



Grand Knight's Message

A big thank you goes out to Mike Miranda and his wife, Nickie, for doing another outstanding job in organizing and coordinating the Adopt-a-Family Dinner. I was not able to attend, but I heard so many great things about it from those who did attend. This particular dinner takes a lot of planning, and Mike and Nickie did such a wonderful job. The families that were adopted were facing a bleak Christmas, but because of the Knights of Columbus, these families will now have a joyous one. It makes me proud to be a Knight. I understand the children had a great time with games and decorating treats. And of course, the appearance of Santa Claus (played by the

great Al Toschi) put the icing on the cake. Again, many Brothers stepped up and a great event ensued. Our next event is The Blue Mass which is on January 7th. This is another great event to attend to show support and appreciation for our first responders. Remember, these are the people that risk their lives to save ours. Please call Dick Elson at 522-2425 to offer your help. After that, comes the Tri-tip in the Rain Dinner which is on January 21st.

By the time the Knight Light gets published and mailed, the Christmas season will be over. Christmas is my favorite time of year. I enjoy the decorations, music, and festivities, knowing full well that it is because of the birth

of Christ. Without the birth of Christ, the fun of Christmas, be it sacred or secular, would not exist. Unfortunately, many people have lost sight of this. They think it is a holiday just for the sake of being a holiday. It is up to us to remind them why Christmas started and why it is such a joyous time of year. Maybe if we ask them why we celebrate Christmas and what caused this holiday, they might remember the real reason for Christmas. After all, the first six letters of Christmas spell Christ. Perhaps that will jolt their memory. It's not the Holiday Season. It's the Christmas Season. God bless you, Brothers, and Happy New Year!

**Mel Mattos,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
January 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.

Why don't we meet for mass before each of our monthly meetings also? It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. Will we see you there?

Knight Light

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Blue Mass and Walk for Life
Many thanks to all who will participate in our annual Blue Mass, begun ten years ago by former council member Jim Ortman (founding member of the new Council at Holy Family Parish). It is the only Mass honoring and praying for First Responders in our Diocese, and I am so happy to be a part of it—one of our Council's signature events.

Another signature event is the annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, this year on January 21. Every year we Knights show a solid presence at the Walk. This year we begin at the Civic Center, right under the Mayor's window!

The Knights are not only the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world, but also one of the strongest prolife voices in our country.

Many thanks to our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, and our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Lori, and many thanks to all good Knights for defending our children. Do try to make it to the Walk for Life this year, if you can.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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



CELEBRATE!

Member Birthdays

Troy Cazares	1-1
Bill Goulart	1-6
Frank Garcia	1-7
Nick Wright	1-8
Sam Moraca	1-10
Michael Ringer	1-14
Ralph Curtis	1-16
Pat Ryan	1-16
Vito Baccellieri	1-17
Joe Castagna	1-17
Mike Staud	1-17
Doug Keller	1-19
Greg Manock	1-19
Wayne Sousa	1-19
Nick Cupini	1-22
Rev. Camilo Garcia	1-23
Leo Alvarez	1-24
Monte Bauer	1-24
Joe Lucas	1-24
Tom Hogan	1-26
Joshua McCave	1-26
Brian Archuleta	1-28
Ronald Lamont	1-30
Dave Noble	1-30
Jim McDoal	1-31
Rev. John J M Foster	1-31

Ladies' Birthdays

Kathie Lee Vermillion	1-3
Patricia Hinojos	1-4
Thelma Hughart	1-9
Joanna Ibarra	1-9
Jill Martinez	1-11
Lupe Perez	1-13
Michelle Nunes	1-14
Joyce de Groot	1-16
Rosalie Gardella	1-18
Heather Hakman	1-18
Rosa Perry	1-19
Rosemary Davison	1-20
Christi Wharton	1-21
Judy Shannon	1-26
Marie Lewis	1-28
Carmen Sablan	1-28
Helen Moya	1-31
Susan Taylor	1-31

Anniversaries

Aylene & John Wee	1-2
Toni & Don Burkdall	1-9-82
Theresia & Gary Reggiani	1-15-83
Kim & Jeff McCarthy	1-16-82
Rosemary & Gary Davison	1-18-75
Aninya & Mike Lamanet	1-19-98
Karen & John McCave	1-19-91
Gail & Doug Keller	1-20-68
Lynn & Gene Thiel	1-27



JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Officer Meeting JP II Room 4, Vatican	3 Council Meeting	4	5	6	7 <i>Blue Mass</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13 Memorial Mass 5:45 pm	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Tri-Tip in the Rain Dinner
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Tony Lee, Ray Jones, Scott Fernandes, Mike Miranda, Dave Scott, Dan Dwyer, Jim Standart, Bill McClure, Gerardo Dequeiroz, Manuel Sylvia and Monsignor Conrad Gruber.

Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; 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; Robert Hemsley's son, Jeremy; Eleanor Karaz; 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



Grodt's Notes

I am in the process of mailing out the Dues Statements for 2012. Those members that did not pay dues from last year need to make a partial payment to let me know you want to continue your

membership in the Council. Send in \$10 and a note if that is all you can afford right now. I will mail out new phone rosters with your receipt.

Reminder: there are 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications at St.

Joseph's on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Come check out the updated form or continue to becoming a full Knight

Mike Grodt
Financial Secretary
529-3105



RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

Brothers,

I wanted to take some time reflecting on our role as leaders within our community.

As men, we are (or should be) the heads of our families. As Catholics we are the practitioners of the true faith left by Jesus. As Knights, we need to be leaders within the community as a whole, serving, as we heard at one of the exemplifications we attended, "defenders of the faith" and shining lights of upstanding morals. Others should look upon us and think, "That is how I should act."

Our basic principals, as put together by Father Michael J. McGivney should help guide us in all of our actions. We promised to be charitable to others. But what does that mean? Yes, we are charitable when we write a check for the parish or another cause. Yes, we are charitable when we show up to help with a fish fry or other Knight event. But is that enough? I have to say that no it is not enough. As leaders, as Knights, all of our actions should be positive, warm, showing the love of Christ. I guess the easiest way of saying it is that our interactions with others should be charitable. That is the most important virtue of our faith and the most

important principal of our order.

Being charitable with others means doing more than writing a check or putting in a couple hours of work; it means talking with others, responding in a positive way when we are asked for something, in sharing space when others have an activity at the same time as ours, in thinking about the needs of others before our own.

None of these actions are easy. As sinful humans, we want to think of ourselves. "I'm busy!" we want to answer. "I was here first!" "I'm not doing that!" "That's not my job!"

How many times do we want to answer like that? How many times have we been uncharitable to another? Have we done the same to our brother Knights?

Brothers, we are called to something better. We need to think of others before ourselves. We need to give help when asked, even if it gets in the way of something that we "wanted" to do. We need to respond charitably when spoken to. We need to do it for two separate reasons. First of all, we need to respond

charitably because it is what Jesus asked us to do. "What you did unto the least of your brothers, you did unto Me." Remember? Secondly, we need to do it because we are always looked at as a Knight (like it or not) and not as an individual. If we respond gruffly to someone, they are most likely going to think, "Well, see how the Knights are!"

Luckily, in spite of our past actions, the mercy of God is greater than us. He will forgive us and give us another opportunity to be charitable. Are we going to take advantage? Are we going to react in a positive manner? Are we going to be charitable? Hopefully, for the sake of our soul and the sake of our Council, your response to those questions will be yes regardless of how it might have been in the past.

**Richard Braun,
Recorder**



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ADVOCATE'S ADVICE

I found a website that has Diary of St. Faustina on line. This will make my articles easier to write and will give you the chance to read the book without having to purchase it. The web address is <http://www.saint-faustina.com/Diary/DMIMS1.shtml> The following excerpt is from Notebook IV paragraph 1728. In this paragraph, Jesus is telling St Faustina about the importance of penance and how He thirsts for souls and the benefits of turning to his Divine Mercy. He explains how He calls us to the sacrament of penance through our conscience. Also, He tells her of the perils of avoiding the sacrament of confession.

1728: "Write: I am Thrice Holy, and I detest the smallest sin.

I cannot love a soul which is stained with sin; but when it repents, there is no limit to My generosity toward it. My mercy embraces and justifies it. With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to Me. I forget the bitterness with which they fed My Heart and rejoice at their return.

Tell sinners that no one shall escape My Hand; if they run away from My Merciful Heart, they will fall into My Just Hands. Tell sinners that I am always waiting for them, that I listen intently to the beating of their heart... when will it beat for Me? Write, that I am speaking to them through their remorse of conscience, through their failures and sufferings, through thunderstorms, through the voice of the

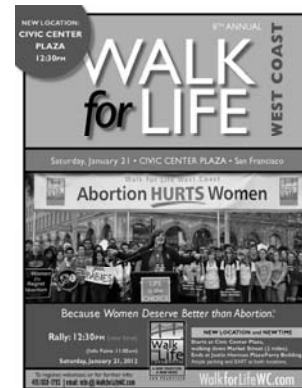
Church. And if they bring all My graces to naught, I begin to be angry with them, leaving them alone and giving them what they want."

May the peace of Christ be with you and yours always!

Robert Hemsley, Advocate



Don't forget the Blue Mass on the 7th at 10 AM, where we will be honoring the first responders from across Stanislaus County.



Tony's Time

I once had a very good friend who decided to move from New Jersey to Minnesota. I missed him and sulked over his departure. I heard from him from time to time, but it just wasn't the same. We had gone places together, had fun and I thought the good times would never end. However, his new job soon garnered all his

attention and contact became less and less frequent. Then I met someone who explained to me why my friend had left. He said that God knows of our needs and sends someone to help us to enjoy living. Then, when we are able to cope by ourselves, He sends the wonderful friend to someone else who needs him more.

The moral here is to cherish friendships while we have them, for we never know when a friend will leave when God decides he is needed elsewhere. I got over missing my friend, but never saw or heard from him again. I pray he is happy and is making someone else's life happy too.

John's Jokes

How to bathe a Cat



1. Thoroughly clean toilet.
2. Lift both lids and add shampoo.
3. Find and soothe cat as you carry him/her to the bathroom.
4. In one swift move, place cat in toilet, close both lids and sit on top so cat cannot escape.

5. The cat will self-agitate and produce ample suds. (Ignore ruckus from inside the toilet, cat is enjoying this.)
6. Flush toilet 3 or 4 times. This provides power rinse, which is quite effective.
7. Have someone open outside door, stand as far from toilet as possible and quickly lift both lids.
8. Clean cat will rocket out of the toilet and

outdoors, where he will air dry.

Sincerely,
The Dog



MEMBERSHIP MEMO

My Brother Knights, I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we begin the new year, I want to reflect back to last year and the many acts of charity, the first virtue of our order, that our members participated in and one of the reasons we should be inviting men and their families to join us.

Saint Joseph Daily Bread where we feed the homeless at the Salvation Army shelter. The core team is made up of Knights and their wives and the widow of PGK Norm Boucher, and many of the

people who sign up to help cook and serve are our Knights and their wives.

Coats-for-Kids is a very successful program run by a brother Knight, which provides warm coats for needy kids in Stanislaus county. The Adopt-a-Family dinner is an event where 10 needy families are provided multiple Christmas gifts. The tootsie roll drive is used to help mentally challenged in our community. We manage the fireworks booth to provide funds for the World Youth Day pilgrims. We raise funds for an ultrasound machine. We support St

Vincent De Paul. We provide support for our brother Knights who have fallen on hard times. We host the Blue Mass honoring the first responders of our area.

I could go on with much more that our Council has done over the years, but I won't. Please, mention the above programs when talking to a man about joining the KOC and he wants to know what we do.


Rick Dinubilo,
Past Grand Knight
Past Faithful Navigator



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Lecturer's Notes: "Happy New Year – Let's Roll Up Our Sleeves."

"Then God said: Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the seasons, the days and the years, and serve as lights in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth. And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night, and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to illuminate the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. Evening came, and morning followed: the fourth day." – Gen 1: 14-19

Happy New Year!!! May the grace and blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! There is so much to be thankful for as we end 2011 and prepare to set 2012 on fire. For me, this is always a great time to summarize the year just ended and set a few goals for the year to come. Aren't New Year's resolutions great? The reading above from Genesis is fitting because it's about the creation of time. On the fourth day

of creation, God created time. On December 31st, we mark the end of one year, and on January 1st, we mark the beginning of another. None of us knows what the New Year holds for us. Will the country come out of depression and return to prosperity? Probably not. Four years ago we were paying \$1.70 per gallon. Will gas prices return to pre-2008 levels? Most likely not. Will people in our community need help paying bills and keeping food on the table? Undoubtedly. Will the Knights of Columbus be there to lend a helping hand? Absolutely. This is why we exist and this is why we signed up: to do God's work in this Catholic community. So, with the time we have at our disposal what can we do to serve God and maybe have some good clean fun and fellowship? Consider some of the things that we can do listed in the complete article online. Remember: the 8th annual Walk for Life – West Coast on January 21st. Our parish will be taking 5 bus loads of people, and hopefully, you are one of them.

<http://www.walkforlifewc.com/>
Maybe your photo will be on the web page this year.

**Ed Ibarra,
Lecturer**



January business meeting is on Thursday January 3rd at 7:00pm. Blue Mass is on January 7th. Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, January 13th at 5:45 pm followed by adoration and confession. Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him and to do His will in January and throughout the New Year. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart.

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