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Knightly Newsletter

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Chaplain's Column

Worthy Brother Knights,
Father Matthew wishes all members of Council 5303 a holy month of November. He encourages us to continue to pray for those who have preceded us in death and asks us to remember to always give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received.

Faith (Dea. Dan Paulus)
In November, the men's Bible study and breakfast will meet on **November 14th and November 28th, at 7:30 AM** in the Parish Center to engage in a study of Holy Scripture. All men are welcome.

Community (Louie Rodriguez)
Thank God and all the volunteers, the last food distribution event was another day of blessings for the community. The next **food distribution** event will be **on Monday, November 16th**, and we will need volunteers to be in the parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. The distribution time will be 9:30-10:30. The next ***Date with the Word*** couples' Bible study will be on **Sunday, November 22nd.**

Family (Robert Poncini)
Worthy Brothers,
The month of November provides many opportunities for us to engage our family with many Catholic traditions. First, kick off with a bang with All Saints' Day (Nov. 1). In heaven, the saints give us hope, help and inspiration! Celebrate the day by having a special treat. The rest of the month is dedicated to the holy souls in purgatory. It is good for our children to visit the graves of family members at the cemetery and pray for deceased loved ones. Remember, Catholic tradition is not to

Grand Knight's Notations

My worthy Brother Knights,
As we enter November, Knights of Columbus Council 5303 remains guided by faith, service, and community. This month reminds us to slow down, reflect, and give thanks—not only for the blessings we've received, but also for the opportunities we have to live our values in tangible ways.
November begins with the remembrance of those who have gone before us. In a special way, our Council is called to honor our deceased brothers and family members through prayers and acts of respect. Even as we remember, we also carry hope forward—because charity and fraternity are how we strengthen one another and build a better community for the future. God Bless you all.
Vivat Jesus!
Gabriel Dela Riva
Grand Knight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 1: The Feast of All Saints
November 2: The Feast of All Souls
November 10: Monthly Council 5303 meeting: 6:00 pm Rosary, 7:00 pm meeting
November 11: Veterans Day
November 14: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
November 16: Second Harvest food distribution
November 22: *Date with the Word* Couples' Bible study
November 26: Thanksgiving Day
November 28: Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
November 28-29: Wine and Cheese social/donuts, coffee, hot chocolate all Masses
November 29: Provide ushers & greeters at 10:30 am Mass

hide death, but to prepare for it, and to remember those who have gone before us. Later in the month, we should lead our family in honoring Christ as our universal King. Lastley, on November 30th, as a family, prepare for Lent and Christmas with the St. Andrew Christmas Novena on his feast day to transition prayerfully into the Advent season.

Life (Robert Poncini)
Worthy Brothers,
Let us stand up for Life and stand up for our King! The last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: He must reign in our minds, He must reign in our wills, He must reign in our hearts, and He must reign in our bodies. Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

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CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Continue to keep Tony Hidalgo, Augie Beltran, Daryl Toepfer, Brian Tacke, George Santillanes, and Danny Costello in your prayers.

For additions, deletions, corrections, or updating status, please contact our Chancellor, Robert Poncini.

From the Financial Secretary

Over the next two months, our council will review our new budget and prepare to advertise our two in-house scholarships.

Typically, our council fundraisers generate about $15,000 per year. However, while our January Bingo was successful, our other fundraisers fell short of expectations this past year, bringing in $11,748 against our $15,000 projection. As a result, we will need to make a few budget cuts during our upcoming discussions. Please attend our next meetings if you would like to participate in these financial decisions.

I also want to extend a sincere thank you to John Milsap for his fundraising efforts, which continue to keep our council afloat.

Anyone who needs a new badge should email Augie Beltran at Augb67@gmail.com or call or text him at 209-493-9100.

Please also contact Augie if your address or your financial situation has changed. Your information will be kept confidential.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
John Aguilar, 5; Patrick Finley, 12;
Ben Duesterhaus, 15; Ralph Goeken, 17;
Donovan Pérez and Louie Rodríguez, 18;
Steven Gazdik, 19; José Ávila, 22; Joe Geranio, 24;
Mark Tomlinson, 27