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# KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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St. Joseph's Council #10644, Division 5

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

This will be my final newsletter article to all you Brothers, as my tenure comes to a conclusion at the end of June. The feeling is bittersweet, but there is still joy in my heart knowing the succession of chairs behind me is more than capable of carrying on our traditions and ceremonials. I have been blessed with great people surrounding me to help transition through thick and thin this last year. I hold myself accountable for the cancellation of several long standing events and hope, with some of the newer gentlemen who have joined our ranks, they will step up and rejuvenate the Council.

Our Council has been aging for several years now and needs to involve the new Brothers in all activities. I would like to think when you join the Knights, you do so knowing that the principle of our 1<sup>st</sup> degree is charity, and this is why you come into the fold. The events we hold help the community at St. Joseph's and the greater surrounding community as well.

During the upcoming Columbian Year, I hope to be back in a more relaxed position behind the scenes in the kitchen. I would love to see some new faces, so we can pass along procedures and maybe get some new ideas to keep our long

standing popular dinner events relevant to a younger crowd. This year with word of mouth and a new sign Brother Al Tocshi placed in front of the church brought in a new group of non-parishioners, who really enjoyed our traditional fish fry dinners during the Lenten season. I will not be attending what would have been my last meeting, as I'm helping my son and daughter-in-law move out of state. This meeting will be conducted by our candidate for Grand Knight, Tim Keating. This meeting will be important to attend as a few positions on the roster might require a vote. There was a motion tabled from two months ago to set aside up to \$5,000 for a retreat for long-term planning for our Council. We have since been offered facilities, which will greatly decrease the amount needed, but the motion still needs to be voted on. Also, there was a motion made at the last business meeting to donate \$5,000 to help fund a badly needed oven for our parish kitchen. This will also be voted on at the meeting. For those of you newer Knights, any time that we spend/donate over \$500, a motion has to come up our monthly meeting and be published in order to be voted on



at a subsequent meeting. This month also marks our council's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I'm sure that, besides the installation of new officers and kicking out the old, we can integrate a celebration and help get some of our founding Brothers to join us. Scholarships will also be distributed at these events. I will announce my pick for Knight of the Year at this event as well.

I pass along the gavel to our new Grand Knight with the knowledge that we will be in good hands, both financially and in leadership. He will have good people surrounding him, and I see nothing but success in the future years of our council.

Remember: get involved, get to know your Brothers and always reach out when in need! That is what the Knights are all about! Please, remember to pray for Christians persecuted throughout the world and as always keep our priest in your prayers.

Vivat Jesus!

God bless you and your families,

**Mike Glendon**  
**Grand Knight**

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### Next Meeting

Date: 6/7/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight.  
Don't forget the Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this month.

**Knight Light Editor:** Richard Braun

Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space availability.

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Dear Brother Knights,  
 With the month of June comes summertime, vacation time, and barbeque time! But as Catholic men I hope that it is also a time to grow in the love of God. The hot weather and the hot barbeque can remind us of the warmth of God's love which we should share with our families and our society. This is the Year of Mercy and it is the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is time for our hearts to catch on fire with love for God and neighbor! I hope all of you will be able to attend our Central Valley Men's Conference on June 11 which will help us to stir the smoldering faith in our hearts into flame!

Our Central Valley Men's Conference the men will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession from the hall into the church where Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers will preach at the 5:30PM Saturday evening Mass. The Gospel reading will be one of the most famous parables of Jesus about mercy: the parable of the two creditors (Luke 7:36-50). It is a very short parable but it is very meaningful, especially in this Year of Mercy. In the Gospel Jesus is dining in the home of

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

a Pharisee when a sinful woman from that city enters and washes his feet. The Pharisee disapproves of this, thinking that if Jesus were a prophet he would know what kind of woman she was. And so Jesus tells the parable of two debtors: "Two people were in debt to a certain creditor; one owed five hundred day's wages and the other owed fifty.

Since they were unable to repay the debt, he forgave it for both." Then Jesus asked the Pharisee: "Which of them will love him more?" Simon said in reply, "The one, I suppose, whose larger debt was forgiven." Jesus then proceeds to explain to Simon that the sinful woman showed him more love because she had been forgiven a greater debt of sin. He said to Simon: "Do you see this woman? When I entered your house, you did not give me water for my feet, but she has bathed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she has not ceased kissing my feet since the time I entered. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she anointed my feet with ointment. So I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven because she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little."

This is a wonderful parable about mercy because BOTH debtors were forgiven. God forgives everyone who asks, whether their debts are large or small. This parable should give hope to those who have been great sinners. A great sinner will love God more because he has been forgiven more! It is those who are not big sinners who should worry because their love might be too small! Gentlemen, let us all be grateful for the free gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us not fail to give Jesus what he wants. He wants love. He is thirsting for the water of our love. He asks us for the kiss which is our prayer. And he wants the oil which is our friendship with him!  
 Sincerely,

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



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for 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; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Ron Perkins; Don Reed; Herb Saska; Merno Stalder; and Dave Tacchini.

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.

Pray also for our Council, as we celebrate 25 years of serving our God, our parish, and our community. May the Lord continue to work through all our Brothers for the benefit of His Kingdom! If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or [mccave@yahoo.com](mailto:mccave@yahoo.com)

**John McCave,  
 PGK**



~ June 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 <b>Officers' Meeting</b> 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	7 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	8	9	10	11 <b>Central California Catholic Men's Conference</b> O'Hare Hall
12	13 <i>Anniversary of Founding of our Council in 1991</i>	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Fathers' Day</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul</i>	30	<b>Notes:</b>	

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Anthony Lee 6/1  
 Robert Wildt 6/1  
 Douglas Rider 6/2  
 Dennis Murphy 6/3  
 Jonathan White 6/5  
 Daniel Dwyer 6/7  
 Salvador Becerra 6/9  
 Lovinio Casiano 6/11  
 Merno Stalder Jr. 6/11  
 Joel Svendsen 6/11  
 William Black 6/12  
 Vince Galas 6/13  
 John McCave PGK 6/15  
 Daniel Mejia 6/17  
 Amado Valencia Jr 6/17  
 Neil Corbeil 6/18  
 Daniel Nieto 6/18  
 Galen Wildeman 6/20  
 Nicholas Reggiani 6/21  
 Michael Loschke 6/23  
 Warner Norleen 6/23  
 David L. Piper 6/24  
 Michael Karsner 6/25  
 Jose Nunez 6/26  
 Michael Perine 6/29  
 Richard Dwyer 6/30

### LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Gigi Pongase 6/1  
 Judy Tuss 6/1  
 Joan Tacchini 6/5  
 Margaret Mayoral 6/6  
 Judy Murphy 6/9  
 Janet Baker 6/16  
 Rita Humphreys 6/17  
 Trina Malsom 6/17  
 Rosemary Torres 6/19  
 Lisa Gonzales 6/20  
 Karen Henriquez 6/22  
 Aninya Lamanet 6/24  
 Michelle Frey 6/27  
 Maria Evena Cristerna 6/30  
 Nicole Miranda 6/30  
 Priscilla Pino 6/30



### ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony & Tamara Butera 6/1  
 Anthony & Wilma Lee 6/2  
 Brandon & Kathleen Harker 6/4  
 Mel & Lucy Mattos PGK 6/5  
 Pat & Kim Ringer 6/9  
 Donald & Marilyn Hancock 6/11  
 Dave & Christi Wharton 6/12  
 Kent & Mary Marlett 6/13  
 Reuben & Teresa Peterson 6/14  
 Jerome & Kristin Thiele 6/14  
 Michael & Nicole Miranda 6/15  
 Robert & Lita Selover 6/15  
 Robert & Mona Wildt 6/15  
 Robert & Andrea Hemsley 6/18  
 David & Anita Racher 6/19  
 Ralph & Cheryl Driggs 6/20  
 Ronald & Rose Lamont 6/20  
 Don & Marti Reed 6/21  
 Michael & Kathleen Glendon 6/22  
 Ruben & Maricela Sanchez 6/22  
 Roy & Melinda Gordon 6/23  
 Roger & Rosalinda Farias 6/24  
 Raul & Soledad Raya 6/26  
 Michael & Piedy. Callahan 6/27  
 Jason & Brownwyn Jackson 6/27  
 Derrick & Joanne Serpa 6/27  
 Raphell & Susan Taylor 6/28  
 Richard & Pam Dinubilo 6/30

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

On June 13, get together with a Brother Knight, with your loved one, or even if just yourself. Get out a glass of your favorite beverage and raise a toast. It's the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our council!

Yes, we had 31 members sign the Charter for our Council, and 11 were the first signatories on our constitutional roll. It's our 25<sup>th</sup>! Celebrate!

The topic of disability waiver has come up recently. There may be some of you that are behind in dues or unable to pay your dues because of a disability. The good news is that the Knights have a way to take that financial burden off of you (and our Council as well, since we continue to have to pay "taxes" for you). We have a form that requires the member to declare they

have a disability, as well as provide proof of some sort as outlined in the form. Send it back to me with your evidence, and I can forward it on to the Supreme Council. This will keep you as a member and waive your dues obligation for however long your disability lasts. If this sounds like you, contact me.

You get a short one from me this month due to a tendinitis flare-up in my right (write) wrist. Next month, I'll fill up the space a bit more.

**Financial Secretary,  
Dave Sichak**

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### List of Candidates for the upcoming Columbian Year

The following lists was put together by the nominating committee for the 2016-17 Columbian Year.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the June Business Meeting.

Grand Knight – Tim Keating  
Deputy Grand Knight –

Al Toschi

Chancellor – Larry Kjellberg

Recorder – Ed Gamboa

Treasurer – Cliff Judd

Advocate – Rick Dinubilo

Warden – Angel Martinez

Inside Guard – Doug Rider

Outside Guards –

Steven Tubbs

Charles Cunningham

3 Year Trustee –

Mike Glendon

### ***Dad Jokes***

#### *No Such Thing As A Free Yacht*

A salesman talked my uncle into buying 10,000 personalized pens for his business with the promise that he would be eligible to win a 32-foot yacht. A born gambler, my uncle agreed. Well, he won, and a few weeks after the pens arrived, his prize showed up: a 12-inch plastic yacht with 32 plastic feet glued to the bottom.

### **JOHN'S JOKES**

#### *Dad Weighs In*

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. "Ha! That's not going to help," she said. "Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers"

#### *My Sword of Employer*

The black lacquer stand holding his prized samurai swords was dusty, so my husband left our cleaning lady a note, reading, "Check out my swords." That evening, he found the stand just as dirty as before but with this appended to his note: "Nice swords."

Fellow Knights,

Welcome to June! I want to apologize in advance. I like to accent on the positive, but there is a topic I've been inspired through prayer to write about, and that topic is "Confusion." No, not confession, but confusion! The interesting thing is I turned on Catholic radio for the first time in months the other day instead of the Protestant Christian radio stations I also listen to.

Mother Miriam was answering emails in a very loving way. She stated, "Beloved, I have just read several emails, and all I can say is that a lot of you seem to be very confused about your Catholic faith."

I was blown away, because I have been pondering this for some time, and she was addressing it on the radio. How simplistic the truth is, and how confused the world is and has become. The emails were from concerned listeners. Their questions were exactly what I have heard from non-Christian and Christian alike, and even some Catholic Christians. First off, I do not believe confusion comes from God, but rather that other fella, whom I choose not to even name. As I was contemplating this, here comes the second reading this last Pentecost Sunday, Genesis 11:1-9, the story of the tower of Babylon. Not to get off track, but contemplate what the sacred writer meant by "let us go down there."

Who is he talking about when he says "Let us go down there,"? Father Francis quickly pointed out though God originally confused language, making it hard for us to understand each other, He restored understanding on Pentecost Sunday, as it is written in the Acts of the Apostles. God was concerned that the people building the tower would soon be become an "anything-goes" people or society if left on their own, so He came down to redirect. On that Pentecost Sunday, they were redirected and united. Beloved brothers, do we now live in that "anything-goes" society now? I'm sure I am not the only one feeling the strain and pain of current society.

I grew up a child of the 1960's and lived through the real civil rights movement, the women's rights movement, the movement against the war in Vietnam, and something

## LECTURER'S NOTES

they called the "sexual revolution." The civil rights movement was an easy one to understand. Even as a child, in my misunderstanding of it, I could understand because of the incredible hardship that was suffered under our own country's hand. This was truly of biblical proportions.

I didn't understand the women's rights movement, because I was a child and not a woman. I recently forced myself to watch a documentary on the women's rights movement. I say "forced myself" only, because I knew there would be some extreme opinions that would challenge and offend me.

Both the civil rights movement and the woman's rights movement brought some needed awareness and change.

The fact is that in many ways, women were treated as second class citizens here in our beloved United States.

Again, some of the changes made were necessary and some have been a direct attack on family, faith and mankind.

The common ground between these movements were they all had grass roots in our universities. I watched a short film at our men's ministry where a 43 year-old, white, blonde-haired male interviewed random students on a college campus in Washington State. His first question was, "What if I said I was a Chinese man?" Answers ranged from, "Well, you are obviously not a Chinese man, but if that is your reality and as long as you are not hurting anyone, I should accept that," to "That is fine if that's your reality!" The next question was "What if I said I am a 9 year old Chinese girl?" The responses to me were similar and seemed very confusing. If our educated college students are not questioning this, who is? You may say, "Well, my kids are grown. There is nothing that I can do." How about your grandchildren? The "no-gender" designation policy starting with our school districts has been a strong topic this last week everywhere I go. Some of the responses to it have been expected and some have shocked me. One college professor I spoke to was unaware of the recent change in policy. The statement I received in reply was "Oh, my child is in day care and they all use the same bathroom, but there too little to know the difference." Followed by, "Well, I won't

have to wait for long lines when out dining!"

I am on a Catholic dating site where there are seven faith questions. I am always searching for those answering yes to all. When I look at the ones that answer yes to most, their disagreement is 95% of the time contraceptive and premarital sex. Some answer yes to all, one even a deacon's daughter, but then when asked about mass attendance they state, "Rarely."

I asked a fellow parishioner if they wanted to do the Walk for Life with their children and me. The reply was, "That's one thing I don't believe in!" What?

I attended mass last Saturday and Sunday. Some people kneel immediately after communion. Some stand until the priest puts the body of Christ away in the tabernacle.

Some that were standing immediately sit, some kneel. Some hold hands while praying the Our Father, something I use to enjoy with my family until several years ago when we were directed by our Bishop otherwise. 50% did something the same at both masses: they left after the Eucharist. Some elderly, some handicapped, many young did so. Very few actually stay after the mass and kneel and pray in thanksgiving.

Brothers, we all need to find a way to not be confused and to help stop the confusion going on around us. Let's pray and learn about our faith, so we can be like "leaven" to the society around us.

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## CHANCELLOR'S CHALLENGES

Well, Brothers, as the Columbian year winds down, I am looking back at the last 11 months. What Challenges we took on and what we still need to accomplish over the next month!

**First Degree Team**...We still have a need for **backup Warden** and **Financial Secretary**.

These parts do not have a lot of lines to memorize, so who will be

next to accept this challenge and step up for these (**back-up**) parts? **Will you?** Please, call Tim Keating or me to volunteer.



### **Phone and e mail List**

**2016:** For the last few months, we Officers have been going over the Council roster, continuing to work on keeping it current. **We need your**

**help!** If you are not receiving emails or phone calls from us, or if your phone number and/or email has changed recently, please get us your most current information, so that we can be in contact with you.

**Al Toschi,**  
**Chancellor**

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Back in December I wrote about a Supreme Court case involving the Little Sisters of the Poor and their fight against the Obama Administration who has been attempting to force the Sisters to provide health care coverage that included birth-control and abortion inducing drugs. I asked you to pray for a good outcome in their case. I'm happy to report that your prayers were answered. On May 16th, the Supreme Court unanimously overturned a lower court ruling against the Little Sisters of the Poor, ruling that the government couldn't fine the Order for failing to comply with the federal birth-control mandate. The Supreme Court also ruled that the lower courts should help the government choose an alternative means of delivering the mandated services — one that doesn't require the Sister's participation or the use of our plan. Thought the Supreme Court has been divided on many issues lately, this decision was unanimous and was an outright repudiation of President Obama's assertion that he could force religious

institutions to bend to his twisted will in violation of their own religious beliefs. The effect of the ruling, technically, was that the Supreme Court ruled that lower courts, which had already ruled against the Sisters, should now find ways to provide birth-control services in a manner that respects the Order's beliefs. The courts and the Obama administration always had the ability to do this but decided instead to take a cynical stand against religious liberty. They lost this round.



In response to the ruling Mother Loraine Marie Maguire, mother provincial for the Little Sisters of the Poor, said, "We trust in God and depend on the goodwill of others. We had faith that God would provide for us throughout this court case as he has in every other aspect of our lives. We also saw from the beginning that there were obvious solutions to our case that not only made a unanimous

decision possible, but likely."

We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mother Maguire and the Little Sisters of the Poor for their brave stand for their faith and against the forces opposed to organized religion. Do doubt there will be more battles to come.

Sincerely yours,

**Tim Keating**

**Deputy Grand Knight**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

### **The Value of Life Insurance for Children**

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child? I know, thinking about life insurance for your children seems like the last thing you want to think about, but there are good reasons to do so.

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability. Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.

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### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE**

The first Central California Catholic Men's Conference is coming up VERY soon, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June. Thanks to the efforts of our Chaplain and Pastor, Father Mark, the conference will be held at St. Joseph's. The day will be filled with six engaging talks geared to helping us to become the men God calls us to be instead of the guys society pushes us to be. Members of our Council, along with some other Brothers from other Councils have volunteered to help with the food preparation and other needed tasks. Are you one of those volunteers? Even if you cannot volunteer, you can still attend this worthwhile day by registering at the parish website: [stjmod.com](http://stjmod.com).