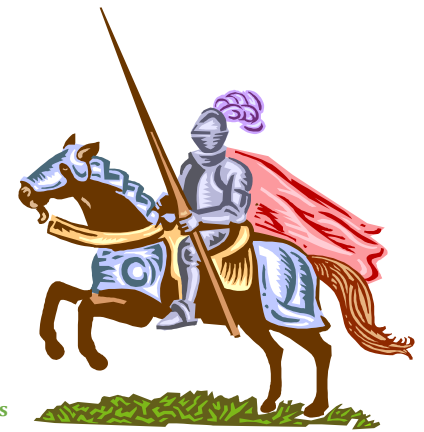


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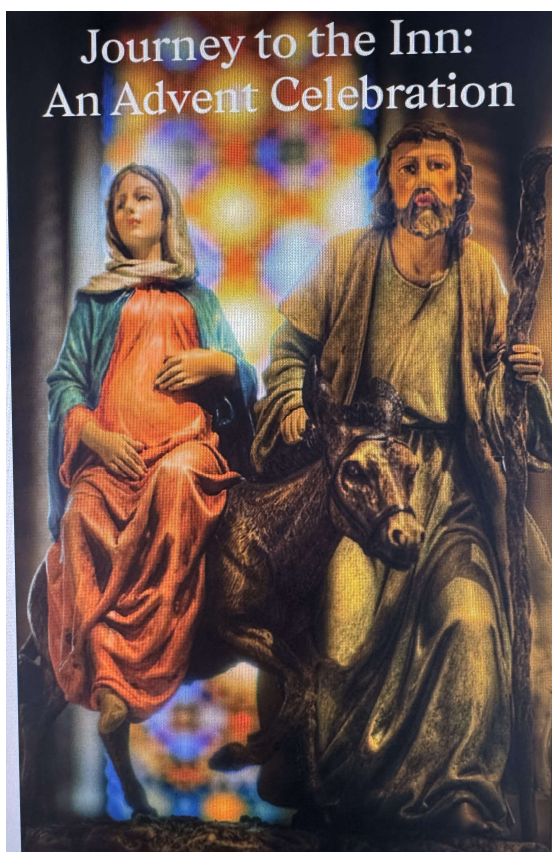


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## Journey in Advent for Christmastime

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight



## November Calendar

We have a new way for you to keep up with all our Council events!

<https://kofc4970.com/calendar>

Click on the link above to access the latest, up-to-date, Council calendar.

I think we all have our own story of growing up at Christmas time. In my days as a kid, I loved to watch “It’s a Wonderful Life” each year. It was as exciting as the first time I saw it. As a kid I would dream of God sending me an angel. I think he did— for me it was in a hospital bed , but it wasn’t Clarence. At times in our life we need a Clarence to give us hope.

In the month of December I think I went to church more than any other month with my Grandmother or family members. We would stay after mass to hear Christmas stories told by Nuns as I still remember pieces of those stories. Like “Mother Mary rode on the Donkey with Joseph to find a place to sleep that night.” The nuns love to tell this one from Matthew 1:18-25.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is

conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,<sup>[c]</sup> because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.<sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Here's some readings and a prayer for your Advent reflections:

- The First Sunday of Advent: Sunday of Hope  
Pray for God of Hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit, as we read in the bible, Amen. Read Peter 1:3-4; Romans 5:2-5,15:4,15:13; Ephesians 1:12.
- The Second Sunday of Advent: A Prayer for Peace  
The Peace of Christ rules in our hearts, now and forever more. Amen.  
Read Luke 2:14; Romans 5:1: 2; Thessalonians 3:16; Romans 14:19; Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15.
- The Third Sunday of Advent: A Prayer for Joy  
Heavenly father, let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them sing ever for you. Grant us such joy and faith in You that we may be filled with glorious joy from you. Amen.  
Read Psalm 5:11,16:11; John 15:11,16:20,16:22; Philippians 1:4; Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 1:8.
- The Fourth Sunday of Advent: A Prayer for Love  
Loving God you have demonstrated Your love for us. Teach me to love my enemies, help me do everything in Love, to stay in your in your in your love. Amen.  
Read Romans 5:8; Psalm 135:5,23:6; Mark 12:30-31; Luke 6:27; John 15:9;1 Corinthians 16:14; Galatians 2:20.

After reading these Passages I found in my heart my true Angel is Jesus

Merry Christmas to all of You

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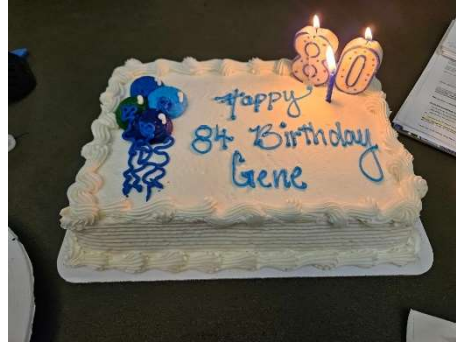
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**PGK Gene Gobbo Celebrates his 84<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**

*By Joe Romanazzi, PGK*



PGK Gene Gobbo celebrated his 84th birthday with his Brother Knights prior to the start of our business meeting on November 12, 2024. Brother Gene's birthday is November 8th, but Lady Knight Jeannie thought it would be fun to surprise her husband with a cake to share the occasion with his friends. Local fire stations were put on high alert earlier in the day to expect the possibility of seeing a flaming beam in the sky when the candles were lit. As you can see from the above photos, the candle light was so strong that it illuminated the cake and Brother Gene's face. Congratulations Gene. You got to celebrate not just one but two amazing occasions in November—enjoy every moment of it. Your Council 4970 Brothers wish you joy, laughter, and a healthy year ahead.

***It's on the Web!***  
***You don't need to wait for the Paladin to get your updates on Council 4970 activities. Our website, [www.kofc4970.com](http://www.kofc4970.com) is now regularly updated with the latest information. Hope you visit often!***

## The Passing of Brother Joe Kievernagel

By Ken Macdonald



*PGKs Gene Gobbo presents PGK Joe Kievernagel with a certificate in honor of their recognition as Veterans of the Day by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.*

On October 8 of this year Arden/Carmichael Council 4970 lost one of the stellar long time members of our Brotherhood.

Brother Joe Kievernagel passed following bouts with a number of illnesses which eventually took him from us.

Joe was succeeded in death by his loving wife Patsy in June of 2023. Joe and Pat were blessed with seven children, four sons and three daughters. Their son Joe, who served as a Sacramento Deputy Sherriff, was lost in a helicopter accident while on duty in July of 2005.

Joe served our Council as Grand Knight, and most recently as the Recruitment Director looking to bring new members into our ministry. Joe handled each assignment with enthusiasm and professional approach. He spent time at each of our three representative parishes looking to invite more men to join us in service to our community.

(Editor's note: I appreciated Joe's efforts in welcoming me to the Council a few years ago, and wholeheartedly agree he was enthusiastic and professional in his approach).

Joe's illness eventually led to his being confined to his wheelchair. His frequency at our meetings declined, but whenever Joe attended a function he came complete with his Council shirt and jacket, which he wore with great pride. His illness slowed his activity but not his energy and dedication to the work of the Knights.

### PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions in your prayers:

All children lost to abortion  
All unborn children and their mothers

All Caregivers of the sick  
Deceased of Council 4970

Rick Di Regolo (dec)

Georgia Royal (dec)

Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)

Anthony Praxel (dec)

Kenneth Scribner (dec)

Danielle Corcoran (dec)

Ben Dougherty (dec)

Fr. Art Wehr, SJ (dec)

John Heiman (dec)

Gerald Marenich (dec)

David Schwartz (dec)

Joe Kievernagel (dec)

The Wehr Family

Pope Francis

Fred Garrison

Bob Akers

Joan Cotton

Shannon Langer

Michael Langer

Gwenn Wilson

Parishioners of SI, SJE, and

OLA Parishes

To report illness or death  
contact the Grand Knight

We are blessed to have so many great examples of what it means to be a “Good Catholic Man” in our Council. No one exemplified that vision more than Brother Joe Kievernagel. Rest in Peace, our Brother.

**A Mass for Brother Joe will be at St. Ignatius Church on Wed. March 12, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.**

## **Around the Council**

### **Congratulations to Jeff Hall, November 2024 Knight of the Month**



### **November Pancake Breakfast at SJE** *Brothers Loren and JC cooking pancakes*



## Brothers Mike Gene, and Charles in the kitchen



## JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

## Not All Who Wander Are Lost



Those of us who think we are getting so old that all our friends in Heaven will think we didn't make it, may be experiencing what is known as Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder (AAADD). Here is an example of how the disorder may manifest itself. You decide to water your garden. As you turn on the hose in the driveway, you look over at your car and decide it needs washing. As you start toward the garage, you notice mail on the porch table that you brought up from the mail box earlier. You decide to go through the mail before you wash the car. You lay your car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, you decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first... But then you think, since you're going to be near the mailbox when you take out the garbage anyway, you may as well pay the bills first. You take your checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. Your extra checks are in your desk in the study, so you go inside the house to your desk where you find the can of diet soda you'd been drinking. You're going to look for your checks, but first you need to push the diet soda aside so that you don't accidentally knock it over. The diet soda is getting warm, and you decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As you head toward the kitchen with the diet soda, a vase of flowers on the counter catches your eye--they need water. You put the diet soda on the counter and discover your reading glasses that you've been searching for all morning. You decide you better put them back on your

desk, but first you're going to water the flowers. You set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. You realize that tonight when you go to watch TV, you'll be looking for the remote, but you won't remember that it's on the kitchen table. So you decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first you'll water the flowers. You pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, you set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, you head down the hall trying to remember what you were planning to do.

**At the end of the day: The car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of diet soda sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in your checkbook, you can't find the remote, you can't find your glasses, and you don't remember what you did with the car keys. When you try to figure out why nothing got done today, you're really baffled because you know you were busy all day, and you're really tired. You realize this is a serious problem, and you'll try to get some help for it, but first, you'll check your email...**

My Brothers, the friend who provided this humorous tale of Age-Activated Attention Deficit Disorder imparted a caution about laughing because even if this has not happened to any of us yet, our day is coming! Whether the day comes or not, remember God created us in His image so we know God has a sense of humor. He knows that laughter is good medicine for our bodies and for our souls. It is natural for us to become distracted by our busy daily routines and diversions. But instead of driving ourselves nuts, we must strive to cultivate a sense of humor to be wise enough to see things in proportion. All of us have to learn to laugh at ourselves and to live with faith, trust, love and hope in the Lord. Also, it wouldn't hurt to take a minute not to ask for anything, but to thank God for all His gifts. Let's embrace the beauty of our everyday lives and bear in mind that *not all who wander are lost*.

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## Ladies Luncheon

*By Jean Gobbo*

A reminder--there is no ladies luncheon in December. Have a Happy and Blessed Christmas, and we will see you in January at the Cheesecake Factory in Arden Fair on January 16, 2025.

Happy New Year everyone!

Questions? Call Glenda MacDonald at 916-524-8933 or myself Jean Gobbo at 916-261-8674

## Ladies Night Out

*By Ray and Pat Fischbach*

The last Ladies Night Out for 2024 was held on October 29, 2024 at River City Brewing Company. We had 12 members join us and everyone enjoyed good food, service, and company. Mark your calendars for the next Ladies Night Out scheduled for April 29, 2025. May you enjoy a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Arden-Carmichael. Inc.  
Corporation Meeting - Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Seton Hall, OLA Parish, 7:30 PM**

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