# **OUR LADY OF THE GROVE COUNCIL**

### **#13448**

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Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



# Have a Blessed Advent!

# **Calendar of Events**

Date	Begin	End	Function	Location
12/3/2020	7PM	8:30PM	Officer's Meeting	Zoom
12/10/2020	7PM	8:30PM	Membership Meeting	Zoom
12/13/2020	Noon	12:30PM	Rosary	Zoom
12/17/2020	7PM	8:30PM	Social Meeting	Zoom



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**Grand Knight's Message** Brother Knights,

I know that many of our family traditions have been altered for this year.

Even though this has happened, I am grateful for all that we have through God's Grace.

We will still have our annual Christmas Caroling with the Veterans and help at Christmas Eve & Day Masses.

Please attend the December 10 Council Meeting for more details.

Of course, the most important thing now is that Jesus will be born on Christmas. I pray that you have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Buon Natale e Felice Nuovo Anno!

Vivat Jesus! Rich Nuccio, GK



#### March for Life opportunities

January 17th in Mundelein at 1 Carmel Parkway 2PM Drive In Rally

January 23rd in downtown Chicago 1 PM Details to follow



## Spiritual Exercises

### Libertyville, IL for Men – January 22-24

January 22, 2021

• Marytown Retreat Center, Libertyville, IL



January 15-17, 2021

5-17, 2021 An Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Men

Retreat Master: Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ Retreat Title: The Spiritual Exercises: Then and Now

Groups Attending: Individuals, KC-St. Charles, KC-Schaumburg, Our Lady of the Grove-KC/St. Mary HNS, St. Francis de Sales (Lake Zurich), KC-Elmhurst Please call the office at 847-381-1261 to register for this retreat.



### **Field Agent's Message**

In previous years this is the time we may have been shopping for that special present, getting a tree and preparing to cook the traditional Christmas meal. This year will be different. Many will be reluctant to travel, so many may be celebrating with just the household instead of a house-full! Instead of crushes of people at the mall, our Christmas presents will be dropped at the front door by UPS, USPS or Amazon Prime. No 22 lb. turkey this year for the family members visiting from far and wide; just a small one for the few of us. While this year may be different, it may get us to slow down a bit and perhaps savor the special time of year and what we really celebrate.

We turn our thoughts to themes of "Peace on Earth" and "Goodwill to Men!" We think of our Savior's birth in Bethlehem and the beginning of this chapter of salvation history. We think of family, both the ones we celebrate with this year in person and those who might only be present on Zoom. But we'll make it through the season; we'll have even more to celebrate next year.

Each year I remind my readers of some important financial issues as we move through December and hit year end. As you slow down here are some financial issues to consider at the end of the calendar year.

1. Because we're so late in the year, you may have met your individual or family deductible on your health insurance plan. Financially this may be the opportune time for some minor procedure to be scheduled; or that visit to a specialist you may have put off. The same is true about dental insurance and sometimes even for vision coverage.

2. Speaking of health insurance, do you have a Health Savings Account? Do you have to spend the money that's in there by year end? Some plans have a "use it or lose it" feature. Do you have to make a decision about how much to contribute next year? These are a couple of time sensitive issues.

3. If you have earned income for the year, what amount will you want to contribute to your traditional IRA, Roth IRA or 401k? Are you eligible to contribute much more based on the "catch up" provision? You won't have to make that contribution until you pay your taxes and that could be four months away; however now is the time to start making plans.

4. Speaking of IRAs, have you received your required minimum distribution for this year? If not, don't worry it's not required with the CARES act.

All of these issues come with lots of rules and regulations, so don't go it alone. Give me a call and I will be happy to discuss any of these issues...and you can do it safely, virtually with me on the computer from the comfort of your home.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Vivat Jesus!

Pierre Zermatten – Field Agent

#### Remember to Keep Christ in Christmas



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#### **Chaplain's Message**

Here we are at the beginning of a new Liturgical Year and the end of a very unique year 2020. Each of us around the world, have had to face unique challenges of health, meaning, endurance and Faith!!! While we face these challenges of our present time, we are invited by our churches to turn back to our Scriptures. For us Christian Catholics we turn to the Bible.

The Old Testament stories, the Psalms and the New Testament – the story of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Others, Non Christians, turn to their own Faith and take refuge from them. Others, with no religion or beliefs, look for something to hold on to. We are all struggling to survive this time. Praise the Lord we have our Faith, our Religion, our Church and our small parish. Not to forget our Family, Friends, our Country. All these are helpful in their own way, to help us survive.

We in the Christian Community are preparing to celebrate with great Joy and Thanksgiving, the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our Scriptures remind us of our loving God as a Father who loves each one of us. It is God's true love that created us. It is God's Love that sustains us.

It is God's Love that promises us that eternal Happiness in God's presence in Heaven. In the Old Testament we hear that the "Chosen People" the citizens of Israel, were promised the Messiah. They truly believed it and with hope they waited, and waited, and waited!!! Till finally, God the Father, sent His only Begotten Son, and the Word became Flesh, and dwelt in our midst.

So, despite the trials and struggles in the present life, we look forward our Eternal Reward in Heaven. Believing and Trusting in God we continue to live our life with the Faith, Hope and Trust in our Loving God who is our Rock and our Salvation.

While Parishes are limited to the attendance in the churches, be certain that we are doing our best and you are invited to do the same. We have ump-teen opportunities to express our joy in the celebrations in family and where possible with friends.

But let us always remember to be safe and follow the guidelines of our city and medical professionals. Let us be responsible to God, neighbor and self. Do the best you can and make the celebrations meaningful and effective.

I join my brother Knights all around the world in wishing each of you Brother Knights and your families and friends a Blessed and Happy Christmas. May God Bless each of you and keep you and all in His Grace and Good Will.

God Bless you.

Fr. Denis

# For the Good of the Order

- 🕆 SK Mel Cea
- 🕆 SK John Walker
- 🕆 SK John Krajewski
- SK Jack O'Brien
- SK Thad and Alice Steward
- 🕆 SK Paul and Mary Loeffler
- SK Cy and Marie Schmid
- 🕆 Jean Case
- 🕆 Diane Bartelt
- P Sharon Gressick
- ් Helen Lynch
- 🕆 Tom Kajohn
- Deacon Gary Long
- 🕆 Helen Lynch

Baby Blomeke

- Bany Caradona
- David Modlim
- Richard Idstein
- Jim Wroble
- Dennis Delaney
- Jim Jarzab
- Jim Kukral Paulette Alex
- SK David Kukral
- Mike Blomeke
- Diana Sarlitto
- COVID –19 victims
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- Victims of 9-11 & their families
- Victims of violence & 1st Responders
- The people of the United States
- Paulette Alex
- Nicole Wildenhain
- The Holy souls Purgatory
- Mary Sarletto
- Leo Crotty
- May they rest in peace.

Illinois State Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Incentive for Councils October 1 – December 31, 2020

### **8 NEW BROTHERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

### Our own Jolly Ol' Elf (the State Deputy)

#### needs help pulling the sleigh this Christmas

and he's willing to pay!



### Every Council that recruits 8 new members by Christmas Day will receive \$100.00 from the State Council

\*The fine print: The 8 members must be processed by Supreme between Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Council must also be safe environment compliant.



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What is Newman All About



Newman campus ministry isn't merely a Catholic social club nor is it just a reminder to Catholics of Sunday duty-ism. Newman is the Church on-campus responding to the personal and religious needs of college students. The Newman Campus Ministry is a visible manifestation of the richness of Catholicism and the variety of its concerns. Newman is the people of God – the community of Christians in campus life that promotes the well-being of higher education and society as a whole.

Newman comes to the campus with a dedication to truth ..... not to propagandize, but to contribute. It reaches out to alienated and inactive Catholics and students struggling with the attractions of fundamentalism and cults, materialism, and moral relativism. Newman has become the hub of communication on campus. Newman fosters a *Faith that Evangelizes* and spreads the good news of Jesus Christ across our secular campuses.

\* The Newman Centers in Illinois need your support to help our students grow spiritually, as well as intellectually! These are our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. They are the future of The Church.

Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord



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