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Lost and Found

God is always searching for us, and the light of Christ shines even amid the darkness of loneliness and isolation

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Ask anyone who works with me. I'm always losing things like umbrellas, keys and cellphones. A misplaced umbrella means I'll get wet. Lost keys mean I'm locked out. A misplaced cell-phone means I'm cut off from civilization — or so they say.

Losing possessions is one thing. Being lost or feeling lost is another. And sometimes the sense of loss runs deep. We may feel we've lost our friends or have been forgotten by them. We may even feel we've lost God's friendship or that God has forgotten us.

Sins, weaknesses and spiritual and emotional wounds are part of every life. But when these get the better of us, we may think that God and other people have given up on us. This is, of course, a lie, planted in our hearts by Satan, the father of lies. Yet, the sense of being lost to God and lost to our friends can seem very real. Indeed, one of the traits of contemporary culture is a sense of isolation, of being alone in the world.

Many people don't have a relationship with God, nor do they have close friends. There is an absence of love in their lives. Yet, without love, life makes no sense. When love is lacking, so is hope. And when hope is lacking, it is all the more difficult to deal with those sins, weaknesses and wounds that be-devil us.

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Minutes of the December Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM on December 10, 2024 by Grand Knight Waverly. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Treasurer, Advocate, Outside Guard, Trustee Three Year, Trustee Two Year and Trustee One Year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from November were approved as written.

Membership Report

There is one potential candidate interested in becoming a Knight.

Grand Knight Report

The GK announce a meeting scheduled at SKD on January 19 at 6 PM with Fr. Colin to discuss the mission of the church and how the Council can assist in meeting the mission goals.

Brother Stan was appointed Three Year Trustee to fill a vacancy previously held by Brother Machovec.

Chaplain's Report

The GK read aloud the origin of the Christmas Tree.

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December Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Treasurer Report**

Checking account balance - \$9,959.05
 Giving Tuesday donation checks will be sent to STARS, the Homeless Shelter, the Pregnancy Center and Operation Care as approved in the budget.

Financial Secretary Report

No report

Communications

N/A

Programs Director Report

On the first Tuesday night of the month at 5:30 there is the recitation of the Rosary. Every second Sunday the Council sponsors donuts after the 10:00 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Tootsie roll drive – donations were still coming in at this time last month. An update shall be reported in January. December 6 Christmas party was well attended, and Santa was a big hit with the little ones. Safe Environment - is in progress. Next dinner is the fish fry on February 20. September 2025 dinner idea is to have an Oktoberfest themed dinner in leu of Tri Tip.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills. A new chairman is needed for the tootsie roll drive. The Respect For Life Committee asked the council to consider donating to the expense of the bus hired to transport parishioners to SF in January. After discussion, it was approved with no vote because the expense was approved during the budget approval process. A \$500 check shall be sent. A letter was received asking the Council to consider donating lunch for the attendees of the upcoming women's retreat on January 11. It was M/S/A to donate up to \$300.

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

No report

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

The Faithful Navigator gave a brief report on the Veterans Day Parade in Jackson and announced the 125th anniversary of K of C in February.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris gave a brief report, announced the NorCal Chapter meeting scheduled for January 18 in Placerville and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pam Edwards and Uncle Joe Deedet. Pray also for Bob Dobbs, Cheryl, Pamela, Steve Frias Mother, Deacon Jaime, John Edwards, Nancy Joyner, Jane Ragusano, Jim Gaffney, Richard Hogate, Vicky Route, Gina Frias, Fr. Arlon and Steve Oneto.

Lecturer Report

The lecturer showed a video on the Real Story of St Nicholas.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 7:47.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

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Recently, someone said to me, “How I dread this time of year. Daylight is short. The hours of darkness are long. That’s how I feel.” My heart went out to her, and I shared with her a short sentence from the beginning of John’s Gospel: “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (1:5).

In the darkness of Advent, the light of God’s love shines all the more brightly if, in the grace of the Holy Spirit, we believe and understand that the Lord has come in search of us. God does not want any of us to be lost. The Father loves us so much that he sent his only begotten Son into the world to find us, to save us, to gather us into the family of the redeemed. To do this, the second person of the Trinity forever assumed our humanity — not just our flesh, but a human mind, heart and will. The Son of God who preached the good news and went about healing, forgiving and raising from the dead experienced hunger, thirst, pain and sorrow. And ultimately, he laid down his life for us on the cross. This is the length to which God went to find us. Moreover, he continues searching for you and me at this very moment.

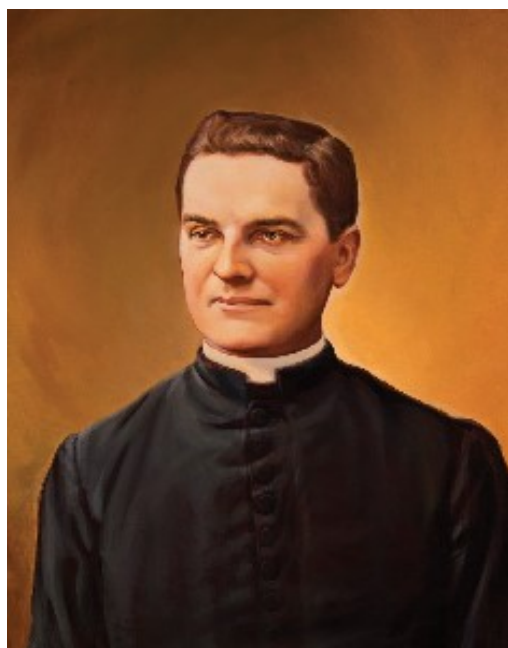
Let us then prepare our hearts for Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, the great reason for our hope. We do this by allowing the Lord to find us. Often, when we feel the absence of God’s love, it is because we have hidden ourselves from it. There may be painful realities in our lives that we don’t want to face, so instead we blame, we deflect, we hide, we self-isolate. During these days of Advent, let us allow the Lord to break through these self-imposed barriers that prevent us from receiving God’s love

and loving others. This happens when we make an unburdening confession of our sins. Or when we reach out in love to someone else in need. Or have an honest conversation with a trusted friend or spiritual director.

On Christmas Eve, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome to inaugurate a Holy Year, a Jubilee of Hope. The theme of this special year of grace is “Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Rom 5:5). May the celebration of Christmas and this Jubilee fill your hearts with joy and hope!



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop
William E. Lori



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dinner Hosts

Bob Strazzo January 14

J.D. Maher February 11

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Knights of Columbus Council 1849

Events Calendar 2024—2025

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2024 until June 2025

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2024 until June 2025. Dinner at 6:00

Family Fishing Day, Caples Lake, July 6th, 2024

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 18, 2024 (3rd Sunday)

Fall Dinner, Tri-tip at SKD noon to 9 PM (dinner 6 PM) September 28, 2024

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Sunday October 6th, 2024, 4-7 PM Koenigs House

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 11, 12, & 13, 2024

Mass for Departed Knights and YLI, SKD 10 AM November 10, 2024 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party SKD, 3 PM – 9 PM (dinner 6 PM), December 6th, 2024

Winter Dinner, (Fish), SKD Noon to 9 PM, (Dinner 6 PM) February 8, 2025 (2nd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 3 PM – 9 PM May 18, 2025 (3rd Sunday)

Spring Dinner, (Ribs), SKD Noon to 9 PM (6 PM dinner) May 17th, 2025 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays (March, June, August, & November)

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each Month at 5:30 at SKD – St Maximillian Kolbe Room

January Calendar of Events

Tuesday, January 7: Prayers of the Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel, St. Maximillian Room at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, January 8: Planning Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Thursday, January 9: Council Leadership Meeting with Father Colin at Saint Katharine Drexel, St. Teresa Room at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, January 14: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, January 12: Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.

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