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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE, MICHAEL CORCORAN...Brothers, family, friends,

As most of you are aware by now, Monsignor Patrick Nolan, our Chaplain for many rewarding years is very ill. He has been accepting visitors and appreciated your kindness and prayers, but now has requested that these visits be held to a minimum. Contact Brother Paul Staal (649-8874.) in regards to any visits. A tribute to Msgr Nolan included in this edition of the Paladin was prepared by Brothers Chuck Cuny and Jerry Marenich. Great job Brothers. Please keep Msgr in your prayers.

We held our Memorial Mass on Nov 11th and it was beautiful ceremony and a wonderful meal. I believe there were 17 of our widows in attendance to share the mass, the homily of Fr. Bland, the roses for our departed Brothers and the wonderful luncheon prepared by the St. Johns B-Frienders. We can never thank Brother Ken

Macdonald and Lady Knight, Glenda, enough for planning such an inspiring program. We are already receiving thank you cards from the widows who attended and were touched by the occasion.

Many Brothers and their families were observed either attending or working the very successful Rib Feed at St. Johns last month. The Dinner raised \$3500 for the Youth Ministry program at

the parish. A big thanks was received from Fr. Aldo, acting Youth Director, for our assistance.

By the time you are reading this we should have had our council Christmas Party which I'm sure was enjoyed by all in attendance. A great big Thank You to Brother Loren and his team for once again providing a nice evening for us. Prayers to the entire Wallin family and our wishes for Aurora's return to health.

Our pancake breakfast season is upon us. Contact Brother Dan Peterson our Pancake chair at 381-2969 for needed help. Also read Lady Knight Dorothy Picanco's request for donations in support of the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Christmas program.

Due to the many programs we were involved in during November and now in December our November Ladies Night Out was cancelled. We will pick it up again on January 30th at the always popular Espanol's Restaurant on Folsom Blvd. Brother Rob Williams is our chair. You can contact him at 361-9358 for details.

This also would be a good time to recruit a new member. We welcome Brother Don Harmata from St. Johns to our Order. One of our Brothers asked Don to join our great Order and he did. Just ask! We currently have Jim Lambert from St. Johns ready to join. If every Brother asks one person I'm sure we could get several new members. Share with them the joy you receive in being a Knight.

We have entered the Advent Season in our church which will lead us to the celebration of the birth of our loving savior, Jesus Christ. For the next several weeks we will be reminded of the loving selfless actions of our Lord who became man in order that we are saved. It is also a time for us to reflect on our own lives that we are living them as God intended. May God bless you and your families this joyous season.



**GOOD OF THE ORDER
PRAYERS NEEDED
SICK AND/OR
IN DISTRESS**

Msgr Patrick Nolan
Sister Dorothea
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(wife of Brother De)
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DGK/PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, ELDON HANCOCK

I just returned from the trip to Mexico that I mentioned last month to deliver our wheelchairs to those in need. Brother Knight, James Varga, his wife and I made the trip. The distribution of these wheelchairs was an extremely rewarding experience. This one act gives the receiver mobility and freedom. We saw tears of joy and gratitude, from the receivers and their families. I was so overjoyed to having shared the experience. Would you believe the Wheelchair Foundation, assisted by the Knights and many other charitable groups, are trying to distribute 10,000 wheelchairs a month worldwide. The California Knights are focusing our efforts in Mexico and South America. The website is: info: <http://www.kofc.org/publications/columbia/detail.cfm?id=52393>



This trip was one of the most important events that I have ever been a part of. I pray that all Knights support this humanitarian effort in any way they can. If you wish to contribute monetarily please contact me at 916-723-3986. Brothers, \$75 for each chair will open the world to those who have to rely on others for everything.



A blessed Christmas to you and yours. Yours in Christ. Eldon Hancock

**INSURANCE MESSAGE - Dennis Ware,
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Brothers, annuities is a part of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program, If you want to consider Knights of Columbus annuities, please feel free to contact me at any time, even this great season of Advent and Christmastide. Thank you for being a part of this Great organization.

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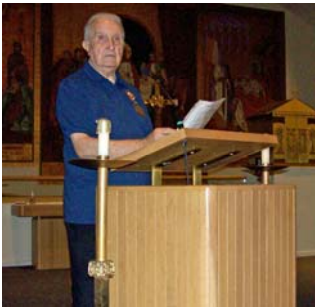
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THOUGHT: If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

Chaplain's Report: Msgr. Nolan remains quite ill and not able to receive visitors at this time. Earlier Brothers Chuck Cuny and Jerry Marenich talked to Msgr about his life. There were many underlying messages from Msgr that Chuck and Jerry heard during their conversation. They share some of them with you in the article below.



THE LONG JOURNEY HOME

It was 1951 when the big Irishman, Patrick Michael Nolan, a priest destined to have a profound influence on the many people he touched, came to Sacramento. The Sacramento Diocese was a vast sprawling area covering most of Northern California, including the now Santa Rosa Diocese. The Bishop of Sacramento clearly understood the dire need for priests and recruited priests from countries such as Ireland.

In Patrick's junior seminary class, there were over two hundred seminarians, many of whom washed out of the six year program. Still there was such a surplus that many more could not continue their studies without a sponsoring bishop. Patrick considered a career as an engineer because of his strong math background. The Diocese promised to cover the major seminary cost and sponsored Patrick along with seven others in his class. Patrick then attended All Hallows Seminary in Dublin where he was ordained a priest in 1950 along with 26 classmates. Following ordination, he and seven other priests came to Sacramento and were disbursed among the far-flung parishes in Sacramento. His was a short stay at Saint Rose Parish before he was assigned as a junior priest to Saint Bernard's parish in Eureka.

By way of background, Patrick was born on September 10, 1924 in County Galway, Ireland, to Daniel Nolan and Kate (Clancy) Nolan. His life was radically changed when his mother died when he was only two years old. His father raised his six-month-old brother Michael, but Patrick was raised by his grandparents, quite a distance from his father. Patrick's deeply religious grandmother especially influenced him. The grandparents owned a farm but were relatively poor. While they raise animals and vegetables, they lived near the sea and more often ate fish (the poor man's food). His uncle, aunt and their three children also lived in the large home and young Patrick was like a big brother to the three children. The house had a dusty adobe floor, which would affect Patrick's health and eventually lead to breathing problems and limit his ability to play sports. Ireland's schools were predominantly Catholic and Gaelic was the spoken language. At a young age, he became involved in missionary activities such as collecting funds for African children. With the pleasure he got from helping others, he was asked why he did not become a priest. At the age of fifteen, he was offered a scholarship to the junior seminary. Patrick recalls the irony of his grandmother's solicitude for his health saying, "do not get your feet wet or play any rugged games". In the first day at the seminary he was ordered to play soccer in the grimy muddy field. His breathing problems stopped after getting off the adobe floors and on the wood floors of the seminary.

Once ordained and assigned as a junior priest in Eureka, he was surprised that his assignment included such mundane tasks as picking up the crab for clam chowder. His monthly income was a mere fifty dollars a month, and much to his surprise, he received a bill from the diocese for the total seminary cost. He supplemented his income by driving the school bus. He had a propensity for Canon Law and regularly sent letters to the canon lawyer. He was subsequently asked to help research points of law. His journey in the Sacramento Diocese involved moving to a number of parishes. After two and one-half years in Eureka, he was transferred to Sonoma and then in 1954 to Redding. It was not easy for young lad in a foreign land and Patrick recalls being homesick. But he was only granted permission to visit Ireland after five years service and then only if he could find and pay for a replacement priest out of his own pocket.

In 1957, he was transferred to Sacramento and was given the assignment as Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, and later also Chaplain of the Newman Center. When the canon lawyer died, it was only natural that Bishop Bell would assign him to the Chancellery where he assumed responsibility for Canon Law and the Marriage Tribunal. Among other duties, he was in charge of Catholic Cemeteries. In this latter capacity, he coordinated the purchase of land and the construction of a beautiful chapel at Calvary Cemetery. He also established a brand new cemetery in Sonoma. As if that was not enough, the Bishop asked him to attend functions that he could not possibly make. With the stress of the job, he smoked three packs of cigarettes a day. He finally quit smoking when he ended up in the hospital. Given his health condition, he was given an assignment in Santa Rosa in 1961.

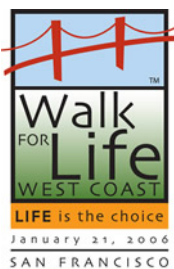
In 1965, he was again reassigned to the Chancellery and given the title of Monsignor. Because of his earlier ailments and the stress, he fell ill the next year and again needed a change. He became pastor of Presentation Parish and was involved in building a brand new church. He also continued to manage the Catholic Cemeteries. After the completion of the beautiful church, in 1978 he was given the assignment as pastor of the parish in Placerville. In March of 1983, he became pastor of St Philomene's Parish, where he remained for twelve years until his retirement in 1994. He acted as chaplain to organizations such as the Knights of Columbus and the Serra Club, led a number of world tours to various miracle sites and continued to say Mass and assist as Pastor Emeritus of St Philomene's. His services ended in 2006 when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer and was unable to leave his house. Nevertheless, he continues to say Mass in his own home.

Monsignor has a special affection for the Knights of Columbus. He joined the Knights in March of 1951 and has been an active supporter and chaplain off and on ever since. He strongly believes that "the Knights are the Right Arm of the Church" and that Catholic men should take on active leadership roles in the church, always assisting the bishops, and focusing on being strong advocates of Pro-Life and Pro-Family activities. In his November Paladin Chaplain's Report, he shared these thoughts, "My dear brother Knights: I wish to thank you and your family for all your prayers... I am kept comfortable through hospice care. There is no cure for my cancer. I'm told three to six months before I continue my journey through the doorway of death to eternal life...I am aware that I will die soon and pass from life in time to life in eternity..." His last parting thoughts reflect his years as director of and concern for Catholic Cemetery. "... Our respect and care for the souls of the faithfully departed is important.... If you can, take your family to visit the cemetery and pray at the resting place of your dearly beloved."



The big Irishman now waits for his new assignment on his long journey home. After 56 years as a priest, the homesick lad, living in this foreign land, now again waits for permission to go home. A very intelligent and compassionate man and dedicated servant of God, he will be sorely missed by all those who know him.

Submitted by Gerald Marenich and Chuck Cuny



ADVOCACY OF THE CULTURE OF LIFE, JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN:

Walk for Life West Coast

January 20, 2007

Please join us!!

Mark your calendar for the third annual Walk for Life West Coast. Join the State Officers, Supreme Directors, State Directors and members of the Knights of Columbus representing the Jurisdictions of California, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington on Saturday January 20th as we walk together with thousands in San Francisco proclaiming our Advocacy to the Culture of Life.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration: Please consider making a Holy Hour in preparation for the Walk for Life on Friday, January 19th. There is much to pray for: the safety of all those participating in the Walk; for a change of heart of the protesters and all those who are pro-abortion; for those who have had abortions or are contemplating it right now; and, of course, for the millions of precious babies who have been aborted since 1973. The adoration will take place at Saints Peter & Paul Church in North Beach at 666 Filbert St near Columbus, from 8:00 pm on Friday January 19th until 7:00 am on Saturday, January 20th.

The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:00 am at Saint Mary's Cathedral celebrated by His Excellency George Niederauer Archbishop of San Francisco, Bishops Daniel Walsh of Santa Rosa, Bishop Allen Vigneron of Oakland and Auxiliary Bishops of San Francisco John Wester and Ignatius Wang. St. Mary's Cathedral is located at 1111 Gough St., San Francisco

The two and half mile Walk will start at Justin Herman Plaza on Market Street at 11:00 am and continues to Marina Green. Speakers will include Rev. Clenard Childress, Director of LEARN Vera Faith Lord, Talitha Phillips - Silent No More, Alfredo Abarca - San Francisco Catholic activist (Spanish/English) and Father Frank Pavone from Priests for Life will present the St. Gianna Molla Award.

Last January we had 15,000 peaceful participants and the year before 7,000. We are requesting for all the California members to consider participating. *For details on transportation or other Culture of Life questions contact me at 332-5511 (cell at 916-505-5513) or Engrjimiz1@cs.com*

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Our next Ladies Night Out is scheduled for the 5th Tuesday of January, the 30th. It's been two years since we went to Espanol on Folsom Blvd. We had a great time then and we are sure we will again in January. One of the reviews of Espanol (5723 Folsom Blvd) noted: "Once you're seated a waitress will set a bowl of minestrone soup that serves at least five people on your table and you can eat out of that all evening. Following close behind the soup are bread and salad. Just as you're getting full your delicious entree will be served. We give props to anyone who can eat their entire entree (chicken parmesan, veal, roast beef or pork chops) without having at least a little to take home. The staff is friendly and hard-working. It's such a great experience!" Yes family-style but yet a menu to select from. Join us. Call Brother Rob Williams at 361-9358 or email him at Rob_Williams@dadebehiring.com to hold a spot. If you forget to call, come anyway, there is always room for more.

THOUGHT: A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it. No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

Arden-Carmichael, Inc - Knights of Columbus

Dear Member

On Tuesday, January 16th, 2007 starting at 7:30 PM our Corporation will hold its annual meeting at St. John Hall, OLA parish. It is open to all members. As you recall a member is defined as both the Brother of Council 4970 as well as his spouse. Although other items will be discussed, the primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and three directors.

The nomination committee will post the candidates in the January 2007 Paladin, however, other nominations for these positions can be made from the floor on the 17th. To assure that sufficient members are in attendance at the January to meet the requirements of our by-laws, it is requested you proxy your vote to another member of the corporation in case you are unable to attend. Your proxy is valid only if you are not present and will be revoked as of December 31, 2007. Your participation is appreciated.

Last January 17th, 2006 our Corporation held its annual meeting with the primary purpose to elect officers and three directors. Officers elected for 2006 were myself as your President, Herb Holeman, Vice President, Steve Millner, Treasurer, and Michael Langer, Secretary. Directors elected were Milt Damore, Mel Picanco and Jack Kocunik. The budget for 2006 was approved for \$12,000 to include Scholarships, donations to our four primary parishes and miscellaneous charities/programs. To all a Happy and Holy Christmas season, and I hope to see you at the annual Corporation Meeting January 16th.

JIM LEET, PRESIDENT

Please mail each proxy, **one** for the Brother of K of C Council 4970 and **one** for your spouse, if applicable, to: Michael Langer, Secretary 3556 Caballero Lane, Antelope, CA 95843

By this proxy I give my voting rights to the following member of Arden-Carmichael, Inc on those occasions between January 16th 2007 and December 31st 2007 that I am unable to attend a Corporation meeting.

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Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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BLOOD BANK/BLOODSOURCE - Chairman Erik Nooren

Brothers, Family members and Friends of our Council. I have finally received a report from the Sacramento Bloodsource for this year through November 7th. It is always a pleasure to read the report and note how generous you are in support of the need for blood. At this time I thank those on the list including: Lisa Beile (14 pints), John Condon (99), Michael Corcoran (79), Richard Cuny (58), Fred Dalbello (265), John Depiazza (179), Albert Dennis (28), Michael Langer (11), Jean McKenry (11), Denise O'Connors (21), Timothy O'Connors (22), August Revering (131), Kim Schultz (22) and Leonard Zerilli (50). These are the total donations for those above that donated at least once this calendar year. Fantastic amounts. If you have any questions please call me at 967-5115 or go to the Bloodsource at 1625 Stockton Blvd and use our account number 4555. Thank you all again and Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

TRIVIA

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME -- DOROTHY PICANCO, COORDINATOR

Merry Christmas everyone! The Christmas shopping for the young women at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home continues with your generous support. This is the 11th year of bringing Christmas joy to the ladies at the Home. Most all the goodies for their stockings have been bought for 15 mothers currently at the Home. We hope that your enthusiasm for this project will give this 2007 version of our program a big finish. Lenore Mularkey, housemother, is so grateful for anything we can do for "her girls" and its one less thing for her to be concerned about. She knows that Council 4970 always comes through.

For those Knights who aren't familiar with what we do, I'll again give a brief rundown. In the past we have been able to give the Home items from their wish list which in the past has included a TV, DVD player, 2 Orick vacuum cleaners, towels, wash clothes, and turkeys and hams, etc. This year we are focusing on Lenore's wish list including "good heavy cooking utensils and hard plastic glasses". We also give each girl give each girl a \$50 gift certificate and her own personal Christmas stocking filled with personal items, i.e. shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, hand lotion, camera, socks, box of candy, etc.

Last year we collected \$1,305. However, to date donations have been significantly less. I pray you will come through this 11th hour of this 11th year of bringing joy to the ladies at the Home. Any donations can be sent to me via my husband, Mel, at your business meeting or mailed directly to me at: Dorothy Picanco, 1063 Commons Drive, Sacramento 95825-7056. . Checks MUST be made payable to K of C, Council 4970. God Bless.



PICTURES FROM OUR 2005 DONATIONS TO THE BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME

YOUTH PROGRAMS - LOREN WALLIN

Our youth coloring contest is about to begin at a number of our parishes. Brother Cliff Corrie, once again, is our Chairman. Have crayons, will color!! Our Free Throw Contest for 10 to 14 year olds in our schools will be held at St. Ignatius Parish Center on the evening of January 14th with registrations at 5:30 PM. Although you should work through your schools, walk-ins are allowable and encouraged. You must have proof of age with your child when registering.

PANCAKE BREAKFASTS

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION - SUNDAY DECEMBER 10TH
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH

Volunteers always needed - contact Pancake Chairman, Dan Peterson at 482-1952

THOUGHTS: *A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand. Junk is something you've kept for years & throw away three weeks before you need it. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.*

AND OF COURSE FOR OUR FIELD AGENT'S CONSIDERATION: A blonde woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Christmas stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" The woman says, "God help us! Has it come to this? Give me 6 Catholic, 12 Presbyterian, 10 Lutheran and 22 Baptists."

CHUCK'S CORNER

THE CHRISTIAN CLASH

CHUCK CUNY, PGK

A significant event in Hebrew history is the Exodus with Moses who, on an earthly plane, does battle with the Pharaoh. But the battle is not between Moses and Pharaoh but between Yahweh and the Egyptian gods. In the Hebrew belief, Yahweh is the personal God of the Hebrews, among the many gods of the world. In the first encounter, Yahweh turns the staff of Moses into a snake. The Egyptians, not to be undone, turn their shafts into snakes. But then the snake-staff of Moses devours the Egyptian snakes. Pharaoh is not impressed with the snake trick and the battle begins.

The Hebrew was a small tribe constantly threatened with extinction. In the mind of the Hebrew writers, the role of God is to protect the people. The Exodus account is carefully crafted to show how Yahweh raises the stakes by inflicting various plagues. Against Isis, the fertility goddess of the Nile, He turns the river blood red. He then sends many plagues, flies, frogs, locusts, hail, darkness and boils. But it is the death to the first-born that is most cataclysmic. It was common to sacrifice the first born to God. Abraham was prepared to sacrifice the first-born Isaac to God when an angel substituted a ram. In the Hittite culture, the body of the first-born was often slain and buried under the doorstep.

In many clans, the first-born becomes the patriarch and receives the blessing of the father. Recall that it was by stealth that Jacob stole the blessing from his father Isaac to become the patriarch. 'Tithe' in Hebrew means one tenth and God is entitled to one tenth of all the goods of the people. The average family is expected to have ten children and the first male belonging to God. God sent a ram as a sacrifice for Isaac. Accordingly, in Hebrew culture, the first-born male must be redeemed by a blood sacrifice. The Presentation in the temple is when Christ is 'redeemed' by the sacrifice of two turtledoves. This is why Jesus is referred to as the first-born (and only) son of Mary, the child tithed to God. (This is often confused with circumcision, which occurs eight days after birth.)

The first-born male in essence was the property of the Egyptian Gods. In slaying the first-born, Yahweh was taking away the most precious gift of the Egyptian Gods. This was not perceived as just a personal tragedy on the human level but a calamity to the Egyptian belief system. It was only after this terrible humiliating defeat did the Egyptians finally agree to release the Hebrews. The Exodus story had far reaching effects on the Hebrew people. Throughout history they saw themselves as personally 'owning' Yahweh, which continued well into the Christian era. They expected Yahweh to do battle for them just as the Jewish heroes Moses, Joshua, Sampson, and David up to the Machabees. These heroes arose to fight for and with Yahweh against overwhelming odds.

Christ clashed with the mold of the anointed warrior of God who would rout the Roman army. Little wonder that the Jewish crowds chose to release the warrior-terrorist Barabbas over Christ. So we now joyously celebrate the birth of this historical enigma. Over and over His message was (and is) "Peace be to you." But we still ponder how we can apply His message of peace, which clashes with the worldview. His is a personal message. It begins in the heart of every man. From there it flows out like a river. As we move into a new year perhaps we could take to heart of the angelic message "Peace on earth to men of good will. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit come into our lives and be a harbinger of the internal peace of Christ. With that, we extend to all our families and friends a most blessed, joyous and holy Christmas.



 Brother Miguel Sabral (currently assigned at a Pakistan/Afghanistan post) spent Thanksgiving with his family here in the states, but within a short two weeks was back on patrol checking the border and the opium trade and who knows what else. He reports his assignment ends in March and should be returning to Sacramento in April 07. He wishes all his Brothers and family/friends a Blessed Christmas. He also has asked for prayers for him and his fellow soldiers. Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine & others deployed in harm's way, Prayer is the very best one. What better way than to recite the following Prayer Wheel. *"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."*

In case we find ourselves starting to believe all the anti-American sentiment and negativity, we should remember England's Prime Minister Tony Blair's words during a recent interview. When asked by one of his Parliament members why he believes so much in America, he said: "A simple way to take measure of a country is to look at how many want in... And how many want out." Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you:

1. Jesus Christ
2. The American G. I.

One died for your soul, the other for your freedom.

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Meditation: *Have you read the news today — the “good news” of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and son of Mary who was born for us and for our salvation. The word gospel literally means good news! The joy of Christmas is an eternal joy, a joy that no one can take from us because it is the joy of Jesus Christ himself made present in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who dwells within us (see Romans 5:2-5). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which no pain nor sorrow can diminish, and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of your salvation in Jesus Christ?*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2006

- 3 Council Christmas Party - SI Center - 6:30 PM
 - 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
 - 10 Pancake Breakfast, OLA Parish Hall
 - 11 District DD/GK Meeting - SJE Meeting Room
 - 12 Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
 - 17 Pancake Breakfast, SJE Tralee Center
 - 25 Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
 - 26 Council Planning Meeting – Cancelled
 - 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents
 - 31 Feast of the Holy Family
- A decade of the Rosary precedes
the Business Meeting - 7:15 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2007

- 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- 7 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 9 Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 14 Free Throw Contest, SI Gym - 5:30 PM
- 16 Corporation Mtg - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 21 Chapter Meeting
- 23 Council Planning Mtg – Seton Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 29 Pancake Breakfast – SI Parish Center
- 30 Ladies Night Out – Espanol

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the Business Meeting - 7:15 PM