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## Grand Knight Notes — December

Brothers,

We have had a busy November and December is here already. In November we had a Pancake breakfast, the OLPH School 5K, Dancing with the Priests, and Choir Concert. There were Knights from our council at each event.

The choir concert had Knights singing and helping support the event technically. I would like to thank Brothers Mike Justiniano, Aaron Resella, and Don Stafford for all the work they did on the technical side to make the concert a success. Brother Jack O'Shea helped move the evening along as co-MC for the event and singing with the SATB Choir. We had Brothers Stephanus Surjaputra, Bob Mulbrecht, Gundy Tollefson, Pete Aquino, and some others I am missing that shared their voices in the various choirs that sang their hearts out.

Brothers Tony Cota, and Steve Hoebink helped pass out water for the OLPH School 5K. Thanks for helping support our only Catholic School in the valley. This month we have our Holiday night with the Knights on Dec 11. We still have seats to sell.

Please promote this event with your fellow parishioners. If you like to help out that night please contact me.

We will have our General Meeting on Dec 20 due to the busy scheduling for December. We will not have an officers meeting this month.

Brother Mike McSkane is looking for brothers that would like to be part of the First Degree team. Please contact him if you would like to be part of this great team. There will be a Second Degree Exemplification on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at OLPH hall. If you have not had a chance to move to the second degree please start of the new year with the next step to being a Knight.

Brother Hilmar has a large family that is in need of adoptions for this holiday. I would like the council to adopt the family. Since we will not be meeting before the Gifts go to these needed families, when you see Brother Hilmar please take what you have in pocket and donate it for this family. I am sure if we all give what we have in pockets together we will make a huge impact on this family in need.

May we all keep in mind our principal of Charity this month, not only with our  
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**December Meeting  
Tuesday, December 20  
Please attend the K of C meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:15pm**

**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BROTHERS AT THEIR PLACE OF BUSINESS—**  
**THEY GIVE GENEROUSLY TO COUNCIL 6016!**  
**IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CARD DISPLAYED, PLEASE SEND IT TO US!**

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Dec 11 Holiday Night with the Knights  
 Dec 20 General Meeting  
 Jan 6 , 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree OLPH hall  
 Jan 10 General Meeting  
 Jan 24 Officers Meeting  
 Jan 27 Pot Luck

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wallets but with our hearts. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus,

Robert Stojkovic

**PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SPOUSES:**

*Father in Heaven bless Hazel Dombroski, Jack O'Shea and Aurora V. Gaor who are experiencing health problems.*

*Father, we come to ask You, in Jesus' name to be with Hazel, Jack, and Aurora. We know that, if it is Your Will, You will grant all our brothers and sisters in Christ the blessings they need. We pray that You, Our Lord and Savior, will answer our petition for Your help and mercy.*

*Father, we offer the following prayers as our petition to hear and grant these requests.*

**Suggested Prayers: Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Special Prayers**

**Email Roster Update**

Please contact Steve Surjaputra with your current email address at [stephen0118@att.net](mailto:stephen0118@att.net)

**Prayer Updates**

Please contact Robert Stojkovic with your Prayer Requests at [robert\\_stojkovic@pacbell.net](mailto:robert_stojkovic@pacbell.net)

## *December 12th, Feast of the Patroness of the Americas and the cause of Life*

### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

Most people know about the apparitions of Our Lady at Tepeyac in 1531. Most have a general idea of what occurred during the days of December 9, 10 and 12 when Our Lady appeared to the humble Indian Juan Diego, (now St. Juan Diego).

What we often forget are the incredible changes among the Aztecs people within 10 Years of the apparitions when 9 millions of the Indians were converted to Christianity.

The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is not a traditional image of Our Lady as we know from other places of apparition such as Lourdes and Fatima.

The Image of Our Lady is actually an Aztec Pictograph which was read and understood quickly by the Aztec Indians.

1. Our Lady stood in front of the sun, meaning she was greater than their sun-god of war.
2. Her foot rested on the crescent moon, meaning she had crushed their feathered serpent moon-god.
3. The stars strewn across the mantle meaning she was greater than the stars of heaven which they worshipped. She was a virgin and the Queen of the heavens for Virgo rests over her womb and the northern crown upon her head. She appeared on December 12, 1531 and the stars that she wore are the constellations of the stars that appeared in the sky that day!
4. The blue-green hue of her mantle means she was a Queen because she wears the color of royalty.
5. The black cross on the brooch at her neck indicates her God was that of the Spanish Missionaries, Jesus Christ her son who died on the cross for all mankind.
6. The black belt means that she was with child because she wore the Aztec Maternity Belt.
7. The four petal flower over the womb means that she was the Mother of God because the flower was a special symbol of life, movement and deity—the center of the universe.
8. Her hands are joined in prayer meaning that she is not God but clearly there was one greater than Her and she pointed her finger to the cross on her brooch.
9. The design of her rose colored garment means that she is the Queen of the Earth because she is wearing a contour map of Mexico telling the Indians exactly where the apparition took place.

There are many scientifically unexplained conditions.

The miraculous survival of the image and the tilma, made of poor quality cactus cloth, still defies all scientific explanation. There are no brush strokes, no protective varnish; the image is smooth like a modern photo (yet produced 300 years before the invention of photos!)

There are several images reflected in the eyes of the Virgin. The distortion and place of the images are identical to what is produced in the normal eye which is impossible to obtain on a flat surface.

The miracle of Guadalupe continues in our time. The survival of Catholicism in secular Mexico over the past 100 years and more can only be attributed to the intercession and protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1999 our late Pope John Paul II solemnly consecrated the cause of Life to Our Lady of Guadalupe as the patroness of all of the Americas. Given the turmoil of our time, especially the culture of death promoted by our government and secular organizations, the intercession and protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe is more than ever needed to change the course of our nation. We must pray to Our Lady for her prayers and pleading with her Son to help us and all mankind to turn the evil tide.

Remember: December 12th, join our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters at the early Mass to celebrate the Anniversary of Our Lady appearing to St. Juan Diego in 1531, 478 years ago!



We are combining the “Reflections” and “What you should know” by reprinting an article which appeared in the Columbia Magazine. It should shock us all!

***Catholics have a duty to fight against pornography and its devastating spiritual and societal consequences*** by Patrick A. Trueman

In a conversation with a priest in my diocese, I shared my spiritual director’s report that every other confession he hears from men involves the sin of pornography. The pastor’s response was shocking: “Oh, it’s much worse than that!” Since then, this sad reality has been confirmed by many others: The sin of pornography is overwhelming Catholic men.

Pornography is now more popular than baseball. In fact, it has become America’s pastime, and we are awash in it. Porn is on our computers, our smartphones, and our cable or satellite TV. It’s common in our hotels and even in many retail stores and gas stations. For many men — and, increasingly, women — it is part of their daily lives.

Yet, Catholic teaching on the subject is clear. Use of pornography is a “grave offense.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, “Pornography ... offends against chastity because it perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other. It does grave injury to the dignity of its participants (actors, vendors, the public), since each one becomes an object of base pleasure and illicit profit for others” (2354).

In *Life of Christ*, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote, “The penalty of those who live too close to the flesh is to never understand the spiritual.” Hardcore pornography on the Internet offers an ocean of perversion. It takes the mind where it should never go, loosening its moral moorings and leaving it adrift in a treacherous sea of sin. That is the fate of those who give themselves over to pornography: They find themselves alone with their images and an insatiable appetite for more.

While astounding to many, users of pornography eventually put religion, marriage, family, work and friendships secondary to their desire for pornography. They may want to change, to go back to life as it was before porn, but most will return and descend further. Dr. Mary Anne Layden, director of the University of Pennsylvania’s Sexual Trauma and Psychopathology Program at the Center for Cognitive Therapy, likens pornography to crack cocaine. In a testimony to the U.S. Senate in November 2004, she noted, “This material is potent, addictive and permanently implanted in the brain.”

Sadly, for the regular consumer of pornography, confession and contrition are normally not sufficient to break from pornography because, like drug abuse, pornography is not just a bad habit — it is often an addiction.

#### **A DESIRE THAT DOES NOT SATISFY**

Addiction to pornography is now commonplace among adults and is even a growing problem for children and teenagers. Few who are addicted will get help, and the consequences can be lifelong and severe.

Pornography’s addictive strength is a result of long-term, sometimes lifelong, neuroplastic changes in the brain. Psychiatrist Norman Doidge, author of the best-selling book *The Brain That Changes Itself* (Penguin, 2007), writes, “Pornography, by offering an endless harem of sexual objects, hyperactivates the appetitive system. Porn viewers develop new maps in their brains, based on the photos and videos they see. Because it is a use-it-or-lose-it brain, when we develop a map area, we long to keep it activated. Just as our muscles become impatient for exercise if we’ve been sitting all day, so too do our senses hunger to be stimulated” (108).

With pornography, in other words, our brain’s pleasure system that excites our desires is activated, but there is no real satisfaction. This explains why users can spend endless hours searching for pornography on the Internet.

Doidge further notes that porn viewers develop tolerances so that they need higher and higher levels of stimulation. Thus, they often move to harder, more deviant pornography. More than a decade ago, Margaret A. Healy, adjunct professor at Fordham University School of Law, and Muireann O’Brian, former head of End Child Pornography, Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT), observed a link between adult and child pornography.

Since that time, scores of current and former law enforcement authorities have noted that many adult porn consumers will eventually move to child pornography, even if they are not pedophiles and had no interest in such material at first. These findings account, in part, for the prevalence of child pornography in the world today.

Viewing porn changes the user's attitude toward sex, his or her spouse and society. He or she uses sexual fantasies to get aroused, tries to get partners to act out pornographic scenes, is more likely to engage in sexual harassment and sexual aggression, and views sex as a casual, non-intimate, recreational privilege. Laydon and other clinical psychologists have reported that, ironically, erectile dysfunction is commonly associated with constant porn use among men. One reason for this is that the constant search for sexual images and often-accompanying masturbation lead to dissatisfaction with one's spouse. After all, a man's wife cannot possibly maintain an image that competes with the women in the fantasy world of pornographic videos and images. The regular porn consumer sets himself up for disappointment and the almost-certain disintegration of his marriage.

Marital love is meant to be a total giving of oneself to a lifelong, faithful partner. It is a trusting, selfless giving. By contrast, pornographic sex is selfish, demeaning and mechanical. In his catechesis on the theology of the body, Pope John Paul II emphasized that there is a "moral goodness" in marriage, which is faithfulness. That goodness can be adequately achieved only in the exclusive relationship of both parties. Too many people miss out on that unique goodness of marriage and settle for the temporary, perverted and unfulfilling excitement of pornography.

### **PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN**

A father has a duty to keep his children from pornography and a sacred obligation to set an example of purity for his family. What greater authority could a father have about the harms of pornography than the words of Christ?: "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Mt 5:28).

If you have become a porn consumer, ask yourself this: Am I the same man who professed fidelity to my wife on my wedding day? Fidelity cannot be maintained if one consumes pornography. Wives of porn consumers feel as though their husbands are committing adultery. Affairs of the mind are every bit as destructive as affairs of the heart.

Divorce lawyers report a high correspondence between pornography consumption and divorces. One 2004 study in *Social Science Quarterly* titled "Adult Social Bonds and Use of Internet Pornography" revealed that persons having an extramarital affair were more than three times more likely to have accessed Internet porn than those who did not have affairs. Further, those ever having engaged in paid sex were 3.7 times more apt to be using Internet porn than those who had not.

If you have a porn habit, your children may follow. Many pornography addicts report that their first exposure to porn was the discovery of their parent's porn collection, which started them on a life of sexual confusion and exploitation. A 2006 survey of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children revealed that 79 percent of youth gain unwanted exposure to pornography in the home.

To a child, pornography normalizes sexual harm, according to Dr. Sharon Cooper, a pediatrician at the University of North Carolina. "Research has shown that the prefrontal cortex — the home of good judgment, common sense, impulse control and emotions — is not completely mature until children are 20-22 years of age," she explained. The introduction of pornography to the brain's prefrontal cortex is therefore devastating to key areas of a child's development and may be life-altering. "When a child sees adult pornography ... their brains will convince them that they are actually experiencing what they are seeing," Cooper added. In other words, what a child sees in porn is what they believe is reality. Some children will actually emulate what they see in pornography and experiment on siblings, relatives and friends. Many studies show that children exposed to pornography initiate sexual activity at an earlier age, have more sex partners, and have multiple partners in a short period of time. A 2001 study in the journal *Pediatrics* also found that teenage girls exposed to pornographic movies have sex more frequently and have a strong desire to become pregnant.

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### **THERE IS HELP AND HOPE**

Thankfully, there are organizations, counselors and resources that provide hope for those suffering from the destructive effects of pornography on children, marriages, relationships and society. Many who have been addicted — adults and children alike — have been helped through counseling or online exercises offered by recovery services.

It is critical, however, that each person and each family does a reality check. Ask yourselves whether you and your family are protected from the scourge of pornography. Do you have adequate parental control or filtering software on your home computer? Is the computer in an open area of the home? If you have children, have you talked to them about the spiritual and social cost of pornography? Do you have premium cable or satellite channels on your TV that offer pornography as regular fare?

If you are viewing pornography or indecent material, you are harming your very soul and perhaps those of your children and your spouse. The biblical warning is severe: “If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out” (Mk 9:47). At a minimum, make sure that your computer both at home and in the office is filtered and that you have an “accountability partner” — perhaps your wife or a good friend — who has access to your computer and the sites you visit. Finally, get involved in the war on pornography. It is worth the fight for you, your family and your nation.

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### *Postscript*

After you read the article above, you may give thanks to God that your parents protected you from the terrible addiction of pornography. Have you ever wondered how one does get to that point? It would seem that with any kind of addiction, it happens through ongoing exposure or use of whatever addiction we are talking about. Some people have a greater propensity to addictions than others. But when it comes to pornography, it seems that whether it ends in addiction or not, it must have a lasting negative on any person!

The paragraph “Protecting our Children” addresses parents’ action at home. Obviously, a most important point to protecting children from unnecessary exposure. Unfortunately, they will get exposed to it sooner or later in their life. But having been properly taught in the home, will give them the basis to make the right decisions.

Not addressed in the article is the movie industry. It is always puzzling to hear from Catholics the titles of the movies they had viewed. It seems that nudity, vulgar language and gross violence are no longer a deterrent to supporting the film industry. “It does not affect me” is often the response to an admonishment. It would seem, however, that supporting objectionable movies falls into the same category and must be considered a bad example to the children of any age of reason. Catholics should avoid such movies!

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