



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 2020, 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



Brother Knights,

We come to a close of the year 2020 and like most people, I am glad to see it end and hope that 2021 will be better, with viable vaccines and the end of this pandemic. For Catholics, this is the time of year where we concentrate on the coming of Jesus, the future coming when he comes in glory and the past coming when he came as a baby in Bethlehem to be our savior; where he ended our slavery to sin and gave us new life through his body and blood. We too hope that the upcoming days of 2021 will give us new life and free us from the shackles of this virus.

This Christmas season will be totally different than the others we have had in the past, no holiday gatherings in the church with Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations, Christmas potlucks, and Christmas parties. But we can still keep the Advent and Christmas spirit in our heart with family and virtually with friends. I recommend that we all try to do more praying and reflecting on Advent and Christmas - there are a ton of Catholic resources on the internet, especially this year (I know that Formed.org is having special Advent daily reflections and Bishop Barron also has daily reflections). The Knights have some virtual events this month, with Deacon Ray giving a talk on The Book of Job on Dec. 2nd, a virtual rosary on Dec. 17th and a possible Zoom Christmas prayer meeting this month (TBD) and the parish is having an advent Mission on Dec. 14th. So please join in on these Zoom/Facebook live events and enrich your Advent season.

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Christmas Trivia?

What city name do the states of West Virginia, Florida, Texas, Tennessee, Ohio, North Carolina, Missouri, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Indiana, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Connecticut and Georgia have in common?

Find the answer in this newsletter.

Grand Knight's Corner (Cont'd)

I want to thank all the Knights who either volunteered or donated items for the "Triple Drive" we had in November, three straight Sundays with three drives going at the same time, Coat drive, PWID drive and Diocesan Layette drive. All three were successes and it all had to do with the Knights who came out to man the tables or donate to these worthy causes. Special thanks to the drive coordinator, Worthy DGK David Gomez, who did a fantastic job running the drives. We collected a lot of coats and baby items and will be delivering them soon and had a very good collection for the PWID with all of the money going to Special Olympics and Hope Services.

In closing, I wish everyone a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas. Keep Christ in Christmas and celebrate Christmas for the entire Christmas season, or at least for the 12 days of Christmas (*that is a Catholic thing you know*) which starts on Christmas Day. Happy New Year - keep praying and hoping for the end of the pandemic!!

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

Chaplain's Message



My Christmas' Reflection

After the lock down responding to the spread of corona virus and then seemingly loosening up of restrictions by the state and local health officials, people are still reluctant to come to public gatherings, even for our church liturgical celebrations. I have much respect for every person's disposition and decision regarding their personal health issues and decisions. Only a month left before we will be celebrating the most joyful and festive season of the year. What will happen to Christmas, is it still the same or different? It's up to each one of you to think and reflect on how you celebrate.

Christmas will always be the same in the changing of time and season. It will never change, whatever happens in the world. It is always a time for rejoicing and a season of hope. The Birth of the Savior serves

as a milestone in the history of our salvation. It is already imprinted in our heart and mind as Christians, believers of Jesus Christ. Whatever the world might be experiencing, Christmas will always be Christmas and we will always celebrate. Remembering the birth of the Savior is showing our enormous love and heartfelt gratitude for His presence in our lives. Without His coming, people would still remain living in the darkness of sin and death. His birth brought light and life into the world.

We should never forget that our salvation begins at His birth and was finally accomplished on the cross at Calvary. From that time to the present Jesus continually works for our redemption until the end of time. Jesus is always our God and Savior who will bring us to final victory at the end of time and bring us all to the place He prepared for us, Heaven.

So my dear brothers, let us celebrate the Birth of Jesus from the bottom of our heart and express His presence to all people we meet every day of our life. My prayers will always be with you and your beloved family and friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

**Fr. Celso Singson
Chaplain**

RECOGNIZING OUR KNIGHTS

At our November Business meeting Brother Knights were announced as our Knights of the Month and Families of the Month for October and November 2020.

KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Recognized for November, **Brother Marv Lewis** spent almost two whole days helping out with our triple drive in the first two weekends! He also made the Knights aware of security breaches at Holy Family and worked with our Warden to implement some security measures and start researching other future measures. Marv was also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for several indoor Masses this month.

Recognized for October, **Brother Mark Williams** was a great presence at our Delta church drive, present almost the entire time with the sign his wife created. He also assisted in the drive-by sacraments. In a significant role, he represented the Knights for Fr. Celso's 30th anniversary of ordination mass, working tirelessly with the celebration committee, which spent the entire month planning the celebrations. He continued to serve as one of our Trustees, overseeing the use of our funds.



Grand Knight Eric presents the October Knight of the Month certificate to PGK Mark Williams

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

Recognized for November, **Brother John and Christina Maria Ruiz** helped out before and after several Masses with the triple drive (coats/PWID/Diocesan Layette) which the Knights worked on for three weekends in November. John is also a big help setting up for liturgies. His wife, Maria Cristina, is the parish liturgist and has helped the Knights with the pop up tent placement, drive by sacraments and was very helpful with our Delta Church membership drive. She assists at almost every weekday morning mass and the outdoor & funeral masses.

Recognized for October, **Brother Eric and Judy Bateman** are exceptionally active in our Parish community and Diocese. Eric lectured at outdoor Masses and attends the "Prophets" bible study on Zoom. He helped with the canopies for Sunday outdoor Masses, Sacramental Confirmation Masses and Friday funerals. Judy has been involved with Faith formation, preparing children for 1st communion and Confirmation and has begun a new ministry, RCIA for children preparing for baptism, communion, and Confirmation. She is the Diocesan layette ministry leader for Holy Family and Transfiguration Parishes and has coordinated assistance with the Knights. Their daughters serve the church with Maria now involved as a Life Teen leader and as a member of the Parish Advisory Committee, while Colleen is a leader in both the Life Teen Life and Edge youth programs. Grand Knight Eric's family was also recognized by the California State Deputy's office as Family of the Month!



Grand Knight Eric also presented our Knight of the Month certificate for last September to Jovie Palteng

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2020 Marv Lewis
OCTOBER Mark Williams
SEPTEMBER Jovie Palteng
AUGUST Jeff Knight
JULY Gary Miskimon
JUNE Dcn. Joseph Tran
MAY Chris Mardesich
APRIL Fr. Andrew V. Nguyen
MARCH Fr. Celso Singson
FEBRUARY Jon Bosco
JANUARY 2020 Rev. Mr. Joseph Tran
DECEMBER 2019 John Chargin
Knight of the Year 2019-20: DAVID GOMEZ

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2020 John & Maria Christina Ruiz
OCTOBER Eric & Judy Bateman
SEPTEMBER John & Alvira Chargin
AUGUST Gary & Mary Herbst
JULY John & Sandie Hesler
JUNE Mike Yambra & Patty Trillo
MAY (Shelter in Place)
APRIL (Shelter in Place)
MARCH (Shelter in Place)
FEBRUARY Bradley Jannine Vandehey
JANUARY 2020 Gary & Mary Herbst
DECEMBER 2019 Robert & Jade Chubb
Family of the Year 2019-20: Gary Miskimon



Catholic Professionals meet Thurs., Dec. 10th
@ 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Joe Albers, Cristo Rey School Principal, and a student discussing: "Hope, Dreams and Experiences"

Location: **ONLINE!** Register at:
sjcatholicprofessionals.com

December 2020

RECOGNIZING KNIGHTS IN ACTION

During October Brother Knights participated at parish masses over three weekends in the annual People With Intellectual Difficulties Campaign, the annual Coat Drive and assisted the Columbiettes in their support of the annual Diocesan Layette Drive. Others continued to assist in the Drive-Thru Communion and Confession sacraments for the entire parish. Some of the Brother Knights with whom we shared fundraising fellowship and camaraderie included GK Eric Bateman, PGK Michael Yambra, Jovie Palteng, PGK Mark Williams, PGK Marv Lewis, Uzoma Amuchie, PGK Toby Laufer, Jeffery Knight, PGK Len Piazzon, John Ruiz, PGK Gary Miskimon, and our Chaplain, Father Celso. Some of these gentlemen are represented in the photo below.



A box of coats, a table full of Tootsie Rolls, and Layette Donations, PWID cash donations, and eager helpers for Holy Family Parish.

CHRISTMAS SEMINARIAN DONATIONS

The RSVP program (Refund Support Vocations Program) seeks donations to our Seminarian scholarship fund each year. We began with a single \$500 award to our Brother Ernesto Orci in the early years following our Council being chartered. He is now Rev. Orci and Pastor of St. Lawrence the Martyr in our Diocese. Our fund raising events have allowed us to support up to seven Seminararians and we voted to sponsor five this year, but our "seminarian jar" has not been filled due to no fundraising events since the pandemic environment began last March.

If your financial situation allows, please make check out to "Knights of Columbus" and mail it to the church address (4848 Pearl Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136) Attn: Knights of Columbus. No matter how large or small, 100% of your assistance will go towards advancing the education of our future priests.

COLUMBIETTES PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



This past month the We have been participating in soliciting contributions from the parish and members for the Layette Shower, including a \$100 donation for the Layette program. We are contributing candy canes to Holy Family School for St. Nicholas Day, Dec.6th. Each cane will have a card attached with an explanation of the meaning behind the candy cane. Our Scholarship drive for a graduating Senior begins in January. This Scholarship is a \$1,000 award for a student, towards college or trade school training. If you have or know of a graduating Senior, encourage them to pick up an application in the Church office after Jan. 1st, of next year.

We pray for all to have a Blessed Thanksgiving.

KNIGHT'S ROSARY



A Council "Thank You" to the Knights, Columbiettes, family members, and parishioners who joined in the Knight's Rosary on November 19th. Mauro Valcazar, the Rosary Team leader, and Eugene Okafor are already making the arrangements for our December 17th Rosary, so plan on signing in through Zoom (as early as 5:30) to confirm your connections before we begin at 6:00 p.m.

NEXT KNIGHT'S ROSARY 12/17

MEMBER PROFILE ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Uzoma Paul Amuchie

How did I 'hear' about the Knights?

The first time I thought about being a Knight was when I was in Middle School/High School. I loved helping people and I was so involved in the community and church that I wanted to give more purpose to helping the community grow.

When did I actually 'think' about joining and who approached me about joining?

What attracted me to the Knights more when I got older, was the brotherhood and the love and the respect they had for each other, the community, and the church. The person that approached me about becoming a Knight of Columbus was Mr. David Gomez, the current Deputy Grand Knight. When he approached me and asked me about it, I told him "Where do I sign up" - because I saw how much of a brotherhood they had and how much they loved helping the community and the church.

What can I say about being a Knight?

I am now a member and an officer of the Knights of Columbus. I have been a member for three years. I am proud and blessed to be a member and officer of Knights of Columbus. Thank you for letting me be a part of something special and amazing. I am extremely blessed.

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention:

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

SAVE THE DATES:

December 2nd – Deacon Ray’s Reflection
December 17th - Council’s Online Rosary

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 2

Deacon Ray - *Is the Pandemic a Curse from God?*
7:00 – 8:00 pm ----- VIA ZOOM

Thursday, December 3

Business Meeting VIRTUAL
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, December 6

Pancake Breakfast Canceled

Monday, December 14

Parish Advent Mission

Tuesday, December 15

Columbiettes’ Board Meeting VIRTUAL

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. December 17

Online Knights’ Rosary

Saturday, 7:00 p.m. December 19

Council Christmas Party - CANCELLED

Tuesday, December 22

Portola Assembly Meeting VIRTUAL

Thurs Dec 24 through Fri Jan 1.

**Christmas/New Year’s
Parish Office closed**

Thursday, 7:00 pm December

Officer’s Meeting CANCELLED

Pancake Breakfast TBA

Sunday, January 3

Thursday, January 7

Business Meeting VIRTUAL
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Second Collections in December:

December 6th – Building & Grounds
December 13th – Community Ctr/Hall
December 20th – Religious Retirement

PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

** Seminarians with Council
financial support this year*

December 1 Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4 *

December 2 Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3

December 3 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3

December 4 Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *

December 5 Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *

December 6 Rev. Andrew Vu Nguyen

December 7 Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1 *

December 8 Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *

December 9 Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pre-Pastoral

December 10 Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4 *

December 11 Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3

December 12 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3

December 13 Rev. Celso Singson

December 14 Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *

December 15 Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *

December 16 Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1 *

December 17 Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *

December 18 Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pre-Pastoral

December 19 Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4 *

December 20 Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, S.T.D

December 21 Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology

December 22 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3

December 23 Mr. Robert Lamorena, Theology 1 *

December 24 Mr. Ryan Mau, Theology 1 *

December 25 Mr. Duy Nguyen, Theology 1 *

December 26 Mr. Thanh Ho, Pre-Theology 2 *

December 27 Rev. Andrew C. Nguyen, Vocations Dir

December 28 Mr. Pedro Jose Jimenez, Pre-Pastoral

December 29 Mr. Tony Famave, Theology 4 *

December 30 Mr. Manuel Barrios, Theology 3

December 31 Mr. Joseph Nguyen, Theology 3

**Support our seminarians with notes or
letters to these men spending years in
preparation for ordination.**

Use this address:

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**WE WISH A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
OUR MILITARY SERVICES**



**IN DECEMBER, WE CELEBRATE THE
NATIONAL GUARD &
U.S. SPACE FORCE**

The National Guard came into existence by a declaration of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1636. 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 WW One with aviation units in Army National Guard units, similar to the original U.S. Army's Air Corps.



The National Guard remains a community cornerstone – just as it was when “born” on December 13, 1636.

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 M. Van Buren, W. Wilson, A. Johnson (none born in 20th/21st centuries). Others? Frank Sinatra, Emily Dickinson, Jane Austen, Ludwig van Beethoven, Little Richard, the National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol. **Papal Birthdays:** Francis (Dec. 17th), Pius VI, Sixtus V, Leo X, Julius II, Callistus III.

Christmas Trivia Answer:

The city of “Bethlehem” exists in each of the 18 US states listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TO OUR FLEDGLING U.S. SPACE FORCE !!!!!!!

The **United States Space Force (USSF)** is the US military's space warfare branch and the newest of the eight uniformed services and six uniformed services. Initially formed in 1982 as the Air Force's Space Command with space operations as its primary mission, the Space Force was established as an independent branch on 20 December 2019. The USSF is a branch within the Department of the Air Force, similar to the role of the US Marines within the US Navy. It is now the smallest of the US armed services. The military head of the Space Force is the Chief of Space Operations (CSO) who also serves as one of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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

- 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 operations (e.g., satellite communications);
- Space service support (e.g., spacelift and space range operations for military, civil, and commercial operators);
- Space support to nuclear command, control, communications and nuclear detonation detection; an
- Missile warning and space support to missile defense operations.

Members of the USSF retain their respective grade and rank carried over from the Air Force for now. It has not yet announced what the permanent rank structure will be. Congress is considering legislation for the USSF to adopt naval ranks. Space Force officers are obtained through the Air Force Academy, ROTC, and Officer Training School. The first USSF officers graduated from the Academy on 18 April 2020. Enlisted personnel are obtained through the normal USAF Basic Military Training, although some training may be modified to be more space-related.

**The official Seal of the United States Space Force seems familiar,
*perhaps readers could help me figure why??***



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----- **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

Membership Director – Jovie Palteng:

Have you asked a Catholic gentleman friend or neighbor to join our council? If each of us ask one man, there's a good chance at least one would say yes each month. Remember, joining has become much easier with the new unified 1st to 3rd degree ceremonies, so remind prospective Knight members that all of the 'secrecy' and formality has been changed and their families are invited to attend.

Program Director - DGK David Gomez:

Our business meetings are on the 1st Thursdays, unless preempted by a major Church activity or Special Notice. Brothers, check out the programs we are planning 2021 and pick one (or one more!) that interests you or your family. Let me know and I will have the program coordinator contact you. We always need a few Brothers to help parking lot traffic on Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm for Confessions or to guide traffic for Drive-Thru Communion on Sundays 5:30-5:45. More hands on Sundays to help/supervise setting up canopies for Masses at 7:15 am and breaking them down at 6:45 pm are very welcome.

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

DECEMBER 2020	JANUARY 2021	FEBRUARY
Business Meeting - 12/3 Virtual Pancake Breakfast - 12/6- CANCELLED On-line Rosary-12/17 Council Christmas Party - VIRTUAL !! CHRISTMAS - Office Closed 12/24/20 - 1/1/21	Pancake Breakfast 1/3- CANCELLED Business Meeting - 1/7- Virtual Martin Luther King Day -1/18 On-line Rosary-1/21 Officer's Meeting - 1/28 NEW YEARS - Office Closed 1/1/21	Business Meeting - 2/4 Virtual Pancake Breakfast - 2/2 PRESIDENTS' DAY - 2/15 Office closed Ash Wednesday - 2/17 On-line Rosary-2/18 Officer's Meeting - 2/25
MARCH	APRIL	MAY
Business Meeting - 3/4 Virtual Pancake Breakfast - 3/7 St. Patrick's Day Dinner - 3/13 On-line Rosary-3/18 Officer's Meeting - 3/25 Cesar Chavez Day -3/31	Business Meeting - 4/1 Virtual? Pancake Breakfast - 4/4 EASTER On-line Rosary-4/15 Officer's Meeting - 4/29	Pancake Breakfast - 5/2 Business Meeting - 5/6 Virtual? Mother's Day - 5/9 On-line Rosary-5/20 Officer's Meeting - 5/27 Memorial Day -5/31

Nominations for our Knight and Family of the Month for December and for January's Knight Line input are due by December 23rd