

The Knightly News

Bishop Granjon Council # 4339

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7 PM First Tues. every month



January 2019

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with their families. I know the people who attended the Children's Christmas party on the 15th had a very nice time. Thanks to Joan Cormier we had a few games for the kids to play and they even got a prize. Santa was a big hit with the younger kids but the older ones went along with the show. He gave out Nativity coloring books, candy canes and popcorn balls, donated by the Moose Lodge.

I want to thank Fred Noll for the donation of hot dogs, the Moose Lodge for the buns, Jerry for the hot chocolate and the Moose ladies for the extra gifts. Those gifts worked out perfectly as the kids left they were handed a wrapped gift that was pretty close to age appropriate. We had a couple of Crosiers attend for a while and I can't get out of my mind the laughter on Fr. Rossi's face when Santa ho-ho-hoed. Santa even had a little school call about the First Christmas and the children were right there with the correct answers.

If you are receiving this newsletter prior to the 30th, our **Corporate Communion** will be at the Crosier Priory at the 8:00 Mass. **GK's message continued top page 2**

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This will also include the Consecration of the family. So if you are going to attend, please have the whole family with you to take part in this Consecration in honor of the Feast of the Holy Family which is on the 30th. This satisfies one of the requirements in the Faith in Action program that Supreme has put out.

Fr. Alex asked if the council would assist with the posada on Saturday the 22nd to pass out the refreshments after the people return to the church from their walk around the neighborhood. If you are available please be at Campo Hall about 7:00PM.

Fr. Paul at Sacred Heart has asked the council would sponsor the posada on Sunday the 23rd and I accepted. Please be in the parish hall at 5:30PM. Don't forget to wear your council shirt and badge.

The January meeting has been changed to the 3rd due to the New Year holiday. Also in January the Free Throw Competition on Friday January 18th and is being held at St. Catherine's playground from 1:30-5:00. There will be sign ups pretty soon.

Another event in January is the District 28 meeting. Bishop Granjon will be sponsoring this at the Crosier Priory, Campo Hall from 8:00AM-12:pm. We will have to discuss what we will be serving for lunch; I believe someone had mentioned Polish sausages so we can discuss it at the next meeting. If you are able to help out, please sign up at the next meeting.

Spaghetti dinners are starting up again ton the 25th of January between 4PM-7PM in Campo Hall. Please try to attend to not only have dinner with your family.

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Whew, that is a lot to digest but I think that takes care of the things we are doing in January except the breakfast at Sacred Heart on the 13th.

I would like to welcome Leo Young to the council. Leo has transferred from his council in Hightstown, New Jersey, I won't hold that against you though, and is a friend of Joe Borquez.

My wife Fran and I wish you and your families a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2019 and I will see you at the next meeting on January 3rd.

God Bless you,

Ed Mattina, GK

Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

First of all "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to you all. Depending on when you get this newsletter it may still be Christmas season (which ends January 13th with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord) - but also the New Year will be upon us.

In my homily on New Year's Day I will remind the assembly-and myself-that in the scriptures for Mass, "Mary reflected all these things in her heart." As we end 2018, we need to be like Mary: reflecting on what took place over the past year-both good and not-so-good. There is nothing we can do to go back and re-live what took place.

A new year is always a new beginning,- and whether we recognize it or not-we have 365 days in which grace abounds in our lives. To put it another way, 2019 invites us to another stage in our lives to more profoundly-

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interact with the Holy Spirit in order to be more Christ-like, more God centered, more loving and compassionate.

In her book *What Happened* Hilary Clinton wrote that her husband, Bill Clinton, often reminds her of the fact "We have more yesterdays than tomorrows." Looking at our own Council and ages, present, the vast majority of us can say the same: we have more yesterdays than tomorrows. So what are we going to do about that? The past is past-but the future is awaits us. All told, we have been given, a total of 25,000 days to live. New Year's 2019 wipes out all of the yesterdays BUT offers us 365 shining, new tomorrows in which to be finer, more focused, more faithful Christians.

This is an opportunity, an offer from God for the future. To accept it has to be one of our most meaningful and profound New Year's resolutions.

Let us embrace the God given 365 days which are ahead of us-and may we pray for each other that those days will be blessed and grace filled.

Father Jude Verley, ocs

Chaplain

Breakfast Report

The breakfasts will be on **Jan. 13.**

Reporting time will be at 8:00AM on Sunday. Please try to come down to help for as much time as you can give. If you cannot make it in the early hours, we can use the help later after the 12:30 Mass.

Paul Peralta, Breakfast Chairman

Calendar for January

Jan. 3: Regular business meeting: Campo Hall, Crosier Priory 7PM

Jan. 4: Rosary at Mary's Garden located at the St. Catherine's Parish office at 7PM

Jan 13: Breakfast @ Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Jan. 18: Free Throw Competition, 1:30-5:00 @ St. Catherine's playground

Jan. 25: Spaghetti Dinner 4:00PM-7:00PM Campo Hall

Jan. 26: District 28 Mtg. Open to GK, DGK, FS, and any other officer and member. 8:00AM-12:00PM Campo Hall

Jan. 29: Officer's Meeting 7 PM Conference Room at Priory

Committees for future events

We are in need for a committee for the council picnic. There has not been any plans as of yet made so the committee will have to pick a date and venue for the picnic. At the officer's meeting it was discussed to possibly have it sometime in Feb. unless that conflicts with the casino run that Paul Montoya is planning. Please step up and help with this one.

Prayer for our Service men and women

For Those Serving Overseas and at Home:

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."

Recruitment

Do you know about the membership incentives running right now?

Two incentives are open to all Knights.

Knights who go all in on recruitment can win tickets to an NBA Or NHL game in their region. Plus, the top recruiters win a trip to the Supreme Convention next Aug.

Grand Knights have the chance to win a trip to New Haven and to the Supreme Convention.

Here are the details on these great opportunities for you and your council:

Grand Knights: Recruiter Incentive

(July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019)

The top Grand Knight in each jurisdiction of the Insurance Territory (based on his Membership Quota) will be entered into a raffle for 5 trips to New Haven for him and his spouse. The Grand Knight with the highest recruitment is awarded a trip; to the 2019 Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN.

All Knights: Winter Blast Recruiter incentive (Dec. 1, 2018-Jan 31, 2019)

The top 3 recruiters in the Insurance Territories will win tickets to their choice of an NHL or NBA game in the city nearest them. Overnight accommodations in that city are included? *This incentive runs through January 31, 2019*

All Knights: Recruiter Incentive

(July, 2018-June 30, 2019) The top 10 recruiters in the Insurance Territories and their spouses will receive a complimentary trip to the 2019 Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN, and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Table during the State Dinner. The top recruiter will be recognized during the Awards Session.

Let's see if we can't have someone from our win one of these awards!

Safe Environment

Brothers,

As I have mentioned in prior newsletters and also at meetings, you must be current with the Safe Environment program to participate in any function where there are children present. Below is the website where you can register for a class or contact the office to ask questions.

Please get this important class done ASAP and let me know when you have completed this. Thank you

<https://phoenix.setanet.org/index.php>

Safe Environment Training

The Community, Family and Program Directors **must** satisfy the safe environment requirements of the Supreme Council.

Please go to www.kofc.org/safe to register for the Supreme safe environment and background check. If you are in either of these positions, if you do not satisfy the requirement, you will be taken out of that position by Supreme until the requirement is completed.

Without everyone being in compliance, the council will loose out earning the Columbian award and Star Council. This goes along with the amount of recruits we get to join the council so please get up to speed.

January Birthdays

Joe Borquez 1/20

Fr. Jude Verley 1/30

Fr. Tom Enneking 1/2

Sam Ortiz 1/24

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3) Business meeting 7PM Campo Hall	4) Rosary @ Mary's Garden 7PM	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13) Breakfast @ Sacred Heart 8:00AM	14	15	16	17	18) Free Throw @ St. Catherine's 1:30-5:00	19) Assembly Mtg. Moose Lodge, 9AM food 10:00 mtg.
20	21	22	23	24	25) Spaghetti Dinner 4-7PM Campo Hall	26) Dist. 28 Mtg. 8AM-12PM Campo Hall
27	28	29) Officer's Mtg. Campo Hall @ 7PM	30	31		