



# U-Knighted News

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## Special Dates:

*Sunday, December 6th*

*Doughnuts after Mass*

*Tuesday, December 8th*

*Immaculate Conception*

*Wednesday, December 9th*

*Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*Monday, December 21st*

*Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Center*

*1st Day of Winter*

*Friday, December 25th*

*Christmas Day*

*Sunday, December 27th*

*Feast of the Holy Family*

*Thursday, December 31st*

*New Year's Eve*



## Grand Knight's Message:

Greetings Brothers,

I hope your Thanksgiving was a blessed one for you and your families. There are a few things to report since the last communication. First, concerning the Membership Blitz on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, we brought in 7 new members; 2 transfers and 5 new candidates. That is **OUTSTANDING!!!** Thanks to the brothers who participated that weekend. Second, we are going have doughnuts after every Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month since we still cannot have the Pancake Breakfasts. The setup will be across the street from the church (in front of Our Lady's Grotto). As with the breakfasts, we will be asking for a donation. Please make yourselves available for 15 minutes after your Mass to help in this endeavor. And lastly, the Parish Center problem has been resolved. That means we will have our meetings back there instead of the church.

We have the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets for sale. The donation for those is \$3. We will have them available on "Doughnut Sunday" at the table. Please drop by, pick up a few and try to sell them. Due to the pandemic, all of our fund raisers have taken a backseat to safety, so any incoming funds are welcome. It only helps us help others.

As a kid, Advent was an exciting time of the year. TV specials, carols and decorations in preparation for the birth of Our Lord seemed to escalate as the time went by. People seemed to be a little kinder and polite in those days. There was more focus on the true meaning of the holiday. Today, unfortunately as adults, we are faced with distractions. Life just seems to get in the way. It is my prayer that during this season (especially this year) you find some time to steal away during your day to reconnect with that childlike anticipation of Christmas.

---Mike P.



### Prayer for Our Country:

*Almighty God. You have given us this good land for our heritage. We humbly ask You that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Your favor and glad to do Your will. Bless our land with honorable endeavor, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitude brought here out of many nations and tongues. Endow with the Spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Your law we may show forth Your praise among the nations on earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble do not allow our trust in You to fail. Amen.*

--Thomas Jefferson

### Chaplain's Inspiration:

My Dear Brother Knights,

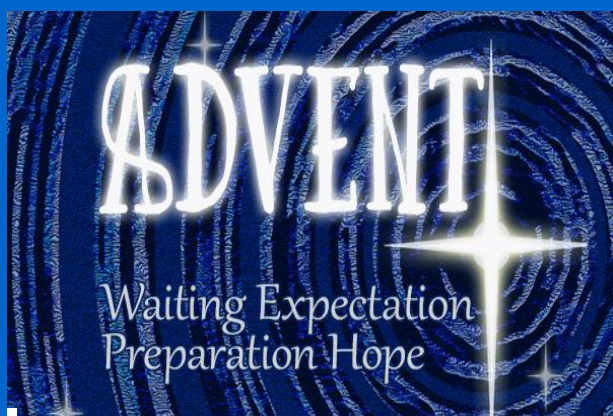
**Advent: Get Ready! Be Sharp! Focus. Focus. Focus.**

We might consider this season of Advent beginning today as a long vigil. Vigil, of course, means we are waiting for something, something to happen. Some vigils make us anxious.

We may know what it's like to wait in the hospital waiting room for the news of a sick relative. Or a parent keeping vigil of an infant who may be teething or may have a high temperature. Then there's the phone call waiting for the safe arrival of a loved one after a long journey, "We're home!"

Remember the lines of people waiting in anticipation for the doors to open on Black Friday, some of them waiting for days, living in tents in years past. This tradition of waiting, of keeping vigil, starts with today's gospel where Jesus exhorts us to keep alert, keep awake, and wait for





### *Birthdays:*

*Fr. Rick Pilger 12/15*

*Terry Loudermilk II 12/21*

### *Knighthood Anniversaries:*

*John Yevich 12/11/1996*

*Ernest Radicchi 12/5/2018*

him to return. I'd like to think that in this vigil of the Season of Advent, we are looking for something past Christmas.

In fact, this Gospel is linked to the First Preface of Advent, which reads, "Now we watch for the day, hoping that the salvation promised us will be ours when Christ our Lord comes in glory." Our attention is directed to a great future event, not the future feast we are to celebrate in a few of weeks. Jesus coming in glory again and again and again and at the end of time.

Advent is a vigil of hope where we trust in a Divine Person who has shared our lot, understands our frailties, and loved us to death. We place our hope in Jesus the Christ, our brother, Savior, and friend. You just never know when He will come, like the hospital volunteer tutor who was asked to visit a 5th grader. No one warned her that the boy had been badly burned and was in great pain. Upset at the sight of his scars, she stammered as she told him, "I've been sent by your school to help you with nouns and adverbs." <sup>1</sup>

She left after the lesson feeling that she hadn't accomplished much at all. But the next day a nurse asked her, "What did you do to that boy?" The teacher, stricken, began to apologize. "No, no," said the nurse. "You don't understand. We've been very worried about him, but ever since yesterday, his whole attitude has changed. He's fighting back, responding to treatment. It's as though he decided to live."

Two weeks later the boy explained that he completely gave up hope until the teacher arrived. Then, everything changed when he came to a simple realization. He said simply: "They wouldn't send a teacher to work on nouns and adverbs with a dying boy, would they?" Jesus is amazing. A hospital volunteer, going about her daily routine can turn a life around.

We just heard the gospel about a man traveling abroad who leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work - each with his own work. The hospital volunteer tutor thought she had failed miserably. With Jesus, the end is never what we expect it to be. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming. "Come Lord Jesus!"

Fr. Rick Pilger, I.C.





## Insurance Agent's Report:

Worthy Grand Knight, Sir Knights and Brothers all,

This is really a special time as we approach the end of the year and our thoughts turn to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We think of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. Many of us will be scurrying around buying a Christmas tree, getting it decorated; looking for that perfect gift for our spouse, our kids and maybe grandkids. There are parties and school Christmas shows. There is a lot going on and you're busier than ever.

But let me ask you to slow down for just a few minutes and consider some financial issues that come up at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.

2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.

3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

--Romans 15:13



4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? I know you didn't have to but you might want to. Are taxes going to be higher in the future? Then why defer paying taxes that are lower now to a later date where they could be higher? If you want more information on this, let me know. I don't mind paying taxes, but don't want to pay more than I should!

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so I don't ever want to give any blanket advice. But if you do have questions on any of these issues, please grab me after the meeting. I'd be happy to discuss them with you.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior!

Vivat Jesus!

God Bless and Stay safe,



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## Golf Tournament:

The date is set for the tournament. It will be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 1:00 pm at Seminole Lake Country Club. The proceeds will benefit our council and the school. We will need everyone's help with; securing sponsors for holes, prizes, raffles, players, etc. This is a major undertaking so we are looking for everyone to assist in some way. There will be a sheet for sponsor donations sent to you via email shortly to help defray some of the costs. The donations could be gift cards, merchandise,



services or anything that can be raffled off. The committee is asking everyone to get some sponsors. If you know anyone who owns a business, maybe they can make some contribution. More details will be forthcoming as the committee continues to meet. A flyer to "Save the Date" is posted at the end of the newsletter.

### Prayer Intentions:

- For the end of the pandemic
- For the continual healing of Fr. Gordon
- Our Seminarian Mark De Sio
- First Responders and all Health Care Workers
- For Our Armed Forces and our Veterans
- For the sanctity of all life
- For the end of prejudice in all forms
- And those intentions that are near to our hearts

Brothers, if there is a time that you become aware of a brother that needs assistance or is called back to the Lord, please inform me so that the proper action can be taken. We can't help if we don't know.

### Lest we Forget:

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, marks the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. This marked the United States entry into WWII. Let us not forget the sacrifices of not only those who served, but those that stayed back in our country and aided in the war effort. They were truly the "greatest Generation".



*Actual children's versions of  
Christmas Carols:*

*"...sleep in heavenly peas"*

*"This is he whom Sears of old."*

*"Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plane."*

*"...While the shepherds washed their  
socks at night"*

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**And in conclusion:**

I do hope, with everything going on, that you all find some peace during this Holiday Season and that the God Lord will bless you and your families with health and love for Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Thank you for your support and friendship.

Blessings!







# *Save the Date!!*

*Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00pm*

*The Inaugural Blessed Sacrament School  
Golf Outing*

*Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council  
#17612*

***Prizes!!! Raffles!!! Food!!!***

*At Seminole Lake Country Club*

*6100 Augusta Blvd.*

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*More details to follow*