



525 Old Port Isabel Road-Brownsville

December 2016

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

Brother Knights;

Blessings Brothers. It is time to give thanks to all the blessings we had this year, furthermore, the blessings of good health to accomplish all those things you had to do. I encourage none of you to procrastinate and just go for what makes you happy and fills your heart with happiness.

Let us enjoy a great feast with our families, as we know; they are the ones who truly love us and accept us for what we are. I know all families are very proud of their spouses, fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and cousins being Worthy Knights. They support you and they encourage you to be a better Catholic Gentleman. I also know other families sometimes frown upon the idea that I take you away from them several hours a week for bingo operations, cleanups, cooking hotdogs, funeral detail, and attending a Mass away from your Parish.

Returning to the giving thanks part, we are still here in this world because God has decided we need to continue our Catholic work. Last month we celebrated giving thanks and we counted our blessings. Let us take a few minutes and really reflect on all the blessings we have and have received this year.

Another thing I would like to pass along to you, did you make a plan or a goal this year and you did not get to accomplish it for whatever reason. Like visiting the Shrine, visiting you brother, visiting the gravesite of your loved one, or just saying "I'm sorry or "I love you". Allow yourself to be humbled by your actions.

On December 7, we will honor Pear Harbor Day. We are eternally grateful to all those servicemen and women who served to have today's freedoms. On December 8, and December 12, we will show our patriotic colors by joining a procession at Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us continue to be united during these processions.

Let us not forget the real reason for celebrating Christmas, as we have a society where Black Friday and Cyber Monday often become embedded in our minds, we may lose sight of its meaning. Those who celebrate Christmas give gifts to each other to celebrate the greatest gift; God's gift of his son to the world.

Moreover, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who have stepped up in many of our charity activi-

ties. You men are doing a great job during the feed the hungry, praying the rosary, beach cleanup, highway cleanup, corporate Mass, funeral detail, bingo operations, and kitchen detail.

God Bless

Grand Knight, Mike Solis

MERRY CHRISTMAS



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CORPORATE MASS

There will be no Corporate Mass this month so our Brother Knights can celebrate the birth of Jesus with our Families. Have a Merry Christmas!



Up Coming Events:

- 12/06/16 Pro Life and Unborn Rosary @ 7:00 p.m.*
- 12/06/16 Annual KC Light the Christmas Tree @ 7:45 p.m.*
- 12/06/16 Feed the Hungry*
- 12/07/16 Budget Meeting*
- 12/08/16 Immaculate Conception Procession*
- 12/12/16 Our Lady of Guadalupe Procession*
- 12/17/16 Christmas Social*
- 12/19/16 Annual Ham giveaway*
- 12/25/16 Christmas*

MEETINGS:

3rd Degree Meetings will be December 6th & 20th 2016 - 8:00 p.m.

4th Degree Meeting will be on December 13th, 2016, 8:00 p.m.

All members in good standing are welcomed to attend all the above meetings.
Don't forget to bring your Membership Cards!



Ladies Auxiliary Meeting: December 13th at 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Ana Rodriguez - President

Thank You on Past Events:

1. Brothers who helped in the Feed the Hungry
2. Brothers who helped at Bingo Operations
3. All Brothers who attended Corporate Mass
4. All Brothers who are Directors of a program within the Council
5. All Brothers who attended the Bishop Marx anniversary Mass
6. All Brothers who attended and prayed the Unborn Rosary
7. All Brothers who helped in any way with Clergy Night
8. All Brothers who helped with the annual turkey giveaway
9. All Brothers who walked for Alzheimers



Birthdays in December:

Ben Rodriguez	12/10	49 years old
David de la Torre	12/15	73
Oscar Ponce	12/15	56
Tony Puente	12/16	64
Luis Reyna	12/16	69
Sergio Martinez	12/18	68
Sam Hernandez	12/20	64
Reyes Rodriguez	12/24	79
Mauro Cisneros	12/28	84
Jorge Vargas	12/31	50



Anniversaries:

Jaime Valdez	25 years
Artemio Rivera	16
Howard Linkous	11
Tom Noble	11
Antonio Orta	4
Alejandro Ordaz	2
Rudy Gamez	2



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