



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

After 3 years of contributing monthly updates to the Newsletter, this will be my final article. Your new officers' will carry on this tradition to keep you informed on what is happening with your Council. Before I leave office on July 1, there are still a few things that are "in the works" that we need your input on.

- The **Scholarship** Committee will present their applicants and recommendations at the June Business meeting.
- Due to everyone's hard work, this year we have a surplus of funds, and therefore some **proposals for additional donations** have been requested which will be voted on at the next business meeting, Tuesday, June 5th. The proposals are to add \$3000 to the Scholarship Fund (increasing this year's donation from \$3000 to \$6000) AND add a new donation of \$2000 to the Salvation Army's Berberian Homeless Shelter. FYI: last month we also increased our donation to the Seminarian Fund by \$500 to a total

of \$2500, to the 365 Club by \$500 to a total of \$2100 and added a donation to Leukemia Research of \$1000.

- **Election of Officers** for 2018-19 Nominations made by the Nominating Committee at the May Business Meeting were the following:
 - ◇ Grand Knight: Larry Kjellberg
 - ◇ Deputy Grand Knight: Tim Matalone
 - ◇ Chancellor: Josey Samson
 - ◇ Warden: Steve Tubbs
 - ◇ Recorder: Everardo Ramirez
 - ◇ Treasurer: Cliff Judd
 - ◇ Advocate: Rick Dinubilo
 - ◇ Inside Guard: Charles Cunningham
 - ◇ Outside Guards: Marc Serpa, Chris Powers & Eric Pearson. (We will vote for only 2)
 - ◇ Trustee 3 year: Mike Grodt
- Nominations are open until voting. Send me or to any of the officers any additional nominations.
- Come to the meeting to have your vote heard!**

VOLUNTEER

We need up to 30 Brothers to help with Independence Day Fireworks Sales from June 28 to July 5. Come help out for an hour a day or help with loading/unloading daily! It takes many Brothers to make this very lucrative fundraiser work. Be there to help! Josey Samson and Larry Kjellberg are the chairpersons for this event. Call them to schedule your times. Larry: (209) 918-4769 and Josey: (415) 689-1877 or (209) 416-8874
Vivat Jesus

Al Toschi, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on June 5th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

June 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Corpus Christi
3	4 Officers' Meeting, Vatican Council Room, St. JP2 Center	5 Business Meeting, 7 PM, Father O'Hare Hall	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Council Anniversary	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Fireworks Booth	29 Fireworks Booth	30 Fireworks Booth

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Anthony Lee 6/1
 Robert Wildt 6/1
 Dennis Murphy 6/3
 Jonathan White 6/5
 Richard Volonte 6/6
 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 Jr 6/15
 Daniel Mejia 6/17
 Amado Valencia Jr 6/17
 Neil Corbeil 6/18
 Daniel Nieto 6/18
 Duarte Bento 6/20
 Michael Loschke 6/23
 Warner Norleen 6/23
 David Piper 6/24
 Michael Karsner 6/25
 Jose Nunez 6/26
 Michael Perine 6/29
 Fr. John Peter 6/29
 Richard Dwyer 6/30

Ladies' Birthdays

Gigi Pongase 6/1
 Judy Tuss 6/1
 Joan Tacchini 6/5
 Margaret Mayoral 6/6
 Sandra Bengochea 6/8
 Judy Murphy 6/9
 Nancy Andrews 6/11
 Janet Baker 6/16
 Rita Humphreys 6/17
 Trina Malsom 6/17
 Rosemary Torres 6/19
 Lisa Gonzales 6/20
 Edie Scoto 6/21
 Karen Henriquez 6/22
 Linda Spengler 6/22
 Aninya Lamanet 6/24
 Michelle Frey 6/27
 Maria Cristerna 6/30
 Nicole Miranda 6/30
 Priscilla Pino 6/30



Anniversaries

Anthony & Tamara Butera 6/1
 Christopher & Sandra Bengochea 6/2
 Anthony & Wilma Lee 6/2
 Brandon & Kathleen Harker 6/4
 Mel & Lucy Mattos 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
 Michael & Nicole Miranda 6/15
 Robert & Lita Selover 6/15
 Robert & Mona Wildt 6/15
 Robert & Andrea Hemsley 6/18
 Cameron & Rita Menezes 6/18
 David & Anita Racher 6/19
 Ralph & Cheryl Driggs 6/20
 Ronald & Rose Lamont 6/20
 Daniel & Linda Spengler 6/21
 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
 Richard & Pam Dinubilo 6/30

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Our Columbian Year is winding down, which means June is upon us and there will be elections for new Officers. Make a point to be at the meeting and make your vote count.

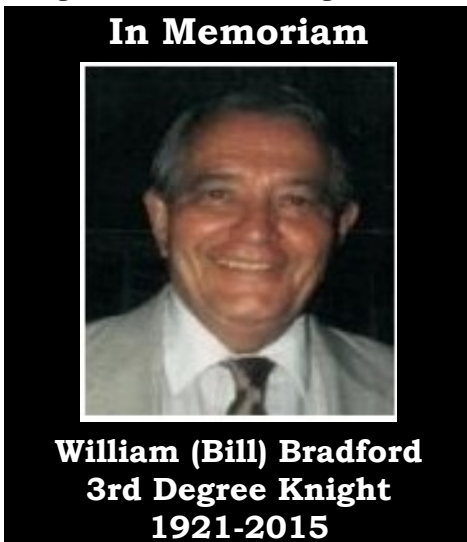
A few Brothers have not yet paid their 2018 dues. You know who you are. You can pay online and save a postage stamp. <http://www.kofc10644.com/resources--photos.html>

Last month, I included some Knights California history thanks to a 1936 book Brother Richard Braun gave me. It detailed the history of the Knights from 1902. As luck would have it, I found a similar book online – this time documenting Knights history in California from 1902 to 1972. I will try and include some tidbits when I get the book in next month's article.

We reactivated the Retention Committee this year and did a lot of great work. Brothers Al Toschi, Larry Kjellberg, and Josey Samson did a lot of reaching out and research, as well to help retain members. In fact, about 20 came back and made current their dues. Several resigned. Some applied for disability waivers. We will drop some from our Council roster.

Along the way, our efforts discovered we lost a Brother – William Bradford passed away in 2015. He was living at the Yountville Veterans' Facility at the time, but our Council never got an address change notice.

A Couple of Photos of Brothers in Action at the Blessings Breakfast on May 5, 2018



FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

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



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JOHN'S JOKES

"You name it, we'll make it!" was the big sign outside the new restaurant downtown. "There is no food we can't make for you!"

"Excuse me sir", said a man with a heavy Russian accent to the waiter, "I would like, please, a garden salad with Russian dressing."

Therefore, the waiter faithfully goes back to the kitchen and reports the order.

"RUSSIAN DRESSING? Screamed the head cook, "I'VE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF RUSSIAN DRESSING! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GIVE THIS GUY?"

"Don't worry," said the waiter to the cook, "I'll take care of everything, you just make the salad."

That is how it happened that two minutes later, the waiter walked out with a big garden salad and a picture of a Russian man putting on his pants.

Now for more laughs...

I was coming back from visiting my son in Oregon, and I stopped at a rest stop to use the bathroom. I just sat down on the toilet when I heard a voice coming from the stall next to mine, "Hey! How's it going?"

Although I was quite surprised, and I was not in the habit of conversing to the people next to me in the stall.

I nevertheless answered him, "I'm fine, thanks for asking."

"What are you doing?" asked the same voice.

To be honest I was a bit taken aback by the brazenness of this fellow, but I would never ignore anyone, so I calmly answered, "I'm relieving myself."

Then I heard the same voice again, "I'm going to have to call you back, some smart-alec next to me is answering all of my questions."

LECTOR'S MESSAGE

God bless all of you and your families. Let us all pray for Michael Glendon and his family. I am terrible about staying up on my emails, so as I turned on my computer to compose this article on May 15, the same day that it is due, I noticed a prayer request for Michael from the 13th. It said that he was in the north tower at Memorial Hospital. That tower is directly behind my kitchen window. I immediately stopped, raised my hands to the tower, and said the Our Father and prayed to our Mother Mary for intercession for Michael and his family. I was torn. I had this dead line and poor Richard Braun, our editor, is always waiting for my articles, and here I was missing visiting hours. I was at 5:45 daily mass earlier, pulled my phone out of my pocket to turn it off, and noticed I missed a text at 5:08 that a good friend of mine from the Volkswagen car show circle of friends died in a terrible car crash in the Bay Area. At that moment, I had to shut off my phone because mass had started. I felt ill, shocked, and numb, but I just knew that he, his family, and I all needed me to be at mass, praying for him. We always need prayer. I had planned to come straight home after mass and fasting until I could complete this article. I also knew that, as usual, I had nothing about which to write. I found myself on the phone with friends that were even closer to my good friend. One friend was in bad need of consolation and was dealing with many things. I spent two hours sharing old memories and trying to celebrate a life that had ended here on earth. These friends know I am in love with the Lord Jesus Christ, but I found myself unaware of their knowledge or belief in our Lord. Of course, I always speak freely of the truth and love of our Savior though sometimes (always?) I find myself struggling for the right words.

One of the statements my friend made was, "We need to write notes every day and remind those people that we love them. We get up and go to work and never know if we are coming home to our family."

I replied, "That's very true. 'We know not the time!'"

He said, "I just don't understand why God would take him now at this time. He struggled for so long to raise his children and make his marriage work. He has a new business and was doing so well." There was that great word "GOD"! I searched for the words, but there all they are in scripture. "It is not for us to know God's plan but a greater good will come from this." "We know not the time," we must be prepared. Wow, did that come out of me? I told him, "Whatever you, do not blame God."

He said, "No, I am not mad at God, but I am just very sad for his wife and children."

I realized then that this might be the first real conversation we have had about God. I have no idea of the faith formation or belief of my friend that passed away, and I do not know if we ever had a faith conversation! Then I thought to myself, "Why not? Why is this the first time we have spoken about God? Why do I not know about the faith formation and beliefs of my friend's outside of church?" Am I afraid to share or ask? Already the greater good shows its light in allowing me to see I fall short.

My friend's passing also reminds me to have courage, to share the Lord with everyone, that He is not mine alone. I was called to share the Gospel, as are we all. Again, the greater good shining light. I was on the phone all together for a couple hours. Then, I got off the phone, turned on the computer to get the prayer request for Michael, and realized I had missed visiting hours. I have often wondered about my friend that I was consoling, what was his take on Jesus Christ? Maybe our mutual friend's life, memories, and sudden passing will bring him and many others to the foot of the cross. Maybe it will help me to share my faith more with courage to live life with love in my heart like there is no tomorrow. Maybe it will help my friend to write those notes to all his loved ones letting them know "I love you" or, even better, "God loves you!" Maybe my good friend will become a Catholic someday soon. Maybe he will start preparing. Maybe that's God's plan, His greater good.

I do know this: there is no time like the present to go see Michael Glendon and to pray for him. It is always the right time to pray in general! I know everyone hates group texts. Therefore, I want to take this moment and say with faith hope and courage that I love each one of you! So go see Michael and other Knights when they need us. Open those prayer requests. Write your "I love you" notes. Hug a widow and tell them how loved and important they are. Get on your phone right now and text those kids in college, that friend you have not seen in the longest time or that enemies you have not forgiven, text these simple words "I love you" pass it on - Jesus Christ did

Your servant in Christ,

**Stephen Michael
Lector**



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