## **Chancellor Reflections-Knights Meeting-November 8, 2022**

With the extra activities tonight, the Chancellors Report will be very short.

So, lets just take five minutes to close-out the Novena and Purgatory.

## On the Novena

 We have received many positive comments from inside and outside of the Knights. Overall, received very well and guaranteed to be fruitful.

## On Purgatory

- It is good to remember that Purgatory is not a place but a state of Holy Presence where Souls are purified.
- Those <u>Souls</u>, being of those that have died "in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified"
- That "purification, is needed, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven".
- The <u>joy of heaven</u> requires the complete absence of sin and evil because the Book of Revelation teaches us "that nothing <u>unclean</u> can see God".
- No one knows how long the Purification Process takes to remove the uncleanness – maybe milliseconds or maybe eons – but, after our Human Death, time is of no consequence.
- Although "no consequence of time" being said for the Souls in Purgatory, it is not true for us here on Earth. We have not only limited time to pray for the "Faithfully Departed" to help them with their purification; but, likewise we have only to the end of our own lives to assure that we can pass the Initial Test in not being gravely Separated from God in any way.

As a closing thought, we believe that from Saint Stephen though Saint John Paul II and beyond, praying to the Saints in Heaven invokes the ability for them to directly help us with grace!! Then, visualize the condition that you have been praying for the souls of your parents for years and at some point, they may be able to return those graces back to you.