



# The Knight Lamp

The Pro-Life Council

## Fr. Joseph Geary Council

Council #3523

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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

[The following is an excerpt from the welcome address given at the Dinner in Honor of our Priest, September 26, 2009]

I would like to share with you some reflections on a book that I have been reading recently "Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Civilization of Love," by Carl Anderson. This book is a fascinating read on the events that happened on December 1531 in what is Mexico City today, and how they relate to our modern world. At that time, Our Lady appeared to St. Juan Diego, and that miracle is still visible today on the tilma for everyone to see.

"Our Lady of Guadalupe is more than an event," says Anderson, "she is a person. As part of her continuing witness to Christ, she continues to aid the men and women of the Western Hemisphere and lead them to a greater encounter with Christ." Later he continues: "Our Lady of Guadalupe brings us to a greater solidarity, a global solidarity, when she leads us to a greater encounter with the uniqueness of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist."

Thank you Lord for Fr. Ritche, Fr. Edsil, Fr. Joe, and Fr. Tim. For their vocation of service to You and Your Church on Earth. Thanks for making them instruments by which we can experience your presence through their love, their actions, in the Sacraments, in the Holy Eucharist.

Anderson concludes "For her love demands from us and enables us to love our neighbor without reservation, without hesitation, without borders. For this reason, Our Lady of Guadalupe should also be venerated under the title Mother of the Civilization of Love."

Finally, we ask Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, and Mother of the Civilization of Love to bless our Priests, so that they may be good servants, loyal and steadfast in their calling to extend a community of love over their parishes. So that they may lead us to live the Gospel in service to those in need, fostering a Culture of Life, building a Civilization of Love.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK

## Dates to Remember (Tentative)

### October

03 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM  
24 Council Social

### November

07 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM  
TBA Council Social

### December

05 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM  
TBA 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

### **MRP Drive – Oct. 16-18**

Our goal this year is to raise \$2,000. The first \$1,500 will be donated to Parent Helping Parents and the rest to Special Olympics. Sign up!

### **Keep Christ in Christmas Cards – Oct. 24**

Christmas cards will be sold during our October Social. Come prepared to buy your set of beautiful cards and support our council.

### **First Degree Exemptions**

OCTOBER 14 @ 6:30pm, St. Elizabeth, 750 Sequoia Dr, Milpitas, Call Andy Dyson, 408-263-5156.

### **Third Degree Exemptions**

OCTOBER 31 @ 1:00pm, St. Lawrence, 1971 St. Lawrence Dr, Santa Clara, Call Ralph Manfredo, 408-251-1394

### **Listen To Catholic Radio – 1260 AM**

Support our Catholic Radio by listening to it and sharing with others.

### **From Our Field Agent – Dion Dangzalan**

KofC issued \$700Mil in new life insurance in July alone. What an incredible time to be a Knight!

### **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**

More details to come.

## In God We Trust

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