



## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As you know a On Happy New (Columbian) Year! I start this year with great excitement and anxiousness. Excitement because I am extremely honored that you have elected me to be this year's Grand Knight. I thank you all for that honor, and along with that, I accept the responsibilities associated with the position and I will do my best to fulfill all of the duties of this office. Anxiousness because I know that any great organization, such as this Council, is not great because of its great officers. We are merely figureheads and "points of contact." This Council is great because of its hard working members—you. After 23 years of being a Knight, 20+ years of which have been at St. Joe's, I have seen this Council grow from about 40 guys into what it is today, one of the best Councils, if not THE best Council

in the State. I am anxious, because my goal as Grand Knight is to "fill those big shoes that went before me" and to make this Columbian year one of the best for 10644. I know that this cannot be accomplished without every one of you, brothers, helping out and supporting me and your other officers. So, not if, but when you are asked to step-up and help out, please realize, that it is not for me, a figurehead, but for the continuing betterment and growth of this great Council. The men who started this Council, 26 years ago, and all of those Brother Knights who have gone before, knew how to enjoy the charitable works and comradery that this Council provides. I ask that you support me in keeping that spirit alive. So, let's keep the spirit alive and make this one of the best Columbian years ever for our Council 10644! And, don't forget, this month's normal meet-

ing date would fall on the 4th, so, we will meet, instead, on Tuesday, the 11th in the hall at 7 PM. We will have a very short meeting and then have the installation of new officers and a "Kick Out" of the old. A light dinner and drinks will be provided, and you are encouraged to bring your wives for a short social.

Vivat Jesus!

### Al Toschi, Grand Knight




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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on July 11 along with the Installation of Officers and Scholarship Dinner at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend.

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Fireworks booth
2 Fireworks booth	3 Fireworks booth	4 Fireworks booth 	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 6 PM Business Meeting/ Installation of Officers/ Scholarship Dinner	12	13	14 Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Council 5:45 PM	15 8 AM Central California Catholic Men's Conference
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Michael Webster 7/1  
 Marcial Chavous 7/3  
 Deacon Kenneth Ochinerio 7/3  
 Richard Rekart 7/3  
 David Racher 7/6  
 Ronald Varnell 7/6  
 Jason Hoffman 7/10  
 David Villanueva 7/10  
 Michael Pardina 7/11  
 Antonio Valdez 7/11  
 Stephen Harker 7/12  
 David Malsom 7/13  
 David Barnes 7/14  
 Tim Benavidez 7/15  
 James Towne PGK 7/15  
 Ronald Perkins 7/16  
 Richard Rodriguez 7/16  
 Raymond Chavarria 7/18  
 Peter Espinosa 7/18  
 Mark Povio 7/18  
 Elpidio Mariano 7/22  
 Michael Nielsen 7/22  
 Tomas Orosco 7/22  
 Stephen Michael 7/23  
 Richard Schultz Jr 7/24  
 Eugene Awuah 7/27  
 Steven Junqueiro Jr 7/27  
 Paul Williams 7/27  
 Roy McKenzie 7/28  
 William Frey 7/29  
 Rev. Chandrasekar 7/31  
 Kurt Saalfeld 7/31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Kristin Archuleta 7/1  
 Sandy Fitzgerald 7/5  
 Anita Racher 7/5  
 Charlyn Piper 7/8  
 Lori Ramirez 7/10  
 Linda Black 7/11  
 Melinda Gordon 7/11  
 Maria Sally Evans 7/17  
 Marietta Kummerle 7/18  
 Insa Duke 7/21  
 Lela Seefeldt 7/21  
 Glafira Villalobos 7/22  
 Linda Espinosa 7/26  
 Cynthia Matalone 7/30  
 Debora McKenzie 7/30

### Anniversaries

Ernie & Lori Ramirez 7/6  
 Alonzo & Jeannie Castillo 7/7  
 Ted & Cathy Hartman 7/7  
 Tom & Lisa Lucas III 7/7  
 Thomas & Wendy Morton 7/8  
 John & Beth Gorman III 7/9  
 Steven & Noemi Junqueiro 7/10  
 Tony & Grace DeCaro 7/12  
 Henry & Anita Mendoza 7/13  
 Pellegrino & Giovanna Truncali 7/19  
 Richard Braun & Maria Delgado-Braun 7/20  
 Everett & Karen Hough 7/22  
 Steve & Carrie Loschke 7/27  
 Gerald & Patricia Moon 7/28  
 David & Joan Tacchini 7/30



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

As I write this, it is day 1 of a week long period of temperatures over 100 degrees. Iced tea consumption will probably rise a bit during this time.

Traditions lost? When I first joined our council a few years ago, members were asked to bring canned goods and other foods for donation to St. Vincent de Paul to the monthly meetings. **Why** have we stopped this worthy effort?

Next time you look in the mirror, why not ask yourself a question? **When** will I find the time to help in one of our council's events? Will it be the fireworks booth? Will it be the Parish Festival in September? The Tootsie Roll Drive? Even if you find time for only one event — your reward will be getting to know your fellow Brothers and strengthening the bonds within our council.

**Where** did the year go? Just like that another Columbian year is just about done and we will install a new slate of officers at our Kick-Out dinner/meeting on July 11. **Where** will that be? Hope to see you at Fr. O'Hare Hall. The phrase, "Tempus Fugit," comes to mind.

**Who** are our Brother Knights? I have been Financial Secretary for a spell now and I feel like I'm getting to be able to put names to the faces. But wait, our parish is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and publishing a photo directory! What better way — have you signed up to get your picture taken? I picked up our portrait picture this week.

**What** a month in June! I had fun with other Knights helping prepare the home of one Knight's family for the arrival of their new born. The day after, my wife and I attended the baptism of our first grandchild along with 8 other families. We celebrated seeing (on TV) our local team win the basketball championship. We enjoyed some cool weather in San Francisco, but alas, the Giants did not win that day.

## 25 Years Ago at Council #10644

**June 1992** — Elections were held and the newly elected officers were:

Grand Knight – Norm Boucher

Dep Grand Knight – Jose Rodriguez

Chancellor – Tim Keating

Warden – Pat Laubacher

Recorder – Don Dedini

Treasurer – Brian Dumas

Advocate – John Gorman

Inside Guard – Al Stent

Outside Guard – Gary Humphreys

Lecturer – Doug Keller

Trustee 3 Yr – Herb Saska

Trustee 2 Yr – Julian Ortiz

Trustee 1 Yr – Tony Scionti

Financial Secretary – Kenneth Stedtfeld Sr. – approved by Supreme Council

**July 1992** — Activities for year approved and included: Pancake Breakfast, 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for St. Joseph's, Columbus Day Dinner / Dance, Christmas Party, Casino Night, Council Retreat (3days), Family picnic, etc. (No Fish Fry events yet.) ... Budget was approved – (by contrast, revenue and expenses were about 5% of what they are in 2016-2017.) ... Documentation of council procedures were drafted; Warden Pat Laubacher was to fine members \$1.00 for violations of those procedures.

**August 1992** — Brother Doug Keller was named Knight of the Year. ... FinSec Ken Stedtfeld reported the council had 61 members. (By contrast, we now have over 300 members.) ... Brother Jose Rodriguez was planning a Knights only retreat for February 1993 which would be in Copperopolis. ... Brother Richard Williamsen volunteered to chair Tootsie Roll Drive.

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# FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights, I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for doing the hard work of “manning” the Fireworks Booth in the Orchard Supply parking lot. With the extreme summer heat it seems that this would be a difficult and perhaps even dangerous task! But the Knights of Columbus always seem to be ready to make sacrifices and do what must be done! I very much appreciate this effort which will raise money for the new St. Joseph's Parish scouting programs “Trail Life Boys” and “American Heritage Girls”. I look forward to participating in the family-friendly outings of these new parish-based scouting programs.



This year I never tire of proclaiming that it is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. This month we can remember that when Mary

appeared on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 1917, she showed the three shepherd children a vision of hell. She asked the children to make sacrifices in order to save the souls of sinners. Immediately the children began to undertake bodily sacrifices. They gave away their lunches to their sheep or to the poor. They went without drinking on hot summer days. They would strike their ankles with prickly nettles. They found an old rope and cut it into three pieces which they wore around their waists close to their skin as penance. In the August apparition Mary told the children that God was pleased with their sacrifices but she told Jacinta to wear the rope only during the day since it was preventing her from being able to sleep at night. These children were truly convinced that it was urgent that they make these heroic sacrifices for the sake of the poor sinners. Perhaps our Knights will remember this when they must endure the heat and the discomfort of working in the fireworks booth!

As I have studied the apparitions of Fatima, I have discovered a very interesting detail. Once some people were speaking to Lucia about the apparitions and

a lady in the crowd accused Lucia of lying to them. She said: “You lied to us. You said that Mary did not tell us to pray for sinners.” After a moment of thought Lucia responded that she did not lie. She reaffirmed what she had said: “Mary did not tell us to pray for sinners. She told us to pray for peace. And she told us to MAKE SACRIFICES for sinners.”

This is very interesting. Mary told the children several times to “continue to recite the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world and the end of the war.” She told them to “make sacrifices for sinners.”

This detail makes me think of a true story that I heard on EWTN Catholic Radio. A man said that he was frustrated because he was constantly nagging his daughter to dress more modestly, but she never listened. Then he decided that he would stop nagging and that instead he would secretly do some fasting for her. He renounced certain foods and skipped some meals. A few months later he was amazed when she came up to him of her own accord and said: “You know, Dad, I have been thinking about what you said and you're right. I'm going to start dressing

# JOHN'S JOKES

For this month's joke, I'm borrowing one from Father Larry. If you heard it at Mass, I'm sure you'll agree that I tell it better (just kidding Father Larry!). Mary Jones had a young son, Larry (her first child), who was preparing to go to his first day of school. Larry was rather independent; and he did not want his mother to walk him to school, because he did not want to be embarrassed in front of his new friends. They argued about this, but Mary finally agreed. Mary secretly went to her neighbor, Julia Goodness, and explained her concerns about letting Larry walk to school on his own. Julia agreed to follow Larry had a distance to make certain that he made it to school safely.

The next morning, as Larry walked to school, he met up with Sally his young neighbor; and they began to walk together to school. Julia and her young daughter, Mercy, were following at a short distance.

Sally noticed them and mentioned to Larry that they were being followed.

Larry said, “Yes, I'm going to have to get used to that.”

Sally asked, “Why do you have to get used to it?”

Larry replied, “Well, every night my mom and I say prayers and they always end with her saying may Goodness and Mercy follow me all the days of my life.”

*And for those who heard that one already:*

A child asked his father, “How were people born?”

So his father said, “God made Adam and Eve, and they had babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.”

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, “We were monkeys, then we evolved to become like we are now.”

So his father said, “God made Adam and Eve, and they had babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on.”

The child ran back to his father and said, “You lied to me!”

His father replied, “No, your mom was talking about her side of the family.”

# FATHER MARK CONTINUED

more modestly.” This story confirms that although prayer is important, it is perhaps bodily penance that really helps to convert sinners. Prayer is sometimes easier for us than doing physical penance. Perhaps we have grown soft in our modern age and we need to understand the secret of the cross and of suffering which Jesus himself used to save sinners. Recall that the devil told God that Job would not be able to endure physical suffering: “Skin for skin! All that a man has he will give for his life. But put forth your hand and touch his bone and his flesh. Then surely he will curse you to your face.” When suffering touches our very flesh, it really hits home and has a great impact on us. It makes us more effective like Christ Crucified who saved sinners by his suffering.

Here is the description by Lucia herself of what happened during the apparition of July 13, 1917: “A few moments after arriving at the Cova da Iria, near the Holm oak, where a large number of people were praying the Rosary, we saw the flash of light once more, and a moment later Our Lady appeared on the Holm oak. Mary said: “I want you to come back here on the thirteenth of next month. Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, to obtain the peace of the world and the end of the war, because only she can obtain it.... **Make sacrifices for sinners, and say often, especially while making a sacrifice: O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for offences committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**” As Our Lady spoke these

words she opened her hands once more, as had during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now following back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (it must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me do). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly: **“You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. It is to save them that God wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls will be saved, and there will be peace.** If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed...But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Rus-

sia will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world”.

“Do you want to learn a prayer?” the vision asked, “Yes we do!” the children responded.

“When you recite the Rosary, say at the end of each decade: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy.”

**Father Mark Wagner  
Chaplain and Pastor  
St. Joseph’s**



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers:

Tomas Mesta, Jim Galuppi, David Perez, Roy Gordon, Merno Stalder, John Karan, Dave Tachini, Fred Ibarra, Tony Lee, David Malcom, Michael Staud, Dick Elson, Steven Harper, Jeremy Hensley, Don Reed, Gary Humphreys, and for me, as I continue to deal with cancer treatments and other complications.

Prayers are also requested for the families of the following Brothers: Doug Rider; Daniel Hamilton; Leonard Churilla; John Gorman; Mike Miranda; Al Toschi; Alfonso Chavez; Gary Moya; Chris Powers; Frank Holmes; Ed Hough; Ana de Villiers, wife of deceased brother Roberto Gutierrez; Craig Trevelyan, brother-in-law to Dave Wharton; Teresa Davis, wife of former District Deputy Eugene Davis Jr.; the wife of former District Deputy, Dave Roberts; Bob Selover's wife, Lita; Marty Reis' mother, Elsie, aunt, Lucretia Brant, and brother-in-law, Jim and finally for the repose of the soul of Christopher Bengochea's mother-in-law, Raquel Rubalcava.

Brothers, please be aware, for your prayers to be included to our list you must email me or phone me no later than the 14th of the

month, as I need to get the information to the editor of this newsletter on time for it to be published.

Please continue to pray for our priests, our parish and the whole world as we continue in our 50th 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](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com).

**Mike Glendon,  
PGK**



# INSURANCE REPORT

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