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Knights of Columbus Columban Council 6192

GRAND KNIGHT ~ Ray Romero Sr.

General Membership Meeting..……..……........ 5 Dec at 7:00 p.m.

Planning/Building Corporation Meeting.....…. 19 Dec at 6:00 p.m.

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CHAPLAIN: Dear Brother Knights, Soon the Church will enter the Holy Season of Advent. It is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. We will be reading Mark's Gospel at the Sunday  Masses. Advent begins by preparing ourselves for Christs' return. The apostles taught that we are living at the end of the ages. John the Baptist takes center stage for two Sundays to call us to conversion and repentance, to make a straight road for the Lord. This is the flavor of Advent all the way up to Dec. 17 when the season shifts to more proximate preparation to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem. We should always be ready for the Lord's return by constantly turning away from sin. We also pray for peace in the world and an end to all wars. May God Bless with a Holy Advent.-- fr del lape

**GRAND KNIGHT:** **I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. We now look forward to Christmas, looking forward to celebrate the birth of Jesus. During November our council was again involved in the annual Backpack for Veterans program, sponsored by Bellevue University’s Military Veteran Services Center. We donated $500 towards the purchase of needed items for the 100 duffle bags, and about a dozen of us Knights helped fill these bags which were later taken to homeless veterans at Siena Francis House in Omaha. Our monthly sack lunch program for the Siena Francis House residents was also done.**

**A Memorial Mass was also celebrated for the widows of 11 Brother Knights who passed away since November 2022. Finally, our council had a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser so we can continue our donations. Thanks to all the Brother Knights and family members who helped in any or all of these activities. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! God bless.—Ray Romero Sr.**

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POPE’S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: For persons with disabilities—We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US: Here is a list of our Brother Knights, immediate family members, and widows who are in need of our prayers: Lyle Sypal and Glenn Millerd Jr. This list is for our Brother Knights and the widows of our deceased Brothers who are not on our prayer chain so we are aware of their need for prayers. If we missed anyone in need of prayers, please contact Ray Guggenberger or Ray Romero Sr. Please contact Ray Guggenberger via phone or email if you know of a Brother Knight or a widow of a deceased Brother Knight who is sick or in distress.

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The below listed couples will celebrate a wedding anniversary this month and will receive a Wedding Anniversary certificate signed by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight. Note that we only list the anniversaries in 5-year increments to save space. However, we wish all of our Brother Knights and their wives who have an anniversary in December a Blessed and Happy Anniversary.

35th  John and Mary Leahy (12/23/1988)

45th Michael and Dawn Willis (12/16/1978)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: At the November meeting, Frank Zelazny won the drawing for $25.00. At the December Meeting we will have a drawing for $25.00. You must be present to win. Congratulations to Roger Severson for attaining Honorary Life Membership.

Please See the attached Flyer for the NewYear’s Eve Dinner.---Larry Reed PSD Financial Secretary

**FIELD AGENT REPORT**: **I’m sure you have all heard of a GO FUND ME page. What are those for? Why do people start those after a loved one has passed? Well, it’s to help the family sustain themselves. It’s to raise some money to help the family out. I understand why people do them, maybe it’s because that family is really in need of the funds. But, wouldn’t it be nice to have that covered so your family or friends don’t have to start one of those on your behalf or your families behalf?  If you look at your coverage, ask yourself “Do I have enough coverage? Do I have enough coverage for my family to sustain themselves?” When was the last time you looked into that? Now is the time to make sure that is all taken care of. Now is the time to have your field agent come by and go over that with you. I want to do this with you and make sure you’re comfortable where you are with coverage. I do this because I care about you and your family. I don’t want your family to have to start a Go Fund me on your behalf. I don’t want your family to have to worry about finding ways to sustain themselves. What better way to help your family than to have TAX FREE money left on from you.  I can give you a Needs Analysis to show you where you stand. There are multiple different ways we can look at this so you don’t leave a burden on your family. Please reach out to me to set up a time for us to meet.---** **Matt Harm, Field Agent (402) 917-2342**

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| COUNCIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Dec 2023-Jan 2024)  Dec 5, Tue Council Membership Meeting (7-8 PM) Jan 2, Tue—Council Memberhsip Mtg (7-8PM)  Dec 16, Sat Feed the Need Sack Lunches (9-11 AM) Jan 16, Tue- Council/Ind. Corp Plan. Mtg (6-8PM)  Dec 16, Sat Wreaths Across America-(Offutt cemetery) (11AM) Jan 20, Sat---Feed the Need Sack Lunches (9-11 AM)  Dec 19, Tue Council/Ind Corp Planning Mtg (6-8 PM)  Dec 25, Mon Christmas Day  Dec 31, Sun New Year’s Eve Dinner (5-7 PM)  KNIGHTS EVENT CENTER SCHEDULE  The Knights Event Center rentals /events for December and January include a Bellevue Bazaar, 90th Birthday Party, Bellevue Bridge Commission, Wedding Reception, Kinkaider Christmas party and a New Year’s Eve Dinner |

Fraternal Activity Summary: Brothers, attached is the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Please indicate number of hours performed in 2023 (Council Hours only) and return to me (by email or text, if possible), no later than Jan 15.—GK Ray Romero Sr.



