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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen Knights,
April is upon us with spring and daylight savings time is in full swing. This time of year has dual feelings to all of us as Catholics. We have Good Friday which is sorrowful and the following week is Easter: a time of hope, joy, love and new beginnings. I think Robert Flatt sums it up quite nicely: "The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances". I would like to thank the Chairs and their spouses to our Lenten dinners, Daniel Hernandez (two dinners, which makes him my hero), Eddie and Carlos Torres, Dave Sichak, Ruben Sanchez Sr. & Jr., and the soup dinner Chairs, Don Baker & Kwei-Cee Chu. These gentlemen and all you Brother Knights that showed up to set-up, prepare and cook, work the crowd, work the take-out and clean-up after hours and Saturday morning helped to continue to make these events successful. It is through these meals that we can continue our good works among our community at large. I also want to thank Richard Braun, Carlos Torres and Pino Truncali for organizing the youth help

that really stepped up when we seemed to be short staffed weekly due to lack of participation by Brother Knights. My hope is that this trend changes with upcoming events and the new Columbian year. If you are reading the newsletter, that is your open invitation to come join the events and get to know like-minded Catholic gentleman. You don't need another invitation. That is one of the things we do as Knights as well as look out for one another. This month our Council is hosting a 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications on Saturday, the 18th. These Degrees are paid for by the Council and includes a nice BBQ lunch. I strongly recommend for you, new 1st degree Brothers, to participate. It only cost you time and furthers your journey to 4th degree and full Knighthood! Also, our Council will host the 4th Degree dinner on April 23rd. Dinner will be "Ribs-in-the barrel". All brothers are welcome to attend the dinner. Following the dinner is the 4th Degree meeting, which is only open to members in good standing



holding a 4th degree card. The dinner cost is \$15 dollars, which includes ribs, beans, salad, roll and dessert.

In the month of May, we're hoping to pull off a "Grab-N-Go Dinner." This will depend on ticket sales, since it would be a pre-paid dinner to make things simple and calculated beforehand. I have had several new Brothers come to me with new ideas for fundraising and charities they hold dear. For me, this is exciting, as I think we are in need of a shot in the arm. I'm hoping all Brothers, new and old, are thinking about up-coming nominations for Officers, as many of the chairs need to be filled and those appointed post will need to be filled, as well. While I know all too well, it can be difficult to attend meetings due to work or having to be an early riser for work I want your voice to be heard. To survive as a Council, we need new ideas and younger members to get involved, so we can adapt, evolve and stay relevant! Please email me with your ideas and concerns if this platform works for you. God bless you and your families And have a Happy Easter!

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Next Meeting

Date: 4/7/2015

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. We need you and your ideas.

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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 availability.

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Dear Knights,
 As we pass once again through the holy days of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, we rediscover what it means to be Christian and Catholic men. Being a Christian means courageously following our beloved Savior who said "If you wish to be my disciple, take up your Cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24) Being a man means shouldering the Cross without complaining in imitation of Christ, who is the perfect man (Gaudium et Spes #22).
 How can I become a perfect man? The best strategy is to spend time every day meditating on the mysteries of the life of Jesus. A real man prays his rosary daily to "contemplate the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary" (St. John Paul II "*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*" #12)
 We begin Holy Week by looking at how Jesus entered the Holy City of Jerusalem. He entered because every Jewish man at that time was required by Jewish law to go up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. Jesus gave a good example of a good man who obeyed religious laws.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Every Jewish man was required to go to the holy city with a Pascal Sacrifice which was usually a lamb which would be slaughtered in the evening twilight on Passover eve. He would arrive carrying a lamb for the Passover Sacrifice.
 At Passover time that year the crowds knew that the Pharisees wanted to put Jesus to death, so the people wondered whether Jesus would have the courage to come to the Passover Feast: "So they were looking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, 'What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?'" (John 11:56) Of course Jesus did come. He entered the city triumphantly on a donkey with the crowds waving palms and welcoming him as their king. This made the authorities suspicious and made it even more dangerous for Jesus. Jesus enter the city on Palm Sunday he was not carrying a Pascal Sacrifice. He himself would be the Lamb of Sacrifice for Passover.
 Jesus is our example of a good man because he obeyed the religious laws of his Jewish faith. He did not care what others would

think or say and he was not afraid of persecution. There is also another way in which Jesus is an example of a good man. A good man shows respect for women. A good man honors his mother and upholds the dignity of every woman. A good man acknowledges that he needs the care and nurturing of those women in his life who show him motherly tenderness. We see this quality in Jesus when he goes up to the Holy City of Jerusalem. In the Bible the city of Jerusalem is often referred to as the spiritual mother of the People of God. So when Jesus obeyed the Jewish law and went up to the Holy City, he was acknowledging that he needed the spiritual nourishment of his spiritual mother. He was not a macho loner bent on preserving his rugged individualism. He was not like those men who wait outside of Mass because they think they don't need Mother Church. We should follow the example of Jesus

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Emil Carney; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family and their son; John Karaz; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Loy Sagrado; and Dave Tacchinni.

Pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael; Carol Lynne Moraca, wife of Sam Moraca; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann, Powers mother of Chris Powers.

Pray for all our religious, as they dedicate their lives to live and spread the Word of Jesus to the world!

If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know. Contact information is 209-551-9534 or prayers@kofc10644.com



~ April 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>St. Pedro Calungsod</i>	3 <i>Good Friday</i>	4 <i>Vigil Mass and Reception for new Catholics</i>
5	6 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	7 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>2nd/3rd Degree</i>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>St. Mark the Evangelist</i>
26	27	28 <i>St. Gianna Molla</i>	29	30	Notes: Brother Tim Keating is hosting the Reception after the Vigil Mass. We'll need your presence at the 2 nd /3 rd Degree Exemplification. Talk with the Grand Knight to let him know how you can help.	

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Angel D. Martinez 4-2
 Scott A. Fernandes 4-4
 David M. Evans 4-4
 Octavio Lopez 4-6
 Nathaniel R. Benninger 4-8
 Tom M Lucas III 4-12
 Robert W Della-Santina 4-13
 Keith L. Kitcher 4-13
 Martin P. Rios 4-13
 Steven A. Junqueiro 4-15
 Daniel Ryan 4-15
 Pellegrino Truncali 4-15
 Tom Cabrera 4-16
 Daniel R. Di Rienzo 4-23
 Sean F Mullins 4-24
 Denis K. McGue 4-24
 Robert A. Nunes 4-24
 James L Standart 4-25
 Robert A. Hibl 4-27

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Carole Ward 4-4
 Maria Delgado-Braun 4-10
 Wilma Lee 4-11
 Wendy Bettencourt 4-11
 Shaundra Lopez 4-12
 Kim McDoal 4-12
 Soledad Raya 4-15
 Suny Di Rienzo 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
 Melissa Hoffman 4-24
 Tonya Marmol 4-26
 Sue Gamboa 4-27

ANNIVERSARIES

Angel & Jill Martinez 4-4
 John & Eleanor Karaz 4-8
 Jesus & Lupe Perez 4-10
 Brian & Lisa Porta 4-11
 Joe & Eva Furtado 4-11
 Steven & Theresa Junqueiro 4-12
 Henry & Francis Ficken 4-14
 Jason & Melissa Hoffman 4-14
 Leo & Elvera Alvarez 4-14
 John & Carol Schaper 4-17
 David & Charlyn Piper 4-18
 Douglas & Olga Hibl 4-18
 Michael & Carlene Pardina 4-19
 Neil & Josephine Corbeil 4-24
 Norbert & Heidi Mendonca 4-29



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,
My thoughts are rapidly turning towards Good Friday and Easter weekend. Thoughts of the Walk for Life, of the Live Stations of the Cross and of that old familiar spiritual hymn that we sing: "Were You There?" Perhaps that's what we should be asking ourselves.

We are in the midst of our busiest time of year and while busy, I always think of it as a most enjoyable time of year. The Lenten Fish Fry events. It brings together families from our parish and beyond to Fr. O'Hare Hall. And it brings many of us Brothers together to get to know each other again, catch up on our lives, listen to the life stories of our Brothers.

I always recommend to our newer members the following: this is the best time to participate! It is a relaxed atmosphere and we all get to help out in our own ways and get to know each other. One member this past week told me he learned that one of our older members was a bomber pilot during World War II and flew many missions. It's these kinds of things you learn about

your fellow Brothers that make this fun. We are not strangers anymore. But Good Friday and Easter are getting closer. The Live Stations of the Cross event after the Walk for Life.

I often tell people that science has yet to determine the key that I sing in, but the old spiritual hymn we sing on that Good Friday is one of the rare times I do. The first time I ever heard it was on a Johnny Cash TV show and an album I had, "Were You There?" A very simple rendition. I've since heard it by other bass singers like Red Foley and Tennessee Ernie Ford. But when I sing, if I'm not choked up, I try to go for that low bass voice. But having said that, maybe I can turn that around a bit as we all look inward towards this Easter season, and remember our parish theme this year: "All Are Called!"

Were You There to help us at the Crab Feed?

Were You There to help us sell tickets on the church plaza on the weekends before the fish fry events?

Were You There to help us set up the Fr. O'Hare Hall for the Crab Feed and Fish Fry events?

Were You There to help us clean up after the Fish Fry events?

Were You There at the Adopt-A-Family dinner to help out?

Were You There at our monthly meetings, especially when we had first degree ceremonies, to make it a memorable evening for those new members?

But actually, "Were You There?" refers to the past. Going forward, maybe the tune for you should be "Will You Be There?" The call may not come by phone, by mail or email. It may come from within, when you remember why you joined the Knights of Columbus.

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PS: We did have someone correctly guess that it was Merv Shiner who recorded "Peter Cottontail" in our little trivia contest last month. Steve Tubbs gets two tickets to our last event, the Soup Night. Congrats, Steve!

JOHN'S JOKES

These are reportedly actual call center conversations.

Samsung Electronics:

Caller: "Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?"

Operator: "I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about?"

Caller: "On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can

you give me the number for Jack?"

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: "Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am travelling in Australia?"

Operator: "Doesn't the product name give you a clue?"

Telephone Caller Assistance

[England] Caller: "I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff please."

Operator: "I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?"

Caller: "Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the "B" fell off."

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: "Woven? Are you sure?"

Caller: "Yes. That's what it says on the label; Woven in Scotland."

LECTURER'S NOTES

Last month we all received at church a red piece of paper in the pews written by Father Mark on how to attend church. It was very informative. Of course, I agreed and support the full content, but one of the suggestions reminded me about doing the dishes with the Knights: to not receive the precious blood of Christ if you were ill or during an especially bad flu season they have discontinued the sacred blood for several masses. How did that make me think of the dishes? Well, it did not exactly; but it did remind me of a certain dinner about 10 years ago when a Brother Knight and I were doing the dishes and having a faith discussion about the sacred Blood of Jesus Christ consecrated at the mass.

I had mentioned that I never worried about getting sick from it during flu season, because, "Hey, it's the blood of Christ, right?" But if I in turn was sick, I would not receive it. It was an observation of mine that I had shared with my Brother and was questioning him if he thought I was crazy. I mean, after all, we have been asked to abstain from it by the Church if we are ill. His response surprised

me. He stated, "Well, I really don't believe it's the blood or body of Christ. It's just wine and bread; and I'm just going through the motions." Wow! A Brother Knight bared his soul to me like that! Of course, I did what any good Christian would do. Yep, you guessed it! I JUDGED HIM. Oops! But, that was my question all along: if it is truly the blood of Christ (which I'm convinced it is), I should only then fear if I have not prepared for it properly through penance etc. The fact remains, there are different levels of doubt. Neither are faith, but both opposite. Levels of doubt may one day bring us closer to Christ. He has a way of converting us Doubting Thomases and sinners into beautiful saints. Let us stay in the Word, gentlemen, not the world.

The History Channel has done a great job of rewriting the Bible by questioning biblical fact and supporting Darwin's theory. Ancient Aliens? I don't think so! I have come under attack from friends and family from programs like those, and though I have a deep respect for the scientific community, that same community cannot explain Juan Diego's tilma or the fact of non-corrupt bodies of saints after death.

I would also like to support Brother Don Cavagnero on filling slots in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. He is right: there are no undesirable time slots. It is always a good time to be with the Lord!

I love you my brothers and look forward to seeing you soon.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

humbly acknowledge our need for spiritual nourishment and for the church. Let us never hesitate to cast ourselves into the arms of Holy Mother Church and into the maternal care of Most Holy Mary who always consoles and guides those who undertake the way of the Cross!

Sincerely,

Father

Mark Wagner

Chaplain and Pastor
St. Joseph's
Catholic Church



Got paschal sacrifice?

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My dear Brother Knights, I have news that it is both good and bad at the same time. If you were at the March Business Meeting, you have heard the news already, but since many of you were not able to be present, I want to share the news here. Many of you may not know, but I left my last job on July 1, 2015 for a variety of different reasons. I assumed at the time that I would have no problem finding another similar job within a month or two. Unfortunately, when that one or two months dragged on to 3, 4, and 5, I began to think about a possible change in career. It was at that time that I received the email from the General Agent of the Knights of Columbus for our area, Steve Hudec, stating that he had career opportunities. I remember hearing our assigned Field Agent, Julio Valadez, state that he was spread across a large area, living in Livingston but working for our Council. I responded to the email, if nothing else, to see what was required. Next thing that I knew, I was interviewing in Fresno, taking an online assessment, interviewing again in Fresno, having my wife interviewed, and signing up to take a course to get my license to sell life insurance. Don't get me wrong, when I first heard the words "selling" and "insurance" together, immediately I started imagining those stereotypical car salesmen hanging out to

sell you something your "really need." (I apologize if you are a "good" car salesman, but you must know the stereotype as much as the rest of us, no?) I worked in education for almost 30 years, what was I going to do in sales? But, the more I thought about it, the more I realized that I had been selling education all of the time. On top of that, all of the individuals with whom I interacted, from our former Field Agent Bill (who sold me my policy) to Julio and onto Steve Hudec had none of those characteristics. They did not, and still do not, come across with being concerned about selling for the sake of selling, but rather finding a way to meet the needs of their Brother Knights in continuing to meet the needs of their families. That was something that I could get behind.

I continued through the entire process of class, testing, re-interviewing and paperwork and on March 1st, I started officially as a Field Agent, #17081! After 8 months of being unemployed, I have a job that so far is VERY rewarding. I have a steep learning curve ahead of me, but that is not entirely a bad thing. The bad news related with being a Field Agent is that I am assigned to Council in our area: St. Joseph's, St. Stanislaus, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Francis of Rome, and the two Councils in Oakdale. Being that I am assigned to these Councils, I am no longer able to continue as an Officer within our Council. ☹ That means that

we are in need, yet again of another Officer. The best part is that whoever steps up will have only a couple of months until the end of the Columbian year. My hope, and that of the other Officers, is that whoever steps forward can use these couple of months as preparation for all of next year!

Our Council ends up benefiting in the long run since our Field Agent will once again be a familiar face that will be at most if not all of our Business Meetings! That should make it that much easier to contact when we have a possible need for life or disability insurance, long term care, or want to talk about long term savings opportunities. I look forward to working for and with all of you!

God bless,

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