

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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KofC 9487 December Council Meeting

Time: December 1, 2021 07:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

MEET IN PERSON or Join the **Zoom Hybrid** Meeting

General Meeting:

Stewart Imagawa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: K of C Council 9487 General Meeting Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82398599292?pwd=WXREcU1zQjM4UCtjYmg4TUIxSG54Zz09

> Meeting ID: 823 9859 9292 Passcode: KofC9487\$

Officer's Meeting:

Stewart Imagawa is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Time: December 15, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: K of C Council 9487 Officer's Meeting Every month on the Third Wed, 12 occurrence(s)

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Grand Knight's Report

GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL CARE works in marvelous and mysterious ways. One way is by giving every age the saints it needs. With eyes of faith, it is possible to see the wisdom of God's timing as he provides the witnesses, we need for the moment we are in.

This is true for all the saints, but it was brought home to me in a specific way while reflecting on our Founder's beatification, which took place one year ago, on Oct. 31, 2020. I find myself asking, "Why Father McGivney?"



and "Why now?" None of us can know the mind of God, but I think there may be several reasons.

In the first place, Blessed Michael McGivney was a parish priest. He was not called to contemplative life; rather, he was called to be Christ among the people — with all the pastoral challenges that entails. He knew well the strain that comes from being involved with the day-to-day struggles of his parishioners. Parish priests today face their own challenges. More and more priests labor alone, administering two or more parish sites with diminishing resources and participation. When you add to this distrust resulting from the abuse crisis and the stress of pandemic restrictions on Mass attendance and parish life, it's no wonder that many priests feel exhausted and demoralized.

What better moment, then, for a model and an intercessor like Blessed Michael McGivney — a parish priest who ministered to parishioners struggling and suffering through the difficulties of their age, including fatherless families, addiction and even pandemic conditions. And he did this amid societal prejudice that treated Catholics — particularly priests as — pariahs.

Moreover, in Father McGivney's day, Catholic families faced an uphill climb. As immigrants, they grappled with bigotry, material poverty and the temptation to abandon their faith in order to and social acceptance. Many of Father McGivney's parishioners had left largely Catholic homelands to come to a land where their beliefs were considered foreign and even suspect.

Similar challenges face our families today, under fierce pressure from outside forces. Increasingly, as they were the 1880s, Catholic families are tempted to accept secular ideologies and to abandon their faith in order to avoid the contempt of the world. As Christians, we are called to be in the world, but not of the world — and that is getting more and more difficult by the day. We live in a time of great division, as proponents of political and cultural ideologies work hard to gain adherents while shouting down opposition. These fissures have found their way into our families, often pitting one generation against another.

Our Founder knew that the answer for Catholic men and for Catholic families was to come together and to strengthen one another in faith. I believe that through Father McGivney's beatification, our Lord is reminding Catholic men and families that we must be unified more than ever before. Finally, Father McGivney was a man of action. He saw the desperate situation of his parishioners and was not content merely to lament that reality. He acted — concretely and decisively. In founding the Knights of Columbus, he was calling men and families to rise and be bound together.

Thus, I believe that our Founder's beatification in this moment in history is no mere coincidence. We should look to his response to the needs of his time as a roadmap for our own response to the needs of our time. Let us continue to pray for Father McGivney's canonization, even as his life and witness - brought into sharper focus by God's providence - inspire our own actions in the days and years ahead. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT (Continued)

Our "Respect for Life" Recruitment/ Weekend was a complete success. Brother Ricardo will talk about recruiting and the successful drive we had.

Our "Respect for Life" weekend had very positive results. Many of you saw the video shown @ the end of mass. A lot of interest was generated about our Ultrasound APR/Initiative. The money raised will go towards purchase of an ultrasound unit.

The Friday before Thanksgiving, about a dozen or so of our 9487 brothers led by our worthy Financial Secretary unloaded and disseminated all but 47 of 300 wheelchairs. This all took place @ San Antonio de Padua in Anaheim Hills.

Knights were also busy with our monthly food collection. Let us give credit to the generosity of the volunteers for this month. They are PGK Ken, Michael Byrne, Domingo Roldan, Stewart and France Imagawa, Mark Angel, SCO Liason Lily Nguyen-Ellis, Ludette David, Roy Reyes, and a few others and Ricardo Teano. At this time I would like to make a special mention of the willingness of the following brand new knight volunteer Vince Farro, soon to be knight; Butch Reyes. Chris Muhlenkamp, and Mark Dy-Ragos with children Mark and Megan. Thanks to your spirit of volunteerism. Volunteer Butch said it was time well spent. (*courtesy Ricardo Teano*)

Finally, a couple of reminders: In a couple of weeks, we are holding a Blood Drive. It will be held on December 13th from 12:30 – 7:00 in the PARISH HALL

Our next food drive December 18th

Clergy Night, Friday Night January 28th 2022.

Vivat Jesus!

RECRUITMENT BLITZ A HUGE SUCCESS

By: Ricardo Teano, Membership Committee

The Covid-19 pandemic quarantine period was a disaster to council membership growth. There were several months of zero recruits. The month of November, 2021 on the 13-14th day weekend, the drought ended. A good number of practicing Catholic men in Santiago de Compostela signed in to join the Knights of Columbus. To be exact, there were 12 recruits who signed the online membership form, 3 transfer members from other parishes, and 4 who want to receive more information. It was an incredible number compared to any previous membership blitz.

Of course, we would like to credit the efforts of the recruiting volunteers of Brian Beach, Dennis Fung, GK Mike Sofka, PGK Ken Breneman, Vince Farro, Nathan Walden, Roy Reyes, Michael Byrne, Chris Hudnall, Angel Garcia, Mark Angel, and more.

The powerful Respect for Life video was shown in all English masses to convey the full support of the knights. This and the pancake breakfast, served during the recruitment, tremendously helped inspire the high number of recruits ready to join the knights.

May the tribe increase!

District Deputy's Corner

Happy New Year!

Yes, the Church has started a new liturgical year and most of December we are in Advent. I get so excited every Advent as I ignore the early Christmas stuff knowing that Christmas begins on December 25th. It is difficult with everyone saying, "Merry Christmas". And somewhere around the 23rd I'll finally start playing Christmas music. But then I celebrate Christmas to Epiphany Sunday and beyond.

But let's not lose our way. We are celebrating the birth of our Savior. Almighty God most pow-

erful has come down to earth to share in a human birth with the Virgin Mary as his ponder that as we receive him into our especially at Christmas Mass.

In other things, we are approaching the time to let up but rather it is time to push just over six months left to meet our goals

How are you doing on recruiting Safe Environment goals? On programs? On holding Fraternal things that need to get done to

Many councils are sending Please do your Worthy Finan-Officers a favor and pay your to track who has and who whole lot easier when they are



our humanity – even to the point of having mother and St. Joseph as his father. Let's hands and mouths at Mass all month, but

half point in our Columbian year. It is not the throttle pedal down further. We have for the year.

> new members? On meeting your executing your Faith in Action Benefits Nights? These are the achieve Star Council.

out dues notices this month. cial Secretary and your Worthy dues quickly. The council has hasn't paid their dues. It's a paid.

Finally, I'd like to give a plug to Spirit Filled Radio (see <u>https://www.spiritfilledmedia.org/</u>). Brother Vince Vasquez and I host a show called "Made 4 More" at 4:30 PM every weekday. It is a world view from two brother Knights of Columbus that I think you might enjoy.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

NOVEMBER ALBUM













FAMILY OF THE MONTH - CATE & DENNIS FUNG

By: Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

Let me enumerate the church responsibilities of this family and then tell me if they really deserve to be the Family of the Month.



Dennis is the Secretary of the SDC Pastoral Council, Member of the SDC Amazing Parish Servant Leaders, Officer of KOFC Council 9487, 4th Degree Color Corps Guard, The Men's Welcome Retreat Formation Team 1 Member, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Sacristan, Vice-President of the SDC St Vincent de Paul Society, liaison with the Dynamic Catholic Program, SDC Ministries Coordinator, helps in RCIA Program, Food Drive, and The Chosen Team

Cate is a Nurse Practitioner, helps the Dominican Sisters at St Michael's Abbey with health issues and various other projects, a member of the St Ignatius Study Ministry and a Women's Welcome Retreat Formation Team 2 Member.

Their son Gabriel (24) (not in the picture) is a knight of Council 9487, Zackary (12) is an altar server and Nicole (11) is both altar server and Children's Choir Member.

My admiration to the Fung Family on their dedication to the church and community. The carrying out of the ideals of Unity, Charity and Fraternity that our Knights of Columbus Founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney professes is certainly upheld by Dennis and Cate and family.

SK Dennis has been a knight since 2019. He has a Catholic friend who is a knight, so he copied him. He is a retired Civil Servant for 31 years, was baptized by Father Thomas, and joined the knights right after.

Dennis said that he is proud to be a member of the most successful KOFC council in Southern California.

Well said, my brother. Congratulations to the most deserving Fung Family!

HAPPY 32ND ANNIVERSARY FATHER THOMAS



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - DOMINGO ROLDAN

by: Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

So glad to do the write-up for Domingo Roldan as he is the most delightful person to talk to. Congratulations Domingo for handily winning this Knight of the month recognition. Your string of volunteer works at Santiago cannot be duplicated. Your unselfish assistance to the church custodian every time he needs a hand dubs you with the name Father Tom's Handy-Man. No job too small.



Domingo just finished repainting this church parish hall, where our council meeting is enjoyed now. Domingo painted the hall during daytime and Jaime Terriquez, another Knight of the month, painted at nighttime after his daytime job. Together these 2 knights finished the job and exemplify the word CHARITY that the Knights of Columbus organization wants us to be. They are indeed two brothers to emulate.

Domingo's volunteer works continue as he installed the corrugated roofing of the patio by the OLP Room, constructed foundation and installed pedestals and statues of Saint Joseph and Saint Theresa along the Path of Saints, installed Santo Nino at the far corner of the parking lot, helped construct 2 storage areas for recycling, installed bells at the Sanctuary to announce the start of the mass, and others.

Domingo is an essential person in our recycling program. He

is a special person, George Said. He is a silent wonder worker, Bob said as he arrives the earliest and leaves last with his truck that is most useful in his volunteer works.

Domingo is Hawaiian, born in beautiful Kauai. Married to Ruby, has 7 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and one more coming in six months. Guess how old is our friend, and how young he thinks as he is our altar boy on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8:00 AM masses.

His wife Ruby made him join the knights and said, God bless her.

Brother Domingo likes what the KOFC stands for and what it does to help the needy. "Thank you, Father McGivney," he said. Plus, he also said that he enjoys his fellow brothers. They all are great people. God bless them all! They are so kind, and fun to be with. KOFC has so many talented individuals and they don't mind volunteering to do whatever has to be done here at Santiago de Compostela.

Congratulations Domingo and Lady Knight Ruby and thank you for all you do.

Food Drive Stimulates Knights Volunteerism

by: Ricardo Teano



The Food Program of the South Orange County Food Outreach is successfully hosted by our Santiago de Compostela Parish. With the support of Council 9487volunteer knights, the Food Drive to feed the community is conducted every 3rd Saturday morning of the Month. Non-perishable goods and money are accepted at the church front parking lot from 8:30 to 11:00AM. The usually heavy non-perishable foods are carried from the trunk of the donors' car while other volunteers do the sorting inside the parish

hall, all done by the knights.

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To the thousands of pounds and hundreds of dollars received over the months of the Food Drive, thank you very much to the most generous parishioners of Santiago. The Food Outreach donation barrels at the church plaza are constantly and abundantly filled by them.

Complete the Survey So I Can Be of Better Service to You

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Fraternally,

Mark Yubeta Fraternal Insurance Agent

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Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report

News Worthy Events:



October was another good month \$1,375. This was a challenging month but we again have sent in three loads of recyclables. We are in need of walkers at the Lake Forest Mobile Home Park and sorters in the barn. We need your help. It only takes about one hour or if you can come for 1/2 hour, we can use you. Anyone that can help us out please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

California Recycling Legislative Changes:

We will be seeing some upcoming changes on the marking of recycle symbols on items. More details as they come forth.

Weekly Recycling a GREAT THANK YOU:

We have a great group of dedicated weekly recyclers and they are doing a tremendous job of clearing out the drop off area. We can always use more help for this important program. Please contact Al if you can give us a few hours during the week. We pair you up with someone to show you the ropes. Recycling is the major and very important program for our council to raise money and you are the key to this program. We need your help and any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. Be sure to drop off your recyclables anytime and spread the word "to all" that they can do the same.

Monday Morning Recyclers:

Thank all of you who contribute your time to make this program a success. We start a 7 AM Monday mornings and finish up around 9 AM. *Any time* you can offer us is appreciated. We are always in need of walkers for the mobile home park at Lake Forest. Everyone has a great time and it is great comradery. Several of the group goes to Coco's for breakfast after recycling. Please contact Gerry Dubois (949)500-1064 or Hector Guzman (949)301-6686 to join the fun. You can learn a lot about recycling.

Vehicle:

We are in need of someone that can do pick-ups at the park from 7 am to 8:30 am on Mondays. Please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

God Bless,

George Nothhelfer

Monday Morning Crew

Roger & Mo Boivin, Jay Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector & Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Bud Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Dr. Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Bert Dubois, Tim Tunila, Domingo Roldan, Bob Birtja', Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Kevin & Michel Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, David Balen, Ed Enriquez, Tony Gonzales, Nourry Olmo, Dennis de Rosia, Bernadette, Eddie Adams.



Respect Life Ministry invites you to spend one Holy hour in prayer to end abortion on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm or 12pm to 1pm at the Corner of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive, near to the Planned Parenthood clinic in Mission Viejo

December Birthdays

- 01 Cindy Guzman 01 John Huh 01 Irma Ruelas 02 Daniel Cabral 02 Catherine Kane 02 Mario Soto 11 02 Nelson Sweeney 04 William Gordon 04 David Mrozinski 05 David Belz 05 Barbara Fernandez 17 05 Chenhao Qian 19 05 Richard Quinn 05 Carolyn Quinn 19 07 Patricia Castillo
- 07 Jeffrey Henley 07 Barbara Walloch 08 John Lane 08 John Nugui 08 Aaron Sonnenberg Theresa Lane 12 Robert Bosche Jr. Advento Gutang 12 14 Roger Cuenca 15 Robert Durham Claude Maurer III **James Burrell** 19 Mark Griffin
 - 9 Thomas Pacheco
 - 19 Gay Ramella

- 19 Joe Zapata
- 22 Grace Garcia
- 23 Cynthia Anastasio
- 23 Enrique Hernandez
- 23 Richard Piecuch
- 24 Delphina Hernandez
- 24 Mathew Paul
- 26 Willliam Murphy
- 27 Matthew Feldman
- 28 Susie Birtja
- 28 James Glenn
- 29 Silvia Soto
- 30 Laura Garcia

December Anniversaries

Lisa Ə Patrick Larkin Laura Ə John Garcia Jackie Ə Mike Martinez Karen Ə Patrick Cardinale Susan Ə Nick Benigno Marlene Ə Raymond Puzio Cherie Ə Edward Morrisroe Avejane Ə Vivo Villar

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