

Knights of Columbus Council 8012

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Knightly News



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Brother Knights.

Why did the Magi bring those strange gifts?

The Three Kings' unusual offerings proclaim the truth about Christ.

The adoration of the Magi is a powerful, heartwarming part of Nativity history. But do you sometimes wonder...were the Magi well-meaning but clumsy gift-givers? After all, they were older, learned, wealthy men who probably didn't spend a lot of time around children. Couldn't someone have told them to bring swaddling clothes, a crib, and some money?

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Actually, the Magi were the very best gift-givers. Their offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh were more than a nice gesture—they proclaimed the mystery of God Incarnate. Here's why:

Gold has always been highly valued due to its scarcity, the difficulty of purifying it, and its lustrous color. The only people able to flaunt gold for millennia were the royalty—so naturally, it became a symbol of blue blood. Depositing gold at the feet of the Child in Bethlehem means that this Child is royalty—Son of David, King of Kings.

Frankincense is a type of hardened plant resin that creates aromatic smoke when burned. Nearly all cultures have reserved it as an offering to divinity. For the Jews, incense reminded them of the mystery of God, its smoke forming a spiritual link between heaven and earth. Its presence tells us that the Christ Child is God.

Myrrh is also plant resin, but its most common use was as a burial ointment. This gift of myrrh foretells Christ's death—that is, it undeniably announces His humanity and proclaims the salvific sacrifice He will undergo.

With one seemingly small gesture, the Magi declare to us that here is the Word Incarnate, God made man, born to be our King and our Salvation. Their offerings proved their homage and belief—that is why they were the best gift-givers.

Thank you everyone for your support.

Fraternally, Jim Lasichak- Grand Knight.



Knights of Columbus Council 8012 Prayer List 01-21-25



Sick/Infirmary/Medical Procedures

Knights

John Trudell	Parkinson's Disease
Leslie Johnson	Parkinson's Disease
Leonard Sauter	Cancer
Manny Diaz	COPD and Blood Flow Blockage in Legs and AFIB
Richard Frank	Dementia due to Traumatic Brain Disease, and Spinal Injuries
Jim Yarosh	Stage 4 Kidney Failure
Larry Fusco	Awaiting Lung Transplant
Larry Haney	Leukemia
Gary Sextone	Knee Infection
Jose Moctezuma-Ruiz	Multiple strokes- In Rehab
Richard Valentino	Erratic blood pressure and dizziness
Gary Pearson	Assisted Living Facility
Ron Czyznik	Concussion from fall- Dizzy Spells and low Blood Pressure
Ron Ciampi	Heart Valve issues

Widows

Carolyn Roberto	Cancer- Radiation and Chemo treatments
Lorraine Eager	Cancer-Kidney & Bladder Issues-Carpal Tunnel Surgery
Emily Davis	Unsuccessful Knee Replacement
Diane Hutchinson	Brain Cancer

Priests

Fr. David Vivero	Previous Pastor of St. Theresa	Kidney Dialysis
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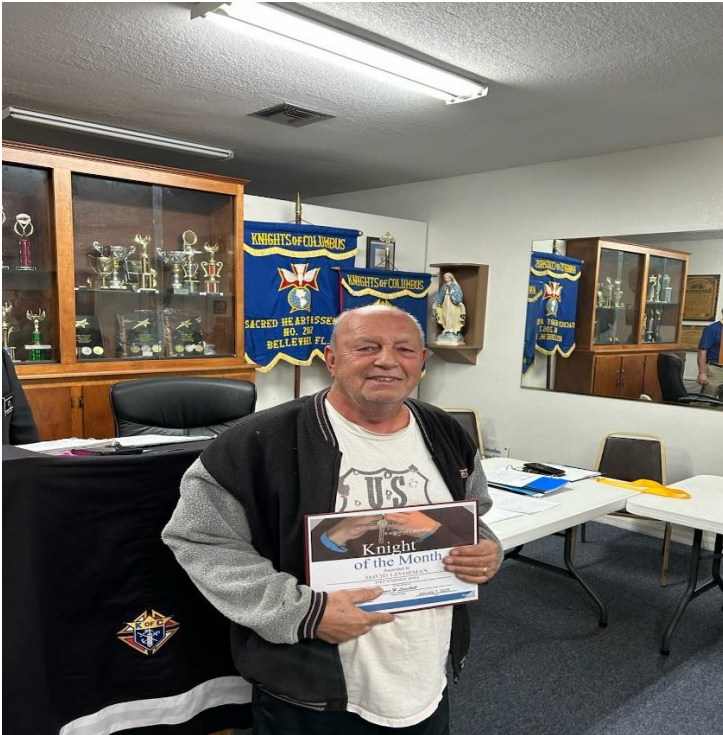
GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Member Knights

Larry Fusco SR	01/06/2021
Joseph Mann	11/09/2021
Bill Eager	08/27/2021
Carl Ross	09/06/2021
Jack Harward	09/11/2021
Pete Clemens	09/26/2021
James Donlon	10/30/2021
John Durst	11/03/2021
Daniel Mac Kenzie	12/14/2021
Philippe Lucier	02/06/2022
Bill Thompson	02/19/2022
Fredrick Bigl	03/18/2022
Walter Theroux	05/15/2022
Eddie Boutin	09/03/2022
James Boice	12/16/2022
Stephen Jewusiak	01/12/2023
Brent Soth	01/31/2023
David Moore	07/28/2023
Peter Camuso	09/14/2023
Normand Nowland	10/31/2023
Lester E Philips	03/02/2024
Hugh McCloskey	04/20/2024
Peter Fizzuto	05/19/2024
Paul Hutchinson	07/10/2024
Jim Hunter	07/11/2024
Walter Lotz	10/04/2024





Knight of the Month
David Lindeman

Family of the Month
Mary and Tom Gahles





Certificate of Appreciation for Three Kings Event. Gabriel Jaime Moreno and Fransico Villareal

Certificate of Appreciation for Running Children's Religious Education and Support of St. Theresa's Mission. Lynn McElwain





Knights in Support of Children's
Christmas Party





Knights in Support of Decorating the church





Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.



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