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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2018 *In December, We welcome the Nativity*

By Brother Robert Kupfert

Season's Greetings my brothers! It looks like the first Sunday of Advent is coming this weekend and the excitement of Christmas will be quickly upon us. This time of year we are always busy with decorating our homes, buying gifts, getting out our fancy dinnerware and anticipating company. Don't forget to set up an Advent Wreath in anticipation of our Savior's Birth. At my home, we like to light up the candles for each week of Advent at dinnertime to openly express our faith and love at Christmas time. Another important display at home is the Nativity. To me the Nativity is the greatest symbol of peace that I know.

This time of year we spend a lot of time thinking about charity. Whether it be volunteering our time or donating monetarily, this is our time of year. Our Council is sending a generous donation for fire victim's relief in our own state of California.

We are also sending donations to St Vincent DePaul and Isaiah House in Orange County to provide some Holiday Meals for the needy. So far, we have had a good start to our ID Drive this fall and we implemented our next phase which is a mailing to each of the membership in our Council. Please give to the ID Drive if you can. This is a great cause as the money collected helps the intellectually disabled attend camp and their caregivers are given a much needed break in their hectic schedules.

We had a nice turnout for our Thanksgiving Dinner which was held on November 17th after the 5PM Mass. I was so thankful to see the nice showing of our Parish Community. I salute all those who volunteered time and effort to make this year's Thanksgiving Dinner a big success. Special thanks go to Bro. George Nothelfer and Bro. Mike Ulibarri for coordination of this event.

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE APPEAL

By Brother Tom Sixsmith - Chairman

I am pleased to announce that our Tootsie Roll efforts at the four grocery stores was a big success and yielded over \$4600 in funds raised. Thanks again to our store Captains: Brothers, Joe Shulte, Vince Vasquez and Clete Menke and the many volunteer supervisors and students for their time and efforts.

Our annual Tootsie Roll Drive is entering the next stage with an appeal to all 9487 brothers to make a contribution. The letters were recently mailed and if you have already submitted a donation, thank you. If you have set the letter aside and thinking about getting to it later- later is now!

If you can make even the smallest donation, the friends of the Intellectually Disabled can really use your help. We have also selected the weekend of

January 19 and 20th for our Tootsie Roll appeal at all Santiago masses. Your assistance and help will be needed at each mass.

If you can spare some time after the mass you attend to don an apron and help with donation, it would be appreciated. Again, thanks to all that help make this very worthy program a success. God Bless

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

01 Cindy Guzman
01 John Huh
02 Mario Soto
02 Katherine Kane
02 Nelson Sweeney
03 Steve Eggert
04 William Gordon
04 David Mrozinski
05 Carolyn Quinn
05 David Belz
05 Barbara Fernandez
07 Barbara Walloch
08 Aaron Sonnenberg
08 John Nuqui
08 John Lane
08 Renne Gardner
11 Theresa Lane
11 Adrian Michael
12 Robert Bosche
12 Advento Gutang
14 Roger Cuenca
15 Robert Durham
17 Claude Maurer III
19 Gaye Ramella
19 James Burrell
19 Mark Griffin
19 Joe Zapata
19 Thomas Pacheco
22 Grace Garcia
23 Rich Piecuch
24 Enrique Hernandez
24 Mathew Paul
24 Delphina Hernandez
26 William Murphy
28 Mathew Feldman
28 Susie Birtja
28 James Glenn
29 Sylvia Soto
30 Laura Garcia

Anniversaries

01 Patrick/Lisa Larkin
05 Mike/Jackie Martinez
03 John/Laura Garcia
06 Pat/Karen Cardinale
08 Nick/Susan Benigno
11 Calixto/Evang. Alonso
13 Ray/Marlene Puzio
16 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe
17 Joe/Julie Strauss
19 Ron/Diane Surak
23 Michael/Siobhan Hickey
28 Roberto/Patricia Lamberen
31 Richard/Kathy Petrash
31 Michael/Lisa Byrne

DECEMBER CHARITY BOX COLLECTION

Homeboy Industries

By Brother Michael Klett

At last night's Officer's Meeting we discussed the monthly Charity Box Collection. Two decisions were made regarding the Charity Box. The first decision was that since charity is a pillar of both the Knights of Columbus and our Council that each month we would ensure that the minimum donation was \$150. If the membership donates less than the \$150 in the "pass the box" campaign Council funds would be added to bring the donation up to the \$150 minimum. The second decision was that the December 2018 collection would be for the Homeboy Industries charity.

Homeboy Industries was founded Los Angeles in 2001 by Fr. Greg Boyle to minister, serve, and provide an alternative to gang members. Since its founding Homeboy Industries has grown to become one of the largest, most comprehensive and most successful gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry programs in the country. By providing jobs and a sense of community they have engaged the imagination of 120,000 gang members and helped them to envision an exit ramp off the "freeway" of violence, addiction and incarceration. You can read more about Homeboy Industries at <https://www.homeboyindustries.org/>,

Please be generous in your support of this outreach at the December meeting by filling the Charity Box and if are shopping for groceries and see a loaf of Homeboy bread or a bag of Homeboy chips please consider them as an alternative.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - Mike Byrne

By Brother Ricardo Teano - Retention Committee

May I present a most deserving Knight of the Month - Mike Byrne. Mike joined the K of C in 1990 in Milton, Florida while serving in the US Navy. He went thru the 1-3 degrees, but they only sent the 1st degree paperwork to the Supreme. So here he sits as a 1st Degree after 28 years! He joined because his dad and his dad were knights, seemed like the thing to do.

Mike helps at the Saturday Recycling when he is in town and have helped out in the kitchen for cleanup for events. Last year he helped set up the Christmas decorations.

Mike was born and raised Catholic and graduated from Bishop Montgomery High in Torrance. He is married with 4 children. The family have been parishioners since they moved to OC in December, 1993.

Mike loves the Knights. He said that we are here to serve like Jesus did and he enjoys the fellowship with other Catholic men.

Congratulations Mike as the Knight of the month.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - Tom Pacheco Family

By Brother Ricardo Teano - Retention Committee

We could not be more proud to select Tom Pacheco family as the honoree of this month.

Tom and family have been life long Catholics. They started attending Santiago 14 years ago, and even though they have moved around and now live in Irvine, they still attend Sunday mass regularly at Santiago. They have build strong relationships with many parishioners and the priests and look forward to spending time with them.

As a family,they have participated in the Christmas decoration setup and cleanup, Holiday singing at the Lake Forest Nursing Center, helping with cooking hamburgers and hotdogs at the Fair, and Saturday recycling. Tom's wife was involved with the choir and Children's Liturgy in the past. Currently she is a Lector for about 3 years now. Both kids are altar servers. His oldest has been serving for about 4 years and is now a Cross Bearer. Tom started helping out over 10 years in Sunday School, which allowed him to take care of the younger kids while parents attended mass. This program is not around anymore, but it was for many years.

Tom has been a knight for 2 years. He joined the knights to better serve his community and is a 2nd degree knight.

Tom said that being part of the knights, gives him many opportunities to give back and allows him to live his Faith through actions and reminds him of how blessed we are to be part of the Catholic church and the Catholic Communities.

Congratulations to Tom and his family. VIVAT JESU!!!

PARISH CHRISTMAS (Epiphany) DINNER

By Brother Michael Klett

Planning has started for the annual Parish Christmas Dinner. Some folks like to call it the "Epiphany Dinner" but I call it the Christmas Dinner. If you want to know details about that ask me. I'm happy to share.

The date is Saturday, January 5th, after the 5 PM Mass. We'll have ham, scalloped potatoes, and all of the usual fixings. A lot of things still need to line up and get done but we're working on the details. Please mark the date in your calendar and come by Saturday afternoon to help cook and setup the hall.

Helping out in the hall and kitchen is a great way to share faith and fellowship with your brother knights. Many hands make the work easy.