



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MT PROSPECT COUNCIL No 6481 NEWSLETTER

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## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2 First Sunday of Advent
- 4 Officers' Planning Session, 7:30 PM
- 7 Council Christmas Party, 5:45 PM
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 9 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Nazarethville Christmas Party
- 10 Monthly Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day
- 25 Nativity of Our Lord
- 26 Deadline for January newsletter articles

### GOOD OF THE ORDER

We request prayers for our Brother Knights, relatives, and friends: † Lolita Gniech, † Alfred LaSalle, † Officer Samuel Jimenez, † Dr Tamara O'Neal, † Dayna Less, Jim Murphy, Joe & Mary Ksandr, Tom Shelven, Barb Chengary, Donald Gniech, Ali Gniech, David Gniech, Beverly Glowacki, Diana Valdivieso, Gary St Onge.

### 2018-2019 COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chaplain                   | <a href="#">Fr Jim Presta</a>  |
| Grand Knight               | <a href="#">Dan Burkhard</a>   |
| Deputy Grand Knight        | <a href="#">Rob Glowacki</a>   |
| Chancellor                 | <a href="#">Sy Beck</a>        |
| Advocate                   | <a href="#">Mike Hoban</a>     |
| Financial Secretary        | <a href="#">Stephen Abbott</a> |
| Treasurer                  | <a href="#">Russ Holmgren</a>  |
| Recorder                   |                                |
| Warden                     | <a href="#">Dan DeGregorio</a> |
| Inside Guard               | <a href="#">Bob Gniech</a>     |
| Outside Guard              | <a href="#">Dennis Paoli</a>   |
| Lecturer                   | <a href="#">Rudy Faulhaber</a> |
| Three Year Trustee         | <a href="#">Dennis Gawlik</a>  |
| Two Year Trustee           | <a href="#">John Fannon</a>    |
| One Year Trustee           | <a href="#">John Hadfield</a>  |
| Field Agent                | <a href="#">John Kiener</a>    |
| District Deputy            | <a href="#">Ray Cordell</a>    |
| Membership Director        |                                |
| Program Director           | <a href="#">Dennis Gawlik</a>  |
| Community Director         | <a href="#">Jack Bagot</a>     |
| Faith Director             |                                |
| Family Director            |                                |
| Life Director              |                                |
| St Alphonsus Liguori RTC   |                                |
| St Cecilia RTC             | <a href="#">Ron Boucher</a>    |
| St Emily de Rodat RTC      | <a href="#">Jim Chengary</a>   |
| St Raymond De Peñafort RTC | <a href="#">Rob Glowacki</a>   |
| St Thomas Becket RTC       | <a href="#">Mike Hoban</a>     |
| Newsletter Editor          | <a href="#">Dennis Gawlik</a>  |
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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,

*A Blessed Advent Season to all!*

“Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.” (*Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, number 39*).



### The Blessed Mother is the icon of the Advent Season.

First and foremost, Mary is the Mother of God. We also call her the Mother of the Redeemer. Our Lady holds a special, distinct and unique role in salvation history. Only Mary can say that she gave birth to the Savior, Jesus Christ! Because of her generous and loving response to the heavenly invitation to be the Mother of God, Mary reminds us to be open to God’s Will in our lives and obedient to whatever He asks of us. From the Crib to the Cross, Mary stands as a sign of hope and promise for the Christian people who once again

await the coming of the Savior into the world this Christmas.

May the Lord shower you and your family with many blessings and graces this Advent Season and always.

In Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Fr. James Presta

## GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

The first principle of our Order is Charity. Pope Francis put it in perspective by saying, “True charity requires courage: Let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need.” Let us remember to be charitable during the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

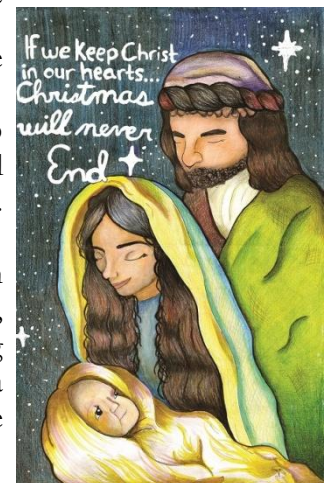
Thank you to our Brother Knights who planned and participated in our Mass of Remembrance in November. We had slightly over 40 in attendance.

The Knights of Columbus has always been a strong defender of the priesthood and religious life and a generous supporter of seminarians and of religious in formation. Soon, our Parishes will start their Christmas pin/car magnet sale to support our Seminarians. Contact your Parish Round Table Coordinator to volunteer to help.

Our Christmas Party is Friday, Dec 7. See the COUNCIL REPORTS on page two for details.

SK Joe Corrigan and Brother Knight Bob Fitzgerald are coordinating the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party at Nazarethville on Sunday, Dec 9. All Knights are welcome to attend and help out.

Finally, let us agree to celebrate this season with love and peace on our minds and in our hearts, remember the true Gift of Christmas by keeping Christ in Christmas, and wish everyone we meet a Merry Christmas, since Jesus is the Reason for the Christmas Season!



## IN MEMORIAM

Alfred R LaSalle: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dailyherald/obituary.aspx?n=alfred-r-lasalle&pid=190752741&fhid=2039>

## KNOW YOUR FAITH

Growing secularism, attacks on the value and the gift of human life, attempts to redefine traditional marriage, and serious curtailments of our religious rights are threats that emphasize the need for a *New Evangelization* in today's world. It calls us to faith, instills hope, and fills us with love. This month we highlight the eighth booklet in the series.



### ***Following Love Poor, Chaste and Obedient: The Consecrated Life***

St. Benedict, the 5th-century father of Western monasticism, once wrote, *Nihil amori Christi praeponere: Do not prefer anything to the love of Christ!* With these words, he effectively summed up the main point of the Gospel story about the rich man: Christ is your Lord and God, and you should therefore love him “from your whole heart,” which also means “with your whole soul, and with your whole strength, and with your whole mind” (Luke 10:27).

To view *Following Love Poor, Chaste and Obedient: The Consecrated Life* on line [click here](#). To download the booklet, go to <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/cis/cis408.pdf>.

## ALFRED R LASALLE

### **A Tribute – by Paul Birch**

I met Al, a third degree Knight, back in my first tour as Grand Knight. When I met him for the first time, I realized that Al was an old time gentleman and very soft spoken. I would talk with him often when I'd see him in Church or with a quick phone call back and forth. I'm sure you remember that we helped Al celebrate turning one hundred at our Christmas Party last year with the MacArthur MS orchestra playing and their choir and us singing happy birthday to him. I last talked to him in August. He was not well and seemed to spark up with my call.



Al has taught me a lesson once again: *All lives are valuable regardless of age*. Rest in Peace, Brother Knight Al LaSalle.

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



We applaud our fellow Brother Knights on the anniversary of their admission and continued membership in the Knights of Columbus: 1977-Rev Ronald Navoy; 1999-Paul Wharton; 2010-Gary Grabarczyk & Russ Holmgren; 2013-Sy Beck, David Dore, & Dan Palonpon; 2016-Thomas Garibaldi.

We pass along wonderful wishes for a beneficial birthday to our Brother Knights: 10-Raymond Boshma; 27-John Junius, Jr; 29-Frank Lowe.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

### **Treasurer**

|                                      | <u>Receipts</u> | <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Opening: Oct 1, 2019                 |                 |                      | \$14,233.53    |
| ID Drive                             | \$7,548.90      |                      |                |
| Unallocated / other                  | \$22.49         |                      |                |
| Seminarian Raffle                    | \$465.00        |                      |                |
| Donation - John Dolan (50/50 Winner) | \$60.00         |                      |                |
| Donation - Rodney Pace               | \$100.00        |                      |                |
| 50/50 Raffle                         | \$55.00         |                      |                |
| Postage - Seminarian Raffle          |                 | \$73.73              |                |
| Postage - I.D. Drive                 |                 | \$69.50              |                |
| Newsletter – Printing & Postage      |                 | \$54.40              |                |
| Council Meeting Refreshments         |                 | \$62.77              |                |
| Closing: Oct 31, 2018                |                 |                      | \$22,224.52    |

### **Council Christmas Party: Friday, Dec 7**

Come join your fellow Brother Knights in charity, unity, and fraternity at our Annual Christmas Party on Friday, Dec 7, at St Emily's Hajdu Hall. SK Jim Chengary tells us the buffet is coming again from [Giacomo's Ristorante Italiano](#): Sausage, chicken lemon, pasta salad, and bread. MacArthur Middle School will once more provide entertainment by their Orchestra and Chorus from 5:45 PM until 7:15 PM. We will have another raffle of gift cards collected from business by SK Jim Chengary, with the all proceeds going to our I.D. Drive. We will also announce our Seminarian Stipend Awards for the fraternal year as well as our 2018 Knight of the Year. SK Mike Hoban is handling reservations; contact Mike at 847-890-9650, or by email at [mfhoban@yahoo.com](mailto:mfhoban@yahoo.com) by Saturday, Dec 1. A Knight's dinner is \$15; a Knight with his lady is \$25; Knight, his lady, and immediate family are \$30. Participants are asked to bring a favorite Christmas appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share.



## PARISH ROUND TABLE REPORTS

### St. Thomas Becket — *Thanks to St Thomas Becket SPRED*

On the weekend of Oct 14-15, the STB SPRED Community conducted the I.D. Drive at St Thomas Becket, raising \$1,236.50. Many thanks go to those who helped, especially Dorota and Daniel Riordan, JoAnne Kudla, Dan Grossman, Mike Hoban, Andrew, Ania, and Daniel Pawlowski, Karolina Chwala, Halina Wojnicki and her granddaughter Addie, Krystyna Maciorowski, Sebastian, Ryan Cichon, his mother Robbie and Papa Sam, and Michael, Jack, Doug, Bethanne Ausnehmer, and Gloria Konkey.



## FAITH IN ACTION

### Faith — *Sacramental Gifts*



We distributed Rosaries to 106 high school students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Nov 10 at St Raymond De Peñafort, and on Sunday, Nov 11 to two SPRED students from St Alphonsus Liguori. In addition, we also provided two rosaries to Fr Joe Le, pastor of St Alphonsus, who was baptizing his two grand nephews immediately following the SPRED Mass. Thank you to Brother Knight Al McGarrity for organizing the rosaries for the Sacramental Gifts Program and the ten different Sir Knights who participated in the either of the two Honor Guards. The SPRED students, their parents, and volunteers are very appreciative.

#### — *RSVP: Religious Vocations Support Fund*

For the third year, our Council is offering *It's OK to say Merry Christmas to Me* buttons and *Keep Christ in Christmas* car magnets to raise money to support our seminarians. Current Religious Vocations Support Fund indicates we could support at least two seminarians this fraternal year, depending on the success of the pin/magnet sale at our five parishes. Contact your Parish Round Table Coordinator for dates and times. Pins are \$1 and the car magnets are \$3. All proceeds go to our Seminarian fund. In addition, pins and magnets will be available our Christmas Party on Dec 7.



### Family — *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*



To combat a society where Christmas has become for many — especially children — a secular holiday, the Knights of Columbus several years ago introduced the *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*. All four Christian religious schools in Mt Prospect and Prospect Heights were invited to join the poster contest. We will judge the entries at our December 10 Council meeting.

### Community — *Helping Hands: Intellectual Disability Drive*

The current Intellectual Drive total is \$16,694.35, which is more than the State goal of \$15,371.03. We have one last activity for the ID Drive, our Dec 7 Christmas Party gift card raffle.



#### — *Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest*



Mt Prospect Council winners of the 2018-2019 Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest are St Emily eighth graders Marcelina Gorny, Leah Bouml, and Paige Natindim. Their essays were delivered to our District Deputy for District judging.

#### — *Spelling Bee*

Ten Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights public and private schools were invited in November to participate in our 2019 Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee. Schools participating will receive further information and spelling lists in January. Our spelling bee will once again be in St Raymond De Peñafort's Community Room on Saturday, Feb 9, with the Bee starting at 9 AM.



#### — *Free Throw Championship*



Mt Prospect Council will hold its Free Throw Championship on Monday, Jan 21, at St Emily Gym, starting at 6 PM. We need about 12-15 Brother Knights to volunteer. More details will be in January's newsletter.

We are hosting District 4's Free Throw Championship at St Raymond De Peñafort Gym on Saturday, Feb 23, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

## PATRIOTIC DEGREE REPORT

### Honor Guard Requests

- Sunday, Dec 2—Installation Mass for Fr Joe Le as Pastor, St Alphonsus Liguori, 11 AM Mass; Vicariate I Auxiliary Bishop Alberto Rojas is celebrant.





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OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

During this blessed and holy season, together let's wish everyone we meet a **Merry Christmas** because Jesus is the Reason for the Season!

## Keep Christ in Christmas

We are pleased to offer two ways in which we can remind others of the true meaning of Christmas.

Proceeds from the sale of these items will go to support our Seminarians in their journey to become our future spiritual leaders as parish priests.

**Thank you for your support!**



4" x 6" Car Magnet: \$3



2 1/4" Pin: \$1



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