



Grand Knight's Message

My dear Brother Knights,
A successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the Jag's side door!

He slammed on the brakes at the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid, and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?" The young boy was apologetic.

"Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop." With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me." Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay. "Thank you and

may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger. Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the Jag. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message:

"Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"

Last month I felt like that little boy. My Brothers were on the ground, even if they did not all realize how seriously they were hurt. Though I had tried, I could not find anyone who was in a position to help. So, I threw a brick. I am so incredibly grateful to the man who pulled over to help me - to help all of us - Dave Sichak. After learning about Sam's necessary departure from the post

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**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
March 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 March? 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
Editor
Richard Braun**

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15th of each month. Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space available.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My dear Brother Knights, As we enter into the forty days of Lent, each of us must decide which of our sins and vices we must overcome, which spiritual practices we must begin to do or begin again, which acts of penance we must do, and which things we should give up during the forty days. We must not be discouraged by the fact that we haven't been successful in the past. It is possible to be a saint. You can do it! ¡Sí se puede!

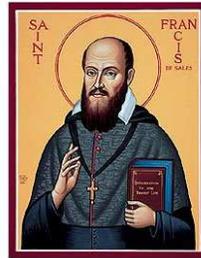


St. Bernard says that even when we feel rotten and divorced from God, each one of us can hope

to be reunited with him and to enter the heavenly wedding banquet: "Every soul - even if burdened with sin, enmeshed in vice, imprisoned by the

allurements of pleasure, imprisoned in the body, caught in the mud, fixed in mire, a slave to care, distracted by business, afflicted with sorrow, wandering and straying, filled with anxious forebodings and uneasy suspicions... Every soul has the power to turn and find it can not only breathe the fresh air of hope and pardon and mercy, but also dare to aspire to the nuptials of the Word, to enter into alliance with God and to bear the sweet yoke of love with the King of Angels."

We can fall in love now with Our Lord and Our Lady and begin to experience the mystical marriage by living as the saints did even during this life. St Francis de Sales tells us that all this can begin now. If we grow in love for prayer and



the things of God, then we will find ourselves doing more and more good deeds for our neighbor:

"Divine Love in us must reach a degree of perfection at which it not only makes us do good but also do this CAREFULLY, FREQUENTLY and PROMPTLY... We must have that spiritual agility and vivacity by which charity works in us or by aid of which we work quickly and lovingly... It arouses us to do as many good works as possible."

I often tell people to have the hope that after a few months and years of staying away from our sins and addictions, we begin to have more real love in our hearts, more joy, more peace, more confidence, more enthusiasm for work, and more energy for good.

**Father
Mark Wagner**
Chaplain and Pastor,
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Your prayers are requested for 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 Harker, son of Brother Kent and brother of Brother Adam; Patricia

Dinubilo, mother of Brother Rick; the family of John Gorman; Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Brother Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Dawn Powers, wife of Brother Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Brother Chris Powers; and Darlene Nielsen.

Remember also Holy Father Pope Francis, all our priests and religious.

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



MARCH 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM	4 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	5 + ASH WEDNESDAY	6	7 Fish Fry O'Hare Hall 5—8 PM	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Fish Fry O'Hare Hall 5—8 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Fish Fry O'Hare Hall 5—8 PM	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Fish Fry O'Hare Hall 5—8 PM	29
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You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, kofc10644.com.

Members' Birthdays

Ben Laura	3-2
Alonzo Castillo	3-4
Michael Callahan	3-7
Henry Ficken	3-7
Thomas Muise	3-7
Richard Goeken	3-10
Julian Ortiz	3-10
William Willette	3-10
Ron Martorana	3-12
Rick Serpa	3-13
Kent Harker	3-16
James Wilson	3-20
Benito Ramirez	3-21
Chris Powers	3-25
Roger Farias, Sr.	3-28
John Mullins	3-28
Loy Sagrado	3-29
Ed Hough	3-30
Richard Ward	3-31

CELEBRATE!

Ladies' Birthdays

Kristine Rocca	3-2
Camille Iorns	3-4
Pat Boucher	3-6
Sally Cleary	3-6
Annette Dedini	3-6
Joan Castagna	3-8
Maria DeQueiroz	3-8
Mara Mullins	3-10
Rosanne Yanko	3-12
Edith Awuah	3-13
Susie Dickert	3-18
Mona Wildt	3-18
Cathy Ochinerio	3-26
Lisa Dwyer	3-26
Betty Mercer	3-28

Anniversaries

Linda & Pat Laubacher	3-6-82
Suny & Daniel Di Rienzo	3-10-07
Michelle & William Frey	3-11
Margaret & Victor Mayoral	3-21-92
Marietta & Owen Kummerle	3-25-2000
Sara & Jose Barajas	3-26
Gloria & Tim Benavidez	3-26-66
Sonita & Kurt Saalfeld	3-28-89
Rosario & Daniel Hernandez	3-31-79

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 (Shinning Armor Award)
- 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 advance for your attendance and God Bless you and your family.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

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**Mark your Calendars:
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KITE FESTIVAL
APRIL 6, 2014
LIVINGSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**What is our next event?
The Lenten Fish Dinners,
Every Friday, beginning
March 7th at 5 PM,
in Father O'Hare Hall.
Please, plan on joining us
and bringing others to
help to make them a big
success!**



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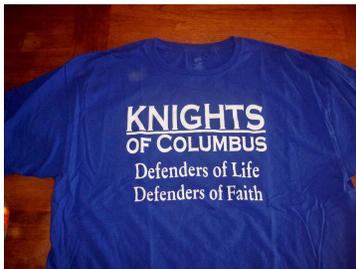
Brother Knights, Some people have a distorted view of what the Knights are all about. Some see us a secretive society.

Others see us as a men's club, where we get together to drink and socialize. Still others see us as the "fish fry guys."

Whereas our ceremonial are kept secret, nothing else about our organization is secret.

Whereas, the membership is limited to men, it is not a club and not about drinking. Whereas, we do a great job every Lent with the fish dinners, it is not all that we do as an organization.

Many of you that are reading this have seen the t-shirts that our Council started using a couple of years ago.



Anyone who has read the articles in this newsletter and in the

national Columbia magazine, can see that what we are truly about is defending the faith and defending life.

We get together to organize events like the Lenten fish dinners to raise funds to help defend the faith and defend life. We raised funds to help purchase an ultrasound machine for the Modesto Pregnancy Center to do the same. We help pay for the buses for the Walk for Life West Coast, buy Bibles for RCIA, help the World Youth Day pilgrims, and more all for the exact same reasons.

Recently, I saw another prime example of what the Knights are all about.

Right before the beginning of the 10:30 AM mass, the largest, a troubled man entered the church with a backpack. Before long, people from different parts of the church where he had passed were reporting that he was cursing and talking about killing someone. Within 30 seconds, there were 6 different men working to convince the man to go outside of the church to talk about his problems with Father Mark. Not only is Father Mark a Knight, but so were the other 6 men who left their spots in the church to help

ensure a peaceful celebration of the mass, and all in a charitable manner. It made be proud to be associated with such a worthwhile organization were men act manly and help to resolve a problematic situation instead of waiting for someone else to resolve it. I don't want to mention each of those Brothers by name, as I am sure that most of the rest of you would have done the same, but I know that they know who they are. Feel free to feel proud of your actions, Brothers and to encourage your Brother Knights to do the same. 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.

Grand Knight (continued)

of Financial Secretary, reading my article last month, and then attending the Crab Feed (so beautifully and successfully done by brother Michael Glendon and his crew – most especially his wife, Kathy!) he couldn't possibly allow the Council to fall "off the curb." Here's what he said, ***"This is my favorite time of year - the build up to the Fish Fry season. I cannot fathom this all going away - especially after such a great experience at the Crab Feast. Perhaps it is my time to step up."*** I know you all feel the same way and will be just as grateful as I that a Brother Knight answered not only our prayers with Fr. McGivney's intercession, but

God's calling. Our Council will be blessed a hundred fold in this gift of Dave. Please join me in offering gratitude when you see him and support as he needs it. Speaking of support, thank you to all the Brothers who stepped up at the Crab Feed to help Brother Michael Glendon! He was overwhelmed by the amount of help that poured out and joyfully too! You may or may not know that we have a Historian, Ron Martorana! He has been actively taking photos of all Knight Events and programs to bring our Council to the focus of the parish. I thank him for all his hard work. If you would like to participate in this arena and assist him in gathering photos and event testimonials please call Ron (869-6809) or myself (576-5203). These

will become increasingly more important as we utilize Constant Contact to build our website, fliers, posters, publicity and more. This is an important change of the tide for our Council, and I urge you to get involved. God bless you and your families as we enter the exquisite season of Lent, offering alms, prayer and fasting and enjoying the much needed fellowship within the comfort of the Knights' Fish Frys. Humbly Yours,

**Michael
Miranda,
Grand Knight**



John's Jokes

Well, you know this one is not mine, but then I get most of them from somewhere! When she appeared before the judge, the judge asked what she had stolen from the store. The lady defiantly replied, "Just a stupid can of peaches." The judge then asked why she had done it. She replied, "I was hungry and forgot to bring any cash to the store." The judge asked how many peaches were in the can. She replied, "Nine, but what do you care about

that?" The judge patiently said, "Well, ma'am, because I'm going to give you nine days in jail -- one day for each peach." As the judge was about to drop his gavel, the lady's long suffering husband raised his hand and asked if he might speak. The judge said, "Yes, what do you have to add?" The husband said, "Your Honor, she

also stole a can of peas."



Last month's riddle "What do you call a cow with no legs?" The answer? Ground beef

Q: Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughters name? (if you said Nunu, you're wrong! It's Mary!



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Lecturer's Notes: March: Motivation

“See that no one returns evil for evil; rather, always seek what is good [both] for each other and for all. Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” – 1 Thess 5:15-17

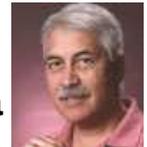
“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.” – James 5:14-16

The big deal this year is the weather. What's up with the weather? Last summer was pretty mild, and this winter has been pretty mild. What a nice mild year it's been. Yes, we could use more rain and certainly some snow

pack. But, we didn't get it; and we just have to wait until next year. The amazing thing is that we have been requested to pray for rain. Really? Someone thinks that our prayer will bring rain, maybe it will. Do you think so enough to actually pray for the purpose of rain? It did rain a little bit at the end of January and the beginning of February, and then it stopped. Did we start, and then let up on the effort when the rain came? The rains have stopped, so whoever it was needs to start praying again.

Ok, so I'm being facetious but it struck me that after the Twin Towers attack on 9/11/01, everyone went to church for about a month; and then got board and went back to the party. Prayer ceased. It rained for a couple of days, and nothing more was said. I guess prayer has ceased. Whoever made it rain, thanks; God heard you. You got any snow pack prayers? Seriously, I'm not a righteous man, and I don't pray without ceasing; but if I compare my prayer to rain, I imagine that when I pray seriously it's

somewhere between Verga and a very light sprinkle on God's window. Are my prayers enough to make His flowers blossom? If we compared your prayer to rain, do your prayers make Gods flowers grow? Or does God live in a "Golden State"? We do need to pray for rain and snow pack, we need to pray for a lot of things. The list is long but if we compare our prayers to rain God may be experiencing a drought too and we can end it with our prayer. Perhaps today is a good day to pick up a Rosary.



Ed Ibarra

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March business meeting is on Tuesday March 4th at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th; be sure to Fast. Fish Fry's and Stations of the Cross begin on March 7th. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this Council is on Friday, March 14th at 5:45 pm. 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 the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have 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.

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