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# A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

## Worthy Brothers

A truly enjoyable function of the Grand Knight is to give credit where it's due. This month, I would like to celebrate the consistent dedication of our officers, our past Grand Knights, and our directors. In our council, there is an undercurrent of talent that arises unsolicited, time and again, to perform the subterranean jobs that the parish and community rarely sees. Most members of the council rarely see it. But the Holy Spirit gets it done. When it comes to our nut and bolt finances, Chris Curto and Rick Donnelli do a exemplary job. Same with the food preparations. Chris, Paul Szatkowski, David Roberson, Ed Long, Tony Casmus, and Mark Goedecke somehow materialize, and the job gets done. Same with the Warden Richard Villarreal. Same with the programs driven by Joe Prampin and Bob Fisher. This Compass Newsletter does not edit and format itself. This passes first through the hands of Past Grand Knight Mike Koenecke.

Gentlemen, be proud of yourselves. Accept the consolation of Jesus Christ. The pat on the back. This Advent, let us stand back and behold the gifts we have in our midst.

Vivat Jesus,

– Bill Eldridge

# **MENTIONS OF HONOR**

This month, rather than have a traditional Family and Knight of the Month, let us show our appreciation to a group of members who served above and beyond during the month of November. Enjoy the photos, complements of Joe Prampin.

**FIRST MENTION:** The young guys, **Stephen Linkletter, Chris Curto, Jr.,** and **Ryan Eldridge**, who gave up a Saturday morning to present awards

to the athletes at the Special Olympics Bowling Competition in Addison. They worked alongside some older guys and some knights from other councils. These young men are the hope of our council. We have the faith that they will continue to carry the torch of service as did, their fathers and grandfathers.







**SECOND MENTION:** Brother **Joe Prampin** and his excellent work planning and collaborating on our twenty-fourth annual Veterans' Day Parade. Somehow, Joe arranged for Army Vietnam veteran John Bagwell, an Armed Forces Radio disk jockey who narrowly escaped an attack during the 1968 Tet Offensive, to serve as our Parade Marshall. John's account of his harrowing escape spoke volumes about what it means to be alive. It is a message that will resonate with the school children as they go through life. John is the veteran seated in the light blue shirt in the front row in the first photo



THIRD MENTION: Deputy Grand Knight Paul Szatkowski, who, along with Ed Long and David Roberson, gave up a Sunday evening to prepare and serve a meal for the high school youth ministry. This is after Paul spent the prior Saturday working the Special Olympics and after having taken our newest member, Tommy Garcia, to his Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification at Prince of Peace Parish in Plano. Paul, we wouldn't be able to operate without you.







#### **DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

We will meet on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, in Room 3 of the Parish Center for our December Membership Meeting (door code 18820#). We will begin at 7:00 p.m. with the recitation of the Scriptural Rosary. The meeting will commence at 7:30. We will dine on tamales (this as a kick-off to our Holiday Tamale Sales). Our dues statements should be ready, so you can pay your dues via check or electronically at the meeting. Our Worthy Lecturer, Ed Long, will have a presentation on the Old Testament and how it prepared the world for the Coming of the Messiah. Please come and hang out with your brother knights while we kick around a few topics and get to know a few new guys. There will be a 50/50 raffle. The winner of the last raffle: Bill Eldridge – go figure...

## AN EVENING WITH C.S. LEWIS??

Council Director Bob Fisher is considering our gathering with our wives to attend a Christmas performance at the Eisemann Center featuring A Christmas with C.S. Lewis. We could attend on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 7:30, or Saturday at the 2:00 p.m. Matinee or the 7:30 evening performance. The individual seat price is around \$46 to \$56. Click here for event info. If you're interested, please contact Bob Fisher at 972-489-3752 or at rmfish@swbell.net or feel free to discuss it and/or bring a check to the meeting so Bob can order the tickets and get us seated together.

## TRAINS AT NORTHPARK IN SUPPORT OF RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will work the desk at the Trains of NorthPark. If you are interested in helping, please contact Program Director Joe Prampin at 972-231-4396 or at eagle1conn@aol.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS			
Thursday, December 1 <sup>st</sup>	Membership meeting at the Parish Center, Room 3 (7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)		
Saturday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tamale Sales after 5:30 Mass		
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tamale Sales after 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Masses, Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 a.m. Mass		
Thursday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Officer/Director Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Parish Center, Room TBD, Door Code 18820#		
Thursday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	Trains at Northpark		



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# **REGULAR FUNDRAISING**

Our regular fundraising endeavors:

Donating Blood:	We are number 22058 with Carter Blood Care
Tom Thumb:	Good Neighbor Program No. 54476
Albertsons:	Community Partner No. 49000119848
Compass Bank:	When opening an account refer to our Affinity code 87719

Forms for all of the above are available at each meeting from our Financial Secretary.

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