional representation of the birth of Jesus. The custom of erecting cribs is generally attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who in 1223 obtained from Pope Honorius III permission to use a crib and figures of the Christ Child, Mary, Saint Joseph, and others, to represent the mysteries of the Nativity.



## Christmas

*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  
bond of sympathy.

Many times a day I realize how much my own outer and  
inner life is built upon the labor 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 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 **K of C Booklet "Knights to Christ"**

## Monthly Council Mass

*Knights and Families Urged To Attend*



The Knights celebrate Mass as a group on the first  
Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The  
Council also has these Masses said for members or  
family members who are ill or deceased. The Mass  
intention on Sunday, 01 December 2019 will be for  
**a Blessed Advent and that people everywhere  
keep Christ in Christmas.**

A breakfast or brunch will be planned occasionally  
and advance notification will be made at council  
meetings. Remember to sit in the pews reserved  
and wear your Council nametag and the Order lapel  
pin.

If you know of any Knights, or their families, who  
should have a Mass said for them, please contact  
**Bob Leise at 303-681-2182.**



**Remember in our prayers:** Fred Wolfe, Father  
Brownstein, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter,  
Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez, and Joan  
Durbin.

Pray for the repose of the souls of all our departed  
Knights and their families.

Continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and  
religious life.

Let us pray for our Armed Forces, especially those in the  
combat zones.

## December Birthdays



*A Monthly Feature*

Our birthday recipients for the wintry month of December  
include:

03 Dec- Brian Payne  
04 Dec- Rudy Tamayo  
05 Dec- Richard Heebner  
07 Dec – Father Michael Holmquist  
11 Dec- Don Weidinger  
13 Dec – Father Tomasz Jamka  
17 Dec- Don Caughlin  
18 Dec – Colin Cassidy  
18 Dec- Gerard Eppig  
18 Dec- Derek Hemmer  
20 Dec- Ricardo Gomez  
20 Dec- Richard Walker  
22 Dec - Alfonso Bince  
22 Dec- Tony Trifiletti  
25 Dec- Baby Jesus  
27 Dec- Gary Spoto  
28 Dec- Mike Casarez  
29 Dec- Howard Feller  
31 Dec- Robert (Wayne) Gibbons



**Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during the cold Colorado month of December.**

## Upcoming Events



- 01 Dec – Council Corporate Mass at 0800
- 04 Dec – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 07 Dec – Pearl Harbor Day
- 09 Dec – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary – **Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year**
- 14 Dec – Council Christmas Party
- 19 Dec – **No 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting this month**
- 20 Dec – Chair pickup at school at 0900
- 21 Dec- Winter begins
- 25 Dec- Christmas Day
- 30 Dec – Return chairs to school
- 31 Dec- New Year's Eve



## History

- 01 Dec 1906- Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize.
- 07 Dec 1941- Japanese war planes hit Pearl Harbor in a sneak attack killing over 2,000 Americans.
- 08 Dec 1941- The United States entered World War II.
- 12 Dec 1925- The first motel in the U. S., The Motel Inn, opened in San Luis Obispo, California.
- 15 Dec 1939- The movie, "**Gone With The Wind**" premiered.
- 15 Dec 1944- The plane carrying Bandleader Major Glenn Miller was lost over the English Channel.
- 17 Dec 1903- The Wright brothers first successful manned powered flight occurred near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- 23 Dec 1823- "**A Visit From St. Nicholas**" (The Night Before Christmas) by Clement Moore was published in New York.

- 24 Dec 1865- The Ku Klux Klan was formed.
- 25 Dec 336- The first recorded Christmas was celebrated in Rome.
- 25 Dec 1818- "**Silent Night**" was performed for the first time at the Church of St. Nicholas, Oberndorff, Germany.
- 27 Dec 1947- "**Howdy Doody**" with Bob Smith made its TV debut on NBC.



## The Story of Santa Claus

Though it may be hard to believe, it's that time of year again. And, as you've probably heard on the radio at least 5 times in the last month, Santa Claus is comin' to town.

While Santa is a staple of millions of people's Christmas traditions, how many really know the story behind the jolly, white-bearded fellow?

The earliest signs of Santa Claus of Christmas present can be traced back to Saint Nicholas, the beloved religious figure who traveled Turkey in the third century

to help the poor and, as part of his efforts, left children secret gifts to brighten their days.

Later, starting in 1863, artist Thomas Nast contributed holiday drawings of Santa to *Harper's Weekly* magazine. The illustrations portrayed a jolly, portly figure in the familiar fur who lived at the North Pole and had a bustling toy workshop. From then on, the image of Santa – and his position as a beacon of Christmas cheer – was firmly entrenched in American culture.

Advertisers and retailers jumped on Santa's sleigh, and faster than you can say, "Ho, Ho, Ho", he was in shopping malls across the country. So, this year, when you're knocking back some eggnog and waiting for Kris Kringle to decide whether you've been naughty or nice in 2016, at least now you "know the rest of the story".



**Merry Christmas** to Knights and Families of Council 11514 from the Staff of *The Knightly News*.



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