



Knights of Columbus

Council 12376

December 2021

OUR LADY QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Grand Knight's Monthly Message



Worthy Brothers,

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving as I did.

We have so much to be thankful for. I know I do. I was lucky enough by the grace of GOD to be born in the greatest country in the history of the world. Born as a free man. Free to succeed or to fail. Free to choose how to lead my life. Free to practice whatever faith I choose.

So many take these freedoms for granted. So many also try to decide our fate, what is best for us. I am very thankful I can keep the wolves at bay. I am also thankful that I was born to the greatest parents one could hope to have. Showed me the path to success and happiness. Worked tirelessly to provide everything a child should have, not what every child wants. Lifted me up when I was down. beat the snot out of me when I needed it. Believe me... I needed it more than they knew... They also raised me Catholic. Sent me to Catholic school. Boy, I REALLY needed that! Those nuns could also beat the snot out of you and there was not some bleeding-heart social worker to stop them. They were righteous in their beatings...

I am thankful that the Grand Knight of our council recruited me to become a Knight. I was lost at the time trying to find my path. While wandering, I found Our Lady Queen of the Apostles. Father Brian was saying the first mass I attended in the Palm Beaches. The moment he started his Homily, I could swear that he was only talking to me. I know he was, because HE was guiding his words. HE knew what I really needed, and my FATHER was speaking to me at that very moment. HE knew I had strayed from the path but was not lost. HE knew the path I needed to be on, even if I happen to fall.

I am also thankful to be the Grand Knight of our council. It is a job that allows me to try to help our fellow man. To try to make a difference in this crazy selfish society that we have become. To try to save the lives of our unborn children who have only the true believers that life begins at conception. To make a child smile when Santa (or St. Nick) hands them a toy at Breakfast with Santa. To commune with my Brothers in Christ at meetings, dinner functions and even coffee and donuts after mass. I am thankful for The Knights of Columbus, and for you, my brothers.

I am also very thankful that I am writing this while at my mother's house for Thanksgiving. I am thankful for her still being here, and I know she is thankful that I made dinner.

In closing, by the time you read this, Advent will have begun. I hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and want to thank all of you in advance for your participation in 2022, and for volunteering at the Christmas Festival.

God bless you all and stay thankful!

Fraternally,
Michael Eddie
Grand Knight





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Upcoming Events

December 13th 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting Festival Hall

December 18th 8 AM
Breakfast with Santa Pavillion

December 18th 6 PM
Council Christmas Party
Celebration Hall

**December 3rd, 4th, 5th,
10th, 11th, 12th
OLQA
Christmas Festival**

December 27th 7:30 PM
General Meeting Festival Hall

January 10th 7:30 PM
Officers Meeting Festival Hall

January 24th 7:30 PM
General Meeting Festival Hall

Deputy Grand Knight's Monthly Message

Worthy Brothers, as we are nearing the half-way mark of our fraternal year, we're fortunate to look back and see several good works that our council has been able to do in our church and community. We are also able to begin seeing signs of renewed life in attendance at Mass on the weekend. So there is reason for the hope that is within us (1 Pet 3:15). We thank our Worthy Grand Knight for his leadership in navigating thru the challenges posed in getting events put on for us, as well as our Worthy Financial Secretary in always providing a guiding hand that has been so helpful to all of the officers. We need more men like them during times like these. Recently, I was intrigued by a quote, written by fiction author *G. Michael Hopf* whose main character (during a post-apocalyptic time) reflects,

***"Hard times create strong men,
strong men create good times,
good times create weak men,
weak men create hard times."***

Make no mistake, as a nation, we are facing hard times. As one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church, we are facing hard times. And as Council #12376, we are facing hard times. But as Hopf writes, this is an opportunity for men to rise to the challenges that we face; an opportunity to create strong men! Being a brother of this Order challenges us, not to sit still during good times, but to rise up to confront the tribulations of hard times. Be it speaking openly against the atrocities of abortion that face our nation this month (*Dobbs vs Jackson*), prayerfully standing for those persecuted Christians around the globe or simply looking for substantial ways to help a worthy brother in need during the holiday months; we must rise up during hard times.

We can lean on one another and grow in our faith as Sacred Scripture tells us that "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Prov 27:17). So with examples like our Worthy Grand Knight and the many Past Grand Knights who came before him, let us rally behind him in meeting 2022 with renewed vigor with events like the church's Christmas Village where we will need help at the 50/50 booth, the breakfast with Santa (*Dec 18th*) and let's not forget the golf tournament!

If I should not be able to see your smiling faces this month, let me just wish all of you a blessed and Merry Christmas and my prayers to you and your families for a life lived in line with God's will during 2022!

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Ida

Deputy Grand Knight



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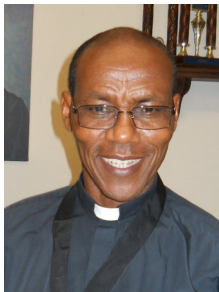
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Chaplain's Monthly Message

December 2021

Reprint of December 2017 Message



Brother Knights,

With the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King, the liturgical year of the Church is brought to completion, ready to begin the new liturgical year of the Church with the first Sunday of Advent. We are happy to begin this new year of the Church this Advent season. Our Christocentric life continues. We are grateful to God Our Father for the opportunity he has given us to enter into this season of Advent to renew our life with his Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit not only in this Advent season but throughout the liturgical year of the Church.

Brother Knights, it is a good principle in life that if we want to succeed in anything preparation is necessary. Advent season is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus in our lives. Our ancestors in faith (the Israelites) prepared for many years for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Through the prophets, God reminded them to stay focused on the One he would send in the days to come. Those who listened carefully to God's voice through the prophets and prepared themselves well, were the ones who could recognize the Messiah (Jesus Christ) when at last he came in flesh for the first time about two thousand years ago. Through the liturgy of the Church during the Advent season, the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit helps us to prepare for the coming of the Son of God, not only at his second coming at the end of the world or at Christmas day but at different times and in different moments and events. The important thing is to prepare well by listening carefully to the voice of the Holy Spirit through the Church liturgy and open up our mind and hearts for the Son of God to come into our lives.

Brothers, the Advent season this year is very short, that is from November 28th - December 24th. Let us make good preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus in our lives because if we fail to prepare well we can miss the chance like those who failed to recognize him when he came for the first time about two thousand years ago. Happy Advent season and Merry Christmas 2021.

Fr. Laurent Assenga

Chaplain





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Birthdays



Nicholas Delapi	12/04
Thomas Craig	12/06
Aldwin Liwanag	12/07
John Dempsey	12/08
Miguel Muniz	12/08
Carl Shirey	12/15
Rev. Zbigniew Rudnicki	12/20
Joseph DelVecchio	12/21
Laurent Fr. Assenga	12/27
Misael Andrade	12/31

Anniversaries



Dr. Andre & Raymonde Talleyrand	12-11
Robert & Loretta Staelens	12-21
Julian & Claudia Almeida	12-24
Michael & Jenny Santoro	12-31

For the good of the order

Mary Allesandria
Pete Bishop

For Brothers, Family Members and those in need of our prayers please contact the G.K. or the D.G.K. so they can make those names available to all of the brothers.





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CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL & VILLAGE HOURS

Fridays, December 3 and 10

4:00pm - 10:00pm (Village 6:00pm-10:00pm)

Saturdays, December 4 and 11

4:00pm - 11:00pm (Village 6:00pm-10:00pm)

Sundays, December 5 and 12

12:00pm - 8:00pm (Village 6:00pm-9:00pm)



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This Brother Knight is not always at meetings. However he is always there when we need him. He has provided us with the means to hold some events, and also has made contributions to make events possible such as the golf tournament. He provided the food for us to have our Free Spaghetti Dinner, and was part of the reason we placed second in the chili cookoff. I congratulate him for helping us in many ways. Our Knight of the Month is: Brother John Tedesco.



Breakfast With Santa
Saturday December 18th 8:00 AM





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Christmas Festival	4 Christmas Festival
5 Christmas Festival	6	7	8	9	10 Christmas Festival	11 Christmas Festival
12 Christmas Festival	13 Officer Mtg 7:30 PM Festival Hall	14	15	16	17	18 Breakfast with Santa 8 AM Pavillion Christmas Party 6 PM Celebration Hall
17	18	19	20	21	22	25
26	27 General Mtg 7:30 PM Festival Hall Budget Vote	28	29	30		



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Breakfast with Santa

Your help is needed collecting gifts after masses, setting up for the event on the morning of the 18th, serving breakfast and cleanup.

Please Contact our Grand Knight Mike Eddie at grandknight12376@aol.com if you are volunteering to help. We need YOU!

OLQA Christmas Festival

Your help is needed for the Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Christmas Festival. Volunteers are needed for the Council 50/50 raffle.

The Festival needs help in the Pavilion with food preparation and restocking the food booth when supplies run low. Help is also needed in the drink area to the south of the parking lot. The Church NEEDS our help! Help is always needed. Please contact Debby Marropodi at dpodi69@yahoo.com if you are able to give a little time to this event.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.
(state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Amen.



Knights of **C**olumbus