



NUESTRA NEWS

Our Lady of Guadalupe/Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Council 10723

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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers, here we are 1/3 of the way through the Columbian year. Things are going well. We received the Star Council Award for last year's efforts at the State meeting in October. We have had 8 new members and 2 transfers join our Council, plus we read and approved Form 100's for 9 new candidates to join us. That's terrific. I thank you for your efforts last year that earned us all the Star Council Award and for your efforts this year in activities and in recruiting new members. A special thanks to those that have helped with the youth BBQ, the Ministry Sunday table, the membership Blitz table, Squires, Christmas card sales, and all you continue to do in the various ministries you're involved in. I encourage you to keep up the good work, continue inviting more men to join us, and participate in all of the Council activities that you can.

Movement towards the investiture of the Squires Circle is still moving forward for December. We need more help with that effort and much thanks to Lu and his wife Susan for their efforts in keeping that moving forward.

I encourage more of you, especially our newest members, to participate by attending the regular Council meeting on November 8th, and by assisting with Christmas card sales after masses, as well as with Squires, the Thanksgiving Day Parish Dinner, the Right to Life open house on Nov 18, and the Caregiver appreciation lunch on Nov 25. We really need everyone participating in at least one of these activities.

In closing, I wish to express my sincere best wishes for a Blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving to each of you and look forward to working with you in this month's activities.

Jim Connell

COUNCIL CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 6th FIRST DEGREE (Blessed Sacrament Council)
- 8th COUNCIL MEETING (St. Anthony)
- 11th SQUIRES MEETING AND ELECTION
- 23rd THANKSGIVING LUNCH FOR PARISH

DECEMBER

- 13th COUNCIL MEETING
- 17th SQUIRES CIRCLE INVESTITURE

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL BE NO SECOND COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

THE SQUIRES ARE COMING

The Squires Circle at St. Anthony's is getting closer to being a reality. Brother Lu Vega has worked hard to recruit members, complete application forms and other paperwork required by the Supreme Council, and set up a date and time for actually establishing the Circle. This is the first new Squires Circle in Northern Virginia in many years.

There will be a meeting of the Circle on Saturday, November 11 at 11 a.m. to elect officers and to organize.

On Sunday, December 17 at the 11 o'clock Mass, Bishop Loverde will celebrate an Investiture Mass for our new Circle. This is a very important event for our Council, and all Brother Knights are strongly encouraged to attend and support the Squires.

There will be an investiture of members and officers by an investiture team, similar to the 1st degree for the Knights sometime before the Investiture Mass. Date and time will be announced.

There is much work to be done to prepare for the formal investiture and to make the Squires Circle a success. All Brother Knights are asked to help.

The Squires program is open to all Catholic boys between the ages of 10 and 18. They are the future Knights, and they are the future of the Knights of Columbus. We all need to support the Circle, provide a positive example for the Squires, and help to prepare them for a rewarding experience in the Squires and subsequently in the Knights of Columbus.

Officers

Chaplain

Father Nicolas

Grand Knight

Jim Connell

Deputy Grand Knight

Gene Bransfield

Chancellor

Lu Vega

Recorder

John Iekel

Financial Secretary

Felix Tacaraya

Treasurer

Julio Tagliada

Advocate

Fred Day

Warden

Jack Tade

Lecturer

Mark Jones

Inside Guard

Jim Connolly

Outside Guard

Kwesi Opoku-Debrah

Trustees

Blaine Barham

Rick Krause

Ron Vincoli

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

You may have noticed the beautiful Christmas display outside of Mass. The Council is selling Christmas cards after all the Masses during November and in December up until Christmas as part of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign. We have a varied selection of cards in both English and Spanish that are designed to help us remember the true meaning of Christmas. A percentage of all cards sold goes to the Council.

We are asking each Council member to help with this worthwhile endeavor. Please volunteer for 20 minutes after the Mass you normally attend to help make these cards available to fellow parishioners.

Last year our Council was #1 in the Commonwealth in card sales because we had full participation of our members. Let's do it again this year!

CONGRATULATIONS SIR KNIGHTS

We congratulate eleven people from St. Anthony of Padua who received the honors of the Fourth Degree at a ceremony held in Fairfax on October 28.

Council members Blaine Barham, Ernesto Gonzalez, Hector Contreras, John Murray, Robert Hayhurst, Joseph Prempeh, Harold Dunnigan, Mark Jones, Jack Tade, Jim Connell, as well as our own Father Ramon Baez all received the highest honors bestowed by the Knights of Columbus.

Fourth Degree installations are held once in the spring and once in the fall for the entire commonwealth. Requirements for membership in the Fourth Degree include having completed the Third Degree and being a member of the Knights of Columbus for at least a year (6 months of which time may be waived). More than 200 Knights from across Virginia became Sir Knights at the ceremony in Fairfax. It is quite remarkable that 11 were from St. Anthony's.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We also congratulate the following new Council members who were inducted into the Knights of Columbus in September. Estaban Contreras (Hector's son), Ernesto Gonzalez III (Ernesto's son), and David Sisk became 1st Degree members on September 11 at St. Anthony's, and George Becerra became a Knight on September 21. We are particularly proud that two sons of Brother Knights were part of the September class. Please join me in welcoming our newest Council members!

COUNCIL WEB PAGE

Please do not forget to check out the Council web page. . Thanks to the hard work of Jack Tade, our Council webmaster, we can showcase our activities to the general public through the internet. Jack is looking for suggestions on how to augment the splendid information he has already posted.

The Council web address is www.kofc10723.org Please visit the site and bookmark it. It contains a lot of information on Council activities and useful links to related sources.

THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

Once again the Council will participate in the serving of the Thanksgiving Day meal at St. Anthony's. Last year we contributed a number of turkeys and provided manpower to help serve meals and to clean up afterward. We are being asked to contribute our time and some turkeys to help make this growing event a success. Thanksgiving is on November 23 this year, and the meal is served after Mass. Sign up information will be made available. What better way to give Thanks for what we have than to help others?