



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Well it is now June. This is my final newsletter article as your Grand Knight. I just want to thank all of you for making this year a fun and successful.

Please, remember to attend our monthly meetings and get involved. I hope to see you all soon.

Thank you all!

Vivat Jesus!
Larry Kjellberg,
Grand Knight



The nominations of officers for 19-20 year are as follows:

Inside guard

Steven Tubbs

Outside guards

Marco Martinez &

Marc Serpa

Advocate

Rick Dinubilo

Treasurer

Cliff Judd

Warden

Ruben Sanchez

Chancellor

Angel Martinez

Recorder

Everardo Ramirez, Jr.

Deputy

Grand Knight

Josey Samson

Grand Knight

Tim Matalone

3 year Trustee

Larry Kjellberg

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on June 3rd at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

JUNE 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting	4 7 PM Business Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Council Anniversary	14	15
16 Fathers' Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Fireworks Sales	29 Fireworks Sales
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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 6/15
 Daniel Mejia 6/17
 Amado Valencia Jr 6/17
 Neil Corbeil 6/18
 Daniel Nieto RIP 6/18
 Duarte Bento 6/20
 Eddie Munoz 6/22
 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
 Joan Tacchini 6/5
 Margaret Mayoral 6/6
 Sandra Bengochea 6/8
 Judy Murphy 6/9
 Nancy Andrews 6/11
 Janet Baker 6/16
 Trina Malsom 6/17
 Rosemary Torres 6/19
 Lisa Gonzales 6/20
 Michelle Prado 6/21
 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
 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

June – The Month of Change for Knights

This month we will have our annual elections. Will you attend the meeting and make your voice heard and vote your support?

Or, do you have ideas of how we can change and improve how we serve and throw your hat in the ring for an officer position?

Knights' Events/Contributions

I have had many a conversation with brother Knights as to whether we should change it up a bit as to how we work the Columbian year calendar in terms of events and our efforts.

But what is missing is the input from those brothers who miss the events, miss the meetings. We do not know your thoughts or ideas or opinions.

So, if our newsletter editor can work it out, I would like you to send me an email. What can we, as Knights serving our parish and community, add to our efforts that would interest you in participating in some way shape or form. Remember, at our events in the first quarter – it is not as if one person does it all. There are so many different ways every brother can lend a hand.

Email Dave at finsec@kofc10644.com.

Passings

In the past day or so, I received a voice mail informing me of the passing of one of our brothers.

Daniel Nieto passed away on April 29, 2019. He was nearly 70 years old. He was a Knight for 27 years and was a third degree. Without that phone call, we might not ever have known of his passing.

Sunshine Committee – Extension?

I am speaking as an officer and thinking of ideas. We have a Sunshine Committee and a prayer group to keep our brothers who are ill or need prayers. But do we need to extend that to be an outreach to our older members to keep in touch with them and find out if they need any assistance from their fellow brothers? Maybe it falls under the “Retention Committee.” And my thought is that email is not going to work or even cell phone. Older members may not be very tech savvy and would be better served by a personal touch – a phone call or visit.

The Next Generation – Ready To Step Up?

One of the things we struggle with is trying to recruit our younger and newer members to participate in council activities or become an officer.

Granted, younger members may have work and family obligations to balance. But, understand that the council is not asking for a full time commitment for you if you are an officer or simply participating in an event.

Let me point out something.

We have just over 290 members. 115 are 65 or over. 59 are 45 or younger. Where do you fit?

The past couple of years, I have sent out a little business card reminder with membership cards when members paid their dues. A simple message: One Knight, One Event. You know your talents, you know your strengths, you know where you have time. Maybe you cannot be an officer at this point, but can you keep an eye out for an event that fits your schedule to lend a hand. The more brothers that step up, the easier it all becomes.

So, my question to my brothers – are you ready to stand up and be counted and help your council?

Dave Sichak
Financial Secretary



PRAYER MESSAGE

Happy Father's Day!

The righteous Man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him. Proverbs 20:7

Pope Francis' Prayer Request for June:

The Mode of Life of Priests

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

Brothers, if you or a family member have fallen ill in the hospital, care home, or your own home. We encourage you to contact our Knights' Prayer Group and we will gladly visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer. On the other hand, if you just need a prayer, do not hesitate and send us an email at prayers@kofc10644.com with your name, phone number and your prayer request and Brother Everardo will contact you as soon as possible. If you would like an email "blast" in an emergency, you may also request one. If you have an emergency and need a prayer ASAP, you may call Brother Everardo at (661) 421-6712.

God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to send a message to your Knights Prayer Group. If you hear God's call and would like to join us, you are welcome to do so. We are open to all our Brother Knights from Council #10644. Please spread the word to our fellow Brothers and Fami-

ly. You may pick up a business card with our number and email to keep in your wallet. Cards are in the cash box with Brother Cliff, or Brother Everardo has them on hand.

As of now, we consist of six Brother Knights dedicated to daily prayer and a visit to Our Lord at the Adoration Chapel either Monday mornings from 11-12 PM or Thursdays from 8-9 PM. All are welcomed to join us at either or both these times. Please, wear your Knight Gear.

Monthly Prayer Requests:

Brother Steve Day, District Deputy Brother Charleston Leek.

Thank You Brothers, may God Bless you always and have a wonderful and well deserved Happy Father's Day.

Vivat Jesus!

Everardo Ramirez, Recorder



JOHN'S JOKES



IT'S TIME TO RETIRE MY KEYBOARD

As my life has changed repeatedly over the past few years, I have stopped every once in a while to reflect about what I am doing and what God is calling to do. Every once in a while, I find some overlap between the two, which makes me happy. There have been other times in which the two are not close together. That is when I have taken the time to stop and find a way to change. I am currently at one of those points in my life. I have shared with many of you the calling that I have felt for many years to serve our Church more as a Permanent Deacon. Currently, in our diocese the process of discernment and formation for the diaconate is six years. It is a discernment, because you don't "study to be a deacon." Rather, you, your wife, and the Church discern whether that is what you are really called to. When I began the actual formation, it was still a five year process. For a five year process (or six now), I am currently ten years into it with a little more than a year left to go. That might seem strange, but it can be part of the process. My career changed a couple of times during those ten years, meaning that I have had to take time off from the formation. So ten years into a six year process with one left to go actually makes sense (sort of). During the final two years of formation, the candidates are asked to limit the other ministries in which they are involved in and say, "No" more often, so that they/we can focus on what we are receiving. I unfortunately have

made a couple of Brother Knights not happy with me when I have responded with a "No" about helping with an event during this current year, especially with ones that in the past I would have helped a lot. It hasn't been easy for me to say, "No." I felt really bad each and every time.

Earlier this year, I let the worthy Grand Knight, Larry Kjellberg, know that I was going to have to say to "No" to a couple of the things that I have continued to do for a while for the Council: the Knight Light newsletter and the website. I have continued to help with these, as I have been able to find time even in the early hours of the day to do so, meaning I am not taking time away from something else. Unfortunately, I am truly at the point in which I am not going to be able to continue. This will be the last edition of the Knight Light in which I am able to help, not because I don't want to, but rather because I have to let go of other ministries in order to concentrate on more my calling.

It was actually funny to look back through the website to find the very first time that I took over from the very capable hands of Brother Tony Lee who had faithfully put together the newsletter for many years (even when his health wasn't cooperating). February 2011 is the first time that my name appeared on the back on the newsletter as Editor. That was *WAY* before we sent it out electronically. It was so long ago, that I had a land line and not a cell phone number listed! You can also see some names there of

Brothers who no longer live in the area and some who have gone on to their great reward. At this point, I am not sure who will be taking over as the Editor or the Webmaster. Please, pray for whoever takes over. Pray that those that have to send an article each month are faithful in turning in by their deadlines (which has been the same day of each month from before I took over as editor). I also ask that you all pray for my continued discernment. If it is God's will that I be a Permanent Deacon, I will be ordained in September of 2020. I keep saying, "Clear vision in 2020!" If that is not His will, pray that I can discern what His will is for me. In secular terms, pray that I can figure out what I am going to be when I grow up.

I pray that you recognize the blessings that God gives you each and every day. I pray that you put to use all of the graces He provides to you and to your family. I pray that we all be good Knights, ones who live up to what we promised with we completed our First Degree Exemplification. I pray that we be Knights that strive towards the high ideals that Venerable Michael J McGivney set up. *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.*

Vivat Jesus!

**Richard Braun
Retiring Editor and
Webmaster**



MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARK

Location, Location, Location: Do we know the Locations of the Events of the Ascension and Pentecost? Is it true? Did it really happen? Is this really the place?" When we think of the events of the life of Jesus Christ, we naturally ask these kinds of questions. We ponder whether God himself really did become a little baby and live and walk and suffer and rise in the places that they say these things happened. Some intellectuals say that these questions are not important. The pagan Pontius Pilate scoffed at the notion of truth. However, for those who love Christ, these questions are essential. A lover always wants to hold onto things that belonged to the beloved. Every widow wants to remain in the places frequented by their beloved spouse. In the same way, the church treasures every artifact of her heavenly bridegroom until he comes again. When I was a seminarian, I had the opportunity of living in Jerusalem and working for two months at the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu. One day I asked one of the French priests there whether he believed the tradition that this was really the place of the House of Caiaphas where Jesus was imprisoned before he died. He responded curtly: "C'est assez secondaire" ("That is quite secondary"). He did not believe that it was even an important question. He was an intellectual, an archaeologist, who

had little faith in ancient traditions. As we come to the end of the Easter Season, we celebrate the events of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and the Coming of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles on the day of Pentecost. These events really happened. The church never forgot the spot. According to St. Luke, Jesus the Ascension occurred on the Mount of Olives: "I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high. Then he led them out as far as Bethany... and he parted from them and was carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-52) "...then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem..." (Acts 1:12) These scripture passages give specific details as to the time and place of the event. Nevertheless, some modern scripture scholars doubt the historical value of these details. Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor is a respected archaeologist, but he analyses these texts in a very strange way and draws a very strange conclusion. He points out that St. Luke does not specify in his Gospel the exact time of the Ascension, whereas in the Book of Acts he is very specific. Then he concludes that this must be because St. Luke did not believe that the Ascension actually happened. "The inconsistency of the two accounts is real, but Luke could accept

it because he was aware that he was not recording a historical event; from his point of view the Ascension was much more of a literary way of drawing a line between the terrestrial mission of Jesus and that of the apostles..." This absurd statement is an example of what happens when scientists try to be theologians, when archaeologists try to be literary experts, and when Catholics lose their faith in the veracity of their own ancient traditions. In actuality, historians and archaeologists have ample evidence that the early Christians knew and revered the exact spot of the Ascension. Very early, before the year 392, a church was built there which had an opening to the sky in the center of the roof. Poimonia, a member of the family of the Roman Emperor, built it. (O'Connor, p. 142) (Kirk, p. 115) The Bible says that after the Ascension the apostles remained in the city to await the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They were fearful of the Jewish leaders who had executed Jesus, and so they remained locked in an "upper room" (presumably the same upper room that was used at the Last Supper in Luke 22:12). With Mary, the mother of Jesus, they prayed for the coming of (they prayed for nine days, hence the tradition of praying a "novena"). This "upper room" is also an actual place that was remembered, recognized and revered by the early Christians. An

MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARK CONTINUED

ancient document attests to the fact that already in the year 130 there was a “little church of God” in the district of Jerusalem known as “Mount Zion”. This is extraordinary because in the second century, there was persecution of Christians and so it was dangerous for them to congregate. Nevertheless, it seems that Christians gathered in this “little church,” which was probably on the property of a wealthy Christian. (That part of town had become an affluent neighborhood.) (O’Conner, p. 117)

This area of Mount Zion was the Essence Quarter of Jerusalem at the time of Jesus, which is significant because several scholars claim that Jesus probably celebrated the last supper with the Essenes (John Bergsma). By the Fourth Century, this “little church” had other names, which indicate that this was the place of both the last supper and Pentecost: “The Church of the Holy Ghost”, the “Upper Church of the Apostles” and “the Mother of all Churches”. Eventually it received the Latin name “Cenacle”. St. Jerome (347-420) used the Latin word “coenaculum” (“supper room”) to translate two different Greek words from the New Testament, both of which actually mean “upper room”. (David Christian Clausen, p. 9-11)

It is reasonable to assume that the Christians in Jerusalem would not forget the location of the place of the wonderful events of the Last Supper and the Coming of the Holy Spirit. There is also a tradition that King David’s tomb is located in the Cenacle building. Scripture says that King David was buried

in “Ophel” which is a tiny hill to the East of Mount Zion. This small hill (called the “lower city”) was actually the place where the city of Jerusalem was located at the time of David. At the time of Jesus, however, the lower city had become a slum and people began to forget that it was the original location of the ancient city of Jerusalem. Perhaps they forgot where the tomb of David was located, and they could not imagine that David’s tomb would be in that district which was then inhabited by poor people. Everyone began to imagine that Mount Zion was the place of David’s city because it was a bigger hill and had nicer buildings on it at the time of Jesus. Christians lived in the area of Mount Zion and they began to have celebrations in honor of the two “patron saints” of Jerusalem: King David and St. James, whom they considered the Jewish and Christian founders of city. (O’Conner, p. 116-117). Perhaps it was for these reasons that people began to think that the tomb of David must be on Mount Zion, and they started saying that he was buried in the Cenacle building. Another possibility is that the remains of King David were actually transferred here from the lower city. There is no way of knowing, however, until further archaeological excavations can be performed both in the lower city and at the Cenacle. The Cenacle and such archaeological excavation have not been possible because Moslems currently control the building. Archaeologist look forward to the day when such excavations are allowed because literary and archaeological evidence

from the past seems to indicate that beneath the cenacle and its “Tomb of David” there are many things that have yet to be uncovered: layers of flooring, ancient mosaics, tombs and the foundations of the “little church”. (Clausen, p. 192-193)

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