

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE JOHN T. DONOHUE ASSEMBLY 0067

January 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1st – Mary, mother of God - Solemnity – Holy Day of Obligation.

January 7th – Baptism of the Lord -- Feast

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR:

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 ad opening the way to it. No one is more clearly conscious of this than Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

The mystery of Christ is a revelation made "now by the Spirit to the holy apostles and prophets." The point of this manifestation is that "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.

The missionary activity of the Church is not taken lightly, nor is it limited by circumstances. 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.

The liturgy not only celebrates the mystery of the Epiphany: it is the mystery of the Epiphany in fact. This is also true of all 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.

When we celebrate the liturgy and the sacraments, we do not bring gifts of gold, incense, and myrrh, but our personhood and our hearts.

In each celebration of the liturgy and the sacraments—all the way from baptism, i.e., "illumination," to anointing, which is received just before entering eternal light—we proceed toward a clearer vision of the splendor of God.

Finally, when the assembly is dispersed, it is "by another route"—that of conversion—that each returns home "in the peace of Christ."

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

Worthy Faithful Sir Knights,

Well, we made it through to 2024 and I am hoping that you all had some good times with family and friends while celebrating the birth and life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since last we met formally at the November meeting, our BIG event of the year took place on December 6th. It was enjoyed by all courtesy of Council 13765 PGK Dan Rodrigues who provided the delicious meal, donation of cake dessert from Mike and Connie Johnson, donations of wine by Jim and Becky Callas, handmade centerpieces from John Courtney and Master Santa's Helper Dave Abbott presided over some fun and singing after dinner. Thanks to all plus help from Jon Revolinsky for all the prep before and after and take down.

So now onward to provide some substance to the rest of the Columbian Year. As I have alluded to in past missives and meetings, my intention, with the approval and help from you the Assembly, is to delve into and decide to achieve the earning of the coveted Star Assembly Award. This is something like that for the Star Council that requires some activities that we are already doing on a yearly basis. The bottom line is that it will take only a bit more effort than I will present in an outline at the January 3rd meeting.

Lastly, I have reprinted a request below from Deacon Danny Patterson in Sacramento to all KofC members about a one-day presentation on the subject of Right to Life. Since this a matter of such great importance to all, I am resending it to all of you who represent the top of our food chain for all Catholic gentlemen who may have the time and inclination to attend. Please give it some thought and prayer to consider attending.

May God Bless and see you in the New Year, Steve Mormann, FN Assembly 67

P S: From Deacon Patterson:

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself to you and the purpose of my email. I am Deacon Danny and I have been brought in to help plan and organize the upcoming Respect Life events for the months of January and February 2024. But more important, I am happy to have the opportunity to work with you on this really important area of ministry - Respect Life. I am also a brother Knight and founding member of Council 17048 at Holy Spirit. One of the events I am working on is the Annual Respect Life Gathering, which will be held:

Saturday January 13, 2024

St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, North Highlands 8am Mass with Bishop Jaime Sote

9am – 2pm Meeting - couple of interesting speakers, networking, and complimentary lunch.

This year we want to put out into the deep water and cast a wider net. So, we invite parish ministries such as SVdP, Knight of Columbus, 40 days for Life, Marriage Encounter, Food Bank, Catholic, Social Services, Crisis Pregnancy Centers (you get the picture) to attend. We will have several ministries providing resource tables so we can all see the breadth of the diocese that are all involved in the Respect Life ministry.

I would like the Knights of Columbus to host a table of resources so people can identify connection points as they work to support people along the pathway. There is no cost to attend. I am hoping this is something the Knights leadership within the diocese in supporting and attending. I would also encourage your members at the parish Councils to attend as well with the other ministries from their parish. I look forward to hearing from you and receiving your support and forwarding this on to the Knights of Columbus leadership team. Your members can register in advance so we can plan the room and of course, multiplication of the loaves.

Registration - Respect Life Annual Gathering 2024

God bless, Deacon Danny Daniel X. Patterson Deacon Daniel X. Patterson

Coordinator, Respect Life Ministry

NOTES FROM THE COMPTROLLER:

Brothers, you should have received your dues notice for 2024. Early return of your payment is greatly appreciated. Remember the \$6.00 is used only for purchase of a chalice upon your death. On a very rare occasion some of the money has been used to purchase headstones for the unborn, but only with the approval of the Assembly. **Unfortunately, for the past 8 or 10 years, 25% of the membership will not PAY their dues!!** I do not have an accounting of how we did with See's candy drive as I have only received the money from two sellers (about \$4500). I hope the others bring the monies to the meeting on January 3rd, so I can finalize the accounting. I have 4 boxes of assorted left. Many thanks to all the sellers for their help in making this drive a success.

Tom Cunningham, Sr

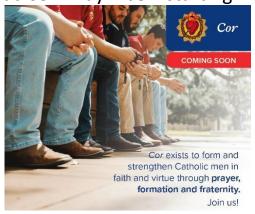
DISTRICT DEPUTY:

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, is implementation of the new *Cor* bible study program by two councils (and possibly a third) in District 2. Councils 1137 at St. John's Church and Council 13765 at Our Divine Savior Church (both located in Chico) have combined forces to hold **their first** *Cor* **meeting on Tuesday, January 16**

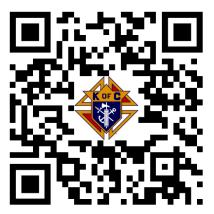
in Room 2 of the ODS Social Hall starting at 7:00 PM. Led by Brother Rob Holt from Council 1137, brother Knights and men of the parish alike are invited to attend the first of twelve-monthly meetings using the "Men of the Word" study guide recently released by the Supreme Council. Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month thereafter at the same time and location. Focusing on scripture, prayer and fraternity, the goal of each *Cor* (Latin for "Heart") gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, and to be formed in their faith. Council 7773 at St. Thomas More Church in Paradise may be starting a *Cor* program of their own



soon.

The Supreme Council continues to promote online membership as an easy way to get qualified Catholic men of the parish involved in your council quickly. 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 officially become members of your council and also 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 web page. Both can be saved as favorites



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FIELD AGENT'S MONTHLY INPUT

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year! As we begin this new year, we give thanks for all the blessings we received in 2023 and prayers of hope that this new year will include blessings for everyone!

Although I have had the honor of serving as a Worthy Fraternal Insurance Agent for the past six years, I thought I would re-introduce myself to everyone and specifically new Brother Knights and Councils that I now serve. For starters, I have been a brother Knight for 12+ years and have been providing financial management and services for many years. I was born a cheesehead (yes Wisconsin!) but grew up in Northern California (that is, the far north up in Redding). After graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy and serving with another great band of brothers in the U.S. Marine Corps, I attended business school at New York University, earned my MBA in Finance, and worked in New York and California in various financial, operations management and technical sales positions before becoming a small business owner (a couple of times). The opportunity to take my background and experiences, combine them with my Catholic faith, and follow Blessed Father McGivney's vision of Brother Knights helping to ensure the financial security of Brother Knights and their families was an easy decision.

My goal in this position is simple: I want to continue bringing our blessed founder's vision to those I serve making sure that each of my brother Knights' financial future is secure for themselves and their loved ones while we are here on earth as well as after we have been called to be with Christ. I am looking forward to this new year and meeting each one of you. Please feel free to reach out to me as well.

Wishing you and your family a blessed 2024!

God Bless,

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE SIR KNIGHTS:

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| Joseph Crete | 01-25-1940 | Peter Costa | 01-28-1940 |
| David Porter | 01-28-1960 | Felix Rivera | 01-30-1981 |

Please remember to wish these individuals a Happy Birthday if you happen to see them. It is a nice thing to do!



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No report this month! A report will be submitted when there is activity within the Color Guard.

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