



KNIGHT LETTER

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Happy Birthday December 2022 & January 2023



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Grand Knight Report

My fellow Knights,

I hope you and your families had a great Holiday season! As we start the next year, we will start our councils new year with a change in meeting location. Our next meeting will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic church in the O'Reilly building. Hope to see you all there on the second Monday in January. God bless!

Grand Knight,
Steve Loos

Community Program / Youth Activities

Scouts of St Mary's have rechartered Pack 152 and Troop 152 for the next coming year, 2023. The Boy Scouts of America have many awards scouts can earn during their tenure in scouts. One is the religious Emblems of a Scout's faith. This award is only recognized in the church of the scout's faith. We had a scout from Troop 152, Thomas Bennett earning the Pope Pius XII religious award. On Sunday December 12 at the 9:30 mass, Father Kurus presented the Pope Pius XII religious emblem to Thomas. Congratulations to Scout Thomas for earning this long study scouting religious emblem to wear on his uniform for life as a scout and future adult scout leader.

The Council 3444 along with local KC Councils will hold a Basketball free throw contest, scheduled for Saturday January 21 at 10am at St Mary's School Gym. Contact the School or a Brother Knight for an application to enter the event.

WC Marek
Youth Activities Chairman



Chancellor's Corner

I am happy to report that our council is back to supporting seminarians in our diocese!! We approved a fall semester financial support of \$600 for Chris Haberberger. Chris is in his I Theology year at St. Mary Seminary in Houston. He and two other seminarians spent a week at St. Mary Catholic Church last year helping with the Altar Server Jamboree and shadowing Fr Kurtis. Chris is a proud alumnus of Texas A&M and spent 3 years as a youth minister for St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station following graduation. We will apply for a \$100 reimbursement from Supreme via the Refund Support Vocations Program for a net council funding of \$500.

It is time for us to capture your volunteer hours so we may report our total council hours for 2022. Please complete your Individual Member Worksheet for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728A) and email to me. The form is found at: www/kofc.org/forms. Remember that you should capture all volunteer hours not just K of C activities, i.e. church service, community activities, etc. Thank you for all you do to live out the K of C call to service!

Ryan Colburn
Chancellor and Vocations Director

Wondering when to take down the Christmas decorations?

For those who keep Christ in Christmas, this information may inform your decision a bit. According to Catholic religion, you should hold off taking down your Christmas tree until January 7. Although many believe that the 12 days of Christmas are the days leading to December 25 (that's thanks to popular songs and movies that represent it that way), in Catholicism, the 12 days actually start on December 25 and last through January 6, which is known as Epiphany (or when the Three Wise Men came to visit Jesus). Once Epiphany is over, it's time to toss the tree. So when to take down Christmas decorations in a Catholic church is more than a full week following Christmas Day - not just when you want a fresh start to the New Year, which for many includes the house going back to normal.

A copy and paste from Country Living

4th Degree Assembly 1138

Sir Knights,

I hope everybody has had a joyous Christmas Season. The new year brings the usual challenge to come up with resolutions for the new year. Here are a few suggestions...

1. Self improvement...start with a stronger prayer life, it can provide the foundation for lots of improvement in life.
2. Get out and get active...try to join us in January as we move our meetings to the O'Reilly building at St Mary parish.
3. Help others...your prayers 'For The Good Of The Order' are a powerful support for members and families in need.
4. Procrastinate less...get your dues paid promptly!

Join us on the St Mary campus in January, we will be discussing chalices for St Mary church at our next meeting. On behalf of my wife Deborah and myself, have a safe and blessed new year!

God is alive!

Faithful Navigator
William Keller

Church Activities

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May God bless you all!

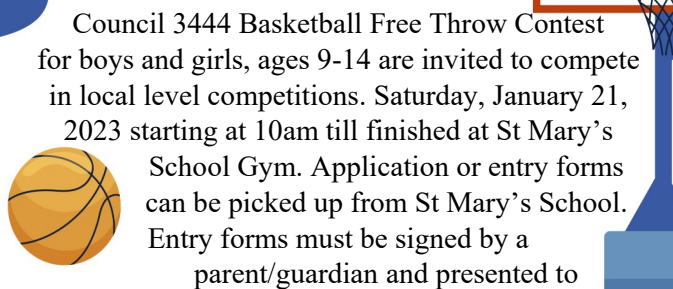
Fraternally yours,
Bruce J. McAtee
Council 3444

Membership Renewals

Please send membership renewals to Jim Oakes at the address below so that he can expedite members getting their new membership cards

Jim Oakes
18401 Deer Ridge Rd
Moody, TX 76557

Basketball Free Throw Contest



Council 3444 Basketball Free Throw Contest for boys and girls, ages 9-14 are invited to compete in local level competitions. Saturday, January 21, 2023 starting at 10am till finished at St Mary's School Gym. Application or entry forms can be picked up from St Mary's School. Entry forms must be signed by a parent/guardian and presented to the register table upon arrival at the event before competing. Entry forms can also be filled out the day of the contest with a parent/ guardian attending if unable to receive one before contest day. Can also send e-entry forms thru email addresses only.

Sign up for the KC 3444 Newsletter

If you know of a Knight who is not receiving our e-mail newsletter, please have them e-mail columbuscltx@gmail.com so we can add them to our e-mail list.

Knight of the Month

The Knights of the Month are Chris Reeves and Greg Pekar. Chris and Greg are our KOMs due to the extra time they devoted to preparing the meats for the KC Christmas party.

Family of the Month

The Families of the Month are Bill & Deborah Keller and Kris & Janet Haynes. They are our FOMs due to their extraordinary efforts in organizing and decorating for the KC Christmas party.

Congratulations to all our honorees!

January 2023

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