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# Knightly News



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## Grand Knight's Message

### Knights and the Corporal Works of Mercy

#### Special points of interest:

- \* Journey to the Inn
- \* Novena for Life
- \* New Members
- \* Flag Retirement Ceremony

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Being a Catholic man is not for the faint of heart. For those of you who have been coming to the monthly meetings and participating in the Into the Breach spiritual study with Deacon John, you will have realized that we are asked to step-up and take a leadership role in our families and environments.

This apostolic exhortation gave us a variety challenges and decisions to make in order to live a life of vocation. As Knights, we are challenged to develop spiritually, strength the family, improve our community, and promote the dignity of life. One way in which we can do all these is by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy focus on the bodily needs of another as relayed by Jesus in Matthew 25:35-36. Specifically, we are asked to: 1) feed the hungry, 2) give drink to the thirsty, 3) welcome the stranger, 4) clothe the naked, 5) care for the ill, and 6) visit those imprisoned. The seventh Corporal Work of Mercy, 7) bury the dead, comes from the Book of Tobit, 1:17 and following.

Each of these good works are encounters to know our God, our neighbors, and ourselves better. As a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Michael's Council, we have the opportunity to continue to live a Matthew 25 life. A life which God calls us to live in order to make an impact on our families, community, and environments. If you are interested in living this life more fully, please prayerfully consider how you can work with our Council to live this life of service which is dedicated to living the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Before I close this article, I ask all who are reading this to consider the benefit of the Council publishing this monthly newsletter. A lot of time and effort goes into putting this newsletter together, but if it is not being read, it is silly to continue doing so. As such, I am asking all who are reading this, to email me at [wgk.stmikes@gmail.com](mailto:wgk.stmikes@gmail.com) and let me know your thoughts. A simple "yes" - to keep the newsletter coming - or "no" - to stop the newsletter - will help me decide how we will move forward with this newsletter. No emails will be counted as a "no," so if you want to continue to receive this newsletter, please email a "yes" and suggestions on how to make this newsletter more user friendly.

**Vivat Jesus,**  
**Mike Ercolano**  
**Grand Knight**



### **Annual Council Christmas Party**

You and your families are all invited to our Annual St. Michael's Council Christmas Party on Saturday, December 15 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. It will be held at Tony Pepperoni Pizzeria at 12165 Alta Carmel Ct, San Diego, CA 92128. The programed portion of the event will be at about 7:30 to allow those coming from the Vigil Mass to attend and not miss anything.

You will have the opportunity of ordering off the menu as soon as you walk in so you can order what you want based on your personal budget. The menu can be found at this site: <http://www.tonypepperonipizzeria.net/menu.html>.

We currently have a reservation for a set number of people but I ask that you please RSVP to [wgk.stmikes@gmail.com](mailto:wgk.stmikes@gmail.com) so I can ensure we have an appropriate sized spot for our group.

### **Journey to the Inn**

On Friday, December 14, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Fr. Mel will lead the St. Michael's Knights of Columbus Journey to the Inn ceremony which is based on the Franciscan-based Mexican Las Posadas. Las Posadas — meaning “the inns” or “the shelters” — gives emphasis to Mary and Joseph’s search for shelter before Our Savior’s birth.

This ceremony will be broken into three parts: an Advent and Christmas meditation in the church, a procession to a few “inns” asking for shelter, and a celebration at the Holy Family Center once Mary and Joseph are given shelter.

Please consider volunteering to help this make this inaugural event a success. At the very least, bring your family to this advent event to help us share the joy of Christ's birth.

### **Advice from the Advocate**

You need to know how are your Council's funds are expended. Article VII Sec. 3 states “No money in excess of \$300.00 shall be paid or transferred from the Treasury of this Council (except such as monies as the Council is called upon to regularly pay for its current expenses and as provided by the Laws and Rules of the Order or for the purposes approved by the Supreme Council or Board of Directors), unless be a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular business meeting subsequent to a regular business meeting at which notice in writing of a resolution of intention to pay or transfer such money and the purpose and amount to be paid or transferred shall have been given and regularly read”.

An officers meeting does not fill the requirement of a regular business meeting even if there is a quorum of council members present.

**I will leave you with this thought from Steve Forbes “With all thy getting get understanding”.**

**John Giltner**

**Council Advocate**



## Novena for Life

### My Brother Knights

As Chairman for our council's Novena for Life, I want to update all of you on our progress towards a successful Novena in January 2019. Although, this is a Knights of Columbus requirement, I thought it best to involve my Brother Knights and include other Parrish ministries as well. This has been a true blessing, as I have met so many Parrish Ministry members and they all have been outstanding to work with.

Working with Deacon John and other Parrish members we have developed a plan for this event. Here is our status:

**Theme:** Parish Unity

### Activities

1. Prayer Cards to be distributed by the Knights of Columbus after each Mass beginning December 8, 2018. I need my Brother Knights assistance this. The task is to distribute the Novena Cards after Mass. (About 15-20 minutes after each Mass).
2. Announcements to be made after Mass at that time. We are still working this issue. (who when and verbiage)

### The Events are as follows:

1. A 9-day Novena for Life will begin on January 10, 2019 and conclude January 18, 2019. The Novena is an excellent time to involve the entire family in Prayer and a discussion about respecting all life.
2. The Novena will be followed by a Walk for Life on January 19, 2019. This walk will begin at 6th and Laurel at Balboa Park. We can meet at the Holy Family Center and carpool if you wish. Again, the theme will be Parrish unity.

The Novena Prayer January 10, 2019 thru January 18, 2019

### *Holy Spirit*

*At the dawn of creation, you brought order out of chaos. Light out of darkness, life out of nothingness. Breathe on us once again and change this culture of death into a culture of life.*

*Inspire in your people a spirit of generous welcome for every life, no matter how unexpected or dependent that life may be. Holy Spirit You are the Advocate. As you fill us with yourself, make us advocates for the unborn and vulnerable.*

*Until we are all united in the endless life and joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.*

### *Amen*

I now request your help with the implantation. I enlist your assistance announcements and distribution of Novena cards after Mass beginning December 8, 2018. This will be critically important as I will be out of town for the Holidays.

I will ask the Worthy Grand Knight to have someone set up a sign-up sheet on our website. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. Let's demonstrate our unity.

**Michael "Mac" McWilliams**

**Novena for Life Chairman**

**619-203-4006 [mmcwill1@san.rr.com](mailto:mmcwill1@san.rr.com)**



### MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Congratulations to our new brothers who joined our Council at our November 4, 2018 First (Admissions) Degree Exemplification:

Sebastian Garcia

Michael Ron

David Benson

Carl Dyszkiewicz

Cruz Ponce

Additional congratulations goes out to the following brothers who made their Second (Formation) Degree on November 11, 2018:

Sebastian Garcia

Tony Krvaric

David Benson

### UPCOMING DEGREES

**First (Admissions) Degree:**

**To be scheduled**

1:30 pm for candidates – St. Michael's Knights Room; 2:00 PM exemplification

**Second (Formation) Degrees:**

**Tuesday, December 18**

6:30pm in Mira Mesa – Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**Wednesday, December 19**

6:30pm in Mira Mesa - Good Shepherd Catholic Church

**Thursday, December 20**

7:00pm in San Marcos – St. Mark's Catholic Church

If you are interested in taking your Second Degree please contact Bill Uberti ([cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net](mailto:cdrbilluscg@earthlink.net)) or (858) 842-4000 and he will arrange for your transportation and escort to the degree.

Presently there are no Third (Knighthood) or Fourth (Patriotic) Degrees scheduled.



### FATHER O'CALLAHAN ASSEMBLY CONDUCTS FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL

At the request of Principal Kathy Mock, Father Joseph T. O'Callahan Assembly conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony hosted by St. Michael's Council #11632. Over 200 students were in attendance on the South Lawn of the school. Kathy Mock introduced Faith Navigator, Bill Uberti who explained to the school children what a Flag Retirement was and how it shows respect for the worn flags of our country. The Faithful Navigator then pointed out to the student the significance of Veterans' Day on November 11th. Many of the students knew that this holiday evolved from Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I.

Members of the student council then proceeded to fold a large American Flag with students reading the significance of each of the thirteen folds. Following this the Faithful Navigator led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance noting that the Knights of Columbus played a key role in having the words "under God" added in 1954. Upon completion of the Pledge, our pastor and brother knight, Father Mel led everyone in singing the National Anthem.

The students then proceeded to retire the worn flags. This year Principal Kathy Mock especially honored the students of the school whose parents were veterans. One of the veterans present was Colonel Charles Dockery, Commanding Officer of Miramar Marine Corps Air Station. Two Knights in their traditional regalia escorted each student and their veteran parent down a roped off corridor carrying a worn flag folded in a triangle. When they reached the area where the flag was to be burnt they handed the flag to two knights who unfolded it, held it up for all to see, and then laid in the fire pit canister where it was consumed by the flames. While this was taking place the Faithful Navigator explained the history of the U.S. flag and the circumstances surrounding Francis Scott Key when he wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." About 25 worn flags were officially retired during this ceremony. The ceremony concluded with Father Mel saying a special prayer honoring all veterans on Veterans' Day. On behalf of the students and staff of St. Michael's School Principal Kathy Mock thanked the Knights of Columbus for a very informative and inspiring ceremony.

Special thanks goes out to our Color Corps Commander Vince Perez and Color Corps members Sal Acampora, Bill Betts, Bob Ippolito, and Mike Dunlap. Also special thanks to SK Larry Jervis, SK Terry Barefoot, SK John Giltner, SK Barry Cronin, and St. Michael's Council Members Greg Lopez, and Chuck Visk who assisted with setting up for the ceremony and the actual burning of the worn flags. A special note of thanks also goes out to Lady Linda Giltner for taking the photos of this meaningful event.

**Bill Uberti**  
**Faithful Navigator**



**Color Corps Members SKs Bob Ippolito, Bill Uberti, Bill Betts, Vince Perez, Sal Acampora, and Mike Dunlap.**

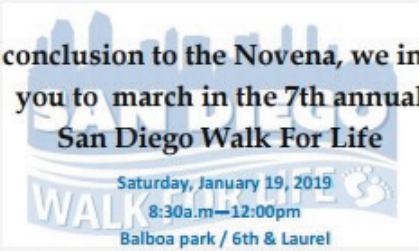
**Set-up, take down, and flag retirement detail: Chuck Visk, SK Larry Jervis, Greg Lopez, SK John Giltner, SK Barry Cronin, and SK Terry Barefoot.**



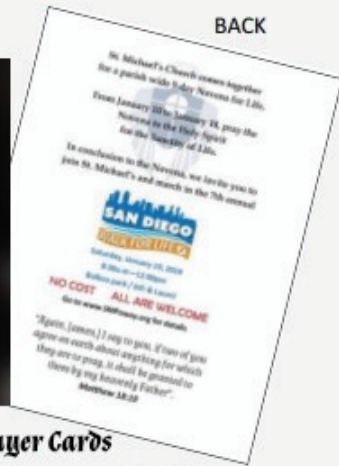
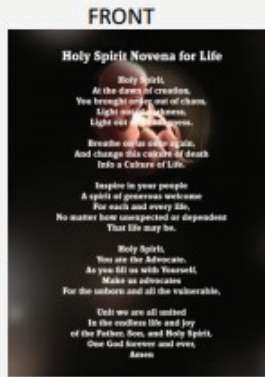
# ST. MICHAEL'S COMES TOGETHER IN PRAYER

**January 10 to 18** we will pray  
the Holy Spirit Novena for Life  
**Pray this prayer for nine days** with your  
family, your friends or coworkers

In conclusion to the Novena, we invite  
you to march in the 7th annual  
**San Diego Walk For Life**



Saturday, January 19, 2019  
8:30a.m.—12:00pm  
Balboa park / 6th & Laurel



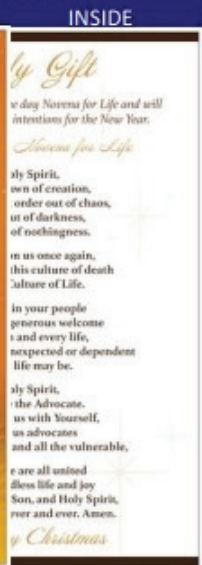
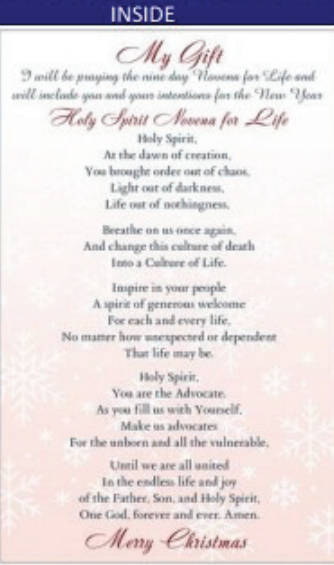
**Free Novena Prayer Cards**

available in the church lobby or parish office

Request a 9 Day Novena Prayer email reminder at [aliceb@smpoway.org](mailto:aliceb@smpoway.org)

## GIVE THE GIFT OF THE NOVENA

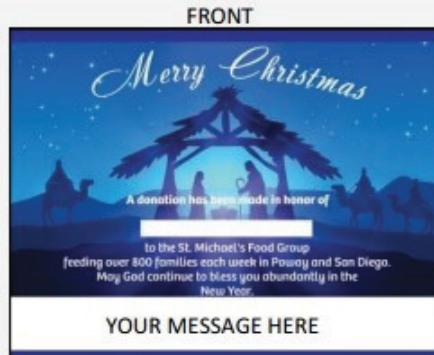
5X7 folded card & envelope ★ 2 Designs ★ Available in Parish Office ★ \$5 Donation Request



### IN HONOR OF YOU.....

Include this donation gift  
in your Christmas gift giving  
by donating to the  
**St. Michael's Food Group**  
feeding over 800 families each  
week in Poway & San Diego

AVAILABLE IN PARISH OFFICE





## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Council General Meetings** – first Wednesday of each month

**Officers Meetings** – third Wednesday of each month

*Members are welcome to attend each meeting.*

### DECEMBER 2018 (Note: there will be no General Meeting this month)

- All Masses – **Life:** *Life Before Birth* calendar/ Ultrasound Drive
- All Masses – **Family:** Put Christ in Christmas Card Sales
- All Masses – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet ticket sales
- 1st – **Faith/Spiritual Reflection Program:** Benedictus
- 2nd – **Community:** Mass Intention for Paul Zeltner, 5:30PM
- 9th – **Family:** Christmas Pancake Breakfast
- 9th – **Community:** Mass Intention for Edward Ketcham, 5:30PM
- 14th – **Family:** Journey to the Inn
- 15th – **Family:** Annual Christmas Party, Tony Pepperoni's, 6:30PM – 9:30PM (**CHANGE**)
- 16th – **Community:** Altar Server Christmas Party (**CHANGE**)
- 29th – **Community:** E-waste and Document Shredding Drive, Saturday 9:00AM – 2:00PM
- 30th – **Family:** **Consecration to the Holy Family**

### JANUARY 2019

- All Masses – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet ticket sales
- 7th – **Community:** Basketball Free Throw and 3-Point Contest
- 10th-18th – **Life: Novena for Life**
- 17th – **Family:** Coats for Kids
- 19th – **Life:** San Diego Walk for Life

### FEBRUARY 2019

- 2nd – **Community:** Crab Fest and Family Buffet
- 17th – **Faith:** Corporate Communion

### MARCH 2019

- All Masses – **Family:** 40 Cans for Lent/Food for Families
- 3rd – **Community:** Council Blood Drive, Sunday 8:00AM – 2:00PM
- 8th – **Community:** Fish Bake
- 15th – **Community:** Fish Bake
- 22nd – **Community:** Fish Bake
- 23rd/24th – Membership Drive
- 29th – **Community:** Fish Bake



**APRIL 2019**

First two Saturday/Sunday Masses — **Family:** 40 Cans for Lent/Food for Families

5th — **Community:** Fish Bake

12th — **Family:** Council Pot Luck

13th/14th — Membership Drive

21st — **Family:** Springtime Pancake Breakfast

27th/28th — Membership Drive

**MAY 2019**

4th — **Community:** E-waste and Document Drive

**JUNE 2019**

11th — **Faith:** Priesthood Sunday Burial Site Clean-up

24th — Installation of Officers

**JULY 2019**

14th — **Community:** Council Blood Drive, Sunday 8:00AM – 2:00PM