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Grand Knight Report



Dear Brothers in Christ,

We have many opportunities for fellowship this month. St Anthony of Pau relic will be displayed on the 8th. Our annual Council Christmas dinner on the 11th, and then our day with Cub Scouts and St Nicholas on the 15th. Please come out and support your council.

Gift Idea. Sit down and write a note to someone that you love or somebody you want to say thank you, or tell them why they are important. After writing, go to that person and read it to them. You may pick up that person up when they needed it. We all need encouragement and what better way than to hear it from somebody. And it's free.

Merry Christmas to all of you and your families. May you have safe travels, and remember the reason for Christmas.

God Bless,

Don Rakestraw, Grand Knight

Quotes of the Month

"Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect." ~ Oren Arnold

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other." ~ Burton Hillis

"Want to keep Christ in Christmas? Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the unwanted, care for the ill, love your enemies, and do unto others as you would have done unto you." ~ Steve Marabol

DUES NOTES

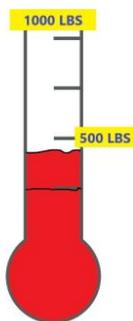
Council officers approved changing the billing cycle for dues. We will be switching to Columbian year instead of being in calendar year. Bills will go out December 15 and members will be billed for 6 months (\$20). Membership cards will reflect January 1, 2020 until June 30, 2020. Next bill will be sent out June 15th for the whole year (\$40). Another Membership card will be distributed that will be effective from July 1, 2020 until June 30, 2021. 365 option will be on both bills.



O Virgin Immaculate, Mother of God and my Mother, from thy sublime height turn upon me thine eyes of pity. Filled with confidence in thy goodness and knowing full well thy power, I beseech thee to extend to me thine assistance in the journey of life, which is so full of danger for my soul. And in order that I may never be the slave of the devil through sin, but may ever live with my heart humble and pure, I entrust myself wholly to thee. I consecrate my heart to thee forever, my only desire being to love thy divine Son Jesus. Mary, none of thy devout servants has ever perished; may I too be saved. Amen.

December Anniversary of Brotherhood

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
David Keith	25
Robert Madeo	11
Luigi Zoni	8
James Covington	5
Dino Richardson	2



Council Food Drive

We have raised 411.5lbs of our 1000lb goal. Please bring donations (food or monetary) to our next General Meeting. We can achieve our goal with everyone's help.

Pro-Life: Please Pray Daily

In memory of all the innocents we pray for an end to abortion and a change in the hearts of those who support abortion in thoughts and deed. AMEN

Christmas Cards Sales

Sales of cards and magnets after all masses until 12/1. After all masses in back of church. Come and volunteer for 10-15 minutes after your mass. We can use your help.



December Birthdays

Richard Forman	12/08
Dennis Andolsek	12/16
Christopher Conners	12/16
Matthew Greenbergs	12/16
Miguel Perez-Rodriguez	12/17
Alberto Sandoval	12/17
Lance Schlumm	12/28
Bruce Hooker	12/30
David Stanley	12/30

Did you know this?

- Spiders and Spiderwebs are considered good luck on Christmas
- The first artificial Christmas tree was made in Germany, fashioned out of goose feathers that were dyed green
- December 4, 1791 The Observer Newspaper (first Sunday paper) was first published in Britain
- December 3, 1967 first heart transplant was completed
- December 14, 1791 Bill of Rights was passed
- December 29, 1862 the bowling ball was invented
- The Montgomery Ward department store created Rudolph the Reindeer as a marketing gimmick to encourage children to buy their Christmas coloring books.
- The Christmas wreath was originally hung as a symbol of Jesus. The holly represents his crown of thorns and the red berries the blood he shed.
- If you gave all the gifts listed in the Twelve Days of Christmas, it would equal 364 gifts.

Calendar of Events

12/2	Advent Penance Liturgy	7pm
12/4	Officers Meeting	7pm
12/6	Veneration of First Class and Precious Relic of St Anthony of Padua	9-1pm
12/6	Knights led Adoration and Rosary	7pm
12/7	RSVP's due for Celebration Dinner	
12/8	Solemnity of the Immaculata Conception	
12/11	Council Christmas Celebration Dinner	6pm
12/15	Breakfast with St Nicholas after each morning mass	
12/15	Dues will be mailed out	
12/22	Coffee and Doughnuts after all morning masses	
12/25	Christmas	

Council Christmas Celebration Dinner

December 11 in Barry Hall

Social Hour begins at 6pm with an open bar

Menu for evening

Prime Rib

Mashed Potatoes

Salad

Desert

\$12 per person - family and friends are invited.

RSVP by **December 7**, to our Grand Knight or email to council14550@gmail.com

Take the night off of cooking, come and relax with your Knight family before the hectic season begins.

Prayer For Christmas Day

Lord Jesus, we lift up our voices of prayer and praise today as we think especially of Your birth on that first Christmas morning. Lord many people today will be celebrating Christmas Day with little or no understanding that in coming to earth in the form of a man, you came to die so that all who believe on Your name might be saved from their sins and have life - and have it more abundantly.

As the story of the shepherds and the wise men are sung about in carols and acted out in classrooms - and as television programmers once again review the birth of Jesus Christ two thousand years ago we pray that Your holy Spirit will convict the hearts of many who have dismissed the truth of Christmas as a nice little story –

Bring many we pray, to see Christmas in a new light this year and may they come to an understanding of the real meaning of Your birth at Bethlehem, so that they may see the Christmas story this year in all its glorious beauty... May Your holy name be lifted up and may Jesus Christ be glorified this Christmas for You alone deserve all honor and glory - in Jesus name we pray,

Amen

Reminder

The display of St Anthony of Pau relics will be displayed at our church on December 7 from 9-1pm. Mass at 10am. A big Knight showing would be appreciated.

Our Lady of Guadalupe December 12th

Catholic accounts claim that [the Virgin Mary appeared](#) four times before [Juan Diego](#) and once more before Juan Diego's uncle. According to those Catholic version accounts, the first apparition occurred on the morning of December 9, 1531, when it is said that a native Mexican peasant named Juan Diego experienced a [vision](#) of a young woman at a place called the Hill of [Tepeyac](#), which would become part of [Villa de Guadalupe](#), in a suburb of [Mexico City](#).

According to the accounts, the woman, speaking to Juan Diego in his native [Nahuatl](#) language (the language of the [Aztec Empire](#)), identified herself as the [Virgin Mary](#), "mother of the very true deity".^[3] She was said to have asked for a church to be built at that site in her honor.

Based on her words, Juan Diego then sought out the archbishop of Mexico City, Fray [Juan de Zumárraga](#), to tell him what had happened. Not unexpectedly, the bishop did not believe Diego, but on the same day Juan Diego saw the young woman for a second time (the second apparition). The story continues saying she then asked him to keep insisting.

On Sunday, December 10, Juan Diego talked to the archbishop for a second time. The latter instructed him to return to Tepeyac Hill, and to ask the lady for a truly acceptable, miraculous sign to prove her identity. That same day, the third apparition occurred when Diego returned to Tepeyac and encountering the same woman, he reported back to her the bishop's request for a sign; she consented to provide one on the following day (December 11).^[4]

By Monday, December 11, however, Juan Diego's uncle, Juan Bernardino, had fallen sick so Juan Diego was obliged to attend to him. In the very early hours of Tuesday, December 12, Juan Bernardino's condition having deteriorated overnight, Juan Diego set out to [Tlatelolco](#) to fetch a Catholic priest to hear Juan Bernardino's confession and help minister to him on his death-bed.

Preliminary drawing of the Mexican Coat of arms, ca. 1743

In order to avoid being delayed by the Virgin and ashamed at having failed to meet her on the Monday as agreed, Juan Diego chose another route around the hill, but the Virgin intercepted him and asked where he was going (fourth apparition); Juan Diego explained what had happened and the Virgin gently chided him for not having had recourse to her. In the words which have become the most famous phrase of the Guadalupe event and are inscribed over the main entrance to the Basilica of Guadalupe, she asked, "¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?" (Am I not here, I who am your mother?). She assured him that Juan Bernardino had now recovered and she told him to gather flowers from the top of Tepeyac Hill, which was normally barren, especially in the cold of December. Juan followed her instructions and he found [Castilian](#) roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there.

Interior of the [Convent of San Francisco](#), Historic Center of Mexico City.

The Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan's [tilma](#), or cloak, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak before archbishop Zumárraga on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe.^[5]

The next day, on December 13, Juan Diego found his uncle fully recovered, as the Virgin had assured him, and Juan Bernardino recounted that he too had seen her, at his bed-side (fifth apparition); that she had instructed him to inform the bishop of this apparition and of his miraculous cure; and he said that she had told him she desired to be known under the title of Guadalupe.

The bishop kept Juan Diego's mantle first in his private chapel and then in the church on public display where it attracted great attention. On December 26, 1531 a procession formed for taking the miraculous image back to Tepeyac where it was installed in a small hastily erected [chapel](#).^[6] In course of this procession, the first miracle was allegedly performed when an Indian was mortally wounded in the neck by an arrow shot by accident during some stylized martial displays executed in honour of the Virgin. In great distress, the Indians carried him before the Virgin's image and pleaded for his life. Upon the arrow being withdrawn, the victim made a full and immediate recovery.^[7]

Juan Diego's tilma has become Mexico's most popular religious and cultural symbol, and has received widespread ecclesiastical and popular support. In the 19th century it became the rallying call of the Spaniards born in America, in what they labeled New Spain. They said they saw the story of the apparition as legitimizing their own indigenous Mexican origin, infused it with an almost messianic sense of mission and identity – thus also legitimizing their armed rebellion against Spain.^{[8][9]}

Historically the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe did not lack significant Catholic clerical opposition within Mexico and elsewhere, especially in the early years, and in more recent times some Catholic scholars, and even a former abbot of the basilica, [Monsignor Guillermo Schulenburg](#), have even openly doubted the historical existence of Juan Diego, referring to their devotion as merely symbolic, propagated by a sensational [cult](#) who were looking to bolster Catholic devotion from amongst the indigenous. Nonetheless, Juan Diego was canonized in 2002, under the name Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin.

While the image garners much religious devotion and fervent Mexican patriotism, scholarly criticism on the image is also notable, considering the artistic disproportion of the image, the similarity of the image to Spanish pre-colonial artwork closely related to the Aztec colony at the time, the alleged relationship of [Marcos Cipac de Aquino](#) in either inventing or amending the tilma cloak, and the public declaration of the abbot of the Guadalupe shrine pertaining to the false existence of the Marian apparitions.

Congratulations
Rev. James N Poulson
51 years of Priesthood
12-20-1968

Knights Of Columbus Council 14550 in Partnership with Cub/Boy Scouts pack/troop 51

Breakfast *with* *St. Nicholas*



December 15th, 2019

after each Sunday Morning Mass

Pricing:

Free Children under 3
\$5.00 Children 3-10
\$10.00 11 years and up

Pre-sale registration will
be available after masses
the weekends of November
23/24, 30/Dec 1, &
December 7/8

Barry Hall



Includes:

- Photo with Santa*
(emailed)
- Scrambled Eggs*
- Pancakes*
- Bacon*
- Sausage*
- Fruit*

Come join your fellow parishioners for a faith based good time celebrating the
reason for the season.

