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Holy Redeemer Council 12899 Officers for Fraternal Year 2018-2019

Grand Knight	Diome F. Alcomendas (1)	Advocate	Russ Pachl (2)
Dep. Grand Knight	Raymond Seal	Inside Guard	Robert Martin
Treasurer	Francis Guevara	Outside Guard	Doug Van Dyke
Fin'cl. Secretary	Sean Delaney	Trustee 1 st	William Moran
Chancellor	David Craig	Trustee 2 nd	Greg Georgoff (3)
Warden	Edward Nicholson	Trustee 3 rd	Chuck Williamson (4)
Recorder	Brian McDonnell	Dist. Deputy 11	Steve Henderson (5)
Lecturer	Michael Kocaja	Chaplain	Fr. Thomas Nathe (6)

Legend:

- (1) Faithful Captain, Assembly 2259 & Corps Cdr.
- (2) PGK & Honor Gd.
- (3) PGK & Honor Gd.
- (4) PGK & Honor Gd.
- (5) Faithful Navigator & Honor Gd.
- (6) Pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish

Grand Knight's Kolumn:

Helping Hands

Greetings!

One of the nine programs introduced by the Supreme Council within the Faith in Action model is Helping Hands. Under Community, (the others being Faith, Family, and Life) it joins the rest of the 32 recommended programs (eight in each category). Helping Hands is also one of four required programs that Councils must conduct this year to qualify and hopefully earn the Columbian Award!

Based upon the inspiration from our founder, Father M. McGivney's care and charity to widows and orphans, the Knights of Columbus Councils, both domestic and worldwide continues to extend help and care for displaced and disadvantaged members of the human race without regard to color, creed, status, and even religious beliefs. The Councils recognizes that in spite of political ideologies, philosophical differences, and many other factors, it goes ahead with various projects to assist these people that includes but not limited to supplying and serving food, running soup kitchens, providing clothing, repairing, maintaining, and even constructing school buildings, homes. Service given include plumbing, electricals, and sanitation facilities.

Some Councils have extended their expertise and services overseas (some have Knights of Columbus Councils, some do not) by giving all kinds of assistance (financial, church, school, & home construction, education, etc.). Council 12899 is not there yet, however armed with our own determination and hopefully inspired by other Councils and these events happening around us, perhaps we can also get there.

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This reminds me of the sign in my office with a saying that I coined myself. It read, “If you don’t move, you don’t get there!”. It is plain and simple yet straight to the point. So, we just make the first step toward this objective, with everybody’s participation, we will get there.

It will take a different mindset as well as focus in re-directing our current thinking ingrained in the old saying, “charity begins at home”. This point is well taken however it needs also to go somewhere, away from home, which should lead us there. And there, would be beyond our own homes to homes way out there, definitely somewhere out there. We should just look around us and from there, broaden our visions and horizons to far away lands where we can be of great assistance to people in need, in despair, or in distress. From our small world, we can move to the bigger world out there in service to mankind, and in service to God. What say you, Brother Knights?

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini!

Knights Birthdays:

Joseph Pinzone	March 1
Timothy Bock	March 9
George Delgado	March 14
Ronald Van Tifflin	March 15
Douglas Van Dyke	March 20

Wife Birthdays:

Susan Guevara	March 23
Coleen T. Alcomendas	March 30

Knights in Action:

1. The Council meeting on March 5, 2019 had twenty (20) Brother Knights in attendance for the first time ever since July 2018!
2. In the same meeting, we had two (2) guests from the Church Expansion Bldg. Committee, represented by Messrs. J. Vanderbout and R. Murray. They gave us information regarding the expansion of the back of the church from the altar, towards the street. In addition, the Knights were offered a space for a memorial of the unborn. A periodic update will be published from time-to-time.
3. The next BBQ & Breakfasts will be on April 6 & 7, 2019. The Chairman for this event, hopefully will “step up to the plate” on April 2. Meantime, the May 18 & 19 and the June 22 & 23 events are waiting for Chairmen.
4. Soup Supper for April 12, 2019 is the Council’s turn and again, hopefully every Member Knight will participate in bringing their specialties, setting up, serving, and staying for the clean-up. Again, another Chairman is needed.
5. We are still praying that those Knights who are really able bodied, in good health, i.e. no physical or mental disabilities, are requested to participate in any of the Knights-sponsored events in the next three (3) months. The fraternal year ends in June 2019. Now is the time to re-join and not just be a spectator. No names are mentioned herein but you know who you are. Please, please be a real Knight, not a “silent Knight” or in name only! At least, tell us what we can do for you, if not, what you can do for the Council. Albeit, you are not physically present, we continue to pray for you too.

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6. The 4th Degree Exemplification has been transferred to St. James Proto-cathedral in downtown Vancouver and is now scheduled for August 17, 2019. Details such as actual ceremony times, attires, Protocol, and other details will be issued as the date approaches. From Council 12899, there are at Least Sixty (60+) plus 4th Degree candidates. An earlier email to all prospects was sent this past week.
7. A flurry of activities involving mostly the ubiquitous paperwork, were done by the Dist. Deputy, the F. Secretary and the GK in compliance with the required Forms needed by officers from both the Supreme and State Councils.

PRAYERS:

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY

The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.

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On rosary beads "First say one:

'Our Father', 'Hail Mary', and 'The Creed'

Then on the Our Father beads say:

'Eternal father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.'

On the Hail Mary beads say:

'For the sake of His sorrowful Passion have mercy on us and on the whole world.'

In conclusion say three times:

'Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.'"

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'O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!'

Dominus vobiscum!