



# The Knight Lamp

The Pro-Life Council

## Fr. Joseph Geary Council

Council #3523

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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Last month I shared a reflection on “*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Civilization of Love,*” by Carl Anderson. This time I would like to share a personal anecdote of the power Our Lady’s intercession. About 12 years ago, I went on a trip to Mexico City on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There were 5 people signed up when suddenly Mike had to cancel the trip because he got gravely ill.

Mike, who was the picture of perfect health, had a liver problem that got aggravated, putting him on the transplant list – it was going to be months to a year, before his number was up. He was not going to be traveling any time soon.

The rest of us decided to go ahead with the trip, and promised Mike to offer our prayers for his prompt recovery and health. Once we arrived at the Basilica, my roommate offered the Rosary for Mike’s kidney while we were standing in front of the *Tilma*. Thank God *Our Lady* could read the intentions in our hearts and disregarded our ignorance of anatomy.

Two weeks after we got back, a tragic accident claimed the life of a 17-year old motorcyclist who happened to be a perfect match. Mike got his transplant – and a year later he joined us in our pilgrimage, this time in thanksgiving for a favor received. Since then, Mike got married to my former roommate’s sister (yes, the one who prayed for the wrong body part), and is now the proud father of two children.

For some, this may sound like a coincidence – but we know better. I ask all of you to participate in the celebrations of December 12<sup>th</sup>, the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Mother of the Civilization of Love. I’ll leave you with the words of the Blessed Mexican Martyr’s: *¡Viva Cristo Rey y Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!*

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK

## Dates to Remember (Tentative)

### November

07 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

### December

05 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

05 Christmas Bazaar

12 Council Social

### January

02 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

22 Mass of Reparation (Pro-Life)

23 Council Social

### February

06 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

27 Council Social

### March

06 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

27 Council Social

## Council News

### **Chevys fundraiser- Thursday Nov. 19**

5:00 – 9:00 PM at 511 Coleman Ave. (Market Center) San Jose, CA. 95110

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Cards – Dec. 5 & 6**

Christmas cards will be sold during the Christmas Bazaar.

### **Our PGK Davison Vivit**

Our beloved brother Davison is recuperating from internal bleeding. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **STAR Council Award!**

Congratulations to our PGK, Israel Gonzalez, for leading our council to a STAR COUNCIL AWARD

### **We are on the Web**

Visit us at [www.kofc3523.org](http://www.kofc3523.org) and see our calendar of events, previous newsletters and other pertinent information.

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

Our annual Pro-Life Mass will be held at St. Justin Parish for the first time.



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