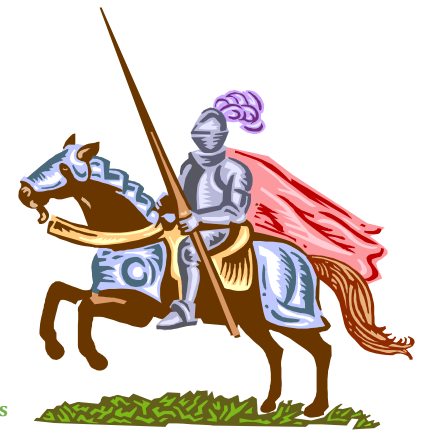


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Serving Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. John the Evangelist Parishes



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## Christmas Time Reflection

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight

Christmas is a season of giving. It's a time when all acts of kindness and generosity shine brightly. I hope that this article will help you recall some of your special Holiday memories.

Virtually all of us have a Christmas story to share. These stories remind us of the power of giving, love, sacrifice, charity, and the profound impact our good deeds can have on the lives of others. *The true spirit of Christmas lies in sharing with and caring for those in need.*

## January 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.



This year, my mother moved to a senior assisted care living center. This change has been difficult for me because I have such fond memories of her always giving to everyone except herself. She was my Mary (mother of Jesus) when I was growing up. She would read from her selection of Christmas books to all seven of us. Despite growing up living in a small trailer in Downieville, CA, she made Christmas enjoyable simply by the way she would read each story. We had seven books, one for me, and one for each of my brothers and sisters. By the time Christmas Eve arrived, she had finished reading every one of them to us.

Today, mom is in a memory care ward. It's hard to see her this way. When I visited her recently, she said to me "I have raised you and now it's your turn to take care of me."

My mom's selflessness inspired me to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. It was a way I could repay her, by paying my good deeds forward.

Supporting all three of our Council 4970 parishes (SJE, OLA, and SI) is tough at times. It's a lot of work, I will be honest. But our effort as brothers make me proud because we make people very happy, completing our tasks that come up. I'm so excited to do more now that we are getting more Knights to help. With all of your help now I can't say NO now. I said NO only once this year. When I help out at Loaves and Fishes once a month and at St. John's Vincent DePaul, it is gratifying to see all the appreciation on the faces of people who need help.

These heartwarming Christmas charities remind us that the true essence of the Holiday season lies in the joy of giving and caring for one another. A small act of kindness goes a long way with people

### Santa, Pancakes, and Good Cheer

Council 4970 provided good food and friendly service for the annual Breakfasts with Santa at OLA and SI:

**SI Breakfast:** JC, Shawn, and Gary cooking eggs and pancakes



**OLA Breakfast:** Brothers engaged in the work of cooking a great meal!



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## Annual K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest

*By Loren Wallin, PGK and Free Throw Chairman*

Brothers, here are the scheduled dates and times when we will be doing our Council Free Throw Contest for students in the 3rd thru 8th grade in our three parish schools. The contest is for those 9-14 year-old boys and girls who wish to participate. It's happening next week as noted below during each school's PE classes. I will be needing help during all of these days and times, and yes if you would like to help in another parish school other than yours, you are more than welcome. If you can help me on any, some or all of these days or times, please let me know by emailing, texting, or calling me. Thank you.

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OLA	OLA		SJE	SI
Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15	Jan 16	Jan. 17
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <sup>rd</sup> 1:20-1:55	7 <sup>th</sup> 8:40-9:35		8:30-11:00	4 <sup>th</sup> 8:05-8:35
4 <sup>th</sup> 2:05-2:50	8 <sup>th</sup> 9:35-10:30		1:15-2:55	5 <sup>th</sup> 8:55-9:25
	5 <sup>th</sup> 10:50 -11:45			3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:20-10:50
	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:20-2:15			6 <sup>th</sup> 11:30-12:00
				7 <sup>th</sup> 1:40-2:10
				8 <sup>th</sup> 2:25-2:55

Note: District 9 Free Throw Contest will be held on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Ignatius Parish Hall from 6-8 PM.



***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!***

## RSVP Update: Deacon Edgar Lozano

By Peter Kilkenny, PGK and RSVP Chairman

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On Monday December 23, 2024, I met Deacon Edgar Lozano at the Leatherby's in Elk Grove store to treat him to lunch and hand him our Council's annual Seminarian \$500 support check, part of our Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP) which is run by the Supreme Council, as I have done for the past five years.

In June 2024, seminarian Edgar was ordained a transitional Deacon as the first step to his ordination to the priesthood this coming June. Deacon Edgar has been wonderful to work with, is a great guy, has done exceptionally well with his studies and pastoral training. I know he will make a great priest for the Sacramento diocese.

The Supreme Council RSVP refunds \$100 once a year to a Council when the Council donates at least \$500 to a seminarian to support men becoming priests. The \$500 comes from our Council's Keep Christ In Christmas seals campaign run by Brother Don Koscheski.

This Spring I will be contacting the Diocese for the name of new seminarian for our Council to support.

## Around the Council

An *Appreciation Certificate* was presented to PGK Len Zerrilli at our Business Meeting/Christmas Party on December 12, 2024.



Here's a photo from the annual Christmas Party



### 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
- Fr. Tom Bland
- Parishioners of SI, SJE, and OLA Parishes

To report illness or death contact the Grand Knight

## Donations to our Annual ID Drive Exceed \$35,846, Shattering Previous Records

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK

The results of our Council's 2024 ID Drive were both SENSATIONAL and HISTORIC again this year, breaking all previous donation records. We received an additional \$20,245.00 in ID Drive donations from November through December 2024, which brought our total to an unbelievable **\$35,846.40**. This is an increase of \$2,737.79 over last year's historic total of \$33,108.61. Below are our final 2024 updated Council figures for the benefit of the "Special Campers" of Camp ReCreation, an organization that makes hopes and dreams come true.

**St. John the Evangelist Parish (SJE): \$2,000.21**

**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish (OLA): \$2,303.20**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish (SI): \$2,751.55**

**Emigh Hardware: \$1,326.44**

**Mail-ins received from Brother Knights, Lady Knights and Others: \$27,465.00**

**TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$35,846.40**

My Brothers, the Spirit of the Lord is upon our Council as we continue to serve Him and to witness to His compassionate love. Our Council members are united in charity, faith, and hope. We seek to serve and love Him in all we do. The results of our ID Drives and other programs demonstrate that we see Christ in everyone and do not neglect to do good, especially to those less fortunate than ourselves. *Hebrews 6:10-20* tells us that God is not unjust as to overlook our work and the love we have demonstrated for his name by having served and continuing to serve the holy ones. St. John of the Cross said, "At the evening of our life we will be judged on love." As worthy servants our deeds glorify our Heavenly Father and people witness for the themselves what we are accomplishing with His help. We praise and thank the Lord for the stellar results of this year's Council 4970 ID Drive for Camp ReCreation. We know that the Lord will strengthen their clients and all special needs people by our assistance, support and concern for them.



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

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight



### When the Truly Rich and the Truly Poor are Revealed

Americans consider themselves wealthy if they have an average of \$2.2 million in assets, according to data from Charles Schwab's *2023 Modern Wealth Survey*. The survey polled 1,000 Americans aged 21 through 75 about their views on saving, spending, investing, and wealth. The survey results found that many participants, particularly those of the younger generations, answered that money alone didn't always equal wealth. In their judgment, experiences, relationships, and careers carried just as much value. Nearly half of Americans (48%) polled said they already felt wealthy, despite having an average net worth of around \$560,000. When asked to define wealth in their own words, 40% of Americans mentioned well-being, followed by money (32%) and assets. But twice the number that mentioned money (nearly 62%) said healthy relationships with loved ones was the true definition of wealth.

In September 2023, the U.S. Census Bureau announced the number of Americans living in poverty went up for the first time in years. According to the Census Bureau's *Official Poverty Measure (OPM)*, a family of four lived in poverty if they made less than \$29,950 annually. For a single person, the number was \$14,880. Experts cautioned the trend, including an increasing child poverty rate, could get worse if government officials and politicians failed to fill in families' financial gaps with adequate social safety net programs. Data showed that in 2022, 12.4% of Americans lived in poverty, up from 7.8% in 2021. This represented millions more living without the minimum level of resources to meet their basic needs.

The Federal Reserve's *Survey of Consumer Finance (SCF)*, has been collecting data on net worth and all its components since 1989. The project gives a snapshot of the state of wealth in the United States so that economic well-being and formidable issues of income inequality, including trends over time, can be assessed every three years. The most recent version is from 2019. **One of the key findings was that the top ten percent of households own 76% of all wealth in the United States, while the bottom 50% of households own just 1% of all wealth.**

My Brothers, Saint John Chrysostom (349-407), Archbishop of Constantinople, was an eloquent preacher and commentator on Scripture. He is a Doctor of the Church and was named the patron saint of preachers by Pope Pius X in 1908. He worked very hard for the cause of the poor and marginalized people. He was concerned above all for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the needy and the oppressed. He was not alone among the early Church Patriarchs in speaking out against the abuse of wealth. He believed that personal property is not strictly private but a trust. St. John Chrysostom wrote a discourse about how we all must give an account of our life and our good deeds. In it he wrote reputation and wealth will mean nothing. Here is an excerpt:

*... So it is also in life and its end. The present world is a theater, the conditions of men are roles: wealth and poverty, ruler and ruled, and so forth. When this day is cast aside, and that terrible night comes, or rather day—night indeed for sinners, but day for the righteous—when the play is ended, when the masks are removed, when each person is judged with his works, not each person with his wealth, not each person with his office, not each person with his authority, not each person with his power, but each person with his works, whether he is a ruler or a king, a woman or a man, when he requires an account of our life and our good deeds, not the weight of our reputation...when the masks are removed, then the truly rich and the truly poor are revealed.*

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## Ladies Luncheon

*By Jean Gobbo*

Praying this finds everyone well. Hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas and the New Year will be filled with love and laughter!

It is time to get back into the swing of our luncheons, and the first one will be January 16. We will meet at the Cheesecake Restaurant at Arden Fair Mall at 1 p.m.



Are you new to council 4970? We would love to have “new” ladies join us and have an afternoon of laughs and fun. All ladies (and guests) are welcome, and we look forward to meeting you all.

If you are new, or do not receive a phone call from Glenda MacDonald, please give her a call beforehand so she can let the restaurant know approximately how many to expect.

Questions? Call either Glenda at 916-524-8933 or myself, Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674.

Hope to see you on the 16th!

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

Please email each proxy, **one** for the Brother of K of C Council 4970 and **one** for your spouse, if applicable, to: [harmatalaw@aol.com](mailto:harmatalaw@aol.com), or deliver to one of the following:

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