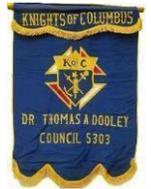


Knightly Newsletter

Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, Council 5303

St. Mary's of the Annunciation Catholic Church, Oakdale, CA

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Dear Brother Knights,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent and begin to prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For all of us this past year has been a time of waiting – waiting for an effective vaccine to counter the effects of coronavirus; waiting for our church to reopen; waiting in lines at various stores; waiting to travel; waiting for a return to what we call 'normal'. We get occasional glimpses of hope which last only for a short time. Meanwhile our patience wears thin and we get discouraged and sometimes lose hope. It is at such times as these that we should remember that our God does the same. He waits patiently for us to turn away from lives of selfishness and sin and come back to him with all our heart. He has hope for us and he continues to welcome us into a deep relationship with him. Advent is a time of preparing ourselves to draw closer to our God and to live more deeply our faith and trust in him. Since our loving God is so patient with us, let us be patient with him and pray that his will be done in his own good time. In time, our patient waiting will be rewarded!

Fr. Dick Morse, OSFS

KNIGHTS CORNER

This is my first year as an officer in the Knights of Columbus. I must say that I've really been enjoying our fraternity and

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Brothers,

With this past Thanksgiving, I am very thankful to all of you for your dedication and effort in making our Chicken BBQ event such a success. It was great to bring our parish together even in a drive-through format like this. Let's not forget to thank Mary Ann and the Moss Rose Bakery for their contribution. Altogether, we raised some money, over \$2000 for our new parish building and as much for our council!

As we close out the year 2020, our social committee is working out the calendar of events for next year. So even though we may be faced with pandemic shut-downs, lock-outs and code-purples, we've shown that we can be resilient to safely put on council events for our parish.

Let's all be mindful of the Advent season as we prepare for the Nativity of Jesus Christ. In December, we also have some important feast days with the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Holy Family, all important to our Catholic life.

Men, let's pray that we overcome this virus. Check with the parish bulletin for Mass times, and let's get ourselves to Mass and to Confession.

May God bless you and your families.

Grand Knight Rogelio Royce Flores III

working alongside you all. It is an honor. Along the way though, I've realized that I don't really know much about all the traditions and gestures that take place in a council meetings. For example, what's up with the karate chop?!!!

Our Worthy District Deputy, Lou Gervais has directed me to the "Protocol Handbook" on our [District's Website](#), where I found this:

When a member wishes to speak, he does so by rising from his seat, addressing the chair by saying "Worthy Grand Knight" and renders the salute. (Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically opened hand, from top to bottom). The presiding officer recognizes the speaker by announcing his name and rendering the salute in return. (Representing the arms of the Cross, the presiding officer makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right).

There's more information there about how we follow the "Roberts Rules of Order", how to set up the chamber, how we greet guests and dignitaries, etc.

This was helpful for me. As a Catholic, I love that we practice our worship much the same as the early church did in the time of the apostles. In the same way, I like that the KofC conducts meetings just as it has for over 100 years. As your Recorder, I also appreciate the orderliness of this protocol. It helps me keep the minutes and so I'll ask all my brother knights to observe and practice these along with me.

Joe Lilly

Recorder, Council 5303

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 29 First Sunday of Advent

Dec 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Dec 8 Council Meeting (Zoom) 7pm

Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas

Dec 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dec 31 New Year's Eve

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Scott Carrothers 20th

Scott Wucherer 20th

Lowell Barber 31st

CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Please pray for those on our prayer list: Lou Gervais' wife Lois, Past Grand Knight Kim Contreras' wife Lori, Richard De Antonio, Bruce Lilly, and Viriato Santos.

Let's also remember to pray for our brother knights who've passed away this year. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

EDITOR'S NOTE

For additions, deletions, or corrections to the prayer list, contact your Chancellor, Danny Costello at (209) 840-0677 or dancmsw@icloud.com, or for this newsletter, contact Joe Lilly at (209) 559-1409 or joe@jmlilly.com



District Deputy Report December 2020

Worthy Brothers,

Hopefully you and your families were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner with some of your family and a friend or two. Yes, it was limited but we still have so much to be thankful for.

Last month we were able to enjoy a little more freedom when we graduated to the "Red" zone, however that was short lived. We are now back in the "Purple Zone" and may be there till spring. Let's continue to support the restrictions and recommendations the best we can. Let's continue to pray for the full containment of the COVID-19 virus and for the successful development, release, and distribution of a vaccine to fully protect us.

We are now well on our way to closing out our 2020 year and are looking forward to a new and better 2021. Yes, it will be slow to get there but with our prayers and God's help we will get through all it all. Just keep believing as with God everything is possible.

For the month of December, as we continue on our path with our focus on: "**DECEMBER CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**". Invite each family of the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.

We are still at a point in time where we must focus on "What we can Do". The programs that our Supreme and State Councils have identified promote doing just that "remotely." It is highly recommended that we take the time to check in with our brother Knights and make sure that they and their families are ok. The officers of each council have received a template to for doing this and track the results. A "Call Log" was sent to each council. I encourage you to follow up on this and report the results to your council at their meetings, and if you are unable to attend a meeting to send in via email or call your Chairman for this activity. Please direct questions or concerns to me. There will be no Chapter meeting in December and we will resume on Jan. 14. Check in on our Chapter Homepage: <https://kofcchap6ca.org/> for the latest info.

Be Bold! Be proud of who you are and what you are!

May God Bless, Protect, and Guide you and your families in maintaining your Spiritual, Emotional, and Physical Health. Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Pray for us. May you and your families and have a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe and healthy.

Lou Gervais, District Deputy 53 (DD-53)

P.S. Don't forget to reference our website often for the most current info that provides resources needed to run a successful council, guide us to grow our membership, serve our Priest, Parishioners, and Communities.

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