



# The Knight Line

St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853, Division #4  
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## Grand Knight's Corner



### Brother Knights,

I have lately been thinking that the famous verse, John 3:16, is an Advent and Christmas message. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."**

God loves us so much that he gave us Jesus as a baby so he could live as a human and let us know that God wants us all to have eternal life with him in heaven. God became man to save us all from sin and death. His son Jesus was God's gift to us on Christmas because of God's love for all of us.

If God loves us all, then we should do the same, we should all love everyone we meet. The best way to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming is to love with all our heart and to show that love to others. As I get older, I am working on showing love instead of judgment, let God be the judge and let Jesus work on people's repentance of sins. We can use our life and behavior as a guide for people and, of course, provide answers to questions of Catholic, Christian teaching when asked.

As Knights, we are called to *Keep Christ in Christmas*. Not that we have to remove Santa and other secular holiday fun stuff from our lives, but we should focus our attention this Advent and Christmas on the Reason for the Season, Jesus, God's son, was born. Nativity scenes are great for this as they show Jesus with his parents. Merry Christmas greetings are recommended and holiday cards and carols with religious contents are preferred.

Also, the Knight's Christmas party is another way to celebrate Christmas so hopefully all can attend on Dec. 13th. Simbang Gabi Novena masses are also great ways to prepare for Christmas - Holy Family is celebrating 20 years of these Masses.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to all of you and your families. Let us all celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with all we love and remember those less fortunate with love and charity.

### Vivat Jesus,

**Eric Bateman, Grand Knight  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853**

## Chaplain's Message



**Will Return In January**

## **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

At our November Business meeting John Lourdasamy was recognized as October's Knight of the Month.

**Brother John** volunteered to serve on both weekends of our annual People With Intellectual Difficulties (PWID) drives following two of the masses on each weekend.

**Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the Knight of the Month recognition to John Lourdasamy**

## **KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH**

October	John Lourdasamy
September	John Hesler
August	Jim Lucarotti
July	Chris Schmitz
June	Don Lucas
June	Peter Mouttapa
May	David Smearden
April	Gil Gruber
March	Jeff Stone
February	Michael Yambra
January	Terry Buckley
December	Orlando Salcedo
November	Toby Laufer

## **Knight of the Year 2024-2025 Elias David Gomez**

### **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

#### **For Christians in areas of conflict.**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

## **FAMILY OF THE MONTH**

Also at the November Business meeting, **John & Alvira Chargin** were recognized as October's Family of the Month. Brother John coordinated volunteers for the two PWID weekend drives and helped count the donations each weekend. Brother John helps set up for our monthly business meetings. Alvira Chargin coordinates Holy Family's Grief Ministry and assists with funeral preparations for families.



**Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the Council's Family of the Month Recognition to the Chargin family**

## **FAMILIES OF THE MONTH**

October	John & Alvira Chargin
September	Gary & Mary Herbst
August	Scott & Diane Conry
July	Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
June	Jim & Deb Schuetz
May	David & Michelle Troutman
April	Ernie & Blessie La Scola
March	Gary & Jeanette Miskimon
February	Robert & Jade Chubb
January	Gary & Mary Herbst
December	Reynaldo & Imelda Joanani
November	Vince & Carolyn Rubino

## **Family of the Year 2024 - 2025 George & Delana Romero**

# COLUMBIETTES UPDATE



This month the Columbiettes hosted their first *FriendsGiving* event to begin the holiday season. This event invited Columbiettes, Knights of Columbus, Holy Family Parishioners, and Holy Family School families to come together for a potluck to celebrate fellowship and bring our community together for a meal of thanksgiving. While there was no cost to enter, we had a delicious array of donated desserts for a silent auction fundraiser and it was a beautiful event. Special thanks to Father John for attending and giving the blessing. We look forward to an even bigger gathering next year!

This month our Columbiette Sisters were proud to honor Christina Shannon for her dedication to the Parish, Community, and as a Columbiette. She earned our State's highest recognition award - *The Reach for the Stars Award* - for her commitment and hard work in supporting community outreach programs, fundraising initiatives, and spiritual retreats. Congratulations! (Photo below)





Brothers,

This time of year, we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. Like many of you, I became a Knight out of love for my family. I wanted to join other Catholic men in becoming a better man, husband and father. I wanted to be a better protector of my family.

One way to protect your family is thinking about your family’s future and how an extended care event could have a large impact. Do you know somebody that has experienced an extended care event – if so, how did that impact their family’s situation? Connect with me to discuss how to create an extended care plan.

Lastly, I’d like to remind you of your 2025 Annual Survey and the opportunity to update the Knights of Columbus on your personal financial goals and share any updates you have had over the last year. If you haven’t already filled it out, I strongly encourage you to do so.

Please fill out the survey as soon as you can, either through the survey you received in the mail or online at: <https://survey.kofc.org>.

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## Recent Council Activities



Seminarian Fortunatus Nnadi receiving our Council’s 2025-26 RSVP scholarship check from Grand Knight Bateman along with PGK Gomez, PGK Laufer, and John Chargin.



St. Ignatius of Loyola Knights serving a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon for patients at the VA Hospital Palo Alto. (L-R) John Chargin, Len Piazzon, Gil Gruber, Jovie Palteng, Sherri [Department Supervisor Spinal Cord Injury Unit], Chuck Blalock, Robert Chubb, James Luccarotti. Photo by PGK Dave Gomez.



Columbiettes, who provided a trunk at Holy Family School’s Trunk or Treat event: Alicia, Noelle and Judy.



Trunk or treat with Fr. John stopping by! Handing out Knights of Columbus materials to those interested.

# **!!!!BUY SCRIP AND SUPPORT HOLY FAMILY’S SCHOOL WHILE SAVING YOUR MONEY!!!!**



Please help Holy Family School by purchasing gift cards through their Scrip Program. The holidays are a great time to help out the school. Scrip can become great "stocking stuffers" or gifts for those living away at colleges or planning to backpack the Appalachian Trail. Some of the gift cards that are available include: **Target, Safeway, Lucky, Lunardi's, Arco, Shell, Chevron, Amazon, Olive Garden, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Home Depot, and many more.** Scrip proceeds have helped pay for many school projects over the years.

Please call or email Susan Kloczl at 408-978-1355  
([susan.kloczl@hfjs.org](mailto:susan.kloczl@hfjs.org))

**SCRIP IS ALWAYS A “WIN-WIN” FOR THE SCHOOL  
AND YOUR BUDGET!”**

## **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**



John Ruiz	12/1
George Romero	12/4
Hugo Garcia	12/4
Joe Perez	12/9
Chris Mardesich	12/15
Phoung Vu	12/16
Guido Persicone	12/16
Phil Dewstone	12/17
Jim Bailey	12/22
Daniel Knight	12/23
Art Diaz	12/25
Rev Ernesto Orci	12/26
John Chargin	12/29

## **THOUGHTS FOR MUSING UPON OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

“Anybody can become angry – that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and in the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not within everybody’s power and is not easy.” *Aristotle*

“You never know what worse luck your bad luck has saved you from.” – *Cormac McCarthy*

“Your daily life is your temple and your religion.” *Kahlil Gibran*

“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.” — *Archbishop Helder Camara.*

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KNIGHTS, COLUMBIETTES, AND FAMILIES**

## **IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY**

### **Web Page Coordinator for the St. Ignatius of Loyola Knights**

Rare volunteer opportunity to contribute to the Council's recruitment, education, and historic records of the Council from the comfort of your couch at home.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Ability to type, even including the valued 'two finger' method
- Ability to log onto the web page
- Ability to process the annual site billing from the vendor for payment.
- Ability to receive text & PDF updates from Council staff designated by the Grand Knight and enter them onto the site.
- Meeting attendance encouraged by not mandatory.

## **MORE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Dec. 7** – Our last monthly **Pancake Breakfast** for 2025 and we always need a few helpers – especially after 11 a.m. The whole family is invited to help out - kids can help put away chairs and items on the tables. At Breakfast -- Helping Ernie La Scola setup the Advent Giveaway tables. Time is TBD but contact GK Eric if you want to help.

**December 13<sup>th</sup>**, we will be hosting our annual Knights and Columbiettes Christmas Party in the Community Center. Need someone to purchase ham and someone to cook ham on that day. Need help setting up the Arts and Crafts table before the event. Need a Santa helper for before and during meeting.

**Dec. 17 - Monthly rosary/adoration** - we would love Knights to volunteer to lead one mystery during the rosary in December. It's just 7 pm till 8:00'ish at the church.

## **Thirteenth Annual Coat Drive**

**THANKS TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH, OUR  
KNIGHTS & COLUMBIETTES FOR THEIR GREAT  
RESPONSE TO OUR 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COAT DRIVE!**

In this, our 13<sup>th</sup> year of asking for new or gently used winter wear, the Knights of Columbus received 342 coats from Holy Family's parishioners during November. All are being delivered to the Santa Maria Urban Ministry for distribution to those in great need this winter. We also purchased 24 new 'puff coats' for boys and girls to add to the donations from Holy Family.

A **Special Thank You** to the volunteer efforts of Brother Knights and Columbiettes at all the masses and the generosity of our fellow parishioners. An Extra Special Thanks to Brother John Chargin who led the Drive to such success!

**We have donated 3.051 coats in these 13 years;  
2,631 donated & 420 new Coats For Kids.**

## PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS ON THESE DAYS

*\*Seminarians with Council financial support this year*

Dec. 1	Mr. Thien Bui 4 <sup>th</sup> year/Configuration
Dec. 2	Mr. Khoa Bui, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 3	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 4	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, Pastoral Year *
Dec. 5	Mr. Michael Silva, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year/Configuration *
Dec. 6	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 1 <sup>st</sup> year/Discipleship
Dec. 7	Rev. Andrew V. Nguyen
Dec. 8	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 9	Mr. Preston Venenciano, Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 10	Mr. Thien Bui 4 <sup>th</sup> year/Configuration
Dec. 11	Mr. Khoa Bui, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 12	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 13	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, Pastoral Year *
Dec. 14	Rev. John Hoang
Dec. 15	Mr. Michael Silva, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year/Configuration *
Dec. 16	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 1 <sup>st</sup> year/Discipleship
Dec. 17	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 18	Mr. Preston Venenciano, Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 19	Mr. Thien Bui 4 <sup>th</sup> year/Configuration
Dec. 20	Mr. Khoa Bui, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 21	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
Dec. 22	Mr. Quizzer Besinio, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration *
Dec. 23	Mr. Khoa Bui, 3 <sup>rd</sup> year/Configuration
Dec. 24	Mr. Fortunatus Nnadi, Pastoral Year *
Dec. 25	Mr. Michael Silva, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year/Configuration *
Dec. 26	Mr. Michael Silva, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year/Configuration *
Dec. 27	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, 1 <sup>st</sup> year/Discipleship
Dec. 28	Rev. Eric Piczon, Voc. Dir.
Dec. 29	Mr. Lorenzo Caruso, Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 30	Mr. Preston Venenciano, Propaedeutic Year *
Dec. 31	Mr. Thien Bui 4 <sup>th</sup> year/Configuration

**[Name of Seminarian]**

**Mundelein Seminary**

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**Mundelein, IL 60060**

Pray for all men and women who are considering their calling for vocations and for the support of their families and friends

**SEMINARY PROPAEDEUTIC YEAR**

**(At Mount Angel Seminary)**

**Lorenzo Caruso  
Preston Venenciano**

## December Notable Days and Birthdays

**December 4, 1791 – The *Observer***, now the oldest paper in the world was first published in Britain..

**December 10, 1896 – Alfred Nobel, Swedish chemist, died**, ordering his \$9 million estate to recognize those who made valuable contributions to humanity in Peace, Physics, Chemistry, Medicine, Literature and Economics. Presented annually on the anniversary of his death and valued at about \$1 million each.

**December 2, 1954 – Senator Joseph McCarthy was condemned** by the US Senate for misconduct in his investigations into alleged communists in the government.

**December 1, 1990 – England connected to the continent of Europe** for the first time since the Ice Age with the completion of the “Chunnel” below the English Channel.

**December Birthdays:** Presidents M. Van Buren, W. Wilson, A. Johnson (none born in 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> centuries). Others? Walt Disney, Ira Gershwin, Clarence Birdseye,

**Papal Birthdays:** Francis, Pius VI, Sixtus V, Leo X, Julius II, and Callistus III.

## WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES



## IN DECEMBER, WE CELEBRATE THE US SPACE FORCE HAPPY 6<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO OUR YOUNGEST MILITARY BRANCH THE SPACE FORCE !!!!!

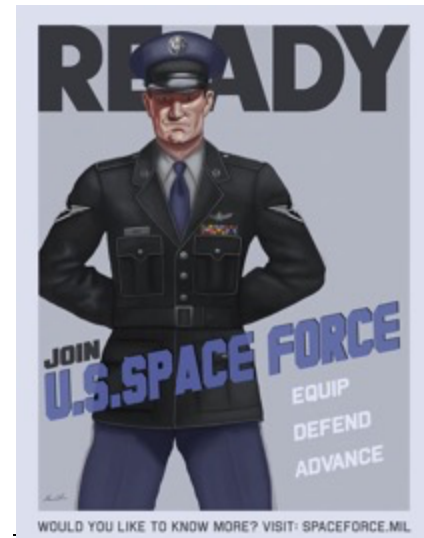
The **United States Space Force (USSF)** is the US military's space warfare branch and the newest of the eight uniformed services. Formed as the Air Force's Space Command in 1982 with space operations as its primary mission. The Space Force was established as a separate branch, but still under the Air Force, on December 20, 2019, similar to the role of the Marine Corps within the Navy. It is the smallest of the US armed services. Its motto? **"ALWAYS ABOVE"**

The Space Force's mission is to "organize, train, and equip space forces." Specifically for:

- Space superiority,
- Space domain awareness (military, civil, and commercial),
- Offensive and defensive space control,
- Command and control of space forces and satellite operations,
- Space support to satellite communications,
- Space service support (e.g., spacelift and space range operations),
- Space support to nuclear command, control, communications and nuclear detonation detection; and
- Missile warning and space support to missile defense operations.

Members of the USSF, the Guardians, retained their Air Force grade and rank. Space Force officers are obtained through the Air Force Academy, ROTC, and Officer Training School. Enlisted personnel are obtained through USAF Basic Training.

Its motto? **"ALWAYS ABOVE"**



**Brother Knights who served  
in the US Space Force:  
None yet**

## SAVE THE DATES:

**Diocesan Layette Tea and  
Dropoff @ St. Frances Cabrini  
December 6**

**Monthly Breakfast and  
Advent Giveaway  
December 7**

**Council Christmas Party  
December 13**

**Rosary/Adoration  
December 17 --7:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Simbang Gabi Novena Masses  
December 16 - 24  
6:00 am – 8:00'ish**

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 4  
**Business Meeting**  
7:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Hall

Sunday, December 7  
**Parish Breakfast/Advent Give Away**  
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses  
Community Center

Wednesday, December 17  
**Rosary/Adoration-**  
7–8:00 pm, Church

**Knights' Officer's Meeting – ,**  
December 25 -- **CANCELLED**

Sunday, January 4  
**Parish Breakfast**  
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

Thursday, January 8  
**Business Meeting - DATE  
CHANGE**  
7:00 – 8:00 pm, Youth Hall

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----- PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED MEMBERS -----

Al Abrahamsohn 4/16/17  
**\*Jose Artigas 3/7/25**  
 Federico Cortez 7/2/24  
 Howard Davis 1/11/16  
 Patrick Dempsey 4/30/22  
 Richard Domenici 4/21/13  
 Wayne Dorn 3/7/22  
 Joseph Frankina II 7/20/23  
 Kenneth J. Goyeau 5/21/04  
**\*Alex Guiang 2/7/25**  
 Charles Hogate 2/22/05  
 Richard Infantino 9/26/07  
 Thomas C. Lancaster 2/21/22  
 Leroy (Bud) Larson 3/12/02



**\* Deceased  
 during past  
 12 months**

Marv Lewis 7/3/23  
 Robert W. Livingston 11/3/14  
 John Marks 6/20/21  
 Lyle Meacham 10/14/16  
 John Melani 3/30/24  
 Rev. Paul Mensah 8/2/21  
 Frank O'Donnell 11/12/16  
 Edward M. Olsen 8/23/15  
 Rocco (Rocky) Palladino 12/25/94  
 Charles Pori 9/4/15  
 Nick Scianna 9/20/22  
 Robert Smearden 6/3/14  
 Carrol (Bill) Spencer 9/1/10  
 Harry Lee Stanley 11/28/10  
 Mark R. Williams 11/7/22

**Membership:**

Ask a Catholic friend or a family member to join our Council. If you know a man who has just completed OCIA, invite him to consider joining the Knights. Friends and families are invited to attend and celebrate the Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity as well as the Patriotic Order.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Council Calendar of  
 Key dates and Service Program Events**

<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>JANUARY 2026</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
Business Meeting - 12/4 Pancake Breakfast - 12/7 <b>Council Christmas Party -                      12/13</b> Rosary - 12/17 <b>Christmas - Office closed                      12/24/25-1/2/26</b> <b>Officer's Meeting -CANCELLED</b>	<b>Christmas - - Office closed                      1/1 &amp; 1/2/26</b> Pancake Breakfast - 1/4 Business Meeting - 1/8 <b>CHANGED</b> Membership Drive - 1/18 <b>Martin Luther King Day - 1/19</b> Rosary - 1/21 Officer's Meeting - 1/29	Pancake Breakfast - 2/1 Business Meeting - 2/5 <b>Washington's Birthday - 2/16                      Office Closed</b> Rosary - 2/18 Officer's Meeting - 2/26
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>
Pancake Breakfast - 3/1 Business Meeting - 3/5 St. Patrick's Dinner - 3/14 Rosary - 3/18 Officer's Meeting - 3/26 <b>Cesar Chavez Birthday -                      3/31</b>	<b>TRIDUUM - Apr. 3-5</b> Business Meeting - 4/9 <b>CHANGED</b> Pancake Breakfast - 4/12 <b>CHANGED</b> Rosary - 4/15 Officer's Meeting - 4/30	Pancake Breakfast - 5/3 Business Meeting - 5/7 <b>Mother's Day - 5/10</b> Rosary - 5/20 Officer's Meeting - 5/28 <b>Memorial Day - 5/25 - OFFICE                      CLOSED</b>



**Join us for our annual Knights / Columbiettes  
CHRISTMAS PARTY on SAT. DEC. 13th at 6:00pm  
in our Holy Family Community Center!**

Dinner will be potluck, with the councils providing ham as main dish  
and we ask you to bring the following according to your last name,  
with serving utensil/container:

**A-E: Side dishes**

**F-O: Salads**

**P-Z: Desserts**

**Christmas Raffle by the Columbiettes**

**Music provided by DJ Ernie LaScola**

**Open Bar with wine, beer, soda, water and cider**

**Visit from Santa for the kids! Possibly more fun surprises!**

Kindly **RSVP by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>** to Eric Bateman by email at

[ericbateman@hotmail.com](mailto:ericbateman@hotmail.com) or text/call 408-386-2765

Please list how many are coming (if children, list ages for Santa),  
so we can have a count for tables/chairs.

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