



The Knight Line



St. Ignatius of Loyola Council 12853, Division #4
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
with tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
for I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring,
for it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.
I know how much you miss me. I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear one. You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.
I send you each a memory of my undying love.
After all Love is the gift more precious than pure gold.
It was always most important in the stories that Jesus told.
Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessing or love he has for you.
So, have a Blessed Christmas and wipe away that tear.
Remember, I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*



**In memory of our Brother Knights who departed this life in 2019 and the wives,
family members and fellow parishioners who left us
for the Lord's eternal banquet table.**

Pray for us as we pray for you until we join you at that table.

Grand Knight's Corner



Worthy Brothers,

It is Christmas time and I send you all and your families my Christmas greetings. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, there is much we don't know about His birth. There is much uncertainty as to the date. Interest in knowing the date became considerable in the 2nd century, but in the 4th century we find references to two dates that were widely recognized—and now also celebrated—as Jesus' birthday: December 25 in the western Roman Empire and January 6 in the East (especially in Egypt and Asia Minor). The modern Armenian church continues to celebrate Christmas on January 6; for most Christians, however, December 25 prevails while January 6 eventually came to be known as the Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating the arrival of the magi in Bethlehem. The period between those dates later became known as the "12 days of Christmas".

The earliest mention of December 25 as Jesus' birthday comes from a mid-fourth-century Roman almanac listing the death dates of various Christian bishops and martyrs. The first date listed, December 25, is marked: *natus Christus in Betleem Judeae*: "Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea."

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Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

The theory about the origins of the Christmas date, that I had always heard, is that it was borrowed from pagan celebrations. The Romans had their mid-winter Saturnalia festival in late December; barbarian peoples of northern and western Europe kept holidays at similar times. To top it off, in 274 C.E., the Roman emperor Aurelian established a feast of the birth of Sol Invictus (the Unconquered Sun), on December 25. Christmas, the argument went, was a spin-off from these pagan solar festivals. According to this theory, early Christians deliberately chose these dates to encourage the spread of Christmas and Christianity throughout the Roman world:

This theory has problems as it is not in any of the ancient writings. Christian authors of the time do not note a connection between the solstice and Jesus' birth. Most significantly, the first mention of a date for Christmas (c. 200) and the earliest celebrations that we know about (c. 250–300) come in a period when Christians were not borrowing heavily from pagan traditions.

The December 25 feast seems to have existed before 312—before Constantine and his conversion, at least. The Donatist Christians in North Africa seem to have known it from before that time. Furthermore, in the mid- to late fourth century, church leaders in the eastern Empire concerned themselves not with introducing a celebration of Jesus' birthday, but with the addition of the December date to their traditional celebration on January 6.

We may not know when Jesus was born or why we celebrate on December 25. There those who argue that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but not in Judea, but in a town of the same name in the Galilee. And while it is great fun to learn and speculate on some things. Let us remember at this time of year, the things we do know. And the things we do celebrate. The birth of God as a man. Come to us, to teach us, and to pay for our sins. Christ is the light, and brings light to the world, and defeats darkness.

Merry Christmas to you all.

**Mark Williams, Grand Knight
St. Ignatius of Loyola Council #12853**

Chaplain's Message



TRUE LOVE, my gift for Jesus

As we approach the Christmas Season, let us reflect Jesus' message to His disciples, "This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: that he lay down his life for his friend" (John 15:12-13)

Christmas is the time of sharing gifts to our loved ones. Gifts that somehow reflect how we treasure their presence in our life. We buy precious things to show our love and care to those we love. The most awaited time comes in opening our gifts. Then we feel the abundance & deepness of their love for us.

Amid the joys and festivities of the season, never forget why the first Christmas happened. It was in Bethlehem, two thousand years ago on a cold winter night that the baby was born in a manger. Jesus is the Son of God to bring peace and salvation to the world. To realize this mission Jesus must stretch out His hands as a Lamb of Sacrifice for the remission of sins. Jesus did love us and offered his life for our redemption. True love on the cross is Jesus' perfect gift to us.

As we commemorate Jesus' gift of love, we are challenged to do our part. Christmas is not only giving what the world can offer. The best gift that we can give is love for everyone. The giving of the self is our best offering to Jesus. Self that is willing to detach from everything in the world and embrace Jesus as Lord and Savior. This will be a meaningful and joyful celebration of Jesus birth.

Merry Christmas & a Joyful New Year 2020 to all.

**Fr. Celso Singson
Chaplain**

OUR COLUMBIETTES



- **The Columbiettes, through its Scholarship Committee, will award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student this year. Application procedures will be announced in an future Holy Family bulletin and Life Teen newsletter.**
- **Save the date for Mardi Gras on Feb.22, 2020.**

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention:

The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Have You Ever Wondered?

How there can be self-help "groups"?
Why they report power outages on TV?
Why there are interstate highways in Hawaii?

Second Collections in December:

December 1st – Bldgs & Grounds
December 8th – Community
Center/Youth Hall
December 15th – Retired Religious
December 29th – St. Vincent de Paul



Chancellors Corner Marv Lewis, FDD, PGK

In the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Atticus says, *'you never know a man until you stand in his shoes and walk about in them'*. Atticus goes on to say to Scout, *'First of all,' he said, 'If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you'll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view'*.

How many times have you arrived at a conclusion about someone simply by looking at them and speculating about their actions or motives? We all tend to be somewhat judgmental and sometimes "judge a book by its cover". But it is not until we open that book that we discover what is really going on inside. So it is with people. Do we really know what has happened to that person recently? Do we sometimes jump to conclusions. Did they recently have a tragedy or misfortune in their lives. Are they, or their family, suffering from an illness? Have you ever had someone approach you with a "problem" that you felt was insignificant and not really a problem at all? Perhaps we need to consider "their" frame of reference. Would they have approached you if THEY didn't feel it was important? I know I sometime fall into this trap.

Remember what the Bible says in *Philippians 2:4* - "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

At our November Business meeting, **Chris Schmitz** was recognized as **Knight of the Month for October**. Brother Chris Served tirelessly preparing for and carrying out this year's visit of the Village house and the ladies residing there. Coordinating the many 'committees' from Security to Meals, Laundry & Transportation, Chris created the environment that allowed Holy Family parishioners (and others) to address this important local need. Brother Chris deserves great thanks as well for his work on the 2019 Parish Festival.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

JULY 2019 Gary Miskimon
AUGUST Toby Laufer
SEPTEMBER Bradley Vandehey
OCTOBER Chris Schmitz

Knight of the Year 2018-19: Steven Sayle

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

At our November Business meeting, Mike Yambra and Patty Trillo were recognized as the **Council's Family of the Month for October**. Brother Mike, a Past Grand Knight, and Patty, a Charter member of the Columbiettes, served in various roles during the visit of the Village House last month. Both were central figures in the planning and execution of Fr. Andrew's 10th Anniversary of Ordination and the Chrism Mass, making those the special events we all remember. Mike and Patty are visible throughout the year at Council & Columbiette events, parish activities and advising others as requested.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

JULY 2019 David Troutman
AUGUST Chuck Blalock
SEPTEMBER Eric Bateman
OCTOBER Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
Family of the Year 2018-19: David Gomez

PARISH COAT DRIVE

THANKS TO HOLY FAMILY PARISH, OUR KNIGHTS & COLUMBIETTES FOR THEIR GREAT RESPONSE TO OUR 7TH ANNUAL COAT DRIVE!

The Knights of Columbus received over 245 coats from Holy Family's parishioners during October and November. All were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Services for distribution before Thanksgiving to those in most need this winter. We also purchased 48 new 'puff coats' for boys and girls. 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 Jovie Palteng who led the Drive to such success! **We have donated almost 1,800 coats in our 7 years; 1,470 donated & 312 new Coats For Kids.**



Chairman Jovie Palteng & DGK Eric Bateman deliver new kids coats to Sacred Heart Ministries

December Notable Days:

- **December 1** – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on the bus.
- **December 7** – Pearl Harbor Day
- **December 17** – Wright Brothers 1st Flight
- **December 23** – Festivus
- **December Birthdays:** Presidents Van Buren, Wilson, Johnson (none in 20th/21st centuries). Others? Frank Sinatra, Emily Dickinson, Jane Austen, Ludwig van Beethoven, Little Richard, the National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol.



Birthdays in December



On November 17th Portola Assembly participated in the Installation of Fr. Joe Galang as Pastor for St. Frances Cabrini. The celebrant was Bishop Oscar Cantú, S.T.D. We will also participate in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass on the December 8th at St. Joseph of Cupertino, with Bishop Cantú again being the celebrant.

John Ruiz	12/1
George Romero	12/4
Hugo Garcia	12/4
Joe Perez	12/9
Christopher Urata	12/11
Phuong Vu	12/16
Guido Persicone	12/16
Phil Dewstone	12/17
Marv Lewis	12/22
Jim Bailey	12/22
Art Diaz	12/25
Rev. Ernesto Orci	12/26
John Chargin	12/29

Can't make it to Mass Sunday morning?

**Go in the evening!
Experience the amazing
diversity of our Diocese.**

Here are late Sunday Masses in San Jose, including nine in Spanish, two in Vietnamese, two Youth/Life Teen, and one in Arabic:

- 6:00 pm: Holy Family (Life Teen)
- 8:30 pm: SJSU Newman Center
- 6:00 pm: St. Martin of Tours
- 5 & 8:00 pm: Mission Santa Clara (*During School Year*)
- 6:00 pm: St. Christopher
- 6:00 pm: St. John Vianney
- 7:00 pm: St. Justin
- 5:00 pm: Transfiguration (Arabic)
- 5:30 pm: Five Wounds (Youth Mass)
- 5:00 pm Our Lady of Refuge (Youth) and 7:00 pm (Spanish)
- 5:30 pm: St. Joseph (Spanish)
- 6:00 pm: Holy Cross (Spanish)
- 5 & 7:00 pm: Sacred Heart (Spanish)
- 7:00 pm: St. Leo (Spanish)
- 5:00 pm: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Spanish)
- 5:30 & 7:30 pm: St. Maria Goretti (Spanish)
- 7:00 pm: Christ the King (Spanish)
- 6 & 7:30 pm: St. Lucy (Spanish)
- 6 & 7:30 pm: Most Holy Trinity (Vietnamese)
- 8:30 pm: Our Lady of La Vang (Vietnamese/Bilingual)

QUOTES TO LIVE BY

"Certainly in the next 50 years we shall see a woman president, perhaps sooner than you think. A woman can and should be able to do any political job that a man can do." *President Richard Nixon*

"To announce that there must be no criticism of the president... is morally treasonable to the American public." *President Theodore Roosevelt*

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." *President Calvin Coolidge*

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." *President Thomas Jefferson*

"If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read: 'President Can't Swim.'" *President Lyndon Johnson*

WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MILITARY SERVICES



IN DECEMBER, IT IS THE NATIONAL GUARD

The National Guard came into existence by a declaration of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. The Massachusetts General Court established that all able-bodied men (16–60) were required to join the militia to defend the settlements of the Colony.

This distinction qualifies it as the birthplace of the militia in the United States. Much has changed since 1636, but the National Guard (and now the Air Guard) still consists of citizen-soldiers providing protection from disasters and deploying to serve US interests abroad.

Other locations, such as Florida, Virginia, and New Mexico later provided military protection to allow settlers safe passage and defense, but Massachusetts was the first to establish a militia and other colonial militias didn't remain in continuous service. Massachusetts' service is unbroken, despite unit functions changing remarkably over those 383 years.

The Air National Guard was officially established as a separate component in 1947, concurrent with the Air Force. However, National Guard aviation emerged before WWI with aviation units in Army National Guard units as it was originally the Army Air Corps.

The National Guard remains a community cornerstone – just as it did when it was given birth on December 13, 1636.

VETERANS DAY 2019

St. Ignatius of Loyola Council has 34 Knights who are also veterans of our armed forces. At San Jose's 2019 Veterans Day parade, we were represented by a number of our vets, their friends and family. We give thanks to each of our vets for their service!!



Catholic Professionals next meet on: Thursday, December 12, 2019 - Mass: 7:00 a.m., Breakfast/Networking @ 7:30 a.m.

Join Catholics in various professions and bring your questions for our speaker and this month's topic.
Speaker @ 8:00 a.m.: Mel Kennedy, Musicianary on: "Joy to the World,; Living Christmas All Year Long"

Location: Three Flames Banquet Hall, 1547 Meridian Ave., San Jose (north of Hamilton Ave)
Reservations for Breakfast & Speaker: \$18 Members, \$25 Non-Members.

RSVP: sjcatholicprofessionals.com



The Real Cost of Long Term Care It Isn't about the Money

When I visit with a Brother Knight and his wife we often get into a conversation about long term care. Most conversations will steer toward how expensive care is and how medical care inflation keeps rising. This is a very pragmatic conversation and is easy to justify to not purchase long term care insurance. After all, at this level of having such a conversation it is about numbers.

I will ask them to break away from that train of thought and to view it in a different light: Long Term Care Insurance is less about the money and more about your loved ones.

Most anybody will find a way to pay for and receive care if required – whether it is from an insurance policy, draining savings, retirement assets or equity in their home, going on a state-funded care plan (such as Medi-Cal) or rely on family members.

Let's look deeper into the last one: family members providing your care. It is something I see far too often... a spouse, son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild or friend helping a person who has difficulty performing daily living activities. While these gracious and charitable individuals do it for the dignity of their loved one, the emotional, physical and financial toll it takes on them can be devastating. I have met many of these family caregivers and soon learn that they have sacrificed their own quality of life and have become exhausted and drained. Many were never prepared or trained to take on such responsibilities. Family members and friends provide care out of love, but need not suffer in doing so.

Long Term Care Insurance isn't necessarily about the money. It is about preserving your quality of your life and the life of the ones who will step up to care for you.

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Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 1
Pancake Breakfast
7:30-11 am Community Center

Thursday, December 5
Business Meeting
7 pm Youth Hall

Saturday, Dec 14
VA Holiday Spirit – Palo Alto
10 am depart from parking lot

Saturday, Dec 14
Council Christmas Party POT LUCK
6:00 - 9 pm Community Center

Tuesday, December 17
Columbiettes' Board Meeting
6:30 pm Hope Room

Thursday, December 19
Council Social Cancelled
7 pm Youth Hall

Monday, December 24 – Jan 1
Christmas Holiday OFFICE Closure

Monday, December 23 – Jan 3
Christmas Holiday SCHOOL Closure

Thursday, December 26
Columbiettes' Business Meeting Cancelled

Thursday, December 26
Officer's Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday, December 26
**Portola Assembly (Patriotic Degree) Meeting
Cancelled**

Thursday, January 2
Business Meeting
7 pm Youth Hall

Sunday, January 5
Pancake Breakfast
7:30-11 am Community Center

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

Seminarians not in Pastoral Years are studying at Mundelein Seminary at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois (30 miles north of O'Hare Airport, Chicago)

December 1	Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen
December 2	Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
December 3	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3
December 4	Rev. Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4
December 5	Mr. Angelbert Chikere, Theology 4
December 6	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 2
December 7	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 2
December 8	Rev. Celso Singson
December 9	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2
December 10	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
December 11	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
December 12	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 1
December 13	Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
December 14	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3
December 15	Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D
December 16	Rev. Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4
December 17	Mr. Angelbert Chikere, Theology 4

December 18	Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 2
December 19	Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 2
December 20	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2
December 21	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
December 22	Deacon Ray Gans
December 23	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
December 24	Mr. Robert Lamorena, Pre-Theology 2
December 25	Mr. Ryan Mau, Pre-Theology 2
December 26	Mr. Duy Nguyen, Pre-Theology 2
December 27	Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 1
December 28	Mr. Joseph Tran, Pastoral Year
December 29	Rev. Ritche Bueza, Vocations Director
December 30	Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 3
December 31	Rev. Mr. Robain Lamba, Theology 4

Support our seminarians with notes or letters to these men preparing for ordination at Mundelein. Write to them using the following address:

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Mundelein Seminary
1000 E Maple Ave, Bldg 300P
Mundelein, IL 60060**

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

Al Abrahamsohn	4/16/17
Howard Davis	1/11/16
Richard Domenici	4/21/13
Kenneth J. Goyeau	5/21/04
Charles Hogate	2/22/05
Richard Infantino	9/26/07
Leroy (Bud) Larson	3/12/02
Robert W. Livingston	11/3/14
Lyle Meacham	10/14/16



Frank O'Donnell	11/12/16
Edward M. Olsen	8/23/15
Rocco (Rocky) Palladino	12/25/94
Charles Pori	9/4/15
Robert Smearden	6/3/14
Carrol (Bill) Spencer	9/1/10
Harry Lee Stanley	11/28/10

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, Dec 14th
VA Holiday Spirit – Palo Alto
&
Council’s Christmas Party

Saturday, Feb. 1st
HFC Youth CRAB FEED
Holy Family

Saturday, Mar. 28th
San Jose Knight’s CRAB FEED
Holy Family

“Letters to the Editor”

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Membership Director - James Harris:

Pick up an **Interest Card** from the vestibule’s Knight’s shelf, along with our latest Council newsletter and the **“What Have We Done This Year?”** fact sheet. **Then talk to your friends and any newcomers you meet at Coffee & Donuts or after any of your weekly/daily masses.** We hope to increase the opportunities for our fellow Catholic men to join us in faith and activities with the School, Parish and Community.

Program Director - DGK Eric Bateman:

Our meetings are on the 1st Thursdays, unless preempted by a major Church activity or Special Notice. Activities asking for your volunteer support include: **Volunteering in one of the areas such as helping with the Holiday Spirit event for the Palo Alto VA hospital this month, assisting on our Formation Degree Team (AKA: 1st degree), serving as one of next year’s Event Chairs/Co-Chairs, or signing up to help at one of our membership drives at the parish over the next 12 months.**

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

DECEMBER

Pancake Breakfast - 12/1
Business Meeting - 12/5
Christmas Social for VA - 12/14
Council Christmas Party - 12/14
Officer’s Meeting **(Cancelled)**
Christmas - Dec 24 - Jan. 1
Office & School Closed

JANUARY 2020

Business Meeting - 1/2
Pancake Breakfast - 1/5
Officer’s Meeting - 1/30

FEBRUARY 2020

Youth Crab Feed - 2/1
Pancake Breakfast - 2/2
Business Meeting - 2/6
President’s Day-2/17
Office & School Closed
Ash Wednesday - 2/26
Officer’s Meeting - 2/27

MARCH 2020

Pancake Breakfast - 3/1
Business Meeting - 3/5
St. Patrick’s Day Dinner - 3/14
Officer’s Meeting - 3/26
Knights’ Crab Feed - 3/28
Community Center
Cesar Chavez Day-3/31

APRIL 2020

Business Meeting - 4/2
Pancake Breakfast - 4/5
Good Friday-4/10
Holy Saturday-4/11
Easter-4/12
Officer’s Meeting - 4/30

MAY 2020

Pancake Breakfast - 5/3
Business Meeting - 5/7
Memorial Day-5/25
Office Closed
Officer’s Meeting - 5/28

Nominations for our Knight and Family of the Month,
recurring, and suggested Articles
for January’s Knight Line are due by December 20th