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Chaplain's Column



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Dear Brother Knights

January is here again, and it's time to make the annual New Year's resolutions. Every Catholic should add to their list a few spiritual resolutions designed to help them walk higher up that mountain of faith. Let the freshness of a new year be your impetus to make new strides in your walk with God! There is no time but the present! Here are some ideas.

Increase Your Marian Devotion

2017 marked the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal. In this most prophetic of all Marian apparitions, [Our Lady of Fatima](#) made urgent pleas for mankind to reform themselves and pray her rosary daily, along with other grave messages and warnings with dire

consequences for the entire world. Her messages were then authenticated on October 13, 1917 with an undisputed public miracle of biblical proportions, when an estimated 70,000 people were gathered to witness what became known as the Miracle of the Sun. However, Our Lady's pleas were not heeded, and the last century has seen a widespread loss of Christian faith, breakdowns in marriages and families, and a rejection of basic morality. This affects all of us, and, as a result, anxiety and depression have risen to epidemic levels. The way to turn back to God is the same way that God came to us—through the Blessed Mother. In 2019, commit yourself to increasing your Marian devotion so that she may lead you to deeper conversion, to follow God's will for your life more perfectly, and to increase your faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

Make more time for spiritual reading. The brilliant St. Athanasius once said, *"You will not see anyone who is striving after his advancement who is not given to spiritual reading. And as to him who neglects it, the fact will soon be observed in his [lack of] progress."* If you want to make progress in your walk with God in 2019, spiritual reading should be high on your list. Your best bet is to stick to the classics written by Catholic saints known for their practical spiritual wisdom—such as Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, Therese of Lisieux, and John of the Cross. There are also audio books available for many classic Catholic titles. If you struggle with finding the time to read, make a list of books that you'd like to complete in 2019 and pray that God will show you how you can find the time to read them. Maybe it will mean cutting out TV time or slimming back on unnecessary social activities. The time you spend feeding your soul is time better spent.

Make good stewardship a lifestyle Pope Francis has often spoken of the dangers of materialism, even writing an encyclical on the subject, *Laudato Si*, which calls us to greater justice in how we use the goods of this world. This boils down to one key concept in the life of the Christian:

practicing good stewardship over the gifts God has given us. This means good management of our “time, talent, and treasure” for the greater glory of God. Prayerfully evaluate how you will spend your time, your talents, and your income in 2019 to see what lifestyle changes you can make that will positively impact your spiritual life. Make it big. God cannot be outdone in generosity!

Share your Catholic faith with others With so many people far away from God today (and with more and more people noticing it), the culture is ripe for evangelism. There is a palpable hunger for God and his Truth. Modern Catholics aren’t usually great about sharing their faith with others, but this is something that can change with practice. You don’t have to be obnoxious or overbearing about your faith, just focus on doing simple things like being joyful in your walk with Christ or inviting people to come to Mass with you.

Bring back regular penances Living a penitential life, even outside of Advent and Lent, is the Catholic way of life. All of the Church’s saints performed penances habitually, either internally or externally, great and small, for themselves and for others. Many do not know that the Fridays outside of Lent are also days of abstinence and fasting. While the Church law against eating meat on the Fridays outside of Lent was lifted by the U.S. bishops, it is meant to be substituted with some other form of penance in order to continue to give special reverence to the day of the week on which Our Lord died on the cross. What penitential practice can you do each Friday in 2019? Maybe it is tried-and-true abstinence from meat, or perhaps another penitential practice such as praying the Stations of the Cross, or even acts of service for the less fortunate. Be creative.

Go an extra day to Mass Mass is not only the source and summit of our faith, it is the source and summit of our very life. For 2019 think of ways you can arrange your schedule and activities so that you can make it to Mass either an extra day each week, or a few extra days a month. If you have trouble with this due to a packed schedule, pray and ask Our Lord to help you find the time. Maybe it will involve switching a travel route, or leaving for work an hour early, or missing a regular Saturday morning activity for one Saturday a month. Remember that daily Masses are usually only 30 minutes long. If still impossible with your schedule, try to add time for Adoration outside of Mass, even if just for 15 minutes.

Pray the rosary No Catholic list of New Year’s resolutions would be complete without a daily Rosary added in. If you already pray the Rosary daily, that is fantastic. Your resolution can then be to spread devotion to the rosary in 2018. There are many ways you can do this. You can purchase inexpensive rosaries in bulk, get them blessed, and hand them out as the opportunity arises. You can also invite others to pray the rosary with you, teach others how to pray it, or encourage those who don’t pray it daily to do so. Maybe they don’t know that the rosary is a spiritual weapon that will help them fight all their personal battles.

Pick a new saint buddy Why not begin the tradition of walking along your pilgrimage of faith with a different Catholic saint each year? There are so many of them with unique graces to bestow. Pray about your New Year and the goals you have for your spiritual life, your family, your relationships, your career, etc. Then choose a patron saint whose virtues you would like to emulate in New Year, and entrust your year to their special intercession. This is a great way to guard against the typical two-week lifespan of New Year’s resolutions; with a new saint by your side praying for you, it will be a lot harder for your goals to slip away. There may be a particular saint whom you already admire, but to whom you have never prayed or had a devotion. Ask this saint to be your guide for 2019.

What else would you add to this list?

With prayer Fr. Grzegorz Golyzniak



Saint of the Month

Saint John Neumann



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.

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.



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, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated as the World Day of Peace.

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.

Knights in Action



Thanks to the Knights and family members of the Council who devoted many hours setting up Jaeger Hall to accommodate over 600 parishioners for the Christmas Eve Masses. That involved transporting over 150 chairs borrowed from the Grace Best School, moving chairs from class rooms, distributing Missalettes, setting up the altar and a sound system for the choir. Then after Christmas, everything had to be dismantled and returned which entailed many more hours showing the devotion Knights have to their Church.

Members participating include:

Dave McCloy
Mark Yoder
Ed Paulovich
Mike Pietsch
Jim Desautel
Fred Seiter
Bob Knapp

Chuck Hardy
Bob Leise
Patrick Finnegan
George Lyddane
Alan Feldkamp
John Horvath
Jim Mack



Christmas Party

A Festive Time for All

The annual Council Christmas party was held on Saturday, the 1st of December in Jaeger Hall and it was another success, thanks to intense planning by Sir Knight **Bob Leise** and brother **Knight Brian Champion** with music provided by Brother Knight **Ed Hettler** and his eclectic collection. The event started with cocktails, a delicious dinner catered by Broken Bones of Monument, and presentations of awards. The theme of the party was "movies" and party-goers were asked to wear costumes/dress of their favorite movie actor/actress. "Oscars" were given to the winning participants in their interpretation of a movie star of old. parade of movie stars and gifts of door prizes. Honored guests were **Fathers Gregory Golyzniak and Michael Holmquist.**

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

Below: The finished product from the Eagle Scout project that involved Boy Scout John Cinnamon and Council members. A statue of Mary stands atop the boulder in front of a bench that can be used for prayer or meditation.





On a chilly Thursday morning, the Knights erected the creche in front of St. Peter's as they have done for years. Lending a helping hand were Dave Nelson, Rob Hoette, Ed Paulovich, Dick

Peters, and Bob Leise. Taking the picture and also helping was Grand Knight Dave McCloy. Camera -shy Deacon Scotty Bowen also participated.



As part of the Knight's mission to help widows and orphans, several members moved Fran Mikulich from her patio home to a new assisted-living facility in Monument. Fran's late husband Bob was a long time Knight in the St. Peter's Council 11514.

Fran's "happy helpers" are from left to right: Rob Hickman, Al Castinado, Fran Mikulich, Jim Desautel, Fred Seiter and Kip Gaisford.



John and Karen Hartling receive a special blessing on Friday, 30 November from Father Michael Holmquist as they celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary with Deacon Scotty Bowen assisting. John noted that he wore his “dress sneakers” for the occasion.



Knight of the Month recipient Michael Pietsch accepts the Award from Grand Knight Dave McCloy.



Family of the Month Award for December was given to the Knapp Family, Bob, Theresa and Robert.



Stage One of the Move: Fran Mikulich moved from her home to an Assisted Living facility with the help of Council members above. L to R: Dave McCloy, Rob Hickman, Ed Paulovich, Rob Hoette, Al Castinado, Rick Rank.

Dues Reminder



A reminder that Council dues for 2019 can be paid to **Financial Secretary Jim Desautel** at the next business or social meeting and that saves postage that Mike would spend sending notices and then the membership card. Dues for St. Peter's Council are \$24.00 per year – a real bargain! If you are unable to make a meeting, send your \$24.00 check to Jim at: 16261 Hobson Place, Monument 80132.

Fr. Kekeisen Assembly News



A reminder that 2019 dues can be paid to Faithful Comptroller Jim Taylor at the meeting on 17 January which saves postage for the Assembly. Dues for the year are \$20.00 and can be mailed to Jim if you are unable to attend the meeting. His address is 1061 Caribou Drive West, Monument 80132.



Rest Stop: The work crew moving Fran Mikulich take a well-deserved break. Front left is Fran's niece Carol and Fran in the easy chair. Seated L to R: Bob Knapp, Ed Paulovich, Rob Hoette. Standing L to R: Terressa Knapp, Dave McCloy, Rob Hickman, Al Castinado, and Carol's husband Dave.



Council 11514 Knight of the Year Bob Leise with the plaque awarded by Grand Knight Dave McCloy.

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

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.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.



Unity is lending your strength to our council

I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me and I in them, will bear much fruit. ~ John 15:5

A popular tradition concerns a Greek slave, named Aesop. Like Jesus, he used stories to teach people, especially small children. One of his stories is about a man who had several sons who were always fighting among themselves. One day he called them together and set in front of them a bundle of branches. Then he invited each son to try to break the bundle in half. Of course, none of them could break the bundle. But when the father untied the bundle and gave the branches – one by one – to the sons to break, they broke them with ease. The father then made his point: “My sons, if you remain united, you will be able to withstand any enemy. If you do not remain united, any enemy will be able to defeat you.” ~ Mark Link, S.J.

How am I contributing to the unity of our council?

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:26

~ From the *Knights To Christ* Booklet

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.

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

Word(s) of the Month

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Predella: The platform or step on which the altar stands.
Thurible: A censer, a covered incense burner swung on chains used in religious ceremonies.



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, 06 January 2019 will be our group corporate Mass at 0800. Knights and their families are asked to meet in the conference room prior to Mass and process in the Church ahead of the celebrant and servers.

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, Butch Christensen, Father Brownstein, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Terri Stauber, Laura Gomez, and Joan Durbin. Also pray for the repose of the souls of our departed, especially Kevin Rudnicki, son of brother Knight Larry and brother of brother Knight Brenden. 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 cold 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
18 Jan – Peter Carroll
19 Jan- Wayne Helgoth
20 Jan- Brian Bucher
21 Jan – Jerry Schiffelbein
21 Jan – Wayne Volesky
26 Jan – Honorato Cardozo
26 Jan- Stephen Fillo
27 Jan – William Leeman
29 Jan- Randy Campbell
30 Jan – Lennix Caragao

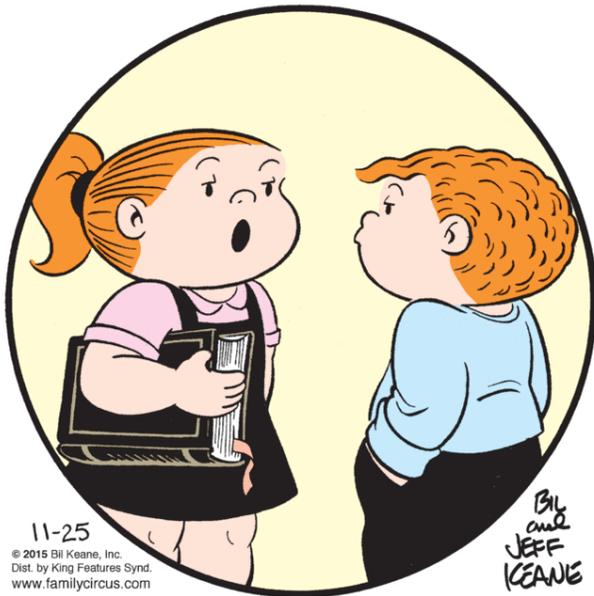
Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during the frigid Colorado month of January.

Upcoming Events



- 01 Jan- New Year's Day
- 01 Jan- Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- 02 Jan – Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 05 Jan – Spaghetti Dinner after 1700 Mass (Team B)
- 06 Jan- Council Corporate Mass at 0800
- 08 Jan – Assembly Flag Folding Ceremony after morning Mass at school flagpole
- 11 Jan – Holy Hour at 1500 (Knights and Marthas)
- 12 Jan – Basketball Free Throw Contest- 1000 to noon at school gym POC: Gary Spoto
- 16 Jan- Council Social Meeting at 1900
- 17 Jan – Council Officer's Meeting at 1830
- 17 Jan – Assembly Meeting at 1900
- 18 Jan- Martin Luther King Day

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



**“Guardian Angels watch over us
so God can work on more
important stuff.”**

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- 13th Amendment abolishing slavery was submitted.



The staff of *The Knightly News* sends best wishes to all for a very happy and blessed New Year in 2019.

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A sampling of "movie stars" at the Christmas party.



And the "Oscar" winners!



Family of the Year Marlene and Chuck Hardy with Grand Knight Dave McCloy



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – a St. Peter's School project with wood products made by Knights Brian Champion, Ed Hettler, Alan Feldkamp, Jim Taylor, Bob Leise. Accepting gifts is Principal Sheila Whalen.

