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# YOUR input is greatly apreciated. Email to LDL5762@gmail.com



#### **DECENBER Birthdays**

Marco Rosario - 2 Rodolphe Celestin - 5 James Goode - 5 Brad Hart - 8 Rafael Moronta - 22 John Feiler - 23

> REMINDER the Advent Food Pantry Drive is under way Now through Jan 1, 2024. Be sure to contact Roberto Batista 813-817-2089 with your donation

> > information

## **Grand Knight Report**

Catholic vs. Protestant Christmas

The Christmas season is upon us, and we are surrounded by the sights and sounds of Christmas. Since we live in a country that was mostly Protestant at one time, the Christmas traditions we are surrounded by are mostly Protestant, skewed a little by Hollywood towards a celebration more of winter than Christmas, which is a little strange here in Florida.

In the Catholic tradition Christmas doesn't properly start until Christmas Eve. The four Sundays before Christmas mark the beginning of the liturgical year with Advent. While Protestants do Keep Advent to a point, lighting the Advent wreath and reading appropriate Scripture passages in their services, what they usually leave out is the penitential nature of the season.

Advent is a season of penitence, where we prepare for the coming of the Lord as John the Baptist preached, with penance. This is usually understood as fasting, prayer and almsgiving, with an increased emphasis on loving God and neighbor. After Advent comes the traditional Christmas season from Christmas Eve through the 12 days of Christmas to Epiphany and then on through the Feast of the Purification on February 2. Vivat Jesus!

Larry Wynja Grand Knight

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL

## **District Deputy Report**

### Dear Brother Knights

As we enter this season of Advent and Christmas, let's try to spend extra time with family and friends celebrating and enjoying everything about this time. While this time of year can be busy and stressful with the material things of Christmas such as gift buying and giving, food preparation and get-togethers, look at the positive sides of these activities which is doing a lot of good and be thankful you are able to do all that you do. Frequently a lot of these activities have the burden put on the women, so let's be sure we are doing all we can to help our wives. daughters or lady friends during these busy times. The November issue of the Columbia magazine has a very good article in it—The Indispensable Mission of the Family. Along with the article in the magazine, a video series was produced offering inspiration to fulfill the vocation of Christian marriage, fatherhood, and family life. If you have not yet read the article, I highly recommend you do so. The video series can be found in the Supreme website. Kofc.org/missionofthefamily There are 5 episodes each about 13 minutes so if time is limited, possibly set aside the next 5 Sundays for viewing an episode each Sunday.

I also want to wish all of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus Bill Ingham DD

We would like to start an advertising section dedicated to those Knights who have a business or service that Brother Knights can reach out to when needed. If you want to be included email <a href="mailto:LDL5762@gmail.com">LDL5762@gmail.com</a> with your business information.

## **Mass Schedule**

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM 6:00 PM Spanish Español

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM | 12:00 PM Spanish Español

MONDAY: 12:15 PM

TUESDAY: 12:15 PM

WEDNESDAY: 12:15 PM

THURSDAY: 12:15 PM Spanish Español

**FRIDAY:** 12:15 PM

# What it means to be a Knight by Fran Nason



Prayerfully consider being a "mentor" for new Brother Knights. My initial thoughts include:

☐ Monthly phone call reminders and follow ups regarding meetings.

□ Developing a personal relationship that new members know they can count on you. Please let your GK know if you are interested and are willing to "Make a friend. Be a friend. Bring a friend to Jesus through the Knights of Columbus. The most common response to the question "Why are you not a Knight of Columbus?" is that no one asked the individual. What are you waiting for? Go ask.

Look at yourself in the mirror and ask if you did that one little thing. Did you ask someone you know to join the Knights of Columbus?

Contact our Worthy Grand Knight and he will work With you to get the new member into the Council.

### **KOM**



Knight of the Month for November Marco Rosario

## **FOM**



The Family of the Month was awarded to the Colon Family

## **Important Dates Dec - Jan**

Officers Meeting. Monday Dec 4, 7 pm, White House

Dec 9 11am-1 pm VA Christmas party at James A Haley Veterans Hospital SPI Center. Contact newsletter editor for more information.

Dec 9 Council Christmas Party at the Lake St. Charles Clubhouse. Start after 4 pm Mass

Council Meeting Monday Dec 11, 7 pm, White House

Officers Meeting. Tuesday Jan 2, 2024, 7 pm, White House

Council Meeting Monday Jan 8, 2024, 7 pm, White House

POSSIBLE basketball Free Throw Competition in January. Date to be determined

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# 4th Degree Thanksgiving turkey distribution at the VA facility at Fowler and 46th Street



The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assemblies 1850 (Nativity) and 3418 (St. Stephen) Delivered 240 Turkey meals to VAVS Monday Nov. 20, 2023, Fowler and 46th Street. This is an annual project undertaken by these groups. The food provided allows needy veterans and their families a chance to celebrate during Thanksgiving.

# A Message from Worthy **Insurance Agent**



#### The Tax Advantages of Life Insurance

Are you frustrated on receiving year-end 1099 forms and having to pay taxes on CDs or other taxable investments? Although the primary purpose of life insurance is the death benefit to your beneficiaries. whole life (or cash building) life insurance policies typically have certain tax advantages that may be appealing.

Cash Value Life policies may pay dividends, which aren't taxable.

Dividends are considered a return of premium. You can take these dividends as a check, apply them to reduce or eventually pay the entire premium, invest them to the cash value portion of the policy to continue to grow, or apply them to increase the face amount of your coverage.

- 2. The cash value grows without taxation. Cash value insurance builds cash value inside the policy as you pay premiums. Since you pay the premiums with after-tax dollars, the buildup of the cash value is allowed to grow tax deferred.
- You can access the cash value of the policy at any age, at any time, and for any reason. Compare that advantage to the penalty of "borrowing" YOUR MONEY from plans such as your 401(k) or IRA if you're under age 591/2 and possible penalties if the money is not paid back by a certain time.

# 4. Typical of all insurance policies, the lump sum death benefit is likely paid out to your beneficiaries' *income tax free.*

Life insurance inheritances can be substantial – and may go a long way toward making financial reality better for your loved ones, possibly for generations to come. Taking away the government's tax bite can be a big advantage for your beneficiaries.

The many types of life insurance available today make it easier to help protect loved ones while achieving other financial goals. For more information, simply reply to this email and request our detailed information on types of life insurance.

## **Directors Report**

From the Family Director. The council is encouraged to award a Family of the Month award each month. The family does not have to be involved with the council, it could be a deserving family that contributes time and effort to the church. If you have a nominee, please provide either the Grand Knight or me with some information about the family and why you think they deserve this award. Fraternally, Dave Farrugia, PGK/FDD/PFN

From the Wheelchair Fund Director. Brothers, your contributions to the Wheelchair Fund have been outstanding and most appreciated. At this season of Christmas is upon us, it is such a good feeling to know that your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help someone obtain a wheelchair which they so desperately need and can't afford. God Bless you and thank you. Dave Farrugia, PGK/FDD/PFN

From the Lector. As I have said before, the Lector has a job to inform and entertain which gives him a lot of material to work with. I have held a lot of positions in the Knights since I joined many years ago, but this one is the most fun. I will do my best to continue to inform and entertain you. Fraternally, Dave Farrugia, PGK/FDD/PFN

Join us for the

2023

# Advent Night with Deacon Felix Mejia

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm

Advent Speaker



Deacon Felix Mejia
Resurrection Catholic Church
6819 Krycul Ave Riverview

#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

#### **Advent Retreat**

Dec. 6 (Wednesday) - 7:00pm

#### **Immaculate Conception Masses**

Dec. 8 (Friday) – 7:00am English 12:15pm English 7:00pm Spanish

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Dec. 12 (Tuesday) – 5:00am – Mañanitas 6:00am – Mass 7:00am - Breakfast

### 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Christmas Pageant

Dec. 17 (Sunday) – 1:30pm

#### **Christmas Concert**

Dec. 19 (Tuesday) - 7:00pm

#### Penitential Service

Dec. 20 (Wednesday) – 7:00pm Bilingual

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Masses

Dec. 23 (Saturday) – 4:00pm English 6:00pm Spanish

Dec. 24 (Sunday) – 8:00am English 10:00am English 12:00pm Spanish

#### **Christmas Masses**

Dec. 24 (Sunday) - 10:00pm Bilingual

Dec. 25 (Monday) – 8:00am English 10:00am English 12:00pm Spanish

#### New Year's Day Mass

Jan. 1 (Monday) - 9:00am Bilingual

The office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> through Tuesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning in January of 2024, the Sunday 10:00am Mass will be moved to 9:45am