



The Knightly News

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Dear Brother Knights

"The Light of 'Love' has come to earth. It's time for us to pause to see this Light and feel its warmth and celebrate its cause".

I wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year to all of you. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and your homes. Please remember that this year Holy Father Francis announced the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph cared for Jesus and Mary. So, as we celebrate Christmas, let us show kindness and care to all our dear and near ones and make Christmas really a joyful occasion.

Each one of you can be sure and certain that you are all remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in my Liturgy of the Office.

All the readings for all Christmas liturgies proclaim the same mystery. God not only authors life and pours out grace in the midst of it, he chooses to join us in our lives by becoming one of us. Jesus enters into life that we might do the same. Whatever the circumstances of your life right now ~ grief or joy, struggle or success, faith or doubt ~ Jesus has lived it himself, and he longs to live it with you. Choose life with Jesus! Let Him be born again in your heart. Allow Him to enter into your moments and give you the life for which you were created.

I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to our parish and community this past year. The giving of your time, talent and treasure to the Lord continues to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all of you who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our churches and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year.

Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. This is why He came. God will fill us with His peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

In closing, my only prayer today, that you, your family and homes be filled with the Blessings of Peace, Joy and Love. May all of you and your families be overshadowed with the mighty and powerful blessings of the Baby Jesus. . . .

With my Christmas Blessings and prayer Fr. Gregory



Saint of the Month

Month of the Holy Souls

Saint Vincent of Zaragoza is the patron saint of Lisbon and Valencia. He was born in Huesca, a city in northeastern Spain, but lived in Zaragoza and his feast day is celebrated on 22 January.

Vincent served as the deacon of Valerius of Zaragoza, the city's bishop. Imprisoned in Valencia for his faith, and tortured on a gridiron; a story perhaps adapted from the martyrdom of another son of Huesca, St. Lawrence. St. Vincent, like many early martyrs in the early hagiographic literature, succeeded in converting his jailer. Though he was finally offered release if he would consign Scripture to the fire, Vincent refused.

The earliest account of Vincent's martyrdom is in a lyric poem written by the poet Prudentius, who wrote a series of lyric poems on Spanish and Roman martyrs. Prudentius describes how Vincent was brought to trial along with his bishop Valerius, and since Valerius had a speech impediment, Vincent spoke for both, but his outspoken featureless manner so angered the governor that

Vincent was tortured and martyred, though the aged bishop was only exiled.

According to legend, after being martyred, ravens protected St. Vincent's body from being devoured by vultures, until his followers could recover the body. His body was taken to what is now known as Cape St. Vincent; a shrine was erected over the grave, which continued to be guarded by flocks of ravens. In the time of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula, the Arab geographer Al-Idrisi noted this constant guard by ravens, for which the place was named by him, Church of the Raven. King Afonso I of Portugal had the body of the saint exhumed in 1173 and brought it by ship to the Monastery of Sao Vicente de Fora in Lisbon. This transfer of the relics is depicted on the coat of arms of Lisbon.

Knights in Action



Could You Use a Helping Hand?



The Knights of Columbus introduced a program called “**No Neighbor Left Behind**” and it has proven to be a success. Social distancing does not mean that we cannot have interaction with fellow Knights and parishioners. By the end of December,

Council 11514 members had assisted numerous individual families needing help with various tasks. The exact number is not known since so many Council members accomplish charitable works without reporting them, but the number of known tasks accomplished number over 20. One Knight who remains anonymous routinely cuts fire wood for a widow and also for a man with Parkinson's Disease.

If you know of parish members needing errands run, yard work, or just a phone call to see how they are doing, contact Bob Knapp at rjknapp06@comcast.net.



ABOVE: Family of the Month **Tony and MaryAnn Trifiletti** receive the Award from PFN Ed Paulovich.

RIGHT: **Bob Lynne** receives the Knight of the Month Award from DGK Alan Feldkamp



Seminarian **Grant Reinicke** receives a check from DGK Alan Fedkamp in the amount of \$500 for his studies leading to the priesthood. The local councils award the money as part of the Knights of Columbus RSVP Program that helps usually financially strapped seminarians.





Under Construction *The
Creche that is put together each year by
Knights of Council 11514.*



Finished — thanks to Jim Mack, Alan
Feldkamp, Bob Knapp, Art Bell, Bob Leise,
Darryl Barker, Mike Pietsch, Fred Seiter, Ed
Paulovich



Limited space in the December issue of *The Knightly News* prevented these pictures taken by Rob Hoette at the Veterans Day from being published. Members of the Fourth Degree Assembly and the American Legion held the ceremony on a cold 11 November morning.



American Legion Chaplain Jim Bergeron leads a prayer at the Medal of Honor Recipient William Crawford Memorial



American Legion Post Commander and K of C Fourth Degree Knight Randy Fritz speaks at a social distance with a Legion member who is a World War II veteran during the Veterans Day ceremony.



Requiescat in Pace

It is with a heavy heart that this obituary is posted for parishioner **Joan Durbin** who passed into our Heavenly Father's arms on 15 December 2020. She was the wife of Past Grand Knight Paul Durbin and, as a nurse, was responsible for starting the health and healing ministry at St. Peter's Church, a mission that she took very seriously and with great compassion.

May her soul rest in peace.



Monthly Council Mass

The Knights normally 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. Unfortunately, Mass for parishioners has been limited throughout the State of Colorado due to the spread of the Corona virus, but as of this writing, the number of parishioners allowed in the church is slowly increasing and our priests continue to celebrate Mass daily.

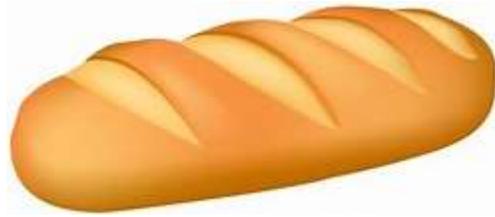
If you know of any Knights, or family members, who should have a Mass intention, please contact **Bob Leise at 302-681-2182.**

Assembly News



Father Robert E. Kekeisen Assembly 2594

During the pandemic, meetings have been limited by social distancing and activities have also been affected, but **Faithful Navigator Robert Knapp** did step up for the Christmas Season by conducting a “socks for veterans” program that was quite successful. When veterans and/or homeless people are questioned, one item they almost always request will be socks.



Panera Bread Pickup

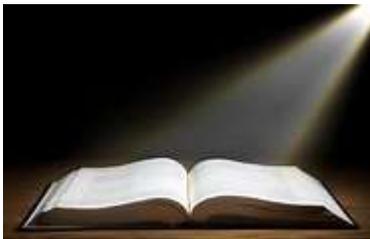
Council 11514 is tasked with picking up Panera bread from the store at Briargate Shopping Center in Colorado Springs each January and August. The bread is picked up on Wednesday night and taken to Tri Lakes Cares on Thursday morning for use that day by clients in the Tri Lakes area. Bread that is not used is taken on Friday morning to the Marian House Soup Kitchen, so nothing is wasted.

Many thanks for the willingness of Knights who volunteer for this charitable journey regardless of weather during January, especially:

Bob Knapp

Fred Seiter

Dave Nelson, who took two nights



Word of the Month

Discalced: Of Latin derivation and meaning “without shoes”, the word is applied to religious orders or congregations whose members go barefoot or wear sandals.

From the *Catholic Word Book*

Sermonette

Each person we encounter is an opportunity for us to grow in love.

Jesus overturns the common societal expectation to hate one’s enemies. In God’s kingdom, there is no room for hatred, and no one is properly labeled “enemy”. Instead, each and every person we encounter, even those we dislike or who dislike us, is an opportunity to grow in love.



Some Groaners for New Years

Where can you practice math on New Year's Eve?
Times Square.

What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve?

He got 12 months.

Where can you find comedians on New Year's Eve?
Waiting for the punchline.

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

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up for New Year's. Middle age is when you are forced to.

What do New Year's parades have in common with Santa Claus?

No one is awake to see either of them.

Why do you need a jeweler on New Year's Eve?

To ring in the new year.



Fraternity is a spirit of being together completely

How wonderful it is, how pleasant, for God's people to live together in harmony! ~ Psalm 133:1

Jerry Kramer was a star member of the legendary Green Bay Packers. In his best-selling book, *Instant Replay*, he describes his feelings after a big win. We rushed to the locker room... shouting and absolutely floating. "Magnificent," Coach Lombardi said...He couldn't finish the sentence... Tears started trickling down his cheek. He just knelt down crying, and led us in the *Our Father*. The guys walked round the room, hugging each other... I felt so good. I felt so proud, proud of myself and proud of my teammates and proud of my coaches... It sent a beautiful shiver up my back.

~ Mark Link, S.J.

What was the closest you ever came to this same feeling of fellowship and fraternity with your Brother Knights?

*In Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
~ Old hymn*

From *Knights To Christ Booklet*



Your Insurance Corner

Insurance Check-up for 2021

Remember in our prayers: Jack Banoczi, Father Golyzniak, Jimmy Carter, Mary Ann Trifiletti, Butch Christensen, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Laura Gomez.

Pray for our priests, deacons and for vocations to the religious life.

Remember our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen, especially those in combat areas.

Pray for the repose of the soul of **Father Stanley Golyzniak** and **Joan Durbin**.

Where did 2020 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your families had a good year, despite the corona virus pandemic.

Hopefully you have established a few goals for this new year. I have learned a great tip regarding New Year's resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you have not already done so. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace where you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. I don't know exactly how this works, but I've heard stories of the success this simple task can bring.

Have a Happy and Prosperous 2021. I look forward to meeting with each of you, depending on pandemic restrictions, to discuss your family's needs.

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01 Jan – New Year's Day

01 Jan – Solemnity of Mary (a Holy Day)

06 Jan - Council Meeting with an Exemplification for new members and re-cap of 2020 events at St. Peter's Church and the gathering area. 1900 Hours.

18 Jan – Martin Luther King Day

21 Jan – Council Officer's meeting at 1800 – Parish Center or Zoom

21 Jan – Fr. Kekeisen Assembly meeting at 1900 – Parish Center of Zoom

NOTE:

The Grand Knight has temporarily suspended the monthly social meeting due to social distancing caused by the China virus.



January Birthdays

- ❖ 01 Jan – Hilbert (Butch) Christensen
- ❖ 06 Jan – Rob Hickman

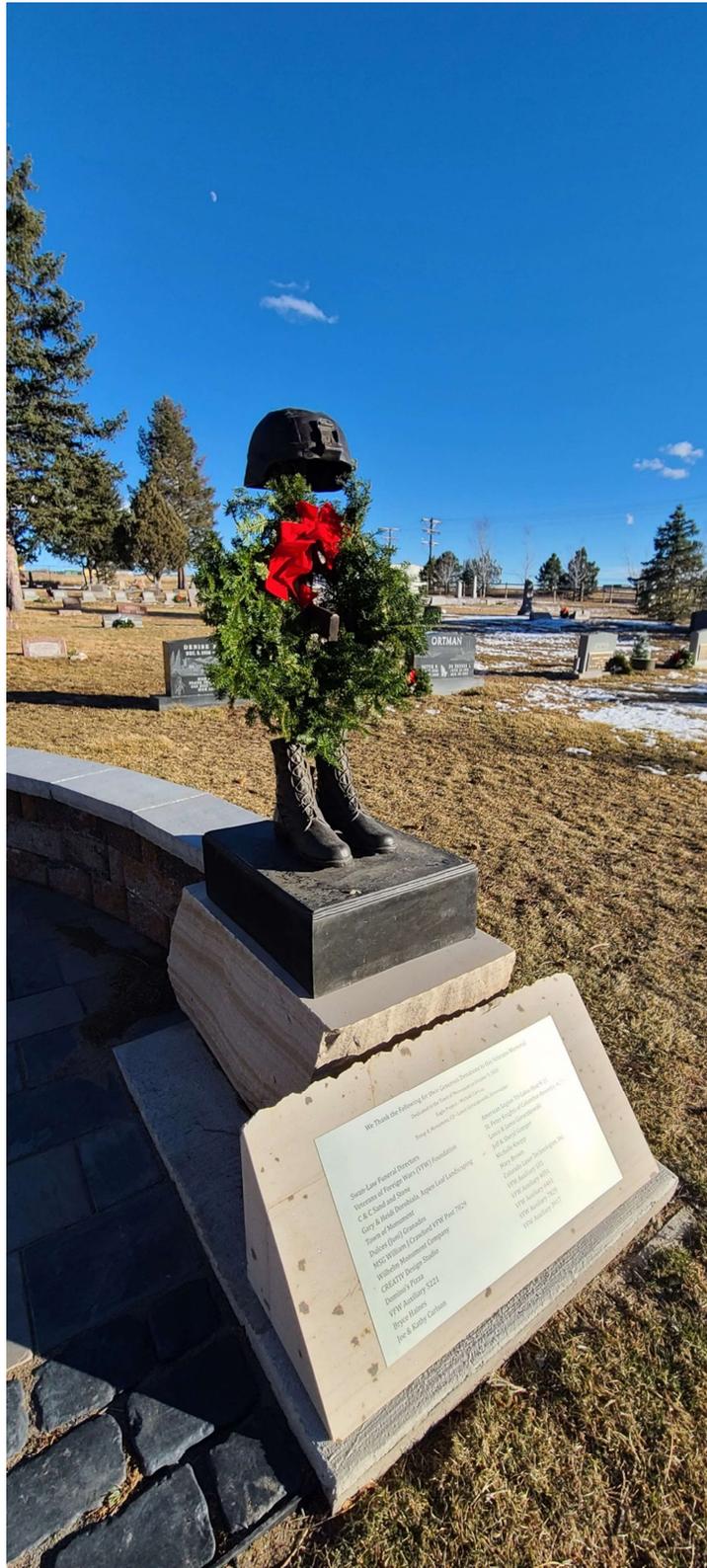
- ❖ 09 Jan – James Taylor (the younger)
- ❖ 14 Jan – Patrick Finnegan
- ❖ 14 Jan – Sean Heery
- ❖ 15 Jan – Frederick Reichert
- ❖ 17 Jan – Carl Allen
- ❖ 18 Jan – William Carroll
- ❖ 19 Jan – Wayne Helgoth
- ❖ 20 Jan – Brian Bucher
- ❖ 21 Jan – Wayne Volesky
- ❖ 21 Jan – Jerry Schiffelbein
- ❖ 26 Jan – Stephen Fillo
- ❖ 26 Jan – Honorato Cardozo
- ❖ 27 Jan – William Leeman
- ❖ 29 Jan – Robert Lynn
- ❖ 29 Jan – Charles Delich
- ❖ 29 Jan – Randy Campbell
- ❖ 30 Jan – Leodigario Caragao

Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights during this cold month of January.

RIGHT:

The Veterans Memorial in the Monument cemetery decorated for Christmas. The Memorial is a result of an Eagle Scout project with financial assistance from the Father Kekeisen Assembly 2594.





A different view of the Veterans Memorial



Old Glory and the MIA flag stand vigil at the Veterans Memorial.

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