



Grand Knight's Message

My dear Brother Knights, Are you content to let this be our last Council meeting and furthermore, the end of the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council entirely? We are losing Board members left and right to family matters – all within their rights, and we pray for them daily. However, we must stand in their place. Think I'm overreacting? ...

Supreme Council's regulations mandate that we must have a Financial Secretary in place or **forego the very existence of our Council.** As of the 1st of February, we will no longer have the very capable hands of Sam Moraca at the helm. We have been very blessed to have Sam as our Secretary this past year and a half. He jumped through hoops for this Council, and I am very thankful to have had the chance to work with him. We must fill this position on the Board, if no others. **If**

it's not you...who do you know? We all need to reach out and encourage our fellow Brothers to come to the table. I know that I have been touting this at every meeting, but I fear the message is not coming through. It really is this serious. If you are interested in aiding your Council in its need, there are few prerequisites. Here's the job description from the Supreme Council in short: *The Financial Secretary is appointed by the Supreme Knight, upon recommendation of the Council. His main area of responsibilities is maintaining all financial and membership records. He collects and receives all moneys from all sources, including annual dues from Council members. He also handles supply orders for the Council officers and members, filing the Report of Officer (#185), and submitting all membership transactions to the Supreme*

Council. For more specific duties and responsibilities, refer to the Financial Secretary Handbook (#1410). I recently attended the January Chapter meeting, a monthly meeting for Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries that reviews Council activities and needs and also maintains a stream of support for those in leadership. I can say it does exactly that. In part I learn what I am doing right, then, what I need to get on top of and, lastly, that we are all in the same boat. If I closed my eyes, I could have easily believed that I was at our Council Meeting, as I listened to each Grand Knight's woes of lost membership and lack of participation. We enjoyed the monthly speaker which this month happened to be our 100th State Deputy, Tim Carvalho. One item he stressed in particular was to look forward into our calendar – by at least 4 months. The events that are here and now should already be nearly off the books. As we are

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**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
February 4th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone Bring
A Fellow Knight!**

In January, there were very few of us who made it to the second Friday mass for the deceased members of our Council and the Respect Life Rosary afterwards. Won't you join us now in February? It will be on the 14th.

Daily mass is a great way to show how you "support the faith." Masses are at 8 AM or 5:45 PM during the week and 8 AM on Saturdays. When was the last time that you made the effort to give thanks to God for all that He does for you by going to a daily mass?

**Knight Light
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Richard Braun**

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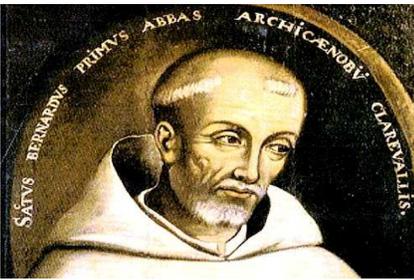
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My dear Brother Knights, I can remember when I was in high school and even during my college days I was usually chasing after things that are not important but which were considered to be the most popular sport, gadget, fad, style, or fashion. I really thought I couldn't live without. For example, a young man feels life is over when he sprains his ankle and can't play soccer anymore. Now, I find I don't need things that used to give me the greatest happiness. Life goes on. I suppose this is natural as we get older and hopefully wiser. Hopefully it is also because we are becoming holier.



St. Bernard speaks of this using the same word that Jesus used. St. Bernard said that what is happening is that we are "dying" to the things of this world. Jesus said we must "fall to the ground and die" before we can bear fruit. St. Bernard said that we can enter a state of "death" or "sleep" which is really

a positive thing because we are "awaking" to something higher and better: "How good is this death that does not take away life but makes it better; good in that the body does not perish but the soul is exalted." Jesus and the saints are telling us that by prayer and penance (and old age?) we gradually let go of material, worldly things and become more able to fix our gaze on spiritual, invisible realities.

In Ralph Martin's book "Fulfillment of All Desire," there are many quotations from the saints about how to go deeper in the life of prayer. This should be our goal. We should set our goals high. We should try to reach that "altum" which means "high" but which also involves "going deeper" as we see in Luke 5:1-11. For example, I've decided I want to be a saint like Padre Pio by the end of this year (minus the stigmata!) There are two ways to let go of material things: you can 1) deny yourself more or 2) pray more. The first way is the hard way of penance and renunciation. We must practice a little self-denial in order to get rid of those distractions that draw us away from the spiritual. But this is very difficult without the second way which is the way of love. Nothing is difficult for someone who is in love. By praying more we will have greater love for Our Lord and

Our Lady which will make everything easy. Experiencing that sweet, spiritual love you will realize that the ephemeral loves and lights of youth were really nothing in comparison. You will be more truly awake and alive and you will realize that in the past you were actually more asleep and more dead. What seems like dying becomes a rebirth! And the things that seemed boring to you when you were young become a real awakening!

It is difficult to go on a diet. It is difficult to find the discipline to change old habits. But if St. John of the Cross says our lower parts will not be moved to change unless our soul is moved by spiritual love: "The sensory appetites are moved and attracted toward sensory objects with such cravings that if the spiritual part of the soul is not fired with other, more urgent longings for spiritual things, the soul will be able neither to overcome the yoke of nature nor to enter the night of sense; nor will it have the courage to live in the darkness of all things by denying its appetites for them..."

There you have it, men. That should get you a little farther along on the road to sainthood!

**Father
Mark Wagner**
Chaplain and Pastor,
St. Joseph's Parish



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Your prayers are requested for the following Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; and Dave Tacchinni.

Please also keep in your prayers Stephen, the youngest son of Brother Kent and the brother of Brother Adam

Harker; Patricia Dinubilo the mother of Rick Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, the mother of Ed Hough; the repose of the soul of Ed's step-father, Irwin Nelson; Sharon, the mother of Matt Iorns; Dawn, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann, the mother of Chris Powers; Bev, the wife of Brother Ed Fernandes; and Darlene

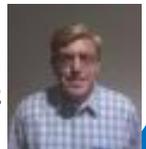
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Keep our Holy Father Pope Francis, all of our Priests, and Religious in your prayers also.

If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know. Contact information is 209-551-9534

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John McCave
Past Grand Knight



FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Presentation of the Lord	3 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM	4 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	5	6	7	8
9 K of C Breakfast O'Hare Hall 8 AM – noon	10	11	12	13	14  St. Valentine's Day	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, kofc10644.com.

Members' Birthdays

Marc Abenoja	2-1
Rick Dinubilo	2-1
Mark Hunter	2-1
Kweu-Cee Chu	2-2
Steven Wunschel	2-2
George Sanchez	2-3
Christopher Bengochea	2-5
Henry Mendoza	2-5
Pat Ringer	2-5
Tony DeCaro	2-7
Dave Wharton	2-8
Andy Gonzales	2-11
Doug Lammey	2-11
Efram Florendo	2-12
Al Gonzales	2-14
Robert Hemsley	2-14
Norbert Mendonca Jr	2-14
Mike Grodt	2-15
Tyson Murphy	2-17
Brandon Harker	2-18
Tim Dickert	2-20
Dick Elson	2-20

CELEBRATE!

Ed Ibarra	2-21
Tim Landeros	2-21
Thomas Orosco	2-22
Clinton Bartlett	2-23
John Karaz	2-23
Jeff McCarthy	2-24
Sean Garcia	2-25
Jesse Cristerna	2-26
Bob Yanko	2-27
Ladies' Birthdays	
Jennifer Richmond	2-4
Sandra Uyeshiro	2-12
Monica Gonzales	2-13
Aylene Wee	2-16
Frances Ann Carney	2-17
Debbie Goulart	2-17
Julita Casiano	2-17
Kristi Marsella	2-17
Andrea Hemsley	2-18
Rose Mary Law	2-23
Cheryl Drigg	2-24
Ileana Walsh	2-25

Anniversaries

Amanda & James Towne	2-2-85
Kim & Jim McDoal	2-5-05
Debbie & Don Cavagnaro	2-8-75
Margaret & Bob Offermann	2-11-50
Alejandra & Hugo Fausto	2-12-05
Patricia & Ray Chavarria	2-14-94
Maryann & Gary Koblentz	2-15-78
Sue & Ed Gamboa	2-25
Maria & Victor Lopez Jr.	2-27-99
Kelly & Amado Valencia Jr.	2-27
Mary & John Mullins	2-28-76

Note: If birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect or missing you need to contact the Financial Secretary to correct the error.





You are cordially invited to the new Knights of Columbus "Office Open House" February 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. 6994 Bridget Court, Winton CA.

TOPICS:

- Introduction of New Field Agents
- What a Fraternal Briefing Entails
- Council Contests for opportunity for councils to win up to \$1000 Cash Prize
- Ideas for Council fundraising Events (Kite Festival/Car Raffle)
- Learn how our office Field Agents can help your councils recruitment and retention efforts
- Regional Newsletter

- including all Councils in:
- Merced, Planada, Dos Palos, Los Banos, Gustine, Newman, Patterson, Modesto, Riverbank, Oakdale, Ceres, Turlock, Hughson, Livingston, Atwater and more
 - Networking opportunity with other Councils in these areas.

Thank you in advanced for your attendance and God Bless you and your family.



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Door Prizes will be awarded including a **FLAT SCREEN T.V.** , **INCREASE** and **double** Your chances of **winning** by **bringing** your **wife** (each person will receive a ticket for the drawing).

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DEPUTY DAWG'S BARK



Brother Knights, In the January edition, I promised to keep you all informed about the decisions that were made regarding changes to our Council. Here is a list of some things that happened at the Officers' meeting. More people became aware of the benefits or utilizing the email based communication. It was decided to try and utilize the same system in order to get emails from non-Knights in our community that would be interested in finding out more information about the Knights. This will be great publicity for our ideas. If you went by the table where tickets for the Crab Feed were on sale or were at the Crab Feed itself, you will have noticed that there were fliers to do just that. We actually gave a way a raffle ticket to those that decided to share their email with us. We had decided to try and sell the crab feed tickets online as well, but there were logistical problems in setting that up with enough time to make it happen. Watch for your opportunity to do so for future events, such as the upcoming fish fries, We are going to continue asking for email addresses while out on the plaza. For

every email that we get selling fish fry tickets, we are going to give one ticket. That small investment of the price of a ticket will allow us to reach that many more in the community to let them know what we are doing as a Council. Don't forget, you can help get out the word more by using the website where they can sign-up to receive our emails. Let your family and friends know what we are doing and sign-up themselves to continue finding out about our events.

Did you notice that there was actually a theme at the Crab Feed? The idea of a theme (instead of just appreciating the good food that the kitchen crew always provides) came out of the planning meeting as well. There were Italian music that went along with the Italian seasoned crab. It was a nice touch to share with our "customers" to make them enjoy the evening even more. Make sure you thank Mike Glendon for all of the hard work that he did in chairing the event. He had a lot of help, but being the chair, while not impossible, still requires a lot behind the scenes. You can see some pictures by visiting the website.

In addition to talking about communication, the Officers and the other key Brothers that were present agreed to meet again in early February to draft a vision for at least the next six months. With a vision and plan of attack, we can start doing things to

continue the success that this Council has had in the past. One of the ideas that has been floating around is to at least be part of a men's conference in June. As supposedly the leaders in our community, this would be a great opportunity to the re-charge ourselves and other men from the area. There are still a lot of details to be worked out and final decisions to be made, but it is again, a new idea that should help our long-term success. What ideas do you have that might help our Council? Feel free to email them to the not-so complicated email: newsletter@kofc10644.com (the same one used to send the emails with this newsletter). Don't be shy as the more ideas the better. We are a fraternity, Brothers, and we all need to work together. God bless,

Richard Braun
Deputy
Grand Knight



Don't forget, Brothers, to keep track of any of your volunteer activities either officially during a Knight event or in the community. Don't submit the number of rosaries you have prayed, but if you work with a particular ministry, how many hours this month were you helping with it? How many hours volunteering with a non-profit? You can easily submit your hours at our meetings or online at kofc10644.com. Look for it on the resources page.



**What is our next event?
The Omelette Breakfast,
8 AM—Noon,
February 9th, in Father O’Hare Hall
Please, plan on joining us and bringing others to
help to make it a big success !**

Grand Knight (continued)

giving support to the current event chairs, we should be in the planning stages of those 3 to 6 months out. This is an area we can improve – *if we unite toward the common goal of keeping our Council alive.* Next comes the hard part: the work that is needed to change this. We are moving forward in other ways. Our future is certain if we induct a new Financial Secretary and if we can continue to utilize and improve new email communication. I am sure it will open new and exciting doors for us. God bless you and yours!!

Humbly Yours,

**Michael Miranda,
Grand Knight**



John’s Jokes

**WHY ENGLISH IS SO
HARD TO LEARN**

We’ll begin with *box*;
the plural is *boxes*,
But the plural of *ox* is *oxen*,
not *oxes*.
One fowl is a *goose*, and
two are called *geese*.
Yet the plural of *moose* is
never called *meese*.
You may find a lone *mouse*
or a house full of *mice*;
But the plural of *house* is
houses, not *hice*.
The plural of *man*
is always *men*,

But the plural of *pan* is never
pen.
If I speak of a *foot*,
and you show me two *feet*,
And I give you a *book*,
would a pair be a *beek*?
If one is a *tooth* and
a whole set are *teeth*,
Why shouldn’t two *booths*
be rather called *beeth*?
If the singular is *this*
and the plural is *these*,
Should the plural of *kiss*
be ever called *keese*?
We speak of a *brother*
and also of *brethren*,

But though we say *mother*, we
never say *methren*.
Then the masculine pronouns
are *he, his, and him*;
But imagine the feminine ...
she, shis, and shim!

ANONYMOUS

Also, last month’s riddle: “What
do you call a dog with not legs?”
has the answer:
Anything you
want, but he still
won’t come!



This month’s riddle: “What do
you call a cow with no legs?”

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Lecturer's Notes: February: Motivation

"You want your reputation and your character to match, but concentrate on your character. You may be able to fool others about the kind of person you really are for a time, but it seldom lasts for long. The surest way to make sure your character and your reputation are the same is to live your life in such a way that nothing you do would embarrass you if it were printed on the front page of the newspaper. Good character means not ever taking ethical shortcuts, even though everyone else may be doing so. You build good character by doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do." – Napoleon Hill

I lived in the San Jose area for about ten years. While there, I found a Nightingale-Conant radio station, which you can see online at www.nightingale.com, that played motivational clips by speakers such as Anthony Robbins, Brian Tracy & Harry S. Dent. Imagine, 24 hour programming of positive, uplifting, motivational snippets from lectures that had applications in professional, as well as personal settings. I

loved that station; and I told a lot of people about it. Before long, many of my friends were regular listeners, too.

About two years ago I went to the cafeteria in the building where I work and saw a quote by Napoleon Hill similar to the one at the top of this article, and I loved it. It is common sense, everyday, human interaction kind of stuff. It was perfect and it listed the website as

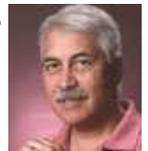
www.naphill.org. There I signed up for the "Thought for the Day," which now appears in my inbox every morning. Most days, I read the daily quote several times throughout the day because they are so thought provo-king. For me, the bottom line is this: in the current business climate we need to stay on top of our game and be aware of what benefit we bring to the organization we work for. I recall a saying that went something like this; "*You don't have to be the fastest gazelle in the herd, but you can never be slower than the fastest lion*". These meditations are friendly reminders that the "Lay-off Lion" is always prowling and I don't want to be the guy who grows complacent. The beauty of these meditations is that they

apply to work, as well as parenting, to being a good husband and in personal friendships. Honesty and integrity never go out of fashion.

How about you? Do you keep a positive attitude in your dealings or do you grumble? Are you a leader or do you follow? Do others seek your input or avoid your comments and put-downs?

Ronald Reagan once said, "*A rising tide lifts all boats*". Do you raise up those around you?

Ed Ibarra



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The February business meeting is on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 PM. The Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, February 14th at 5:45 PM. The Respect Life Rosary resumes after the 5:45 Mass; please go! Don't forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually. Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for rain. Pray for the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have a conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all, pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies. Pray for our priests and for our Holy Father Pope Francis.

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