

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, recently spoke at the United Nations as part of a panel discussion focused on human rights abuses and the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and throughout the world.

"The world's greatest humanitarian crisis since World War II is unfolding in the Middle East." Said Brother Anderson during his speech. "Hundreds of thousands of people in Syria and Iraq have lost their lives, entire communities have been displaced or wiped out, while neighboring communities and cultures strain to accept millions of people fleeing years of war and terrorism."

"We face the very real prospect of the extinction of many of the communities indigenous to the region," said Brother Anderson.

You may not have read it in the news but the U.S State Department has branded these action of violent Islamic extremists as genocide.

That's genocide, brothers, in the year 2016. All of us, and especially those who lived through and fought against the scourge of Nazism probably never dreamed that it could occur again in our lifetimes. Yet here we are.

"The Knights of Columbus is committed to this great cause. Since 2014, we have raised more than \$10.5 million for relief, assisting Christians and other internally displaced

Tim Keating



persons and refugees in Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon," said the Supreme Knight.

As I've said before Brothers, it's your hard work and dedication that makes this kind of assistance possible.

Now on to our own council

Please look for details of upcoming events in the Deputy Grand Knight's message below. Get involved and stay involved, it's fun, it's rewarding and it's expected of you as a Catholic gentleman.

Fireworks stand

For my part, I want to repeat my deep appreciation for all who helped on this year's Fireworks Booth, especially chairmen Ed Gamboa and Joey Rodriguez.

This is a major fundraiser at the end of our Columbian year and this year's was a great success allowing us to help raise money for our youth attending World Youth Day as well as

contributing money for the New Year.

Omelet Breakfast

Our first event of the Columbian year is the upcoming Omelet Breakfast on Sunday August 7th after the morning Masses. If you haven't signed up to help, show up anyway and bring your friends and neighbors for a great breakfast. Tim Matalone, Al Toschi and Daniel Hernandez have been hard at work planning this and I know it will be a great success.

Blood drive

I've been talking with Delta Blood Bank and the American Red Cross about having a blood drive again this year. This is an event we used to do but has dropped off in the last several years. This is an important parish wide drive that benefits both our fellow parishioners and the community at large by helping to maintain an adequate supply of blood locally. Watch for details later and plan on helping.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,

I want to thank my brother Knights of #10644 Council for all you do for St. Joseph's parish, and also I thank all of the brother Knights throughout the world for the things that you do for our universal Catholic Church. On each of my pilgrimages to Europe I learn more about things that the Knights provide. During our youth pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow we attended a marvelous concert featuring Catholic musician Matt Maher which was held in a huge Arena in Krakow which was rented for by the Knights of Columbus for several days of events for the English-speaking pilgrims. It provided a welcoming center for us which like an island in the sea of chaos in the Polish city! And of course we are also grateful to our Knights for helping us raise funds for our trip at various Knights of Columbus events and most recently during the fireworks sale.

When I studied in Rome I learned that it was the Knights who paid for the cleaning of exterior of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, sand-blasting away many years of accumulated soot from the air pollution in Rome. Our youth also spent three days in Rome and so we got to enjoy seeing façade and the dome of St. Peter's gleam white and shiny in the Italian sunshine!

A highlight of our trip was being able to visit the underground excavations under St. Peter's where in 1939 it was discovered that the tomb of St. Peter is indeed located in an underground cemetery directly underneath the altar and cupola of the basilica designed by Michelangelo.

One of our pilgrimage leaders was fellow Knight Richard Braun who was able to perform the difficult task of obtaining tickets for our group to visit this underground necropolis. Thank you Richard and thank you brother Knights!

The message that Pope Francis gave to us when two million of us were gathered in

Krakow was very inspiring for youth, and I would like to reprint his words to us here because they are words that can also inspire us who are not-so-young. The pope invited the youth to be brave leaders in our world, and this message can also inspire us Knights to be courageous and energetic leaders in society.

The pope referred to the testimonies of three young people who had just spoken to the crowds about the fears that they experience in their countries because of things like war, terrorism, poverty and drug addiction. The pope responded by telling them, and all of us, that we should not be lily-livered couch potatoes, paralyzed by fear. Here are the words of Pope Francis:

"It is good to be here with you at this Prayer Vigil! ... We have heard three testimonies. Our hearts were touched by their stories, their lives. We have seen how, like



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUE

the disciples, they experienced similar moments, living through times of great fear, when it seemed like everything was falling apart... They shared with us the same experience the disciples had... Once we feel that way, our fear starts to fester and is inevitably joined by its "twin sister", paralysis: the feeling of being paralyzed. Thinking that in this world, in our cities and our communities, there is no longer any room to grow, to dream, to create, to gaze at new horizons – in a word to live – is one of the worst things that can happen to us in life. When we are paralyzed, we miss the magic of encountering others, making friends, sharing dreams, walking at the side of others.

But in life there is another, even more dangerous, kind of paralysis... A sofa that makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe. A sofa that keeps us safe from any kind of pain and fear. A sofa that allows us to stay home without needing to work at, or worry about, anything. "Sofa-happiness"! That is probably the most harmful and insidious form of paralysis, since little by little, without even realizing it, we start to nod off, to grow drowsy and dull while others – perhaps more alert than we are, but not necessarily better – decide our future for us. For many people in fact, it is much easier and

Fr. Mark Wagner



better to have drowsy and dull kids who confuse happiness with a sofa...

Dear young people, we didn't come into this work to "vegetate", to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark. But when



we opt for ease and convenience, for confusing happiness with consumption, then we end up paying a high price indeed: we lose our freedom.

This is itself a great form of paralysis, whenever we start thinking that happiness is the same as comfort and convenience, that being happy means going through

life asleep or on tranquillizers, that the only way to be happy is to live in a haze. Certainly, drugs are bad, but there are plenty of other socially acceptable drugs, that can end up enslaving us just the same. One way or the other, they rob us of our greatest treasure: our freedom...

My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths...

The times we live in do not call for young "couch potatoes" but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. It only takes players on the first string, and it has no room for bench-warmers. Today's world demands that you be a protagonist of history because life is always beautiful when we choose to live it fully, when we choose to leave a mark. History today calls us to defend our dignity and not to let others decide our future...

So today, my friends, Jesus is inviting you, calling you, to leave your mark on life, to leave a mark on history, your own and that of many others as well." (Pope Francis at World Youth Day Vigil Ceremony, July 30, 2016.)

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS to all...I was asked to keep my newsletter message short & sweet so I will do my best.

Events coming up to keep in mind, save the dates & volunteer. Join your brother Knights in Action for:

TBD

25th Council Anniversary

We need input on what we should do to commemorate this great councils history & its' founders...Contact Dave Sichak or any of us officers with your ideas and/or comments.

8/7

Parish Omelet Breakfast

We need cooks, set up & clean up help! We used to do these every other month +/- and they are a great way to have parish community and to meet some new parishioners. These are not real profitable as far as fund raising but are an enjoyable, fun event. Volunteer or just come



by for a delicious breakfast. Contact Tim Matalone for details and to volunteer.

9/9 thru 9/11 Parish Festival

The Knights will be back this year with our very popular Sausage Booth & Spaghetti Dinner. Contact Rick Dinubilo or Tim Keating for details & to volunteer to help with these events. Contact Angel Martinez if you have a 'special' car or hot-rod that you would like to enter into the festival Car Show and/or contact Ed Gamboa to help staff the other festival events/booths.

~ 10/15 & 16

Tootsie Roll Drive

"One of the most popular and successful programs

conducted by Knights of Columbus ...for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive". This KOC Program Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities has become the State Councils largest program, raising over \$18M for hundreds of Intellectual Disabilities Program throughout California." (From the Columbian Foundation President 7/22/16)...All of the funds that we receive from this effort go to LOCAL programs.

Contact me, Al Toschi or Larry Kjelberg to volunteer to help the mentally disabled of our community.

MEME OF THE MONTH



Next Meeting September 6

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The Marble Game has returned to the buisness meetings. All who attend have a shoot at winning half the pot.

Current marble count: 4
Current Pot: \$20

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The month of July seems to have been a month where we had to absorb some conventional wisdom about our country's future. Or did it contribute to our heat wave?

**Dave
Sichak**



member - VOTE!

Too often I hear comments that lead me to believe that people are looking for the 'perfect' candidate that fits their ideals.

Just like that the Fourth of July has come and gone. Congrats to Ed Gamboa and his crew for a job well done at our booth. It always seems to be one of the hottest weeks.

There is no such thing. Each of us has our own criteria in determining how to vote.

By the time you read this July will have come and gone. Not only that both major political parties in our country will have held their conventions to formally nominate their candidates for President in 2016.

We begin the new Columbian year on a positive note - we have two new members who have transferred in and one member who was reactivated.

Each party has a goal in their meetings - to convince us that their 'conventional wisdom' is the way to go.

In this year of elections, perhaps it may be useful to be a bit reflective and look to our faith.

It also brings back memories from my childhood days when a neighbor and I would get together in his basement and we would basically make up our own convention and mimic those standard speeches each state would make to preface the results of their voting.

One of my favorite old Gospel tunes was by Jim Reeves, "Precious Memories". Here is a verse and chorus that might fit the theme.

I was naive back then, I thought their was actual drama to it all. But now we know it is pretty much decided before that get together.

Precious Memories

As I travel on life's pathway
I know not what the years may hold
And as I ponder, hope grows foner
Precious mem'ries floods my soul.

My only advice to my brothers is come No-

Precious mem'ries how they linger
How they ever flood my soul
In the stillness of the midnight
Precious, sacred scenes unfold...

BOB'S JOKES

Sister Mary was truly a religious woman. Besides for her duties as a nun, she was also very active in various hospitals visiting sick patients and taking care of all their needs.

closest gas station filled up the bedpan with gas and headed back to her car.

"I swear! If that car starts I'm becoming a religious man!"

So it was no surprise that one day when she ran out of gas, the only container she could find to put the gas into was a bedpan.

Luck would have it that as Sister Mary started tipping the gas into the fuel tank, the traffic light turned red and she had quite a large audience witnessing the spectacle.

Sister Mary happily walked two blocks to the

Just when she finished pouring in the last drops of gas a fellow opened up his window and hollered,



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

James England 8/1
 Victor S. Mayoral 8/1
 Marc Serpa 8/1
 Yuhanna Aboona 8/3
 Thomas Morton 8/3
 Raul Raya 8/3
 Cameron Menezes 8/4
 Jeff Smith 8/6
 Thomas Washburn 8/6
 John Gorman III PGK 8/10
 Dodge Hendee 8/10
 William Slayter III 8/11
 John Walsh 8/14
 Ramon Ramirez 8/15
 William Bradford 8/17
 Donald Cavagnaro PGK 8/17
 Pellegrino Scarpinati 8/17
 Kent Marlett 8/19
 Scott Nunes 8/19
 Gregorio Scoto 8/19
 Robert Poncini 8/21
 Timothy Keating 8/22

Eddie Marmol 8/22
 Joseph McDonald 8/22
 Gary Humphreys 8/26
 Michael Vigil 8/26
 Gabriel Salome 8/27
 Juan Jimenez 8/31

Ladys' Birthdays

Karen Hough 8/4
 Gloria Ortega 8/4
 Carol Schaper 8/4
 Grace DeCaro 8/6
 Laura Harker 8/6
 Mary Mullins 8/6
 Beka Wunschel 8/11
 Betty Nunes 8/13
 Kathy Reis 8/20
 Toni Povio 8/21
 Pam Dinubilo 8/23
 Teresa Peterson 8/25
 Kathy Glendon 8/27
 Carrie Loschke 8/28

Colleen Hazy 8/29
 Noemi Junqueiro 8/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Michele Nielsen
 8/6
 Roy & Debora McKenzie 8/7
 Scott & Michelle Nunes 8/8
 Jose & Jacqueline Nunez 8/8
 Oren & Judy Tuss 8/11
 Roger & Anne Missall 8/12
 Alex & Cindy Trujillo 8/17
 Adrian & Priscilla Pino 8/21
 David & Angie Castro 8/24
 Stephen & Barbara Guzman
 8/24
 Timothy & Janice Keating
 8/27
 Alfonso & Judy Chavez 8/30
 Kent & Laura Harker 8/31
 Miguel & Glafira Villalobos
 8/31

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Business Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5	6
7 Omelet breakfast	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

If you've put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional

Richard Braun



insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke,

will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now I can help members that I couldn't help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you're 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. I look forward to discussing coverage with you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers are requested for Brothers: John McCave; Ron Martorana; Matt Betencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; the Keating family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Helmsley; and Don Reed.

Please pray also for Kristina Rodriguez (sister of Gabe Salome, who is 33 weeks pregnant and having breathing difficulties); Elizabeth Homan (recently deceased sister of Gary Moya); Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez (brother of Alfonso Chavez);



Phyllis Edwards (niece of Frank Holmes); Mary Kitcher (wife of Keith Kitcher); Mary (mother of Ed Hough); Helen Moya (wife of Gary

Moya); Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers (wife of Chris Powers); Maryann Powers (mother of Chris Powers); Colleen Tuers (sister of Marty Reis); Lita Selove (wife of Bob Selover).

Pray for the Church and the whole world as we begin this year of Mercy! Lord grant us Your Mercy as we show that Mercy to those in the world so that they will come to know the Love and Grace You give to all freely.

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let Mike Glendon, PGK know at 209-918-2847 or prayers@kofc10644.com

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