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Chaplain's Message

By Fr. Josef
Vollmer-König

Dear Brother Knights,

We begin our Advent journey, a journey toward Christmas.

In our church's celebrations, **we celebrate the Past.**

The Advent time in the past is the time before the birth of Christ. The Jewish people were waiting for the promised Messiah to free them from slavery and oppression at different times in their history. They believed God would be true to His promise. They were waiting for an earthly savior. God's promise was fulfilled in Jesus, therefore the title given Him, Christ, which means Savior.

In the gospel of St. Luke 2: 21-40, we read about Simeon and Anna who had been waiting their whole life for the Messiah. Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus as prescribed by the Law and Simeon and Anna were present. Both recognized the infant Jesus as the Messiah and praised God.

We celebrate the Present.

We celebrate Christ's coming now in our time in our lives. He comes to us in Sacred Scriptures; He is the Word that became flesh.

He is present to us in the Eucharist; His own words to us are "This is my Body." We encounter Christ in our neighbor: He tells us whatsoever you do to the least among you, you do to me.

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Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism

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Fri	Dec 3	Adult's Christmas Party, 7p
Sun	Dec 5	Childrens' Christmas Party, 3p-5p
Mon	Dec 6	Orientation Mtg for Candidates, 6:30p
Tue	Dec 7	Monthly General Meeting
		First Degree Ceremony
		Rosary at 7pm, Meeting at 7:30pm
Wed	Dec 8	Special Event - Bryan Dodge
Sat	Dec 11	Mass & Reception for Convent (rsvp)
Sun	Dec 12	Major Degree at KC799
Sun	Dec 12	Boys Knight Out (Cowboys vs Eagles)
Wed	Dec 15	Christmas Sing-a-long at Convent
Fri	Dec 31	New Year's Eve Party

Coming Up:

Tue	Jan 4	Monthly General Meeting
Sat	Jan 22	Free Throw Contest

Please check the KC website for more events and announcements: www.kc799.org

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Chaplain's Message, cont.

Therefore Advent time is not only the four weeks before December 25 when we celebrate His birth; Advent time is every day of our lives, preparing ourselves to be ready for Christ.

We celebrate the future, the time when Christ will come again and we meet Him face to face. Our liturgical celebrations remind us to prepare and be ready for His coming.

This is a joyful time, because we await our Messiah, our Savior.

God's blessings, Father Josef

Knight/Family of the Month

Council 799 is proud to recognize the service of the following Members.

Mike & Susan Hill

For our Family of the Month, Council 799 honored Mike and Susan Hill. Mike currently serves as our Council's Chancellor and Susan is an active member of both the Catholic Daughters and the Council of Catholic Women. Mike and Susan spearhead our annual (and seemingly endless) garage sale efforts. We honored Mike and Susan as our Family of the Month for their efforts to organize the children's Halloween party that was held in conjunction with our Council's Oktoberfest on October 23.

Bill DeMoss

Council 799 honored Brother Bill DeMoss as its Knight of the Month. Bill has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for over forty years. He was selected as our Knight of the Month for his help in staging a number of last minute Boys' Knights Out as the Rangers made their run to the World Series. Bill manned the kitchen to provide an assortment of goodies to the Ranger fans in attendance. Bill is also a stalwart member of the Friday morning Fourth Degree cooking crew and the Friday evening grilling crews during the summer.



Grand Knight's Letter

By John J. Little

Best wishes to my Brother Knights:

Is it really December already? I have two thoughts I would like to share with all of you.

The first focuses upon the season of Advent that began on Sunday, November 28. In this blessed season, we are called upon to prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord's coming into the world as man on Christmas Day.

One way to prepare, and to "keep Christ in Christmas," is by focusing upon the first principle of our order - **Charity**. Advent gives each of us ample opportunities to share the gifts God has given each of us with those who are less fortunate.

Council 799 will again have its annual "Magi Tree" project, for the benefit of those served by the Brady Center, and I'm certain that each of our parishes will offer multiple opportunities to show our love for our neighbors through the practice of charity.

My second thought concerns the Bishop's second annual "Come Home for Christmas" campaign. Through

this campaign, the Bishop is reaching out to those who have drifted away from the Church, who have stopped attending on a regular basis, or who are angry with the Church or with God. His message is a direct and sincere one:

"Your faith community misses you and is incomplete without you, especially this time of the year."

I suspect that the Bishop's invitation is directed toward at least a few of our Brother Knights who have become disconnected with the Church. I urge each of us to pray during this Advent season that our Brothers will accept the Bishop's invitation to "come home for Christmas."

Merry Christmas to all,
John Little,
Grand Knight



Christmas Parties!

Adults' Christmas Party
Friday, December 3rd
Starting at 7pm

The Adult Christmas party is a joint effort between the Fourth Degree Assembly and KC799. Open to Members and Spouses, this should be a nice party with music and food to enjoy this holiday season.

Kids' Christmas Party
Sunday, December 5th
3pm to 5pm

The annual Kids' Christmas party promises to be a great time for everyone. We will have crafts, cookie decorating, balloon animals, and a visit from a very special surprise guest. Oliver will have snacks and drinks for everyone.

Council 799 – Upcoming Events

Bryan Dodge Event – Dec 8

KC799 will host Bryan Dodge on December 8th, starting at 7pm for an motivational seminar. This is an open event in the upstairs hall. Please invite your neighbors, spouses, friends, and parishes.

Bryan Dodge is a professional speaker, author, and radio personality who stimulates personal and professional growth. His main message – that life is good and growth is essential – inspires people to take ownership of their own personal and professional development.

The underlying thesis of all of Bryan Dodge's teachings is that "life is too short not to be happy, and too long not to do well." He teaches a stair-step method of how high achievers and effective managers keep on the cutting edge and achieve excellence. His talented delivery style makes learning fun and memorable. For more info visit his website: <http://www.bryandodge.com>

Boys Night Out – Dec 12

Please join us in the lounge on Sunday Dec. 12 to watch the Cowboys vs. Eagles football game. We will have snacks, drink specials, and door prizes, so come on out!

RSVP Program Update

Last month we reported donations for four of our continuing seminarians. At the November Board meeting, KC799 agreed to support nine additional seminarians at various stages of formation. The Council made \$500 donations to the following men:

- Jesus Chavez, Seminario Hispano in Mexico City
- Reuben Chen, St. Mary's Seminary in Houston
- Carlos Cruz, Assumption Seminary in San Antonio
- Fidel Mondregon, Seminario Hispano in Mexico City
- Ignacio Olvera, Conception Seminary in Conception, MO
- Albert Solis, Holy Trinity Seminary in Irving
- Robert Spensley, Blessed John XXIII National in Weston, MA
- Joseph Chappell, Redemptoris Mater Seminary
- Lucas Moriera, Redemptoris Mater Seminary

First Degree – Dec 7

There will be a First Degree ceremonial at the December general meeting Dec. 7th. Please invite Catholic gentlemen to join the Dallas Council 799. Candidates can meet with John Bane at a candidate orientation on Dec. 6th. The combined First Degree and monthly meeting is an impressive way for new Members to see the involvement of our Council.

Major Degree – Dec 12

Please join your Brother Knights at 8:00 Mass on Sunday, December 12, at Saint Pius X. This is the first 'Knights Mass' in over two years at St Pius and a good turnout will not only be noticed, but will promote interest in our Order.

Candidates for the Major Degree will be in attendance. A Second and Third Degree Ceremonial will follow at our hall beginning at about 10:00.

Why not show support for the order by your attendance at one or both of these events?

Annual Dues Statements Coming

Due statements should be mailed by December 15th for all Members. Please make a point to pay the dues as soon as possible. Your early payment is greatly appreciated.

For These We Pray...

Please pray for our members and their family members with chronic or serious ailments, as well as the souls of our departed Brothers.

Prayer List

Pope Benedict XVI

† Mark Gilliam	Leo Conway
† Larry Colgin	Bob Conway
† Angeline Faulkner	Jerry Alfieri
† Gertrude Marie Wells	Tom Welch
† Elizabeth Jansen	Al Barbosa
	Pete Goudreau
	Steve Hennen
	John Kirby
	SK Stanley Vrla
	Jenny Cuaderes



Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Jenny Cuaderes is a sophomore at Bishop Lynch, a graduate of St. Patrick's School, and the daughter of Brother **Jim Cuaderes**. She was scheduled for surgery to remove a significant portion of her intestines over the Thanksgiving break. Please keep her in your prayers.

John Kirby is battling lung cancer.

Elizabeth Jansen, wife of Brother **Jim Jansen** passed on the morning of November 28.

Please keep us informed if you have a continuing illness or change in status that needs to be included in the newsletter. If you know of deaths or major illnesses of Knights and their family members, please contact:

Frank Gray, (214) 328-4935
or
prayers@kc799.org

Drivers Needed in February

Please make a note that we will be recruiting drivers for two different but equally important tasks in February 2011.

The first is our annual Sisters Appreciate Dinner to be held on Sunday, February 13. Many of the nuns who serve our diocese do not have readily available transportation. Traditionally, we ask Brother Knights to volunteer to pick up the nuns in the morning so they can attend our event and to return them to their homes at the conclusion of the event. We'll be looking for volunteers at both the January and February meetings.

The second is the 2011 Bishops' Workshop held by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. Bishops from both North and South America will begin arriving in Dallas on Thursday, February 10, and will be departing as late as Thursday, February 17. We will be seeking volunteers to greet the Bishops at the airport and to drive them to and from

the Omni Mandalay in Las Colinas (the site of the conference).

Further details on this effort will be in the January newsletter and posted on the 799 website.

Angel Tree

We need gifts for 75 kids this year (2 gifts per each kid) -- which means we need 150 gifts. David Salazar will have angels there for the general meeting and also on the Christmas tree in the lounge. Please bring your unwrapped gift back to KC by December 20. Any questions, please contact David Salazar (danddsal@sbcglobal.net)

Office Painting Success

10 guys came out to do a little work on the KC Office on Nov 7. The work went quickly and the office looks much better! Thanks to Ski Staniszewski, Tony Casazza, Tim King, Herb Brady, Les Wells, Chuck Ehmann, John Guerra, Todd Kirby, Randy Huntress, and Gary Hernandez

ACTS Retreat

Many Knights had a great experience at St. Pat's 5th Men's ACTS retreat, which was held at a retreat camp on Lake Lewisville. (We are glad to report there were no injuries, except when Mike Hill "attempted" to imitate Johnny Carson!) Our fellow Knight Bob Feil will serve as director of the next retreat and Mike Hill has been invited to serve as co-director. The next retreat is scheduled for May 12-15 - be sure to pencil in the date on your calendar for an inspiring weekend of fellowship!

Annual Garage Sale

Please continue to donate your items for our annual garage sale to Mike and Susan Hill.

Warehouse or Storage space: If you have warehouse or storage space, please contact Mike Hill at store5059@theupsstore.com. We need a significant amount of space to store items for the Annual Garage Sale.

Knights Helping Nuns

On Saturday, Nov. 13 ten men from the Knights of Columbus participated in a one day service project for the Sisters of the Holy Family of the Nazereth in Grand Prairie. The combined effort cleared a small forest, cleaned out several yellow jacket nests, and helped relocate large objects. The nuns were extremely grateful for us making useable outdoor space out of that which "hadn't been touched in years" and have invited us back "as soon as possible." Thanks to everyone who made the day such a great success.

Catholic Charities Truck

Please contact Brian Bessner (214-454-7557) to volunteer to drive the *World of Gifts* truck to collect goods for Catholic Charities. Our Council needs drivers for Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons to drive the truck to/from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Plano.

Bishop's Dinner -- Keynote Speaker is Supreme Knight Carl Anderson!

Please mark your calendars now. On **March 26, 2011**, all area Knights are invited to a special KC two-fer!

In the morning we will have a Corporate Communion Mass celebrated by our own Bishop Kevin Farrell, Texas State Chaplain. Let's make a point to fill the Cathedral and show him that we support him as much as he supports the Knights.

Later that evening the Bishop will host the annual Pro Life Dinner at the Anatole Hotel. The keynote speaker of the evening will be our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson. This event includes a silent auction, and a great opportunity to connect with other pro-life Knights in the area.

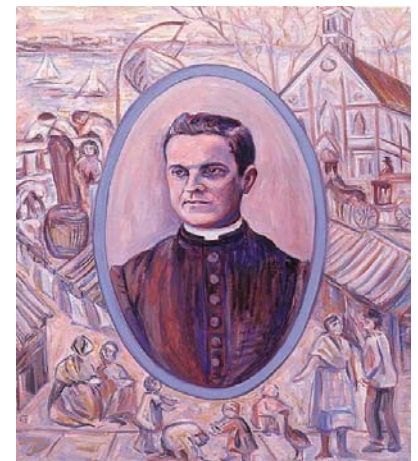
Knights On Bikes

For information on joining Knights on Bikes: Michael Savage at (972) 948-9096. michael.savage@risd.org

Memorial Mass was well attended

We had 80-90 attendees at the Memorial Mass and Service on Nov 7th. Special thanks to Sergio Reyes for his work in organizing the event.

We all have a duty to care for and support the families of our departed Brothers. Thank you to all who attended the Service as a show of your support.



Painting of Father Michael J. McGivney by Sister Mary Grace Thul, O.P.



NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!

Tickets are on sale now! This event is open to the public. Call 214-348-3931 for your tickets. Call today. This event sold out last year.

Dallas Observer has awarded "A Hard Night's Day" as the Top Cover Band!

Emcee Brad Barlow returning from Tulsa!
Lavish Food Buffet by Chef Oliver Rhein
Party Favors
Dinner entertainment by singer Gay Belt
Champagne Toast

7:00 Doors open; 7:30 Dinner Buffet; 8:30-12:30 A Hard Nights Day

Regular Hours

Lounge Information

Mon-Fri: Open 5pm to close*
 Saturday: 2pm-close*

* Closing time is between 9pm and midnight. If you're having a good time, we're open.

Sunday Brunch at the KC Hall

The buffet brunch is open nearly every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please consider inviting your family and friends to enjoy a great meal at the KC Hall this Sunday. Open every Sunday 11am -2pm \$10 for adults; \$5 for children

Send Your Content

Please provide suggestions, or content articles for the newsletter to: news@kc799.org. Deadline for Jan. newsletter is **December 22**.

Other News and Opportunities

Special Invitation from Convent

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth have invited Dallas Council 799 to join them for a couple of special events.

The first event is a Mass and reception celebrating the 125th Anniversary of their Order's arrival in the United States. The Mass will be December 11, 2010 at Holy Family of Nazareth Church in Irving (183 and Esters Rd Northeast corner) starting at 2:00 PM. The Bishop is expected to preside over the Mass. The sisters have asked that we RSVP to the Mass by email to Sister Edyta at sedytak@yahoo.com.

The second event is an annual Christmas sing-a-long on December 15th at 6:30pm at their convent. (1814 Egyptian Way, Grand Prarie, TX 75050 phone no.: 972 641 4496) Families are welcome. They have invited our entire Council and families to attend.

New Ways to Stay In Touch

The Board agreed to put new limits on the frequency of emails sent to Members. Unless there is a very important message, we intend to limit email blasts to no more than one per week.

In addition to the monthly newsletter and periodic emails, we are hoping to expand the website, Facebook, and Twitter as alternative channels. If you have any suggestions, or willing to help, please email web@kc799.org. In the meantime, here are some useful links:

Website: www.kc799.org

Email Subscription:

www.kc799.org/subscribe

Facebook: search "Dallas Council 799" for our page

Twitter: www.twitter.com/kc799

Vocation Chalice Program

Please continue to volunteer for our Vocation Chalice program. Chalices are exchanged on Tues. evenings, at the cabinet in the downstairs lounge.

Chalice 1

12/7-12/14	Web Mayfield
12/14-12/21	Mike Kubelka
12/21-12/28	Mike Posey
12/28-1/4	Joe Mehan
1/4-1/11	Chris McElhone

Chalice 2

12/7-12/14	Hector Leija
12/14-12/21	Mike McConnell
12/21-12/28	Johnny Arista
12/28-1/4	David Heck
1/4-1/11	Matt Firra

Please call **Richard Johnston** at (469) 951-8859 to sign up for this program.

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Membership Information

Orientation Meetings:

There will be an orientation meeting on **Monday, December 6.**

The meeting will be held in the downstairs conference room beginning at 6:30 pm, and will last approx. 40 minutes. The history, activities, and responsibilities of being a Knight will be presented. New applicants as well as those considering transferring to Dallas Council 799 are required to attend an orientation meeting.

What are the requirements?

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See.

Membership Contact:

John Bane, (214) 707-1121
jdbane@aol.com

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Please Join Us!

Bryan Dodge Special Event



Wednesday, December 8th
Starting at 7pm
Upstairs Hall

*This free event is
open to the public!*



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