



The Patron

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Grand Knight's Message



Grand Knight Message January

I hope you and your family enjoyed joyous and blessed Christmas season. With the Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord the Christmas comes to a close. Knights supported our parish recognition of parishioners who were baptized at St Joseph church within the last two years. Deacon Bob Alvarado spearheaded the recognition celebration held in our parish hall, including games for the children, video recognition of each baptized person and family members with a buffet provided by the parish. Thanks to Gene Chronik, Hugh Lynch and Edy Ortiz for preparing sandwiches for this event.

This newsletter is abbreviated and delayed due to our commitment to provide meals for nearly one half of the ALPHA sessions (and the Grand Knight/Newsletter editor took family vacation). More than 300 persons participated in ALPHA session #1. Knights Miguel Suarez, Ken Eazell, Gene Chronik, Phil LaBrode and Edy Ortiz manned the barbeque grill to provide hamburgers for the more than 300 persons attending session #2. Kudos to Deputy Grand Knight Jon George for leading the planning, provisioning and providing dinner to the ALPHA session #3. Thanks to Larry Wells, Mike Seidel, Scott Landry and Phil Labrode for their support. Knights are scheduled to provide meals for sessions #6 and #7 (2/11 and 2/17) and the final session on March 18.

The Men's Retreat at Mater Dolorosa took place the weekend of the 16 th - 18 th. I hope to have photos for the February issue of the PATRON.

The St Joseph School participation in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition included a "rain delay" this year! I hope to have more information for the February newsletter. Thanks to Jon George, Ralph Gatto, Deacon Bob Alvarado and Naz LaBlanc for offering this opportunity to SJS.

Easter comes early this year! Ash Wednesday is 18 February, and the following Friday is the first of our Lenten Fish Dinners! You are invited to participate in our Pro-Life Rosary Vigil led by Deacon Bob. Due to the St Joseph School open house scheduled this Sunday we will be postponing our Prayers for Life to the following Sunday, 2/1/26.

You are invited to participate in our February Pancake Breakfast on February 8 th in the church kitchen and halls. You are invited to participate in planning and providing the ALPHA meals on February 11th and 17th .

May the Lord's Peace be upon you and your Families!

Your servant,

Hugh Lynch, Grand Knight

St Joseph Council #10287



ALPHA PICTURE



Prayers for Life



The Monthly Parish **Prayers for Life Service** is usually the last Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass. Allowing time for coffee and donuts after mass we gather at the monument to the unborn in the courtyard at 9:20am and should finish at 10:00am

***All are welcome, join us for the next prayers of life
February 1st***



Bulletin Board No.2



January Birthdays



Nazaire G Leblanc Jr 1/04

Mr. Peter M Ndungu 1/04

Christopher N Garcia 1/10

Mr. Ralph E Gatto 1/15

Mr. Albert J Prukop 1/17

Mr. Steven Cole 1/24

Michael J Contreras 1/27

Rev Martin D A Vu 1/30

Council Apparel

Purchase Order Information:

Contact Information: (Name/Cell/Email)

Item, Style, Size, Color, and Name on Shirt

Ex. #1 Polo Shirt → Aprox. 37S

Style# K42OP Heavy Weight Cotton Polo With
Pocket, Size, Color-- Royal Blue, Name in Script
(Right Chest)

Ex. #2 Polo Shirt → Aprox. 39S

Style # ST651 Sport Wick Polyester Polo with
Pocket, Size, Color - Royal Blue, Name in Script
Right Chest

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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Father Micheal J. McGiveny

*God, Our Father, Protector og the poor and
defender of the widow and orphan,
you called your priest
Father, to be an apostile of Christian family life
and lead the young to generous service of their
neighbor. Though the example of his life in virtue,
may we follow your son jesus christ for closely
fulfilling his commandment of charity and
building up his body, which is the church.*

*Let the insertion of your servant prompt us to
greater confidence in your love so that we may
continue his work for caring for the needy and the
outcast.*

*We humbly ask that you glorify your humble
servant on earth according to the design of your
holy will. Through his greater interaction grant
the favor that I now present through christ our
lord amen.*



Insurance Agent Note



Brothers, Happy New Year! The Knights of Columbus has very exciting news to share as we begin 2026! Beginning January 1, 2026, a dividend increase took effect for eligible participating insurance policies, for the second year in a row. What does an increased dividend rate mean for you? Dividends are amounts that may be paid annually from the surplus funds of the Knights of Columbus and are paid on an equitable basis by class as determined by the Board of Directors. 1 These dividends can be used in various ways, including to:

- Purchase paid up additions, which is the default option.
- Place the dividends on deposit and earn additional interest.
- Receive the dividends in cash.
- Reduce billed premium.2
- Reduce an existing loan.

Guided by the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are dedicated to supporting the financial security of our members. Over the past 30 years, Knights of Columbus has paid more than \$8 billion in dividends to those we serve. I would love to sit down with you in the coming year to discuss how this dividend increase may help you achieve your financial security goals. If you have any questions about this, or any of the benefits of having a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, please come chat with me, and we'll schedule a time to meet. Thank you!

God's love be with you always.

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Deputy Grand Knight: Jon George
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