



# The Knight Lamp

The Pro-Life Council

## Fr. Joseph Geary Council

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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Almost three years ago, my wife woke me up crying and saying "I think you need to take me to the doctor." I was very worried thinking we needed to call 911 when she followed it with "I am pregnant." I don't know if that made me to worry more or calm me down, but to this date, these have been some of the best news I have ever received.

About a month later, I got more worrisome news, as my wife was bleeding slightly, but being pregnant for only a few weeks, this was very serious. We ended up spending an all night vigil at the ER, waiting till morning to get an ultrasound. Thankfully, our daughter was right there doing well - we got her first picture when she was 6 weeks old. She is now two years old and thriving. We thank God every day for blessing us with her presence in our lives.

We all know family and friends that have had a miscarriage. After our scary night, I cannot even imagine what it feels to lose a child so early. Embedded in our souls we know that there is someone who we will miss. Every human life is a miracle and every child a gift from God.

I ask all of you to celebrate life by participating in the Mass of Reparation on January 22 at 7pm, at St. Justin's Church. All Collections will be donated to the St. Juan Diego Women's Center in San Jose to support women struggling to choose life for their unborn children.

Let's also show our support for the Culture of Life attending the West Coast's Walk for Life in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23 at 11am.

Finally, let's ask Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, and Mother of the Civilization of Love to intercede for us and help us put an end to abortion.

¡Vivat Jesus!

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK

## Dates to Remember

### January

22 Mass of Reparation (Pro-Life)  
No Council Social

### February

06 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM  
20 Council Social

### March

06 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM  
27 Council Social

### **Message from our Field Agent**

I'd like to extend my wishes to you a happy, healthy Christmas season and all the best in 2010. Here's hoping that your membership in the Knights continues to bring you countless blessings.

Speaking of the new year, will you take part in the ritual of preparing a set of resolutions for yourself? It's traditional that many people spend this time of year looking at themselves, identifying their flaws and resolving to improve these troublesome areas.

It may be that you consider yourself overweight; or that you don't spend enough time in the gym; or that you haven't read as many books as you would like. January is usually the time when you endeavor to change all of things that you may not like about yourself.

Allow me to recommend one more area that would benefit from such a review: your financial future.

Are you ready for retirement? Will you have enough money to live on? Are you protected from the financial disaster that a long-term illness can bring? If you were suddenly or unexpectedly out of the picture, could your family survive? Have you adequately prepared for your wife's future? Your children's?

## Council News

### **Mass of Reparation – January 22, 2010**

Our annual Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Justin Parish for the first time @ 7:00 PM.

### **Walk For Life West Coast**

Join the Walk for Life in San Francisco at 11:00 AM. Visit WalkforLifeWC.com for more info.

### **Free Throw Contest**

Our council will sponsor the Annual Free Throw Contest for boys and girls ages 10-14 at St. Justin's School. Winners will compete in the San Jose regional competition. Our brothers Wayne and Matt will lead this event.

### **Essay Contest**

Our brother Claude will be leading the essay contest with the support from other council brothers.

### **Future Exemplifications**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree – June 19 at St. Elizabeth's
- 4<sup>th</sup> Degree – February 6 in

### **A Note from our Brother Claude**

"Brother Knights, please help us save the 64-cent cost of postage and printing of each copy of the Knight Lamp. Send your e-mail address to [gk@kofc3523.org](mailto:gk@kofc3523.org). That could save the Council up to \$64 a month."

*Happy New Year!*

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