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KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your new Grand Knight. Thank you for entrusting me with the office, and I truly look forward serving with my fellow officers and with you, my brother Knights.

Please, allow me to spend the first part of this column sharing my feelings for a man who is my close friend and has been my mentor over the last couple of years, a man who has taught me the importance of patience and planning, understanding and charity. I'm talking about our outgoing Grand Knight, Mike Glendon. Mike has been a steadfast leader, and the council has seen great accomplishments under his wise guidance. By the way, Mike is our first GK to "double-down" and hold the office in consecutive years. It was a huge commitment in time, effort, and patience; and Mike showed us all that he was the man for the job. Mike, on behalf of the Officers and Brothers of the council, thank you and God bless you

and Kathy for all your hard work.

I began my Knight Light columns last year, as Deputy Grand Knight, calling on you to participate in as many events as you could. I'm so happy to say that we can look back on virtually every major event we held last year and recall an abundance of Brother Knights working, giving, sharing and having tons of fun. Some favorite snapshots of mine include Rick Dinubilo and Steve Lara running the kitchen crew, Stephen Michael taking the stage, Angel Martinez, Carlos Torres and Dave Sichak sponsoring memorable Lenten Fish Fries, Al Toschi proudly serving our Special Olympians, Don Reed stocking the shelves in the locker, Mike Loschke lording over the Crab Feed, Chris Powers and his children at so many events, and Adrian Pino setting up the hall almost single handedly a



number of times. You, my brothers, are part of this group too and I have enjoyed working with you and your families and look forward to many more years.

Of course, it wasn't all fun and games last year. We lost some brothers and our brother's lost some loved ones: wives and daughters in particular. Please, remember to continue to pray for and comfort them. The officers have begun the work of planning for the coming Columbian year – event calendars, budgets, committee appointments, etc. – so, look for details of all this at the coming meetings. We all find this to be enjoyable and fulfilling and we pray that our efforts will bring about another successful year for our council. Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating
Grand Knight



Next Meeting

Date: 7/5/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to send your family and friends to buy their fireworks at the booth in the parking lot of OSH, across from the parish. Also, bring another Brother Knight with you to the business meeting.

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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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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear defenders of life and of the church,
 God bless you who are the good men and fathers who guide and defend this "family of families," which is our parish!
 We just celebrated Father's Day, and in my homily on Father's Day I spoke about the love of God the Father who gives life and provides for us in a wonderful way. I spoke about something new that I learned about while visiting the Vatican this month with our parish Year of Mercy Pilgrimage. I am so excited about something new I learned about the familiar image of the "Creation of Man" which is painted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican by Michelangelo. We are all very familiar with this image of God the Father, with his long beard, floating in heaven

supported by angels and stretching out his right arm to give life to Adam who is lying on the earth. The fingers of God and Adam are almost touching as life is transmitted to him.

This of course is a beautiful, artistic, portrayal of the way every father gives life to his son. A father is a life giver. He is not quite as close to the child as the mother who bears and breastfeeds the child, but nevertheless the Father does provide life. And of course a father also must provide more than that. A good father does more than just impregnate the mother. He is also "provident" in the sense that he provides for the family. He helps to insure the future of the family.

The interesting new thing that I learned about is famous image is that it shows the future plan that God the Father had in mind for his

child Adam. It reveals the "mind of God" at the moment He created Adam. In fact, the artist Michelangelo painted God the Father floating among a group of angels in the exact shape of a human brain. Renaissance artists were fascinated by human anatomy, and so Michelangelo probably used this shape in order to suggest that he was trying to paint the mind of God. He was trying to show something of what was in the mind of God at the moment when he created Adam. What was the idea of God? What was the plan of God for the future of mankind? What was God thinking when he created man? The answer comes by looking at what God the Father was doing with his left arm and hand.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Your prayers are requested for our Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Dan Dwyer; Mike Glendon; John Gorman and his family; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Hemsley; Ed Hough; the Keating family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Ron Martorana; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Ron Perkins; Don Reed; Herb Saska; Merno Stalder; and Dave Tacchini. Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of our

Brother Monte Bauer and his family. May the Blessed Mother bring peace and comfort to his family during this difficult time.



Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Jackie Riise, mother-in-law of Robert Hemsley; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Eleanor Karaz, wife of John Karaz; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; and Frank Truncali, father of Pino Truncali.

And please for all Christians in the world who are persecuted and hated for their beliefs and that the Lord may grant them the strength and peace to stand firm and profess the truth!

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or mccave@yahoo.com

**John McCave,
PGK**



~ July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Business Meeting, 7 PM, Father O'Hare Hall	6 <i>Memorial of St. Maria Goretti</i>	7	8	9
						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	NOTES: Please, help out Brother Ed Gamboa, the chair of the fireworks booth, as this is one of our biggest individual fundraisers of the year.					

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Michael Webster 07/01
 Marcial Chavous 07/03
 Kenneth Ochinerio 07/03
 Richard Rekart 07/03
 David Racher 07/06
 Ronald Varnell 07/06
 Jason Hoffman 07/10
 Michael Pardina 07/11
 Antonio Valdez 07/11
 Stephen Harker 07/12
 David Malsom 07/13
 David Barnes 07/14
 Tim Benavidez 07/15
 James Towne PGK 07/15
 Ronald Perkins 07/16
 Richard Rodriguez 07/16
 Raymond Chavarria 07/18
 Peter Espinosa 07/18
 Mark Povio 07/18
 Michael Nielsen 07/22
 Tomas Orosco 07/22
 Stephen Michael 07/23
 Richard Schultz Jr 07/24
 Eugene Awuah 07/27
 Steven Junqueiro Jr 07/27
 Paul Williams 07/27
 Roy McKenzie 07/28
 William Frey 07/29
 Rev Chandrasekar 07/31
 Kurt Saalfeld 07/31

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Archuleta 07/01
 Sandy Fitzgerald 07/05
 Anita Racher 07/05
 Charlyn Piper 07/08
 Lori Ramirez 07/10
 Linda Black 07/11
 Melinda Gordon 07/11
 Maria Sally Evans 07/17
 Marietta Kummerle 07/18
 Insa Duke 07/21
 Lela Seefeldt 07/21
 Glafira Villalobos 07/22
 Linda Espinosa 07/26
 Cynthia Matalone 07/30
 Debora McKenzie 07/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Ernie & Lori Ramirez 07/06
 Alonzo & Jeannie Castillo 07/07
 Ted & Cathy Hartman 07/07
 Tom & Lisa Lucas III 07/07
 Thomas & Wendy Morton 07/08
 John & Beth Gorman III 07/09
 Steven & Noemi Junqueiro Jr 07/10
 Tony & Grace DeCaro 07/12
 Henry & Anita Mendoza 07/13
 Pellegrino & Giovanna Truncali 07/19
 Richard & Maria Braun 07/20
 Everett & Karen Hough 07/22
 Steve & Carrie Loschke 07/27
 Gerald & Patricia Moon 07/28
 David & Joan Tacchini 07/30



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The week of June 6 to 10 was a great week, I got to vote in not one, not two, but three elections. No, I did not hop around the city and vote in different places or cast mail-in ballots of others. The Columbian year has come to an end, and we welcome our new slate of elected officers for our council. Some new faces, some familiar ones. New ideas. Traditions live on. The past couple of months, I was back into historical research mode for our council. The council passed a resolution in 1999 to establish the Scholarship Committee. The intent was to make it part of the by-laws. However, I discovered through discussions with the K of C headquarters that it could not become part of the printed by-laws we issue to members when we update them. In fact, there are only a few things we can actually modify. Thus, at the July meeting you will see a new tradition born, a "policy" will be put up for adoption for the Scholarship Committee and will have to be voted upon each year in the future. And thus, memorialized in the meeting minutes. Thanks to Brother Al

Toschi for giving me the info as to the dates and the original document that was read and voted upon. Electronic copies of select meeting minutes from 1999 and the resolution were digitized and now stored in our online cloud storage application.

I have voted ever since I became eligible way back when and make it a point to make sure I do so when the opportunities arise. I kind of look at it that you cannot complain if you do not participate. So, I did vote in the California primary. That same night, I was one of the audience at our council meeting that voted in the new officers. And later that week, attended the San Joaquin Chapter meeting, which also elected new officers.

As time goes by, Brother Knights pass away from our midst. Each of us knows from our personal experiences how trying those times of sorrow can be. An old country gospel song / recitation came to mind as I was writing this. It was first done by Red Foley and later Hank Williams did a version of it in his Luke the Drifter alter ego. The tune was "Steal Away," which was the intro into the recitation known as "The Funeral" and was about a

man who passed by a church holding a funeral for a child and happened to listen to the minister's sermon.

Steal away, steal away

Steal away to Jesus

Steal away, steal away home

I ain't got long to stay here.

And the last two verses from the recitation:

So my poor dejected mourners, let your hearts with Jesus rest

And don't go criticize the One that knows the best.

He's give us many comforts and

He has the right to take away

To the Lord be praised in glory

now and ever let us pray.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0HzNs1oYOVA>

**Financial Secretary,
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BOB'S JOKES

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several times a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go ... hmm ... where is my Bible? When was the last time I opened it?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about

our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. And no dropped calls!

Makes you stop and think' where are my priorities? When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!



Men of God, I love that title! I will say it again, men of God! If you missed the men's conference last month, you really missed out. If you were there, you know what I mean. The emcee was our very own Richard Braun (pronounced "brown" as he corrected me when I interrupted him during one of his introductions. There were seven talks including one each by our very own parishioners, Richard Braun and John Sablan. There was also several talks by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, a booming-voiced, black male with a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame and master's degree of theology from the University of Dallas. He also did the homily for the 5:30 mass that night. If you didn't catch the conference, you may have caught that homily. While I was praying the rosary this Saturday (one week after the conference) before mass, I heard several women discussing in the pews with their husbands about last Saturday's homily, how the speaker was so powerful and brought the Gospel home and called us men on our roles as men of God. How's that for memorable? To remember a homily from the week before, I sometimes forget the gospel reading 1 hr. after mass oops! They also commented how he must have been an evangelical or Baptist convert because of his direct and powerful mannerism. No ladies and gentlemen, he is a cradle Catholic on fire with the Holy Spirit. One of the things that stuck with me, and I enjoyed out of all his talks, is that he referred and recognized us in every other sentence as "Men of God". A title he bestowed on us? Or has God Himself? I feel maybe he just recognized us in this light and each and every one of us should realize that's who we are and accept this recognition humbly. If you missed the conference you not only missed Richard and John's powerful testimonies, but you missed Catholic Deacon Alex Jones. Alex Jones was a protestant pastor that had spent the majority of his life building his congregation and raising his flock, his sheep recognized his voice. In his search for the real presence of the body

LECTURER'S NOTES

blood soul and divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ, he found his way into the Catholic faith and Church and ultimately became a Deacon. What was interesting for me personally about his story was that he was like the rich man who called out to Jesus, "What must I do to inherit the kingdom of God?" We all know the story, "You must sell all that you have, give it to the poor, pick up your cross, and follow me."

He answered that call and gave up his ministry (his life) to face great persecution by his loved ones closest to him and become Catholic. This reminds me of the third sorrowful, mystery the crowning of thorns and the fruit of that mystery: courage. What courage it must have taken to make the decision then to act on it. His testimony I'm sure only scratched the surface of what he went through. But in doing so, he brought 50-55 % of his congregation with him into the Catholic faith. His own family and wife questioned him. Talk about humility! So, what was his cross? The Gospel of Luke reminds me of the one lost sheep. Pastor Alex Jones was separated from 45-50% of his flock. We know how Jesus loves each and every one of us regardless of our sins, I wonder how that felt for him? These, of course, were people he loved and guided, and they did not follow like the rich man: turned and walked away. Why did that touch me personally? Well, it will be two years this December that I lost the friendship of one of my greatest lifetime friends. We have not spoken to each other in so many months. I fear, and I could be wrong, but it may in fact be due to my fanatical love for the Lord Jesus Christ (yes, I am a Jesus freak). It hurts so badly some times. It's hard just to breath. She was just one lost sheep added on to my list. Brother Alex lost 45-50%. How does that feel? Well, from his talk, I believe he is still praying for his list of lost sheep, as I am sure you all have a list that you pray for as I do. I would also bet that he is still an inspiration in their lives, even for the ones who do not know it yet. His courage gives me great hope. I say to you "Holy Trinity! I put my hope

in you. Lord, I believe help my unbelief."

The conference was a refresher course, a reminder of who we are, a retreat from the world. Sometimes in battle, we fight and sometimes we retreat and recharge. The theme of the conference was "be strong and show yourself a man." There was an icon of a lion with its mouth wide open and its teeth bared. That kept reminding of something I recently heard. "The truth is like a lion, you don't have to defend it you just let loose and it defends itself."

Let us go out there, go forward, show ourselves a man, and speak the truth.

As I am writing for July article, it is June 19th, Father's Day, and so far, I am alone. June month was visit the sick month for our works of mercy, and I am reminded of Father Peter, who may in fact be in the last days of his life. I have been praying for a miracle that he may be restored to 100%. Brothers Richard Braun, Tyson, and I visited him a while ago. I said a decade of the rosary and it brought me great joy to see his face once again and to see all the familiar and unfamiliar faces that came to pray.

We are not alone. Men of God, we have each other; this great fraternity called the Knights of Columbus; an incredible parish headed by a holy and honorable pastor, Father Mark and associates, Father Sekar, welcoming Father Leo; and let's not forget Deacon Ken Ochinerro, and Deacon Ernest Ciccareli. God bless each and every one of you and your sheep. Please, pray for me and my sheep, and I will continue to pray for you and yours.

P.S. The Blessed Sacrament chapel calls all not just priest and nuns. An hour a week is all we ask. I LOVE YOU!

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Everyone remembers what he was doing with the right arm and index finger. But we usually do not pay attention to His left arm and fingers. It is very interesting. Surprisingly, his left arm is draped over the shoulders of a beautiful woman! Art scholars and theologians have differing interpretations of who this woman is. Some in fact say that it is an angel like all the other angels surrounding God and that therefore the features only seem to be feminine. But art historians point out that the hairstyle of this personage, which is parted in the middle, was a fashion for women at the time of Michelangelo. The face does seem very feminine and the breasts seem to be those of a pre-pubescent young lady. So it does seem to be a woman. But who is this mysterious woman? Why would God be portrayed as having his arm around a woman at the moment of creation?

One possible explanation is that this woman is the "Divine Wisdom" which is spoken of in the Old Testament (Cf. Proverbs 8 and Sirach 24). When God created the world he was helped by "Wisdom"

who is spoken of as a woman. But another possibility is that Michelangelo was depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary herself! Of course Mary did not yet exist at the time of the creation of Adam. But St. Maximilian Kolbe says that before creation God already had in mind a perfect creature who would be the Immaculate Conception. This explanation becomes more plausible when you look at what God the Father is doing with the fingers of his left hand. He is touching a boy in a particular way. Could this boy be the Son of God? In a strange gesture he is using the thumb and forefinger, which are the two fingers that a priest uses to hold the Sacred Host, the Body of Christ, when he offers the Sacrifice of the Mass. This seems to be showing that God the Father was already showing that he is willing to offer his Son in sacrifice to redeem the children of Adam! In this masterpiece we have a cut-away view of the thoughts in the mind of God. While he was creating Adam he already had a plan in mind to save us by sending his

Son born of the Virgin Mary. Adam would sin, and so God would have to send this son as the New Adam born of Mary who is the New Eve (a common theme in early Christian writings). With one hand he is fingering his Divine Son, and with the other he is giving life to the human who would be given the dignity of also being a son of God and a son of Mary.

Even though God the Father is transcendent and floating in space, he nevertheless has a marvelous plan in mind for us his earthly children. This is the loving plan of our heavenly Father! Many of you Knights of Columbus are fathers. Congratulations! You should try to be like God the Father by being close to the children whom you have formed, and by having a loving plan in mind for them!

Sincerely,

**Father
Mark Wagner
Chaplain and Pastor
St. Joseph's
Catholic Church**



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Columbian New Year, that is. It will be an honor to serve as your Deputy Grand Knight for this New Year, and I look forward to assisting our Grand Knight, Tim Keating, along with our other new officers. I, once again, anticipate an exciting, eventful year. It will be an honor for me to serve. Like in every new year, we look forward with resolution to do better this year than last and to improve on at least one thing during the upcoming year. (How is that diet of 2016 going, anyway?). Do not just sit back and let "others" do all of the work of this great Council. GET INVOLVED! Here are a few things that you can jump on board with to become a contributing brother and to work side by side with those brothers who have been carrying this council over the past years: We start this Columbian year with the fireworks booth that our Recorder, Ed Gamboa, has spearheaded for several years now. He works long hard hours behind the scenes making this one of our most lucrative events of the year. Will you offer

to help him? Lord knows that he can use the help. In October, we, once again have our Tootsie Roll Drive, which directly benefits the mentally disabled children and adults in our local community. Get involved, to help the disadvantaged. Get in touch with our Chancellor, Larry Kjellberg and ask how you can assist.

We still have openings in the First Degree Team. Some parts are quite simple, other parts require a bit of memorization. When all are put together, I think you all know that this is a very inspirational exemplification. Will you be part of this team? Ask Tim Keating or myself how you can help out.

In order to stay up to speed with your Council's activities, get familiar with the website

<http://www.kofc10644.com> that our brother, Richard Braun works hard on to keep us all informed.

If you do not receive this newsletter by mail, make sure that we have your current address correct. If you do not get this newsletter by e-mail, make sure that we have your current e-mail address correct. Bob Shannon works hard to get this

award winning newsletter out to all brothers, so help him with this task by, at least, updating your contact info. If you are not receiving robo-calls or personal (phone tree) calls, make sure that we have your current phone number. In order for this council to be great, communication is imperative. Please, check with our Financial Secretary, Dave Sichak to update your contact information.

Happy New Year! Will you be a bystander brother or will you make a New Year's resolution to help keep this council great by getting involved?

Al Toschi

Deputy Grand Knight



MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Our Guarantees Set Us Apart

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantees. As long as you pay your premiums, the policy proceeds will be there for your beneficiaries should something happen to you. That's peace of mind, and that's what we offer with every product in our portfolio.

We guarantee the cash value in your whole life policies will be there. We guarantee the rates on your term insurance.

We guarantee our retirement products will provide a stream of income when you need it.

On top of those product guarantees, I guarantee that I will offer professional, high-quality service that you would expect from our organization. Our Order is among the highest rated life

insurers in North America. AM Best has rated the Knights of Columbus "A++, Superior" for 39 consecutive years. It's a testament to our track record for excellence and security. In addition, we have been named one of the 100 most ethical companies three years in a row!



I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney by providing life insurance by brother Knights for brother Knights. That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus, and our core values permeate all levels of our organization. We pledge to serve our brother

Knights, and their families, according to our Golden Rule: "In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself." Let's talk soon to discuss how our products can bring that peace of mind to you and your family.

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