



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

January 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st – New Year’s Day, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Peace

January 6th – The Epiphany of the Lord

January 16th – Martin Luther King jr. Day Holiday

FAITHFUL FRIAR:

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Church does not celebrate Epiphany as a past event—the recognition of the Savior by a few pagans from the East—but as a living reality of salvation in today’s world and in the Church, which has been given the mission of announcing it and opening the way to it. No one is more clearly conscious of this than Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. Look at what he wrote to the Ephesians about the apostolic ministry (Eph 3:2-3, 5-6).

The mystery of Christ is a revelation made “now by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets.” It is a question of an epiphany: Paul did not use the word, but spoke instead of “revelation” and “knowledge,” which are related terms.

The point of this manifestation is that “the Gentiles are now co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and sharers of the promise.” It is accomplished “through the preaching of the gospel.”

For the Church, this requirement involves the stringent duty to constantly reform, “to adapt to the needs of our own times those institutions that are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of humanity into the household of the Church,” as the Second Vatican Council said at the beginning of the first constitution it promulgated.

The whole Bible witnesses that God’s plan is to bring together all people and indeed all things into unity. Only then will God be fully manifested. In the meantime, the history of the world and the Church is that of a developing epiphany and therefore a mystery that is revealed each day.

The liturgy not only celebrates the mystery of the Epiphany: it is the mystery of the Epiphany in act. This is also true for all the sacraments, collectively and individually. Christ is present there and recognized in faith as the Lord of glory. Elevated to the presence of the Father, he acts for the sanctification of all, the Church and the world, by his humanity and by the Spirit he sends.

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Worthy Sir Knights.

Greetings from the vestiges of the annual Christmas gift giving debacle of my household. I say debacle in the most physical sense of the word; with paper and cardboard, tinsel and tape, all glued together in the senseless attempt of the small little pieces of gifts to escape. I know you all have dealt with the missing, but critical little thing, that makes the other, bigger, more expensive thing, move or relate. Sorry, but I was emoting my relief that this is only a small, wonderful, but difficult, part of our Holiday.

CHRISTMAS was glorious!!! Mass was wonderful, with faces almost forgotten making an appearance; children half grown from last time I've seen them, and lots of love exchanged by so many!

I realize that the past year was tough, beautiful, painful, awe inspiring, and so many other descriptive terms to express what we experienced, but our Savior brought us through it all! I don't profess to know how we should best prepare ourselves for what comes next, I just feel that we need to give ourselves up to Jesus, allowing him to show us the way and actually trying to walk with him, to save ourselves and those we love.

I am not a holy man. I am as tarnished as anyone, but I do believe we all can do better and be better if we try. I ask each of you to do that, give an effort to be a more active Knight, a more thoughtful husband, a better Grandpa, and a more forgiving and generous soul.

God bless you all, your families, those we cherish, and especially those we don't often remember and most easily forget!

Your FN JC

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

Billing for 2023 dues is in the mail. You may have received it already or will very soon. Your prompt payment would be greatly appreciated. As has been the case for the past several years, about 25% of the members do not pay their dues. This restricts the number of monies we have for any charitable work the assembly would like to be involved in. It amounts to about \$700 a year and a considerable amount over the past 5 years. Enough Said!! Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find a condensed version the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity I must submit each year by January 31st. Please fill it out and return it with your due's payment. I don't have a final count for the See's Candy Drive, but it looks like it is going the must less than last year. More in the February bulletin.

Tom Cunningham, Sr
Comptroller

DISTRICT DEPUTY:

My Brothers,

Happy New Year! I trust you all had a wonderful Advent and Christmas! I truly hope the season was everything you wished it to be – a time spent with family and friends rejoicing in the birth of our Savior. As we begin the new year, let us be ever mindful of our devotion to living the Gospel of Christ and celebrating His presence among us.

There are many reasons to rejoice in the new year! First and foremost, I would like to thank and welcome **Brother James Collins as a new Warden for District 2**. Brother Jim is a Past Grand Knight and Former Financial Secretary of Paradise Council 7773 who provided outstanding leadership following the Camp Fire in 2018. He joins Brother Steve Duran as one of two wardens for District 2. Brother Steve is a Past Grand Knight, Former

District Deputy and member of Susanville Council 4780. Brother Steve will continue to assist me as Warden in the mountain communities east of Lake Almanor, and Brother Jim will assist me in the communities of Chico, Paradise and Corning. I am grateful to both for their help.

I am also pleased to announce the Supreme Council has just released a short video titled “*Our Lady of Guadalupe: Woman of the Eucharist*”. The Virgin of Guadalupe is invoked as not only the patroness of the Americas and the unborn, but also of the Knights of Columbus. It was produced to further demonstrate the devotion of the Knights of Columbus to the National Eucharistic Revival. According to Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley “This powerful and moving film shows how Catholics encounter Christ through prayer and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary was completely focused on Our Lord with ever greater devotion. To imitate her and to be devoted to her as Mother of Our Lord and Our Mother is a sure way to greater love of the eucharistic Lord, who gave up his life for the



world.” The video can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

The Supreme Council continues to promote online membership as an easy way to get a qualified Catholic man quickly involved. As an online member, they are able to attend council meetings and participate in Knights of Columbus activities. **By participating in a Combined Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, they can be transferred into the council and count as a new member.** The online membership application can be found at kofc.org/join or by scanning the QR Code accompanying this article. Online membership is free for the first year by entering the promo code *BLESSEDMCGIVNEY*. The online form is also available in Spanish by choosing “Española” in the Language pull down menu in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Both can be saved as favorites on your



smartphone or tablet.

The featured program for January is “Novena for Life.” Order wide and statewide *Novenas for Life* will be broadcast via Facebook and YouTube. Watch for further information in the weeks ahead. In addition to novenas, prayers, and devotions, *Walks*

for Life will be conducted in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego and many other communities throughout the state. For further information on the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco click [here](#).

As always, my compliments to the councils in District 2 and thanks for the support you provide your Pastors and parish. Godspeed to the many events and activities you are planning in the new year! Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE:

Happy New Year Brothers to you and your families! Attached is my input for the beginning of the new year, January 2023!

Have a Blessed Day,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

Rev. Mieczyslaw Maleszyk	01-01	Theodore R. Zaragosa	01-10
James A Currlin	01-22	Joseph Crete	01-25
Peter Costa	01-28	David Porter	01-28
Felix Rivera	01-30		

Please wish these Sir Knights a Happy Birthday!



COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:

Still Nothing to Report!!

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