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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Charles Huey, Grand Knight

### Brother Knights

First let me say MERRY CHRISTMAS from my family to yours. This is a very special time of the year for all Catholics around the world. We start the advent season on December 1<sup>st</sup> and with that we show the world how we keep Christ in Christmas. I know it is a busy time of year and it is no different for your council. On December 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will be the festival of trees at Holy Family which I hope that everyone will attend but, before you go on Friday stop by the hall and enjoy our world-famous fish fry. The guys have worked very hard and would enjoy having you come down and if you can help please do so they need help cleaning up as you know if we have more people the faster it gets done and everyone can rest. On December 6<sup>th</sup> is our annual Christmas party for all the knights and their families we have some great food and activities for both the kids and adults alike. If you are bringing a child or grandchild, just remember to bring a gift for them with their names on it so that Santa can give it to them. Door will open at 5pm, Dinner will be at 6pm and the special visitor and his wife will arrive at 7pm. Please bring a desert to share as always this is a great time for all to have and to enjoy the Christmas season. On December 7<sup>th</sup> our Spanish brothers and sisters will be holding the celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe after the Spanish mass at Holy Family they will have the procession from the church to our hall where they have invited us to share in the celebration with them. This will be a great opportunity to promote the Knights to get our brothers to join and pray with our Lady for our country, all the unborn children and council. I want to thank each and everyone of your that donated to the Coats for Kids drive this year. I was happy to deliver 45 coats to Windsor school district and they said they had around 80 children that need coats.

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**Meal for October Meeting Sandwiches**

Due to the rising cost of postage and get items lost in the mail. The Pflash will now be sent to email unless otherwise requested. Copies can be picked up at the hall.

So, we as Knights have help over half this year not be cold. As I look at the Christmas Season, we always hear the story of the nativity, but one thing that I do is think how Joseph felt during that time. When he found out that Mary was with child, and during that time and in the Jewish culture would have brought scandal because she was not married and he would have been upset and thinking she was lying to him would have been angry. You know that the Lord spoke to him and told him she was not lying but, it was the Son of Man, and he married her and took care of her. How he may have felt to be basically the stepfather of Jesus but, he did not think of him that way to him he was Jesus's father and he protected, taught and even care for both until his death. Now, think of today we have fathers not being father to children that they created and some men become stepfather and father in the basic sense to these children. The greatest gift that God has given us was his son, but the second greatest gift is Love think about this we are to love God first, and our fellow man next. When we as Knights help the children, the homeless, and the widow we are helping our Lord. When the time comes and I welcome death to take me to my fathers house and he looks at me and says "I was the homeless person you feed, I was the child that you gave a coat too, I was the widow of you brother that you invited to the events, you showed me love and I show you love and mercy to enter my home." For years I have heard from different organizations and people in general I have so much money in the bank accounts, but what good does it do you? Woe to the rich man that does not help his brothers and sisters and woe to the organization that think it better to have money in the back then it is to help their community. This is what makes the Knights different we give to the poor, widow, children and disabled do you know what that makes us the richest organization in the world. I may not have millions of dollars in the bank and I would give my last dime or last bit of food to anyone in need and I would still be the richest man alive because, I have a family that loves me, a brotherhood that will help at a moments notice, and most importantly a Blessed Mother and Father that all I have to do is pray and they will come to my aid and I will one day enter their home.

Here a little joke for every to start the new year out right. St. Peter is standing at the gates of heaven and Christ walks up and says "Peter, I thought I told you to be very selective on who comes into heaven?" Peter said "Lord, I am doing what I was told but, you need to talk to your mother she keeps opening the window to let them in."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Vivat Jesus!

Charles Huey

Grand Knight



# Minutes of Meeting

Officers Meeting 5:30pm-6:00 PM

Meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Charles Huey at 6:30P.M. with all praying the Our Father & saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fr. Michael Lydon, Chaplain, was absent due to recovery from back surgery.

Ron Moellman provided the Treasurer's report and Preston Haglin provided the Financial Secretary's report.

There will be a Blood Drive at the hall for the council Blood Drive at the hall on 11/24/25. Dave Berry will continue leading the council Blood Drives.

John Harper gave a report for Pro-Life. He read a nice article to the council.

Preston reported that the fish fry was a big success and that we made \$1,600 and that the next one will be on December 5<sup>th</sup>. We need more help to clean up in the kitchen after the fish fry.

Preston also reported that again this year the knights have teamed with the Arnold Rotary to provide Thanksgiving meals to the underprivileged. We donated \$750 again this year and they are looking for pies they must be store bought and if you could drop them off at First Baptist or at the hall he will take them, they are also looking for help and you can get a hold of him as well.

Deputy Grand Knight, David Whitlock reported that he was working for a non-profit that help with basic sanitation items such as shampoo, soaps, towels and other items. The non-profit is closing due to the founder retiring and wanted to know if the Knights would want to sponsor this event that is held every Sunday at Holy Family. Preston made a motion that the knight sponsor this event and donate \$100 a month to buy supplies, Motion seconded by Bobby Hayes, Motion carried.

Bruce Brunt asked for help for breakfast on December 6th for the festival of trees event. This year will be scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns and he needs help at the church by 6am. If anyone would like to help just let Bruce or the Grand Knight know or just show up.

The Grand Knight, Charles Huey, Reported on the following items.

1. There will be a meeting regarding the Ladies Auxiliary re-activation on 12/07/25 at 10:30am.
2. The council Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025. Doors open at 5:30, dinner starts at 6:00. Food will be catered by Andre's Catering.

The Knight of the Month was Jim Schmidt , the Family of the Month was Art and Marian Siebert, the 50/50 was won by Tom Deddens

The Meeting was closed with the praying of three Hail Mary's for the end to abortion.

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4TH DEGREE NEWS

No news for this month due to the Christmas party is the same day as our council.

District Deputy Report

The district is at 36% membership with our council being 29% we still need 4 new members to get to the quota. I have been to every council over 5 times since taking office as your District Deputy and I want you to know that I see the Holy Sprite moving in our district. We are helping people with disabilities, coats, and no food. One thing that we must do is keep the lines of communications open with our brothers in other councils. I am proud to announce that our council has received the founders award already this year. No we must start working on the Annual survey please send your hour that you have done any chairity work in the community that counts for us as well. Merry Christmas and I will see you next year.

Family of the Month

This Family works very hard to keep the parish going from helping with the maintenance, quilt social and the festival of trees as Art is not a member, he still supports all the Knights do and for this reason **Art and Marian Siebert** are our Family of the Month of November.

Knight of the Month

During every fish fry this Knight is always here ready to work and stays late to help clean every pot, pan, or anything else that needs to be done. He always has a smile on his face and for this **Jim Schmidt** is our Knight for the Month of November.

Looking for some help. On December 5th, Holy Family Parish will have its Festival of Trees. Again, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a free breakfast from 8:30 to 11:30 or until we run out of food. I am organizing this event and would like some volunteers to help between 6AM and 11:30. Please let me know if you can help by text or calling me at 314-799-7231.

Thank you,

Brother Knight, Bruce Brunts



*Festival of Trees*

## Arnold Club News

The Arnold Club was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Mark Howell

The Opening Prayer was offered by President Mark Howell

The Minutes: Secretary presented the minutes via email. The minutes were approved as printed.

Communications: None

Treasurer Report:

o Money Market \$551.14

o CD \$29,997.39

o Checking \$2,410.16

o Queen of Hearts \$3,005.53

· Total \$35,944.22

Preston said that we will pass along some of the expenses to the Knight starting soon and the account for the club needs to be above \$50,000.00.

Unfinished Business: Ameren still needs to be contacted for the parking lot. The front steps are completed The Sign is still in process with the city. January 1st rent will be raised 20% on the tents upstairs.

New Business: President Howell is working with two people to for a budget and design plan updating the inter of the hall.

Workday will be done in the coming months. A date will be announced after the 1st of the year. Tom brought up scrubbing the floor in the kitchen Preston will check with the lady that clean the hall.

Announcements: None

Closing: The closing ceremony was held, and the Closing Prayer was said by President

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

### YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL

Rev. Ryan Weber    20 Years

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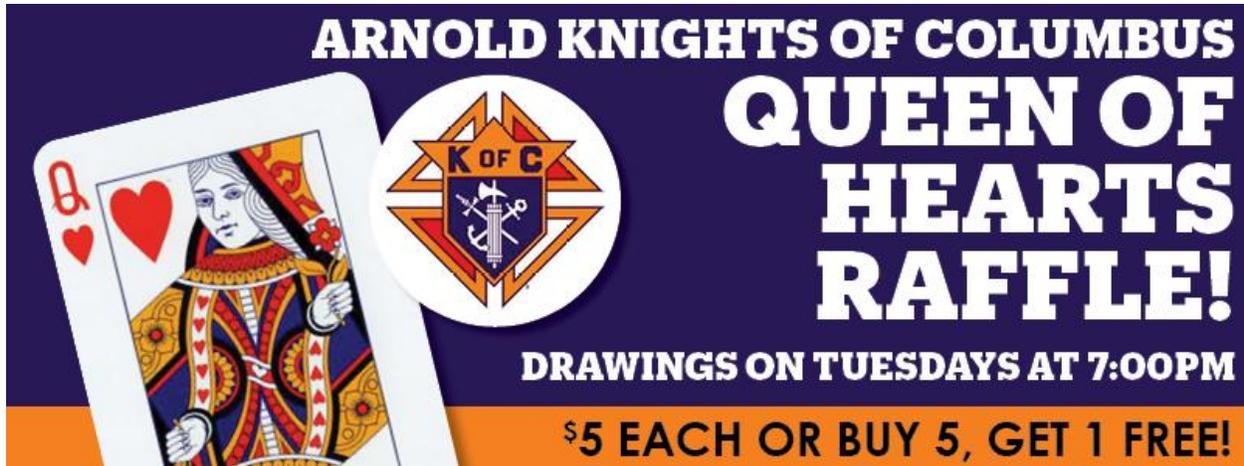
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**5:00 PM**



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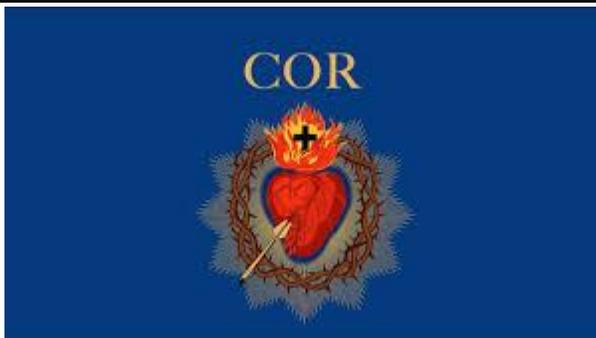


# Ladies Auxillary News

## Pope John XXIII Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies held the Second organizational meeting on the November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be another organizational meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am at the hall. Any lady that would like to find out more about the auxiliary is welcome to attend.

The ladies Auxiliary for our council is getting everything together to reorganize. Please let your wives know. Any Catholic Lady 17 years and older can join does not need to be married to or kin to a member of the Knights of Columbus. If your anyone would like to join or have any questions, please contact Becky Huey at (314) 913-1065 or at bhuey4@yahoo.com



## What does every Catholic man need?

- **Prayer:** A living relationship with God
- **Formation:** Ongoing growth in faith and virtue
- **Fraternity:** A brotherhood that strengthens and sharpens men

## What do families and the world need?

- Families need strong, holy husbands and fathers
- The world needs courageous men who boldly witness to Jesus Christ

We are at this point discerning if this would benefit the council. More younger men are looking for this in their parish life. Any man can do COR they do not have to be a member of the council as it is open to all members of the parish. Watch in letter newsletters about the wonderful program.

# Saint Spotlight

## St. Juan Diego

Saint Juan Diego was born in 1474 as Cuauhtlatoatzin, a native to Mexico. He became the first Roman Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Following the early death of his father, Juan Diego was taken to live with his uncle. From the age of three, he was raised in line with the Aztec pagan religion but always showed signs of having a mystical sense of life. He was recognized for his religious fervor, his respectful and gracious attitude toward the Virgin Mary and his Bishop Juan de Zumarraga, and his undying love for his ill uncle. When a group of 12 Franciscan missionaries arrived in Mexico in 1524, he and his wife, Maria Lucia, converted to Catholicism and were among the first to be baptized in the region. Juan Diego was very committed to his new life and would walk long distances to receive religious instruction at the Franciscan mission station at Tlatelolco. On December 9, 1531, Juan Diego was in a hurry to make it to Mass and celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. However, he was stopped by the beautiful sight of a radiant woman who introduced herself, in his native tongue, as the "ever-perfect holy Mary, who has the honor to be the mother of the true God." Mary told Juan Diego she was the mother of all those who lived in his land and asked him to make a request to the local bishop. She wanted them to build a chapel in her honor there on Tepeyac Hill, which was the site of a former pagan temple. When Juan Diego approached Bishop Juan de Zumarraga telling of what happened, he was presented with doubts and was told to give the bishop time to reflect on the news. Later, the same day, Juan Diego encountered the Virgin Mary a second time and told her he failed in granting her request. He tried to explain to her he was not an important person, and therefore not the one for the task, but she instead he was the man she wanted. Juan Diego returned to the bishop the next day and repeated his request, but now the bishop asked for proof or a sign the apparition was real and truly of heaven. Juan Diego went straight to Tepeyac and, once again, encountered the Virgin Mary. After explaining to her what the bishop asked, she agreed and told him she'd provide him with proof on the next day, December 11. However, on the next day, Juan Diego's uncle became very sick, and he was obligated to stay and care for him. Juan Diego set out the next to find a priest for his uncle. He was determined to get there quickly and didn't want to face the Virgin Mary with shame for missing the previous day's meeting. But the Virgin Mary intercepted him and asked what was wrong. He explained his situation and promised to return after he found his uncle a priest. She looked at him and asked "No estoy yo aqui que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?) She promised him his uncle would be cured and asked him to climb to the hill and collect the flowers growing there. He obeyed and found many flowers blooming in December on the rocky land. He filled his tilma (cloak) with flowers and returned to Mary. The Virgin Mary arranged the flowers within his cloak and told him this would be the sign he is to present to the bishop. Once Juan Diego found the bishop, he opened his cloak and the bishop was presented with a miraculous imprinted image of the Virgin Mary on the flower-filled cloak. The next day, Juan Diego found his uncle fully healed from his illness. His uncle explained he, too, saw the Virgin Mary. She also instructed him on her desires to have a church built on Tepeyac Hill, but she also told him she wanted to be known with the title of Guadalupe. News of Juan Diego's miracle quickly spread, and he became very well-known. However, Juan Diego always remained a humble man. The bishop first kept Juan Diego's imprinted cloak in his private chapel but then placed it on public display in the church built on Tepeyac Hill the next year. The first miracle surrounding the cloak occurred during the procession to Tepeyac Hill when a participant was shot in the throat by an arrow shot in celebration. After being placed in front of the miraculous image of Mary, the man was healed. Juan Diego moved into a little hermitage on Tepeyac Hill and lived a solidarity life of prayer and work. He remained there until his death on December 9, 1548, 17 years after the first apparition. News of Our Lady's apparitions caused a wave of nearly 3,000 Indians a day to convert to the Christian faith. Details of Juan Diego's experience and Mary's words moved them deeply. During the revolutions in Mexico, at the beginning of the 20th century, nonbelievers attempted to destroy the Image with an explosion. The altar's marble steps, the flower-holders, and the basilica windows were all very damaged, but the pane of glass protecting the Image was not even cracked. Juan Diego's imprinted cloak has remained perfectly preserved from 1531 to present time. The "Basilica of Guadalupe" on Tepeyac Hill has become one of the world's most-visited Catholic shrines. St. Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990 by Pope John Paul II and canonized on July 31, 2002. His feast day is celebrated on December 9 and he is the patron saint of Indigenous people.



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# PRAYER LIST

**Please pray for the following people:**

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| Jim & Linda Bartlett                    | Ruth Berry-Wife of Dave                  |
| Ted & Rita Brandt                       | PGK Ron & Barb Buchheit                  |
| Gerry & Lorraine Glaser                 | Donna Thierjung-Wife of Mark             |
| Dean Goodman-Friend of Bob Edwards      | Fr. Michael Lydon                        |
| Christine Hapke- Mark Thierjung's Niece | Elizabeth Maledy-Mother of Randy         |
| PGK Bobby & Doris Hayes                 | Tina Heller                              |
| Mark Redetic                            | RC Smith-Father-in-law of Mark Thierjung |
| Isidor Stempfle                         | Robin Taylor-Mark Thierjung daughter     |
| Mark Thierjung                          | PGK Leon Schnable                        |
| Ed Trankler                             |  |

**FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY IN HOSTILE WAR ZONE:** Say a prayer for all who are in service to our country. May they serve with honor and return safe to their love ones.

The Knights wish to thank you to all our military for their service to our country, may God Bless you and yours.

Please Contact Bob Parson at 314-488-4533 or [bvp9972@yahoo.com](mailto:bvp9972@yahoo.com) regarding any additions or deletions to our pray list.

## Happy Birthday to our brothers

Al Zimmermann	12/08	
Michael Elder	12/14	
Wayne Throm	12/20	
James Engelskind	12/22	
Joseph Eckrick	12/22	
Steven Robert	12/24	
Dave Florek	12/28	



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December 5<sup>th</sup>: Fish Fry from 11-7

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Party Door open at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm.

December 7<sup>th</sup>: Ladies Auxiliary Organizational Meeting 10:30am at the hall and Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at 2pm.

December 9<sup>th</sup>: Council Meeting: 5:30pm officers meeting, Rosary 6pm and Meeting 6:30pm.

December 10<sup>th</sup>: No 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting: Seven Holy Founders 6:00pm

December 16<sup>th</sup>: Arnold Club Meeting: 6:00pm

**Poker every Tuesday and Thursday of the month**

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