



The Knight Line

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Grand Knight's Corner



Brother Knights,

I know I talked about Thanksgiving in the two previous columns I had for November when I was Grand Knight, but I believe Thanksgiving is such an important holiday for American Christians, a time to give thanks not just for our country or for our harvests (jobs) but especially to give Thanks to our God - who gave his only son to redeem the world (John 3:16) and to prepare a place for us in heaven for eternal life.

It is truly right and just to give him thanks and praise as he is the creator of all and the giver of good gifts. This year, we Catholics have a lot to be thankful for, a new Pope who was born in the United States and knows what it is to be a US Catholic, and for the Jubilee, decreed by our former Pope, Pope Francis, which is a Holy Year of the forgiveness of sin, conversion and joyful celebration!!

Fr. John's talk a few weeks ago was about the theme of this Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope, we are all pilgrims who have and need the Hope of God in our lives, seeing all the ways Jesus has transformed our lives for his good.

One way to give thanks to God is to give back to others, and to do that we can serve him by doing good works with Love and Humility. The Annual Coat drive collection is one way to do this; the Knights are collecting coats and jackets on the weekends of Nov. 9th and 16th so that our neighbors who will really be in need of warmth this winter will have the clothing needed. Jesus calls us to Love God and our neighbor and so let us be ever thankful that Jesus loves us and calls us brothers and sisters to share God's love with others!!

Remember, we are also collecting baby items for the Diocesan Layette shower again year. Baby items are very expensive this year so donations are needed as poor moms have an especially hard time purchasing these items.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I am thankful to all my brother Knights and sister Columbiettes and all the parishioners and priests of Holy Family. God bless you all.

Vivat Jesus,

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

**Congratulations to our Field Agent,
Joe Ayroso.**

The "Million Dollar Round Table," an international organization for insurance and financial professionals, has recognized Brother Joe for his excellence, service, and high ethical standards to our Knights of Columbus.

Chaplain's Message



**"I'LL BE BACK"
NEXT MONTH!
Fr. John Hoang**

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Recent Council Activity



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the March Knight of the Month recognition to Jim Lucarotti

!! OMG !!

TIS THE SEASON TO FALL BACK??

This is your advance and only warning from your Council to take all necessary defensive actions. **No excuses for anyone arriving late for mass on Sunday, November 2nd** or at work late the following Monday, November 3rd saying that their 'not so smart' watch had the wrong time.

If you wake up and its pitch black, it's time to go to Mass (unless it's Monday and you should be on the way to work!)

On Sunday morning (Nov 3rd), at about 2:00 a.m., Pacific Daylight Saving Time (or PDST as it is known, or Puuh dishtt thbbbstt in the phonics world) will come to its seasonal termination. You should seriously consider resetting your various timepieces on Saturday evening to Pacific Standard Time (PST, or pisssssssssssst in phonics), i.e., backward one hour. We drop the "D" in PDST and lose an hour; in the spring we add the "D" and gain an hour. Should losing a letter cost us an hour of our lives? Should we sleep an hour less to keep the universe from spiraling out of control and finding ourselves watching a Cubs/White Sox World Series with Rod Serling selling popcorn?

Those amongst us of the agrarian persuasion (don't worry about church/state here) needn't bother to inform your beasts of the field (or chicken of the coops) of the change. They will plod merrily forward, oblivious of man's tinkering with the timing of the celestial orbital patterns. (NB: it **has** been the men) You may note psychosocial pattern disruptions in your domesticated feline, canine and rodent residents as their feeding periods shift by your arbitrary adherence to Daylight Saving Time schedules (unless you have already discussed this matter with them). This capricious change will be completely undone next April as we just can't seem to live in ordinary time any longer than that.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our October Business meeting John Hesler was recognized as September’s Knight of the Month.

Brother John serves on the parish’s Building and Grounds Committee along with other parishioners and staff. He was present throughout the annual festival as part of the setup, tear down, and during the event as facility or other needs arose. He has also served as part of the early set up team at monthly breakfasts. John is a Eucharistic Minister at mass.



Grand Knight Eric Bateman presents the Knight of the Month recognition to John Hesler

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 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 |
| October | Jovie Palteng |

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

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Also at the October Business meeting, Gary and Mary Herbst were recognized as September’s Family of the Month.

Brother Gary helped our seminarian with his presence and assistance during the Festival. Gary serves as a Lector and Altar Server at daily Mass. Mary and Gary both serve as Sacristans at the weekday masses. Both also support the FOCUS Ministry at San Jose State’s Newman Center by volunteering time and effort to this diocesan outreach to students on the campus.

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

- | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| 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 |
| October | John & Alvira Chargin |

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

COLUMBIETTES UPDATE



This month the Columbiettes gathered together and stuffed over 1,100 treat bags with candy and small toys for the Holy Family School Trunk or Treat event. With over 200 children in attendance, it was nice to see our community having fun!

Up next, the Columbiettes will be having a Parish, School, and Community Thanksgiving potluck and dessert silent auction fundraiser on November 22nd at 6pm in the Community Center. Feel free to bring a dish to share (appetizer, side dish, etc.). If you would like to donate a dessert to the silent auction, please contact Alicia Morales at: alicia_morales@comcast.net.

PWID -- CONGRATS {AKA: Tootsie Roll Drive}

Brother Knights and Columbiettes - Thank you for your help with the People with Intellectual Disabilities (PWID) drive that the Knights conducted last month. We received donations exceeding \$2,700 over the two weekends. I think that is the most we have collected at Holy Family and not soliciting at off-site retail stores.

We will be sending that money to the Knights Foundation which deposits the funds and send us our two checks to give to **Special Olympics** and **Hope Services** right here in our hometown. It is a great honor to be able to raise money for these very special charities. Costs for Tootsie Rolls, vests, and donation containers are all paid from our General Funds and NEVER from donations.

THOUGHTS FOR MUSING:

“God promises to receive the repentant sinner when he returns to Him, but nowhere does He promise to give him tomorrow.” *St. Gregory*

“Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.” – *Thomas A. Edison*

“Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.” *Pablo Picasso*

“Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words.” — Address to members of the diplomatic corps, May 16, 2025 by Pope Leo, dual citizen of the United States and Peru.

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 receive the annual site billing from the vendor and submit promptly for payment.
- Ability to receive text updates from Council staff designated by the Grand Knight and enter them onto the page.
- Ability to load PDF documents onto the page at least once monthly.
- Meeting attendance encouraged by not mandatory.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Nov. 2 - Our monthly **Pancake Breakfast** always needs helpers especially for cleanup from 10 am to 12 pm. The whole family is invited to help out - kids can help put away chairs and items on the tables.

November 9th and 16th, we will be conducting our annual Coat and Layette drives after all Masses.

Nov . 19 - Monthly rosary/adoration - we would love volunteers to pray a decade of the rosary during this time. It's just 7 pm till 8:00'ish at the church.



PARISH COAT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring Holy Family's Annual Coat Drive following masses on November 9 and 16. Coats will be provided to Santa Maria Shelter which will distribute them to San Jose homeless men, women and children in need of warm clothing this winter. We ask parishioners and families to join us in donating new and very gently used coats on these weekends.

Under Supreme's "Coats for Kids" program, your Council has also purchased two cartons of 24 new coats for girls and boys.

GREAT REASONS TO PARTICIPATE:

You can help people in need to stay warm throughout winter.

You can get together with neighbors and help them recycle very gently used coats from their closets.

Parents or grandparents can work with their children and grandchildren to show them how to give back to your community.

You can help clothe those in need, who lack basic shelter from the weather and the security that includes.

WHO CAN DO THIS?

Everyone!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS ON THESE DAYS

**Seminarians with Council financial support this year*

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

[Name of Seminarian]

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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**

November Notable Days and Birthdays

November 19, 1493 – Columbus discovered Puerto Rico during his second voyage to the new world. N.B. He keeps missing the American continent ;-)

November 26, 1789 – First American holiday and first Thanksgiving was proclaimed by President Washington as a day of prayer & public thanksgiving for the successful establishment of the new American republic.

November 28, 1821 – Panama declared itself independent of Spain and joined the fledgling nation of Gran Colombia.

November 17, 1869 – Suez Canal opened after more than ten years of construction.

November 3, 1903 – Panama declares independence from Columbia following a revolt engineered by the US.

November Birthdays: President Polk, Taylor, Pierce, Garfield, Harding, Biden. Others? Will Rogers, Walter Cronkite, George S. Patton, Edwin Hubble, Boris Karloff, and C.S. Lewis.

Papal Birthdays: John XXIII, Benedict XV, Pius VIII, Nicholas V, Clement IV.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Rev. Peter Phan	11/1
David Silveira	11/2
Uzoma Amuchie	11/5
Ernie LaScola	11/5
Joseph Salamida	11/6
Amir Gil	11/10
Bradley Vandehey	11/12
Mauro Valcazar	11/21
John Backes	11/26
Jeffrey Stone	11/29
Rev. Joseph Tran	11/29

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE OR PWID

(Part Two)

The political *incorrectness* of 'Mentally Retarded' was agreed upon and was changed to the MH Drive (Mentally Handicapped) for a time and then the ID Drive (Intellectually Disabled). **It's now PWID, People With Intellectual Difficulties.**

When the Illinois State Council introduced the Tootsie Roll Drive, the main purpose was to help Special Olympics. A percentage of what every Council collected went to the State for Special Olympics. Councils would collect, deduct expenses for the candy, and send a percentage to the State. The rest went into the Council's account to be spent on organizations that worked with and had programs for autistic people. Councils dispersed the money. State Officers wondered how Councils were distributing the money and to whom and decided to audit Councils' funds.

They found many Councils had as much as \$60,000 in Tootsie Roll money in their checking account that was never spent. The State ruled Councils had to turn in all the money each year and were required to liquidate funds within one year. The State initiated a program to help finance and build houses for Autistic people. If a Council had not liquidated its funds in one year, they would go to the State for this new program.

Councils had to request money from the State and it would issue a check payable to that Council. After several years the IRS questioned if the Illinois State Council monitored that the requested money was indeed being spent for the purpose requested and if the organizations receiving the money were certified as assisting autistic people.

Councils had to provide a copy of the organizations' certificates to the State and the State would then issue a check. The State Council maintained a list of acceptable organizations

The IRS was very happy.

The fact that the K of C and other charitable organizations had success with taking to the streets and store fronts prompted other organizations to do the same, such as school bands, scout troops, and many others wishing to raise money for special purposes. Governments developed rules for organizations which collected money on the streets and store fronts. Individual stores also developed rules for collecting money.

So, starting with three people and an idea, the Knights are where they are today with the nationwide PWID or Tootsie Roll Drive.

WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES



IN NOVEMBER, IT IS THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

On November 10, 1775, only five months after establishing the Army, the Continental Congress established two battalions of Marines to fight for independence at sea and on shore, marking the official formation of the "Continental Marines." Two battalions formed in Philadelphia as infantry forces.

The modern United States Marine Corps (USMC) provides power projection from the sea, using the mobility of the U.S. Navy to deliver combined-arms task forces. The Marine Corps is one of the six branches in the Department of Defense and is one of our eight uniformed services.

The Marine Corps has been a component of the Navy since 1834, working closely for training, transport, and logistics. USMC operates bases on land and around the world, and several Marine aviation squadrons are embedded in Navy carrier wings. The USMC role has grown and evolved, expanding to aerial warfare and earning popularized titles as "America's third air force" and "second land army".

Its ability to rapidly respond to expeditionary crises gives it a strong role in the execution of American foreign policy. The USMC has around 172,300 active duty members and less than 32,500 reserve Marines as of 2025.

**Brother Knights who served
in the US Marine Corps:
Charles Fouts**



Happy (Catholic) Veterans' Day

The Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) was created by Pope Saint John Paul II to provide Catholic pastoral ministries and spiritual services to the Armed Forces. This includes over 220 installations in 29 countries, patients in 153 VA Medical Centers, and federal employees serving outside the USA in 134 countries. Numerically, the AMS is responsible for more than 1.8 million men, women, and children. Active military and families are served by 204 priests and the VA by 242 Priests. The AMS certifies all priests who are 'on loan' from their respective dioceses.

Podcasts from chaplains & military are available and podcasts for the women in the chapels are also available at:
<https://www.milarch.org/podcast/>



Assured that the dead would be insulted by mourning or sadness, Dia de los Muertos celebrates the lives of the deceased with food, drink, parties, and activities the dead enjoyed in life. Dia de los Muertos recognizes death as a natural part of the human experience, a continuum with birth, childhood, and growing up to become a contributing member of the community. On Dia de los Muertos, the dead are also a part of the community, awakened from their eternal sleep to share celebrations with their loved ones. Please join with us in this celebration.

Dia de los Muertos honors the dead with festivals and lively celebrations, a typically Latin American custom that combines indigenous Aztec ritual with Catholicism, brought to the region by Spanish *conquistadores*. "(A)utumnal rites are among the oldest celebrated on earth. It appears that in every country the Day of the Dead occurs at the year's end, after the last harvests, when the barren earth is thought to give passage to the souls lying beneath it." Dia de los Muertos is celebrated on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, holidays in the Catholic calendar. Here at Holy Family we set up an altar where you are encouraged to place photographs of your deceased loved ones so we can honor them at this time.



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LORD, THE PURITAN INFLUENCE IN THIS NEW WORLD IS WANING. WE ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BAN CELEBRATIONS, OR EVEN COMPLETELY OUTLAW DANCING.



ALL OF THIS MUST BE AS YOU WILL IT, BUT WE PROMISE THAT THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE SIN AND THINK AS WE DO WILL NEVER VANISH FROM THIS LAND. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME PENALTY FOR DANCING.



...EVEN IF ONLY IN THE END ZONE, AND IMPOSED ON THE ENSUING KICKOFF.

WHAT'S AN END ZONE?



I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S A SIN TO DANCE IN ONE.

SAVE THE DATES:

Coat Drives
November 9 & 16—All Masses

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Rosary/Adoration
November 19--7:00 - 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses
Community Center

Thursday, November 6
Business Meeting
7:00 - 8:00 pm, Youth Hall

Sunday, November 9
COAT DRIVE

Sunday, November 16
COAT DRIVE

Wednesday, November 19
Rosary/Adoration-
7-8:00 pm, Church

Thursday, Nov. 20
DATE CHANGE
Columbiettes Meeting
6:30 - 8:00 pm, Youth Hall
&
Knights' Officer's Meeting
DATE CHANGE
7:00 pm, Charity Conference Room

Sunday, December 7
Parish Breakfast
After 8:00 and 9:30- Masses

Thursday, December 4
Business Meeting
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. 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**

NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2026
Pancake Breakfast - 11/2 Business Meeting - 11/6 Coat Drive -11/9 Veterans Day - 11/11 <i>Office Closed</i> Coat Drive -11/16 Rosary - 11/19 Officer's Meeting - 11/20 Changed Thanksgiving Day - 11/27 <i>Office closed 11/27-28</i>	Business Meeting - 12/4 Pancake Breakfast - 12/7 Council Christmas Party - 12/13 Rosary - 12/17 Christmas - Office closed 12/24/25-1/2/26 Officer's Meeting -CANCELLED	Christmas -- Office closed 1/1 & 1/2/26 Pancake Breakfast - 1/4 Business Meeting - 1/8 CHANGED Membership Drive -1/18 Martin Luther King Day - 1/19 Rosary - 1/21 Officer's Meeting - 1/29
FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Pancake Breakfast - 2/1 Business Meeting - 2/5 Washington's Birthday - 2/16 <i>Office Closed</i> Rosary - 2/18 Officer's Meeting - 2/26	Pancake Breakfast - 3/1 Business Meeting - 3/5 St. Patrick's Dinner - 3/14 Rosary - 3/18 Officer's Meeting - 3/26 Cesar Chavez Birthday - 3/31	TRIDUUM - Apr. 3-5 Business Meeting - 4/9 CHANGED Pancake Breakfast - 4/12 CHANGED Rosary - 4/15 Officer's Meeting - 4/30



Pray for our Seminarians
Oremos por Nuestros Seminaristas
Xin cầu nguyện Cho các chủng sinh



Thien Bui
 Fourth Year
 Theology/
 Configuration
 Saint Maria Goretti
 Parish



Khoa Bui
 Third Year
 Theology/
 Configuration
 Saint John Vianney
 Parish



Quizzer Besinio
 Third Year
 Theology/
 Configuration
 Saint Nicholas &
 Saint William Parish

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 OUR SEMINARIANS!**

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Michael Silva
 First Year
 Theology/
 Configuration
 Five Wounds
 Parish



Joseph Nguyen
 1st Year Philosophy/
 Discipleship
 Our Lady of La Vang
 Parish



**Fortunatus
 Nnadi**
 Pastoral Year
 Saint Cyprian
 Parish



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Lorenzo Caruso
 Propaedeutic Year
 Saint Anthony
 Parish



**Preston
 Venenciano**
 Propaedeutic Year
 Saint John the Baptist
 Parish



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 you?**
 Is God Calling You
 to be a Priest?



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