



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

At the halfway point in our Columbian year, it is a good time to reflect on past events and look to the future.

Recently, our council put on our 13th Annual Blue Mass in cooperation with the parish. Those of you who attended or took part know that it was a solemn and patriotic event that gave the community an opportunity express their prayers and support for our local first responders. This year, we paid particular tribute to a sheriff's deputy who was killed in the line of duty in 2016.

You may have seen coverage of the event in the Modesto Bee but if you missed it you can check it out here: <http://www.modbee.com/news/article126663699.html>.

I want to give particular thanks to Mike and Kathy Glendon, Fr. Mark, Mel Noack, Rick Dinubilo, Roy Gordon and the kitchen crew, Gary Humphreys, my wife Janice, and everyone else who worked to make this year's mass and luncheon a great success.

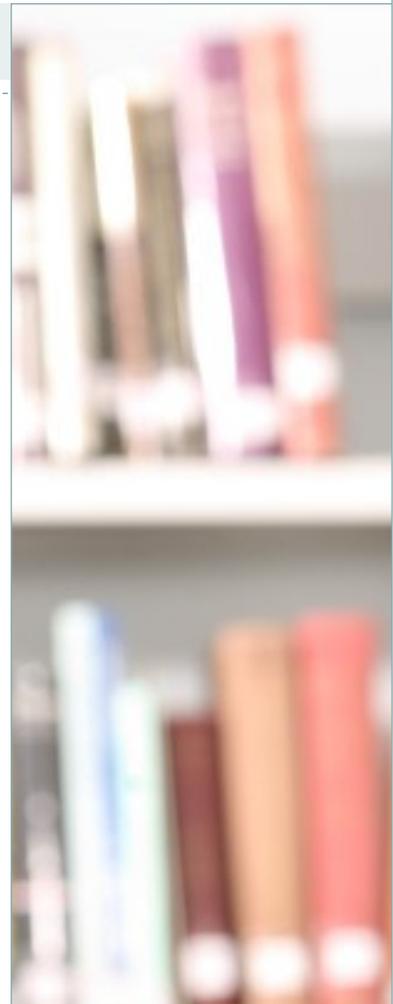
Coming up next is the Crab Feed and Auction on February 25th. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter. Auction item donor forms were passed out at the last meeting, and we need them back completed. You can request more forms by emailing me at gk@kofc10644.com. Please, sign up for this one as it is our largest fundraiser. We can't fund our charitable activities without a successful event.

Last month I introduced the concept of **One Knight, One Event** where I charged every member of the council to get involved in some manner, large or small, in one event every year.

Have you picked an event yet? Yes, I mean you. As I indicated above, the Crab Feed is coming up followed by Lenten Fish Fry Dinners on every Friday in Lent. Those are great opportunities to get involved in some fun and fulfilling events. Some of the older Knights who faithfully handled parts of these events for years aren't able to do it anymore or should be allowed to relax and enjoy the dinner, so we need you younger guys to step up!

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on February 7th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend. Don't forget the Crab Feed as well this month on the 25th!

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Council Room of St. JP2 Center	7 7 PM Business Meeting in Father O'Hare Hall	8	9	10 5:45pm Memorial Mass, Rosary and Respect Life Holy Hour	11
12	13	14	15	26	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 5:30 PM Crab Feed in Father O'Hare Hall
26	27	28	NOTES: Let Grand Knight, Tim Keating, or DGK Al Toschi know how you can help with the 2017 Crab Feed on February 25th, and continue asking for donations for the auction.			

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Marc Abenoja 2/1
 Richard Dinubilo 2/1
 Mark Hunter 2/1
 Kwei-Cee Chu 2/2
 George Sanchez 2/3
 Steven Wunschel 2/3
 Christopher Bengochea 2/5
 Henry Mendoza 2/5
 Patrick Ringer 2/5
 Tony De Caro 2/7
 Alan Saca 2/7
 Dave Wharton 2/8
 Nathan Steingrebe 2/10
 Andrew Gonzales 2/11
 Carroll Lammey 2/11
 Efram Florendo 2/12
 Albert Gonzales 2/14
 Robert Hemsley 2/14
 Norbert Mendonca 2/14
 Michael Grodt 2/15
 Tyson Murphy 2/17
 Brandon Harker 2/18
 Timothy Dickert 2/20
 Richard Elson 2/20
 Ed Ibarra 2/21
 Vito Paxia 2/22
 John Karaz 2/23
 Jeff McCarthy 2/24
 Sean Garcia 2/25
 Jesse Cristerna 2/26
 Dr. Douglas Beaumont 2/28

Ladies' Birthdays

Jennifer Richmond 2/4
 Sandra Uyeshiro 2/12
 Monica Gonzales 2/13
 Deanna Kitcher 2/16
 Aylene Wee 2/16
 Julita Casiano 2/17
 Debbie Goulart 2/17
 Kristi Marsella 2/17
 Andrea Hemsley 2/18
 Cheryl Schultz 2/20
 Rose Mary Law 2/23
 Cheryl Driggs 2/24
 Ileana Walsh 2/25

Anniversaries

James & Amanda Towne 2/2
 Jim & Kim McDoyal 2/5
 Donald & Debbi Cavagnaro 2/8
 Mark & Margaret Hunter 2/10
 Robert & Margaret Offermann 2/11
 Hugo & Alejandra Fausto 2/12
 Raymond & Patricia Chavarria 2/14
 Gary & Maryann Koblentz 2/15
 Robert & Colleen Hazy 2/24
 Efrain & Gloria Ortega 2/24
 Ed & Sue Gamboa 2/25
 Victor & Maria Lopez 2/27
 Amado & Kelly Valencia 2/27
 John & Mary Mullins 2/28





Brother Dave posing with his mother and wife, Lorna.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the lingo of a wise one from one of the iconic science fiction movies, "Pay Your Dues, You Must." But I may not tell you why until next month.

Brothers, we are entering what I consider to be our exciting time of the year. We will be holding many fund raising events and what does that mean? Come on out and lend a hand and get to know your fellow brothers. I guarantee you it will be more fun than at the monthly council business meetings.

I was chatting with a fellow brother recently who was lamenting the fact that neither he nor his sister had ever gotten the recipe to one of his favorite dishes that his mother used to cook up. I got to relate my experience, which before I left home and went on my hometown, I sat down with mom and got her directions for the various dishes that I had enjoyed growing up. My sisters did the same. And I put those recipes along with my wife's favorites on our family website.

I finish this month's article with a heavy heart. I am thankful for the opportunity to visit with mom and family in November, celebrate her 92nd birthday, and celebrate one last Thanksgiving dinner together. My sisters, Linda and Sherry, and I were blessed with a wonderful mom.

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**
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JOHN'S JOKES

A woman called our Airline customer service desk asking if she could bring her dog on board. "Sure," I said, "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog to stand up, sit down, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed. "I'll never be able to teach him all of that by tomorrow," and hung up.

My 90 year old father-in-law is giving a talk at our local library about his World War II experiences. During the question-and-answer period, he was asked, "How did you know when the war was over?" He replied "When they stopped shooting at me."



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our 16th annual Blue Mass was held on January 14th. It was a HUGE success. Big thanks to Tim Keating and Mike Glendon, the Co-Chairs, plus Ron Martorana, who took some great pictures, and all the others who helped out. If you did not attend you can see what the Modesto Bee had to say about it at: <http://www.modbee.com/news/local/article126668784>.

WE NEED YOU HELP! GET INVOLVED!

The Crab Feed, which was originally scheduled for January, has been moved to February 25th. We can always use as many extra hands as we can for this event, our Council's biggest single fund raiser of the year. The cost is \$50 per person or \$400 per table of 8 (complimentary wine and raffle tickets will be provided to those who reserve a table). Please, support this event by: 1) Volunteering to help serve, 2) Sponsoring a table of 8 OR 3) Donating an Auction Item! Call me (209) 601-5039, Tim Keating (209) 765-1480, or Mike Loschke (209) 988-2000 ASAP!

The Lenten Fish Fry Dinners will again, run through Lent, the Fridays in March, the 3rd-31st with a soup

dinner on April 7th. Our Chairmen for these events are: Angel Martinez, Ed Gamboa, Dave Sichak, and Chris Powers. Call these guys to help out! We are still in need of one more chairman. Are you up to it?

UPCOMING

Future Fund Raiser: Save the date: April 29, 2017 for our 2nd Annual "Pasta Feed" to help generate fund for Special Olympics.

PAY YOUR DUES AND UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

Continue the New Year with a re-commitment to the Knights. I will see you at the next Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 7th, 7 PM.

Al Toschi Deputy Grand Knight



LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Brothers,
“Time flies, remember death!” The passing of our brothers is a solemn reminder of our own mortality. I commend you all for living and loving life to the fullest. Remembering to kiss those wives and children, to show them the statement, “I love you” and to live it by your example in your actions. Your service hours your dedication to the mass, the parish, parishioners, the poor, the lonely, the widows and your community.

We are all examples—some of us maybe better than others. A shining great example of a Catholic gentlemen for me was always our first Grand Knight, Herb Saska. I can still hear him deliver his part in the First Degree. The very first time I washed dishes, it was Herb and I trying to wash those big huge pots in what seemed like the bathroom sink in that oooooooold kitchen. Thank you, all parishioners, that donated to the capitol stewardship campaign years ago that helped fund that hall remodel and new kitchen.

I wrote a couple years ago about when I got my job at Mercedes 14 years ago. I would come to the chapel every morning for a year or better in thanksgiving for a few minutes and Herb and Mr Ottobani would be attending daily mass and helping the sacristans. When management at work came in and said, “Tomorrow, we must all wear ties.” I panicked. Though, I had many ties, I hadn't wore one in years. I brought that tie to church with me. Herb and Mr Ottobani taught me how to tie that thing. It was comical, but we got it done. Is that not who we are as Knights? Herb's beautiful relationship with his lovely wife, Dorothy, also was a motivation and how they carried themselves together and seemed inseparable. They together remind me of scripture passage 1st Corinthians 13: 4-8. Open the good book yourself if you desire to know what it says.

I feel honored and privileged to have worked beside Herb Saska, Bob Hibl, Norm Boucher, Danny Velle, George Fattal, Steve Mercer, and so many others including Bev

Fernandes and Jane Cunningham. They were knights also.

I can still see Norm on that first degree team, I can still hear that confirming loud voice of Danny Velle quoting scripture, The smile that would steal your heart from George Fattal when Rick would rib him about his step stool. We still have that reminder in the pantry. Or Steve Mercer telling jokes out back at the old picnic table. Its been a blast knowing all you. Please continue in your greatness.

I often wonder what legacy I will leave behind when I think of my own sons. Will we all be quickly forgotten or live on in the hearts of our brothers?

Which reminds me, we have a meeting every first Tuesday at 7 in Father O'Hare Hall. I sure would like to see Marty Reis, James Towne, Jim Galuppi, James Ortman, Robert and Jeremy Hemsley, John Gorman, Gary Moya. Yeah, i still remember and miss you guys. How about all those new knights and younger knights that have joined us? How's about coming to a meeting. Let's start making our own memories. Continue in your greatness, all of you! I love you and all of your families as well.

**Stephen E Michael,
Lecturer**



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers:

For the repose of the soul of Past Grand Knight, Herb Saska, and for his wife, Dorothy and their family; the repose of the soul of Brother Tom Fitzsimmons and for his wife, Barbara and their family; the repose of the soul of Brother Robert Hibl and for his family; Tomas Mesa: Jim Galuppi; Roy Gordon; Merno Stadler; John Karaz and the repose of the soul of his wife, Eleanor; Douglas Rider and his wife, Kristi; Dave Tachini; Mike Grodt and his recently deceased wife, Vicky; Daniel Hamilton and his wife, Susan; Ron Martorana; Matt Betencourt and his wife Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; the repose of the soul of Dan Dwyer; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Hemsley; and Don Reed.

Prayers are also request for: Marty Reis' mother, Eloise Reis, and his aunt, Lucretia Brant; Lita Selover, wife of Bob Selover; Roger Mittall; Monica Woods; Al Toschi's brother-in-law, Charles; Elizabeth Homan, recently deceased sister of Gary Moya; Robert de Villiers; the Keating family; Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary Kitcher, wife of Keith Kitcher; Mary, the mother of Ed Hough; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

Pray for the Church and the whole world as we begin our anniversary year! Lord, grant us Your blessing 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 me know at (209) 918-2847 or prayers@kofc10644.com

Mike Glendon, PGK



INSURANCE REPORT

Helping Our Families Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – time flies, remember death.

The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death.

But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

That's why the order is excited to introduce the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*.

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is a no-cost tool available from the insurance arm of the order to you.

The thirty-four page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement

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legal documents.

With the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, you can:

- List medical information
- Identify your long-term care instructions and wishes
- Identify the location of records, documents, accounts, password, and other important concerns
- Identify charitable gifts
- Supplement your will with instructions and information on the distribution of your estate, as well as information on guardians, executors, and power of attorney
- Express your wishes for your funeral service, including identifying readings, lectors, gift bearers, pall bearers, and fraternal or military organization involvement
- Prepare a Survivors' Action Items and Concerns listing for the settlement of your estate and the execution of your last wishes
- Establish a list of people to notify
- Record information on life insurance policies and other benefits
- Express your wishes for an obituary
- Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor

The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* may not be the most enjoyable workbook you have ever filled out, but may be the most impactful.

In a fast-paced digital age like ours, there are so many more things to plan for and to record, and so much less time in which to do it. The *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* is an easy and effective way to gather your thoughts, details, data, and wishes for the benefit of your loved ones.

This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families.

As pointed as it may seem, *tempus fugit memento mori* reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when.

So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable?

You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love.

To get a complimentary copy of the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, contact the General Agent Steve Hudec at (559) 840-3295.

NEW MEMBER IN OUR COUNCIL

RICHARD VOLONTE

Richard was born in Maryland at a naval base, but at the age of two weeks moved back to Cottonwood, California, where he grew up in the house that his grandfather built. His father eventually became a teacher in Pleasanton. When he graduated from high school, Richard entered Humboldt State where he studied sports medicine. He eventually worked in management for Louisiana Pacific, but taught himself to drive a truck and did so for a variety of companies, including Safeway, where he worked for 25 years. He worked pouring cement for a few years and poured a lot of the cement for the crosstown freeway in Stockton. He has been married to Joyce, his third wife for 20 years (see below). They have 4 combined children from previous marriages, from which they have 10 grandkids. It was due to Joyce's love, that he eventually converted to the Catholic faith. He always felt called to be a Knight due to friends within the organization, but only recently joined. He encourages all men to speak up for what is right. "Adam should have said, 'No!' but didn't. We can't fall in the trap of not doing or saying what is right."



ON TO OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Many of you already know of this news, but I wanted to make sure that everyone is aware. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the Knights as a Field Agent over the past 2 years. It is a rewarding job, where I get to sit down and talk with different members and their families. I have had the opportunity to talk in depth many new people with whom I would probably never met. I have been able to help with ensuring families are secure financially in the future. I have been able to do all of that at the same as working for the greatest organization around, the Knights of Columbus. We are part of something wonderful, where our the teachings of the Catholic faith are held high, and I had the opportunity to work for that organization.

Working for the Knights is rewarding financially as well, but like in all sales jobs, the income has its highs and its lows. Because I have two sons still in college, those lows have been difficult, especially since I am still learning to leave enough from the highs. I have therefore made the difficult decision to end my time working for the Knights of Columbus. As of the 1st of February, I will be returning to my former way of live, working as an administrator for Migrant Education for Merced County Office of Education, which has programs in Stanislaus, Merced and Madera Counties. I won't be available to help with insurance applications or beneficiary changes, but still have the knowledge to answer questions or give you the number of the General Agent to help with deeper needs. I ask that you pray for me in my new endeavor.

God bless,

Richard Braun

One again, a humble member, but not an agent



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