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## Chaplain's Column



Father Gzregorz Golyzniak

My Dear Brother Knights

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways... In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son" – Hebrews 1:1-2.

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas. During this Advent

Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church.

Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

Several years ago I received a Christmas card with this message: "This Christmas, I wish you Jesus." On the inside it read: "Isn't nice to have everything!"

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

Christmas has a way and opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship

with the Lord and His Church community. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved Holy Cross Parish always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I hope to meet each of you in the Church. May Christ abide in your hearts always!

*Fr. Grzegorz Golyzniak*

P.S. I really enjoyed the Christmas party



**Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.**

## Saint of the Month

*Saint John Neumann*



*Month of the Holy Name*

This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests, so John wrote to bishops all over Europe, but the story was the same everywhere – no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to the priesthood, but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face. But he did not give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land.

In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics and his parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. His church had no steeple or floor, but that didn't matter because John spent most of his time travelling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach, and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

Because of the work and isolation of his parish, John longed for community so he joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned.

John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852 and in that position he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from 2 to 100.

John never lost his love and concern for the people – something that may have bothered the elite of Philadelphia. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!"

The ability to learn languages led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!"

Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own."

John died on 05 January 1860 at the age of 48 and his feast day is celebrated on 05 January.

**Rumors are carried by haters, spread by fools, and accepted by idiots.**



## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

The Solemnity of Mary falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas and it is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace", the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace". This solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018, but what better way to begin the New Year than attending Mass that day?

New Year's Day was for years celebrated as the Feast of the Circumcision until it was changed by Pope Paul VI following Vatican II who decided to reclaim the ancient Western Marian emphasis at the end of the Octave of Christmas. Celebrating Mary's divine maternity during the Christmas octave makes complete sense in that the celebration is connected closely to Christ's birth. (Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus*, 02 February 1974, no. 5)

**Remember, you will enjoy the Rose Bowl much more on New Year's Day if you don't enjoy the punch bowl too much on New Year's Eve.**

## Christmas Party

*A Festive Time for All*

The annual Council Christmas party was held on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of December at St. Peter's Jaeger Hall with catering provided by Broken Bones of Monument. It was a successful evening, thanks to intense planning by Sir Knight **John Hartling** and music provided by Brother Knight **Ed Hettler** with his eclectic collection. The event started with cocktails, a delicious dinner, presentations of awards, a hula hoop contest, name-that-tune contest, an auction, and then dancing the evening away. Members and guests were asked to dress in their best '50's clothing, and the hall was decorated in that theme including a Wurlitzer juke box. Honored guests were **Fathers Gregory Golyzniak and Don Brownstein** and all joined in singing Christmas carols under the direction of **Glen Leise**. Awards were presented to the Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year.



**Knight of the Year** went to a very deserving member, **Sir Knight John Hartling**. John is one of the most active members of the Council and can be seen at every function whether it is a fund-raising event or helping where he is needed. He is a member of the El Paso County Sheriff's Citizen Patrol, is a certified Red Cross shelter manager and served in Florida during the destructive hurricanes, he is a daily communicant at St. Peter's, and is a reader at Sunday Mass

**Family of the Year** went to an active family at St. Peter's, **SK Alan and Lady Sandy Feldkamp**. A most deserving couple, they have made many material gifts to St. Peter's, have sponsored the annual Council picnic, and are always the first to volunteer for any project. Alan is a reader at Sunday Mass while Sandy is active with the food ministry at funerals and

she handles all tasks associated with the annual Christmas giving tree.

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in.  
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

## Knights in Action



**Bob Banoczi receives a plaque from Grand Knight Dave McCloy designating him as the December Knight of the Month.**



**Treasurer and renowned disc jockey Ed Hettler receives the November Knight of the Month Award from Grand Knight Dave McCloy.**



Knights labor to set up the crèche outside St. Peter's Church on Monday, 10 December. Helping with the Nativity scene were:

**Alan Feldkamp  
John Hartling  
Ed Paulovich  
Vern Gisi**

**Bob Leise  
Rob Hickman  
Dave McCloy**



**ABOVE:**  
Accepting the Family of the Month Award on behalf of his wife Jeannie is SK Rob Hickman.



**LEFT:**  
SK Patrick Finnegan accepts the November Family of the Month Award for himself and his wife Kathy



**Immediate Past Grand Knight Dick Peters is presented the Star Council Award by Colorado State Deputy Jay Doherty during a ceremony on 06 December 2017.**

*The Knights of Columbus Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. In order to qualify for this prestigious award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney, Founder's and Columbian Awards. Additionally, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.*

*If memory serves your editor correctly, there are over 100 councils in Colorado and only 13 received the Star Council Award this year! Good going, Dick!!*

## **Council Accomplishments During 2017**

**JANUARY:** Knights returned Jaeger Hall to its original status after being used for the Christmas Masses and returned the borrowed 200 plus chairs to Grace Best School. Also hosted a spaghetti supper and a pancake

breakfast and held the annual basketball free throw contest for the youth. Men picked up Panera bread from a Colorado Springs store each Wednesday evening for use of needy clients at Tri Lakes Cares. The annual ice fishing event for Wounded Warriors at Monument Lake was organized, but was cancelled at the last minute because of dangerous ice conditions being too thin. Held 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.

**FEBRUARY:** The council hosted the District free throw contest and held a pancake breakfast, plus a spaghetti dinner for the St. Peter's Boy Scouts. A Second Degree Exemplification for 29 members throughout the Colorado Springs area was held at St. Peter's and catered by Council 11514 following the event. Chaplain Father Golyzniak provided the Knights with a Polish meal at the rectory in conjunction with the regular monthly social meeting.

**MARCH:** Council 11514 donated \$500 to Tri Lakes Cares. Men poured concrete for a new banner board they installed outside the Church entrance. A flag raising ceremony was held outside St. Peter's School with students participating and singing the National Anthem. Three fish fry/bake dinners were held with a choice of cod or fresh salmon from Alaska.

**APRIL:** Held a First Degree and brought in 3 new members including a priest – a first for the council. Had an Honor Guard on Holy Thursday during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Announced the Council Scholarship Program for seniors. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.

**MAY:** Participated with "Apostles Build" working with Habitat for Humanity providing 50 men as laborers and \$5000 in cash. Al Castanado obtained ornamental eggs from Ukraine to sell providing the \$5000 contribution. Moved 200 plus chairs from Grace Best School to St. Peter's for Easter Masses. Held a spaghetti supper.

**JUNE:** Four members of Council 11514 joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Randy Elmer was instituted as an acolyte. Alan and Sandy Feldkamp donated a monstrance to the church. Several members made a visit to the Veteran's Home in Florence taking books and money for their canteen. Participated in the Walk for Life in Memorial Park.

**JULY:** Received 2<sup>nd</sup> place Colorado State Award for Council Newsletter. Held a First Degree Exemplification with 2 new Knights. Election of Council and Assembly Officers held. Participated in the ceremonial burning of American and state flags in Palmer Lake. Awarded the Council Scholarship to Emma Curran. Rob Hickman received the Shining Knight Award. Ran the Independence Day Monument Street Breakfast feeding over 1,000 people. Set up and cooked meats for Parish picnic. Installed Council officers. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.

**AUGUST:** Presented Father Tom with a chalice and paten from Belgium dating back to the 1800's. Welcomed Father Michael Holmquist to St. Peter's as Associate Pastor and Knight of Columbus.

**SEPTEMBER:** Work on Habitat for Humanity house completed thanks to Council members. Council picnic at Feldkamp's estate. Held a spaghetti supper. Participated in the 9-11 memorial ceremony in Palmer Lake.

**OCTOBER:** Council donated a box of tools for the Empty Bowl Supper, Jeff Clear donated a Snap-On tool. Tootsie Roll Campaign held. Pancake breakfast held. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary.

**NOVEMBER:** Hosted a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification. Held a dinner for Boy Scout Troop Awards Ceremony. Assembly awarded "To Be a Patriot Award". 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary for parish. Spaghetti supper and Pancake breakfast. Hosted Earl Depner's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Made a trip to Veteran's Home in Florence with books, games and money.

**DECEMBER:** School Bingo and spaghetti supper. Christmas party. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary for the parish. Transported 200 plus chairs from Grace Best School to Jaeger Hall for Christmas Masses.

*Knights and families of Council 11514 can certainly be proud of their many accomplishments during 2017.*



**Sandy and Alan Feldkamp hold the Family of the Year Award just presented by GK Dave McCloy.**



**"Seaman" John Hartling holds the Knight of the Year Award presented by GK Dave McCloy.**





**Council Ladies in their best '50's outfits at the Christmas party.**



**Brother Knights show off their versions of 1950 outfits.**



**Jeannie Behr beats  
Jim Mack with the  
correct answer to  
“Name That Tune”.**



**Are we having fun yet listening to the old  
“Wurlitzer”? Alan Feldkamp puts in a nickel as  
John Hartling and Rob Hickman await a favorite  
tune.**



**My wife still hasn't told me what my New Year's resolutions are.**

*Prayer for the Unborn*

*I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life that you and your descendants may live.  
~ Deuteronomy 30:10*



**Jeannie and Rob Hickman pose with Father Golyzniak after a ceremony when Rob was consecrated into the Blue Scapula Order whose members promise to honor the Blessed Virgin, pray the Daily Hours and Rosary among other charitable deeds.**

**Charity** is stumbling into warm hands

*My son, your sins are forgiven.~ Mark 2:5*

Harold Hughes described himself as “a drunk, a liar, and a cheat.” He was so convinced that he would never change that he decided to end it all.

At that moment, however, he remembered enough from the Bible to realize that to take one's life was wrong. So he knelt down sobbing and explained to God why he was going to end it all. Suddenly, something happened that he never experienced before in his life. He wrote later: “God was reaching down and touching me. Like a stricken child lost in a storm, I suddenly stumbled into the warm hands of my Father. Joy filled me, so intense it seemed to burst my breast...”

Ten years later, Harold Hughes was elected governor of Iowa.

Have you ever been turned down or avoided participation in a Knights activity? Would the Father's warm touch have helped you see it through?

*I have swept away your sins like a cloud,  
Come back to me; I am the one who saves you.  
~Isaiah 44:22*

~ From the *Knights To Christ* Booklet

**Dues Reminder**



Remember to pay your 2018 Council dues that are a bargain at \$24 per year. Financial Secretary Mike Casarez accepts cash or a check made payable to K of C Council 11514. Save a stamp and pay Mike at the next meeting or mail your check to him at:

*751 Westward Lane  
Palmer Lake, Colorado 80133*



A reminder, if you have not already paid, the Father Kekeisen Assembly 2018 dues can be paid to **Faithful Comptroller Jim Taylor** at the meeting on 19 January which saves postage for the Assembly. The \$20.00 can also be mailed to him at:

*1061 Caribou Drive West  
Monument, Colorado 80132*

Many years ago I resolved never to bother with New Year's resolutions and I've stuck to it ever since.

## Month's Sermonette



Why would acknowledging that Jesus Christ came in the flesh be *the* way that one discerns the Spirit of God in the world? Simply put, because this issue marked a fundamental religious divide in the ancient world between those who sought salvation *from* the world and those who sought salvation *of* the world. In other words, was religious faith about escape from the world or engagement with it? There were many religious people in the ancient world who had given up on this world and sought salvation of only their spirit in a spiritual world. The Jewish answer to this question was always to seek to make this world better, to create a world in which God would be pleased to dwell with his people. The Gospel of John, and the Christian church born out of Judaism, takes the Jewish side of this divide: Jesus Christ comes in the flesh because the flesh matters. In other words, by taking on flesh Jesus becomes part of this world. His Body restores the world to what it should be and God is pleased to dwell with us to heal and restore our world.

**I was going to quit all my bad habits for the New Year, but then I remembered nobody likes a quitter.**

## Word(s) of the Month

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



**Predella:** The platform or step on which the altar stands.

**Thurible:** A censer, a covered incense burner swung on chains used in religious ceremonies.

**New Years is just a holiday created by calendar companies that don't want you reusing last year's calendars.**



## 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 on Sunday, 07 January 2018 will be for the intention of **George Sawyer**.

A breakfast or brunch will be planned occasionally and advance notification will be made at council meetings.

Father Golyzniak has requested that Knights and families process in as a group in front of the priest and then sit in the designated pews marked with reserve signs. Remember to wear your Council nametag and 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, Butch Christensen, Father Brownstein, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Terri Stauber, Laura Gomez, Gasper Blea, and Joan Durbin. Also pray for the repose of the souls of our departed.

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

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



## January Birthdays

*A Monthly Feature*

Our birthday recipients for the winter month of January include:

- 02 Jan- Butch Christensen
- 06 Jan – Rob Hickman
- 09 Jan- Jim Taylor (the younger)
- 14 Jan – Patrick Finnegan
- 14 Jan- Sean Heery
- 15 Jan - Fred Reichert
- 17 Jan – Carl Allen
- 19 Jan- Wayne Helgoth
- 20 Jan- Brian Bucher
- 21 Jan – Jerry Schiffelbein
- 21 Jan – Wayne Volesky
- 26 Jan- Stephen Fillo
- 27 Jan – William Leeman
- 29 Jan- Randy Campbell
- 29 Jan- Vern Gisi
- 30 Jan – Lennix Caragao

**Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during the often frigid Colorado month of January.**



**What do you tell someone you didn't see at New Year's Eve? I haven't seen you for a year!**

## Upcoming Events



- 01 Jan- New Year's Day
- 01 Jan- Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- 03 Jan – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 06 Jan – Spaghetti Supper after 1800 Mass (Team A)
- 07 Jan- Council Corporate Mass at 0800
- 13 Jan- Basketball Free Throw Contest- 1000 until 1400- School gymnasium
- 15 Jan- Martin Luther King Day
- 17 Jan- Council Social Meeting at 1900
- 18 Jan – Fr. Kekeisen Assembly Meeting at 1900
- 21 Jan –Pancake Breakfast after 0800 Mass (Team B)

## January History



- 01 Jan 1892- Ellis Island Immigration Station in New York formally opened.
- 08 Jan 1935- Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.
- 10 Jan 1933- The Holocaust began.
- 14 Jan 1914- Henry Ford introduced the assembly line.
- 15 Jan 1967- First Super Bowl held. (Green Bay beat Kansas City 35-10)
- 16 Jan 1920- Prohibition began.
- 22 Jan 1973- Roe vs. Wade decision made by the Supreme Court.
- 24 Jan 1894- First Medal of Honor awarded (Civil War Private Jacob Parrott)
- 27 Jan 1880- Thomas Edison received a patent for the electric incandescent lamp.
- 27 Jan 1973- The Vietnam War ended.
- 28 Jan 1986- Space Shuttle *Challenger* exploded.
- 31 Jan 1865- 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment abolishing slavery was submitted.



## **ABOVE:**

**The group that made Earl Depner's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party possible:**

**L to R: State Deputy Jay Doherty, GK Dave McCloy, District Deputy Dan Rolenc, John Kowalczyk, Vern Gisi, John Hartling, Chuck Hardy, Rob Hickman, Bob Leise, Jim Bergeron, Mark Yoder, Patrick Henry, Jim Rech, Shannon Rech, Bill Maggio**



During the “Name That Tune” contest, participants are all ears starting with Father Brownstein, Randy Fritz, Rose Walter, Penny Mack, Santa Claus, Vince Negri, Glen Leise.

**Right:**

Father Golyzniak, Mike Casarez, and Chuck Hardy try to figure out which end is up on a hula hoop!





Karen Hartling and Father Golyzniak trip the light fantastic. The cigarette is fake, as well as the glass of.....?



**Left:**

**Who said Father Brownstein had no rhythm?**



**Official Christmas party judges for the hula hoop contest:  
L to R- Glen Leise, Mike Bergeron, Jeannie Hickman**



**The judges have a difficult time rating Rob Hickman as he tries to dazzle them with three hula hoops at once. Disc jockey Ed Hettler watches in “amazement”!**

Right:

Auctioneer Bob Leise peddling his wares



John Hartling and Sandy Feldkamp getting with it – and John doesn't even drink!!

The staff of *The Knightly News* sends best wishes to all for a very happy and blessed New Year in 2018.

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