



## Grand Knight's Message

As I write this, we have finished two Fish Fry's and the Crab Feed. We had huge turnouts for all three events. Thank you James Wilson and Bill McClure for chairing the first fish fry. And thanks to Pam Dinubilo for preparing all the dessert for that fish fry. As usual, Rick and Pam Dinubilo went the extra mile to ensure its success. Also, many thanks to Matt Iorns for chairing the second fish fry. Both these events had a constant stream of people lined up to get some of that delicious food. Our Crab Feed was equally as successful thanks to the chairmanship of Dave Scott, Frank Holmes, and Alfonso Chavez. Sue Gamboa and Judy Chavez, wives of the Knights, along with Toni Perkins also helped with

decorations. We men are capable of pulling off the events, but it's the woman's touch that provides the eye appeal and overall good look of the hall. These dedicated men and women stepped up and gave of their time. It takes a lot of people and a lot of coordination to put on these dinners. Luckily, we have a great Council with great guys working together. When the Johnny Pistola band started playing, I stood in the bar with Danny Hernandez and watched people dancing and talking and having a great time. It was all because of the Knights of Columbus. All this fellowship and fun took place for the sake of raising money for people in need. It felt really good to see all this. When you read this, all the Lenten Dinners will be over. Even

though they're a lot of work, it's kind of sad to see them end. The weekly coming together of our parish for these dinners is a fun time, and when they end, there is a sense of melancholy. Before I sign off, I want to express my gratitude to Gary Reggiani for taking over the recruitment table at our dinners. Gary had a beautiful display of what the Knights do. He even gave me two form 100's at the Crab Feed of potential Knights that he recruited. Gary is very dedicated and loves our Council. He will make a wonderful ambassador. Thank you, Gary, for doing this. Brothers, I wish you all a very Happy Easter, and God bless you all!



**Mel Mattos,  
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting  
TUESDAY,  
April 3rd, 7:00 PM  
Father O'Hare Hall  
Don't Come Alone Bring  
A Fellow Knight!**  
*Don't forget to meet in the*

*Church on every second  
Friday of the month for the  
5:45 PM for the Knights'  
Memorial Mass and a Rosary  
afterward in memory of the  
unborn. Did you know that  
there is plenty of time to go to*

*mass before  
the meeting  
each month?  
It ends with  
just enough time to walk across the  
parking lot to the Hall before the  
business meeting. See you there!*

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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy Easter! In spite of a dry Winter, we are now once again in Spring in the Central Valley. Dawn always follows night, spring always follows winter, and life always follows death. We are tempted to think "life's a [beach] ... and then you die." I myself am tempted to see life governed by the Law of Entropy: life's energies are constantly is running down until they stop completely. We seem to be regressing into an age of

barbarism. People seem governed more and more by lusts (such as internet porn) and rages (road rage) than by rational and constructive thought. Politically, economically, environmentally, and culturally, the world seems to be dying. Look no further than the mandate from the Department of Health and Human Services and how it is impacting our religious liberties.

So, having said all that: Happy Easter! We must believe that light always follows darkness, and life always follows death. Let us believe in Christ's Resurrection and make the effort to see His goodness, His beauty, His life in our daily lives.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Fr. Joseph Illo**  
**Pastor**  
**St. Joseph's**  
**Catholic Church**



## CELEBRATE!

### Members' Birthdays

Angel Matrinez	4-2
Marlin Avila	4-3
David Evans	4-4
Scott Fernandes	4-4
Octavio Lopez	4-6
Richard Burkdall	4-9
Tom Lucas III	4-12
Bob Della-Santina	4-13
Martin Rios	4-13
Steve Junqueiro	4-15
Pino Truncali	4-15
Tom Cabrera	4-16
Ron Lambert	4-17
John Souza	4-18
Daniel Di Rienzo	4-23
Rev. Benny Kottarathil	4-24
Denis McGue	4-24
Sean Mullins	4-24
Bob Nunes	4-24
Jim Standart	4-25
Ray Jackson	4-26
Dave Scott	4-26
Robert Hibl	4-27
Danny Hughart	4-28

### Ladies' Birthdays

Carole Ward	4-4
Maria Delgado-Braun	4-10
Wilma Lee	4-11
Shaundra Lopez	4-12
Kim McDoal	4-12
Suny Di Rienzo	4-15
Soledad Raya	4-15
Debbie Ryan	4-16
Kelly Valencia	4-17
Piedy Callahan	4-18
Darlene Tobias	4-20
Debbie Cavagnaro	4-21
Theresa Junqueiro	4-23
Tonya Marmol	4-26
Sue Gamboa	4-27

### Anniversaries

Jill & Angel Martinez	4-4-82
Eleanor & John Karaz	4-8-2003
Lupe & Manuel Perez	4-10-76
Eva & Joe Furtado	4-11-87
Lisa & Brian Porta	4-11-87
Theresa & Steven Junqueiro	4-12
Elvira & Leo Alvarez	4-14-52
Sylvia & Henry Ficken	4-14-47
Carol & John Schaper	4-17
Olga & Doug Hibl	4-18-70
Sheila & Dave Noble	4-19
Carlene & Mike Pardina	4-19-80
Josephine & Neil Corbeil	4-24-54
Erin & Michael Webster	4-25-2009
Heather & Ty Hakman	4-29-95
Heidi & Norbert Mendonca Jr	4-29-89



**APRIL 2012**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	2 Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, Vatican	3 Council Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	4	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7 <i>Holy Saturday RCIA Reception</i>
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9	10	11	12	13 Memorial Mass, 5:45 pm	14
15 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, All Saints Room					

**Sunshine Chairman**



We need to pray for the following Brothers: Jerry Oftring, Ron Uyeshiro, Pete Sedillo, Monte Bauer, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber. Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Ruth Oftring; Joyce Earl; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia

Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Hilda Sylvia; Patricia Dinubilo; Eleanor Karaz; Sue Wells; the soul of Tony Galuppi, Brother Jim's brother who passed away; and Wilma Lee. Pray, as always, for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, our parish priests, and our troops wherever they

are stationed. You can reach me at 527-6958 with news of any Brother or family member who is ill or in any distress.

**John Karaz**

Happy Easter to all Brother Knights and family members.

**Grodts Notes**

April is here already, where did the first 3 months go? I just mailed out statements to those that have balances due. Please reply soon, and those that have balances past due from

last year you need to make some form of payment or contact to avoid starting the process of being suspended. Your Council has over 300 members and around 80 first degree members. How many

attended the 2nd-3rd Degree that we hosted on February 25th? Three attended. Yes, that is all. We need to do better.

**Mike Grodt**  
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the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan

to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more. Sincerely and fraternally,

*Julio Valadez*

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Field Agent



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## CHANCELLOR'S CORNER

It has always been that Lent was a time to give up things, generally material things; a time to detach from the things of this world. It used to be that it was not just a time to remind ourselves that we are not worldly beings, but also it was time to SAVE MONEY! AH! "Wait!" you say. "That sounds worldly!" Let me explain. Initially the tradition was that if you gave something up, say meat or chocolate, you would then save the money you would have ordinarily spent on those items and give that money to the poor! In the words of our Sacred Tradition: ALMSGIVING! This generates a heart of generosity! You might say the Holy Spirit is given the opportunity to work within you and, as you are more open to receive His Gifts, you grow in spirituality! In this case, the gift of generosity grows within you. So ... giving alms is a time to know joy! WHY? In giving something away you feel an immediate sense of freedom, true freedom, the type that comes from following more closely the way of Christ in

servicing others, loving others and ultimately building the Kingdom of God! Not only that, but in giving to others, as we experience that joy of Jesus, they, *too*, feel His Joy *within the Body of Christ*.

So this Lent as you decide what you will give up, decide too, what you will *give*.

Opportunities for almsgiving within the Knights would benefit:

- Scholarship Fund,
- Needy families at the Adopt-Family-Dinner,
  - Coats for Kids!,
  - Special Olympics,
- Boy and Girl Scouts,
- Be Not Afraid Campaign,
- Modesto Pregnancy Center,
- Sierra Women's Shelter,
  - Military Ministries,
  - Youth Programs,
    - Altar Servers,
    - RCIA Bibles,
- Seminarians within the Stockton Diocese,
  - Various Parish improvements, AND
- your Brother Knights and their families directly, as needs arise.

**COATS  
FOR KIDS**

The Knights also encourage support with a glad heart to:

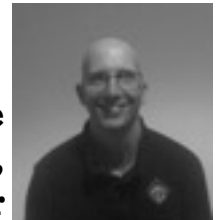
- The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Food and Alms (bins are located directly in the church vestibule and you may bring the monthly food item to our Business meeting every month),
- The BMA (It's never too late to join in assisting our Diocese and its many charities that directly affect our parish and local communities!)



A multitude of charities exist in the Catholic Church at large as well.

I pray it will be a joyful season of love: giving and knowing His Love!

**Mike  
Miranda,  
Chancellor**



**Check out the website for a copy of the frequently asked questions regarding the HHS mandate and the lawsuit brought against it.**

## John's Jokes

Robinson Crusoe's Story  
 The night was thick and hazy  
 When the "Piccadilly Daisy"  
 Carried down the crew and captain in  
 the sea;  
 And I think the water drowned 'em;  
 For they never, never found 'em,  
 And I know they didn't come ashore  
 with me.  
 Oh! 'twas very sad and lonely  
 When I found myself the only  
 Population on this cultivated shore;  
 But I've made a little tavern  
 In a rocky little cavern,  
 And I sit and watch for people at the  
 door.  
 I spent no time in looking  
 For a girl to do my cooking,  
 As I'm quite a clever hand at making  
 stews;  
 But I had that fellow Friday,  
 Just to keep the tavern tidy,  
 And to put a Sunday polish on my  
 shoes.

I have a little garden  
 That I'm cultivating lard in,  
 As the things I eat are rather tough  
 and dry;  
 For I live on toasted lizards,  
 Prickly pears, and parrot gizzards,  
 And I'm really very fond of beetle-pie.  
 The clothes I had were furry,  
 And it made me fret and worry  
 When I found the moths were eating  
 off the hair;  
 And I had to scrape and sand 'em,  
 And I boiled 'em and I tanned 'em,  
 Till I got the fine morocco suit I wear.  
 I sometimes seek diversion  
 In a family excursion  
 With the few domestic animals you  
 see;  
 And we take along a carrot  
 As refreshment for the parrot,  
 And a little can of jungleberry tea.  
 Then we gather as we travel,  
 Bits of moss and dirty gravel,  
 And we chip off little specimens of

stone;  
 And we carry home as prizes  
 Funny bugs, of handy sizes,  
 Just to give the day a scientific  
 tone.  
 If the roads are wet and muddy  
 We remain at home and study,—  
 For the Goat is very clever at a sum,  
 And the Dog, instead of fighting,  
 Studies ornamental writing,  
 While the Cat is taking lessons on  
 the drum.  
 We retire at eleven,  
 And we rise again at seven;  
 And I wish to call attention, as I  
 close,  
 To the fact that all the scholars  
 Are correct about their collars,  
 And particular in turning out their  
 toes.  
 Charles Edward Carryl (1841-1920)



## MEMBERSHIP MEMO

My Brother Knights  
 I have been asking for  
 brother Knights to step  
 forward to assist with  
 membership after brother  
 Bill Vermillon passed  
 away and two brothers  
 answered the call.  
 Brothers, Dave Tacchini  
 and Gary Reggiani,  
 volunteered, Gary jumped  
 right in at the Crab Feed  
 and set up a membership  
 table and brought in a

transfer and a new  
 applicant. Great job! He  
 set up again while selling  
 tickets for the next Fish  
 Fry.  
 In order to keep our  
 Council vibrant we must  
 continue to fill our ranks  
 with enthusiast new  
 members and families. I  
 have seen too many  
 Councils wither away  
 (many right in our area),  
 because they let their

Council get old and stale.  
 We have been able to avoid  
 getting stale by our  
 recruiting efforts and you  
 must continue ask the man  
 sitting next to you at mass  
 to join us after you get to  
 know him so we can  
 continue to thrive.

**Rick Dinubilo,**  
 Past Grand Knight  
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## Lecturer's Notes:

*As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "(So,) how were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." John 9:1-11*

We are well underway on our journey toward the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. I hope you are enjoying an enriching Lenten walk and have been able to attend the

Lenten Mission and/or assist with the "40 Days for Life" campaign. If not there is still time to go to the abortion mill and pray for an end to the scourge. As I write this, I just came home from a 90 minute vigil at the abortion mill. Lots of people honked and waved, some hollered insults and made hand gestures. One Brother Knight, 8 to 10 women, 4 teens, about 6 youngsters, and I witnessed for the faith. They were all nice people. Sure, the fish fry's are fun, but salvation comes from immersing ourselves in our faith, defending life and doing our part to win back the culture.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are hard to do because we have strong attachments to free time, food and our hard earned money. They are hard to part with, yet that's exactly what we must do! We can't take them with us, and we can't allow them to master us. The opposite of fervent prayer is "sloth" or spiritual laziness: ignoring God our creator and first love. The opposite of fasting is "gluttony" or excess consumption of food, alcohol or something else. Yes, food is necessary for life, but we can't give it a value greater than that; and, besides, missing a few meals helps me to remember that food is a gift. The opposite of almsgiving is "hoarding" or

seeking to control something of value as money. Again, we can't take it with us and there are others with legitimate need that would be grateful for our help. I love the Lenten readings and the Catholic truths that are buried within them. Consider the reading above.

I need a couple of Brother Knights to help set up the baptismal font on Holy Saturday (April 7) about 8:30 AM after the Tenebrae service. Please contact me at: [lecturer10644@yahoo.com](mailto:lecturer10644@yahoo.com).

I would also like to invite you all to attend the bonfire and Easter Vigil just after sunset on the evening of April 7th. It is the mother of all masses and is my favorite mass of the entire year.

**Ed Ibarra,  
Lecturer**



April business meeting is on Tuesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, April 13th at 5:45pm. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart. You can find a more complete version of this online at [kofc10644.org](http://kofc10644.org).

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