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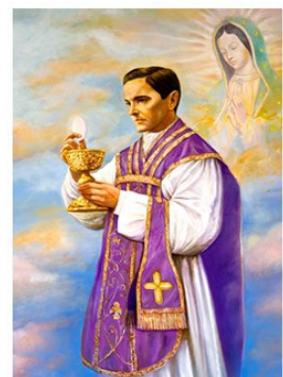


Lord, you have given us an example of gentleness and humility, a task that is easy. A burden that is light. Accept our prayers and our works and give us rest that will strengthen us to render faithful service to you and to those whom You have entrusted us to serve.

“ May the Lord Jesus Christ pour out His graces upon you so you may receive the fullness of true joy.”

St Antony of Padua

Help bring Christ to the aid of our community, parish and to those that don't know Him.



# St. Clare of Assisi- Council 12887

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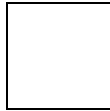
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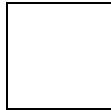


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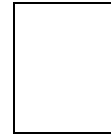
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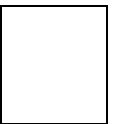
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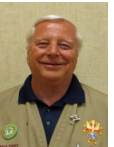
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## Grand Knight's MESSAGE

Brothers,

As I labor to learn the roles and responsibilities of being Grand Knight, I find myself struggling. The situation brought about by the Corona Virus and the shutdown completely changed the expectations I had for this transition. My very limited experience in all things technology clashed against the suddenly massive dependency on said technology. The activities I expected to be involved in are no more, or have been postponed to a not very certain future. How to achieve the goals I anticipated now require a radically "out-of-the box" creativity that forces us to reinvent the wheel and sidelines many of our tried and true approaches. What's a Knight to do?

As a kid growing up in a farm in North Carolina, I learned some vital lessons: don't stand behind a mule while putting on the harness and hitching the mule to the plow; you could get kicked. When milking a cow the same rule applied: don't sit the bucket too close to the back legs; it could get kicked away and spilled. And it took a few "remedial opportunities" to get it down. Farm life was physical, dirty work but lessons learned apply here and the one overriding lesson was that you don't quit trying because you cannot afford to give up. You persevere, you keep showing up, you try again, you collaborate, you look for teachers, you find resources, you brainstorm.

These are difficult times for everyone, but these times also present unprecedented opportunities. Maybe this is a time for renewal and reform in how we achieve our goals. This time may be an opportunity to create some transition tools, organize, create new ways to achieve our goals, renew, revitalize, and for an old Knight to learn new tricks.

I am so grateful to all the brother Knights that have been so generous with their time and talents, and have come to my rescue when I call. Thank you. Pray for me. I will persevere.

Vivat Jesus

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### Council Meeting Schedule

Every Fourth Monday of each month at Morris Center  
Dinner at 6:00pm  
Rosary at 6:45pm  
Business Meeting 7:00pm

Officer's meet every Third Monday of the month at 7:00pm  
Morris Center

### Council 12887 Preamble

The monthly Shining Armor bulletin has three challenges: to bring members up-to-date on council events, to encourage member participation and to respond to the call to serve and to build the Domestic Church.

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## COMMENTARY

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever prayed asking God to help you in a time of need? I'm sure you have and perhaps your prayers may have been answered. I would guess that Father McGivney also may have prayed to answer his concerns about the status of the culture at a time of chaos and the need for God's intervention. Perhaps God's answer was the Knights of Columbus Organization???

Since the founding of our Council God has blessed it. Young men, say age 40-60's started the council and today only men in their 70s perhaps plus and have been the same ones who are always helping the council grow and build our church in our community along with brothers who transferred from other councils, who themselves were involved in their former council's activities.

The average age of our council membership is around 65 years of age. But the average of members who actually participate is around 75. This begs the question, why aren't younger members participating? Which is why, with humility and a heart of hope and gratitude this commentary is being written.

It is a daunting undertaking in coming up with words to inspire Members to participate.

Our forebears made a commitment to share themselves, those who are still around are keep their commitment alive. They committed to share themselves to built the council and our church. Fr. McGivney guided the first members to discern God's will for a new community of brothers. Our council's leadership continues to continue this format, we have many talented brothers, lawyers, doctors, business men, landscapers, carpenters, men whose talents can make a difference if only they came out of the shadows and actively participate. God has blessed the council with so many talented members. He has been faithful in providing for those who seek to serve Him.

We may not be so bold as to discern in things we have done with our older brothers and not done with our younger brothers. God beckons us to follow in Jesus' footsteps. We have over 309 members, more than we can adequately provide to serve the needs of our church and community.

In order to continue our services, younger members need to come out of the shadow and help out. The Council needs to without Wavering keep, it's eyes fixed on Christ and his mission for us, To bring those who need Him. It is vital for the council to grow today and tomorrow. Member

participation is that vital.

Brothers, we were born to serve, to love and to present our Lord to others. We are the example of His service. The Order, maintains that we are the right hand of our priests, I beg to differ, we are the right hand of our lord Jesus Christ. We are like the 12 apostles, who were send two by two to profess His teachings and love to all. As, today's brother Knights, we are no different than those apostles, we, in all we do, bring His presence to all by our works of charity and service. We are not a, "Good Old Boys Club", we are His disciples, we serve, we spread His love of service, we are His right hands, eyes and ears in today's world. He wants us to be like Him. So, what is getting in way of your participation???

First Book of *Kings* 3:5-12

"Solomon asks for wisdom and knowledge to enable him to serve God and His people as God wanted him to. When we fulfill our duties as God wants us to do, we are then in His presence and on the threshold of the Kingdom".  
MFB

Let us then, step up to the plate and help our council grow. Perhaps God's plan is for us to get up to the plate an hit a home run?



Dan Davis-61 Rogelio Enabe-48 Randall Tattershall-54 Antonio Bruce-73  
Ron Plasse-48 Leo Gallego-49 Steve Aicher-58 Donald Varley-83  
Edmund Lennig-86 Delbert Rivera-43 Ronald Joller-79 Francis Gear-70  
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The council is looking for a brother Knight to be the Director of the Faith Program.

### Program Description

The **Faith Director** reports to the Council's Program Director. (DGK) The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable in discussing and planning faith formation activities for the council. He must be comfortable developing ties with other parish ministries to advance the needs of the whole parish community at the pastor's direction. He works with and understands the information available for faith development through the Order's Catholic Information Service (kofc.org/cis). Appointed by the Grand Knight, in consultation with the Program Director. Responsible for all Faith based council programs. Plans, coordinates, and promotes the required Faith program: Spiritual Reflection. Assigns committee chairmen and develops committees that support vocations, parochial services and religious devotions. Collaborates with the Program Director on which Supreme-recommend programs the council will conduct in the fraternal year and any other Faith programs. Keeps accurate records of the council's Faith programs for reporting to the Program Director, along with completing reports for the Refund Vocations Support (RSVP).

If you are interested contact Grand Knight Willie Douglas ASAP.

The Council is also in need of a Brother Knight to spearhead the its Membership Program.

### Membership Director

Appointed annually by the grand knight. The Director oversees the Council's recruitment and retention activities. Collaborates with the Chancellor in setting the calendar of membership programs for the fraternal year. Manages the recruitment and retention committees as they implement the Council's Membership Growth Program. Ensures that Membership Applications Form (#100) are transmitted by the Financial Secretary to both the Membership Records Department at the Supreme Council and the general agent.

Get in touch with the Grand Knight if you are interested.



### RIDDLE

There were three women who stood at the foot of the cross. All three shared the same name. What was their names?



Bonus Question?

### Insurance Agent's Message



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Dear Brothers,

Maintaining consistent connection throughout the year is a core value of how I try to keep my fellow Knights and clients up-to-date with important financial information. That is why I've just added your name to my email address book. Some of my messages may address financial or insurance topics, an invitation to a special event, or even an e-Card to make you smile. I hope you find my messages to be enjoyable and worthwhile so please take a minute to open when they arrive.

If a particular message ever triggers your interest, feel free to request the additional details that we offer. In the meantime, please consider me as a resource for financial information. I am always glad to offer guidance to my fellow Knights whenever I can.

Vivat Jesus



After His resurrection, who was the first person to witness His resurrection?

**COMMUNITY**-Social Concerns allocations to date this summer. If you would like to get involved call Bill.

5 Bags of kids clothing, a car seat, and a Pack and Play to the Sacramento Life Center

1 small pickup truck full of furniture to Del Paso Heights

1 Couch to Del Paso Heights

1 couch to the Gathering Inn

1 car load of women's clothing to Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park

1 car load of kids shoes, clothes and toys to Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park

1 playpen, 1 car seat, 1 baby bouncer, kids clothes and maternity clothes to Sacramento Life Center

1 car load of women's clothing to Wellspring Women's Center

1 carload of clothing, new shoes, hygiene products, blankets, towels and wash cloths Sacramento Veterans Resource Center

1 wheelchair to the Knights

1 wheelchair to a parishioner

14 sleeping bags and 4 tents to Mercy Peddlers

2 dressers, 1 couch, one king size bed to Del Paso Heights

400 sack lunches to Mercy Peddlers,

270 sack lunches to the Gathering Inn in Roseville

330 breakfast sandwiches to Sharing God's Bounty meal program

240 breakfast sandwiches to Saint Vincent DePaul kitchen here in Roseville.

## FAITH Directorship

We have an opening for a brother who wants to get involved in the Council's Faith Program. Below is the description of the position. We encourage a member to rise up and take the lead in this program.

### Life Director

The Life director reports to the program director. The individual appointed to this position should be comfortable discussing and planning efforts within the context of supporting and affirming life in all stages and in all conditions. Notably, he strives to promote programs that support and encourage the advancement of the pro-life movement, people with intellectual disabilities, and persecuted Christians. Appointed by the grand knight, in consultation with the program director Responsible for all Life based council programs Plans, coordinates, and promotes the required Life program: Novena for Life Assigns committee chairmen and develops committees that support right to life issues, civic involvement, pro-life education, pregnancy centers and more Collaborates with the program director on which Supreme-recommend programs a council will conduct in the fraternal year and any other Life programs Keeps accurate records of the council's Life programs for reporting to the program director, along with completing reports for the March for Life, Special Olympics and Ultrasound, if applicable, and all other community programs Keeps the council's public relations chairman informed of all Life programs and activities for promotion to the parish and local media.

Contact Grand Knight Willie if you are interested.

Vivat Jesus

## Good of the Order.

*Dear Jesus,  
Help us tend to those most in need. Through your life of service, You have brought healing, happiness and hope to those Suffering sadness, heartbreak and despair.*

*We ask you today to pray for us during these uncertain times. Inspire in us the steadfast faith you possessed and let us be led by the will of God.*

*We ask that you watch over our families, and all families suffering challenges during this unprecedented time.*

*Amen.*

The following Brothers are those who recruited more than 5 members over more:

Ricco Chess-25  
Leo Nickles-20  
Tom Wheri-11  
Richard Castle-10  
Ed Tweed-14  
Bob Leach-7  
Ritchie Adams-6  
Jim Jordan-5

Given the reality of today's environment and behaviors I thought the following peace would enlighten you and give you fruit for thought.

At LifeSiteNews , Dr. Maike Hickson did an interview with Sr. Lucia dos Santos. Who was one of the three children of Fatima, that saw the Mother of Christ and received secret messages from Our Lady.

According to Hickson, "Sr. Lucia had told him of how our Lady had revealed to her that even the United States of America would be overcome by communism if Russia was not consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart by the pope in union with the world's bishops".

Given the state of affairs today in America and what communism is and its goals for America, the account from Sr. Lucia is truly a striking disclosure.

What we are witnessing today can be described as subversive behavior by some citizens and by some politicians and the media.

*The Naked Communist is the most concise and straightforward source outlining communist goals and ideology. It was written in 1962 by W. Cleon Skousen who outlines goals of communism that illustrate its spread in today's environment. For this piece I am equating communism with liberalism. Here are some of the goals he outlines:*

*"\*Get control of the schools and use them as transmission belts for socialism. Sorta supports what we are witnessing and are experiencing today in college campuses from liberal professors, even though their messages are not broadcasted as communist ideals, heaven forbid if they are, but of socialism. \*To control teacher's associations, for example: According to Fredick's v. California Teachers Association a 2016*

*Supreme Court case concerning union dues, Fredick's detailed how the CA Teachers Association (CTA) and the*

*National Education Association (NEA), which advocate and donate heavily to a wide range of left-wing causes dealing with abortion and transgender issues, work with far-left groups such as the Women's March, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS) to "push a radical sexual agenda onto our kids and to punish teachers, parents and students who dare to speak out against it." Check out CA AB329 and SB48*

Educators and politicians who subscribe to socialists ideology are the oppressors who use manipulation, divide and rule, and support a cultural invasion. These are the tools they use to suppress one's objectivity. Citizens who don't see the reality of our statues and what they represent is a cultural invasion. Oppressed individuals are not able to see problems in in the present tense and the oppressors-liberals-educators/politicians-are feeding on their ignorance.

The Communist Goals or lets say socialists also include: *\*the Infiltration of the press, which is evident by their everyday news commentaries. They seem to be in control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures, as depicted by their productions to destroy our morals and values. In addition to eliminate statues from parks they are now to desecrating religious symbols.*

*\*Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis, as evidenced today by comments made by certain politicians and media. Sound familiar?*

*\* Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the "common man." By taking down statues that remind us of the pain the country went through in building it's democracy and freedom. This is happening as you read this.*

*\*Use student riots to foment public protests against who we are as Americans, our culture, moral beliefs and what we stand for-Freedom.*

*\*Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy." Hollywood is a good example of depicting these behaviors*

as normal and acceptable in pushing today's standards of morality in their productions. Movies show sexual behavior between two men and frequently between two women substantiates this.

*\*Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture- education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc. Think of good old Bernie and the five.*

*Discredit and eventually dismantle all law enforcement including FBI and CIA. Currently being discussed.*

*We've gone so far in this direction that counseling is for those wishing to leave the homosexual lifestyle is illegal!*

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Other goals that are clearly apparent: *\*Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion.* This might explain why young adults are leaving the church. There can be no more obvious implementation of this than what has been seen in the Catholic Church in the USA over the few years. *Furthermore, they want to discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for immaturity which does not need a "religious crutch".* And are now going after religious symbols.

Their hatred for our society can be heard from the media every day from their liberal guests and pundits. Their hatred for the present administration brings out the best in their commentaries and exposes their liberal thinking of dismantling American ideals.

There is so much here to discuss, but I wanted to draw your attention to a couple of items that are particularly striking, given what we're experiencing today.

Reflect on this:

Some politicians and media want to create *the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use "united force" to solve economic, political or social problems. They go as far as to transferring some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies.*

*These two items together are what we've witnessed since the riots began with the excuse of the tragic death of George Floyd".*

Should this be eye-opening to all of us how far these ideals have entered our society?

It would appear that a political party has been infiltrated by the these goals.

Furthermore, the same party has chosen to put blinders on and have so much disdain that they don't want to see the reality of what is going on around them or how they are playing into the dismantling of our FREEDOMS and culture?

Brothers, pay attention and listen to what is happening today! We are in battle to defend who we are as Catholic Christians. The culture of death is emerging. God is becoming less and less important in today's culture. The light is being extinguished. Our faith is being challenged. The defacing, burning and destruction of religious symbols is an indicator of what is to come.

Wake up and listen!

Could it be possible that we are being manipulated by what is happening today with the pandemic. It is a transformation to control people on earth???? Who is benefiting from this. Follow the money and find out.

Recall Mathew 13:24-43

"The Son of man will send His angels to collect, out of His kingdom, all who cause others to sin and all evildoers, and will throw them into the fiery furnace."

Comments anyone???

Ideas for this piece came from Life Site News and do not reflect the council or Order.

Vivat Jesus,

Joe

Brothers the council would like to know if you served in the armed forces. If you did please fill out the following:

Name

Branch

Time Served

If you are a first responder please list your place of work.

Mail your response to the Grand Knight at the address in front of the Shining Armor- in care of the Knights of Columbus.

Thank you for your cooperation and service.

### Special Announcement



**The following brothers have reached a mile stone. They are 90 to 100 years young:**

<b>Joe Volsansky</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Ed Alameida</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>John Gabelman</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Charles Forrest</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>James Erskine</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Val Hager</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>Refugio Aguilera</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Peter Lococo</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Ken Perry</b>	<b>93</b>
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<b>Clint Matrisciano</b>	<b>92</b>
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<b>Robert McLoughlin</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Phil Hoss</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Norman Le Cuir</b>	<b>91</b>
<b>Richard Miller</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>Ray Ille</b>	<b>90</b>