

# KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen Knights,  
Dear Brothers,  
Here we are in May again with our Columbian year nearly closed. Our Council has gone through several changes over the last couple of years and will continue with open elections. We'll need to fill positions as Ed Gamboa looks like the only one who will be moving up in the chairs. This means your attendance, while not mandatory, should motivate you to participate in the process. I jumped into the Grand Knight's chair having the benefit of fellow "Past Grand Knights" and Richard Braun to lean on for advice. I really was a fish out of water for about three months. I'm grateful I took the plunge; it helped me grow as a Catholic gentleman, and not just around the waist line. I urge anyone interested in getting more involved in the Council to throw your name in the hat! If you're unsure of your commitment, start in the lower positions and learn how the Council operates. And then, work your way up the chairs the way it has been done in the past. Please, come get involved we need to stay true to our traditions. We also need to evolve, get out of our comfort zones, and feed some new ideas into the Council so we don't become dinosaurs. So now, I climb off the soapbox and get to other matters.  
I would like to thank Janice and Tim Keating for hosting the Easter Vigil hospitality event. I went along

for the ride as the third wheel. The service was beautiful; and it lasted the night long into the morning. In spite of that, I'm glad I was able to attend. I'm going to thank all the Knights and their family members for helping with the Blessings Breakfast. This month will be a quite one for all you, Brothers, as there will be no events planned. The Grab-n-Go dinner will have to wait until later in the year there just wasn't enough time to pull off a successful one. I am trying to plan a fun event for the whole family. It's going to be a day at A T&T to watch our San Francisco Giants. I would love to get some feedback as to what day would be preferred: Saturday or Sunday. More details to follow. Please email me your preference at [mikeg55\\_1956@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeg55_1956@yahoo.com).  
I want to congratulate as well those Brothers who took the next step in becoming full Knights. Victor Mayoral, Jr. completed his 2nd degree (but couldn't stay for the 3rd degree exemplification). Brothers John Rodriguez, Merno Stadler, Lee Wolf, Michael Kasner, Larry Kjellberg, Keith Kitchner, and Timothy Matalone completed both degrees and thereby becoming full Knights. Watch to see when the next 4th exemplification is, so that they or you can become a Sir Knight.  
On June 6th, the Knights of



Columbus will be sponsoring a nationwide prostate awareness night in all the minor league ballparks. We are in need of 4-8 volunteers to hand out pamphlets at the two gates and an information table at the Modesto Nuts game. We only have to do this until the 4th inning, then we will be free to watch game or leave. Husband and wife teams or father son or daughter teams would be great. This is how we'll continue to remain relevant in our community and get more involved in causes near and dear to our hearts. I'm thinking this will be a springboard for other causes such as Special Olympics, breast cancer awareness, Multiple Sclerosis, Habitat for Humanity, Right to Life, or domestic violence issues.

This year our Kick-Out is going to be a brunch on Sunday, June 14th. I haven't contacted a caterer yet so all suggestions will be welcome. It will be held between 10 AM and 1 PM. I'll have more details as the date draws closer.

In closing, I want everyone to consider stepping up and running for a position in the Council. Just remember, you'll have me to lean onto as well as our more than knowledgeable Advocate, Rick Dinubilo.

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### Next Meeting

Date: 5/5/2015

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. We need you and your ideas.

Dear Knights,  
 On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had our very first International Dinner and Cultural Entertainment thanks to the World Youth Day 2016 pilgrims, who used the event as a fundraiser. This event celebrated the catholicity or universality of our faith, since you can find it in all of the remotest location of our planet. We also learned about the apparitions of The Lady of All Nations, since those approved apparitions tie in so well with the theme of the evening. Our Lady appeared 56 times to a woman named Ida Peerdeman in Amsterdam, Holland from 1945 until 1959. The first of the apparitions occurred on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1945. You realize the significance of March 25<sup>th</sup>, no? What great feast occurs on that date? It is the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appears to our Blessed Mother, calling her by her title, "Full of Grace," and announcing that she will conceive under

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

the power of the Holy Spirit the Son of God. Over the course of those apparitions, our Blessed Mother appears to have predicted the second Vatican Council, which came as a big surprise to many when it was announced in 1963. She also affirmed that modernization was necessary, so that the Church could take advantage in modern technology in order to better evangelize the world. She also warned of grave danger in the last part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century of a resurgence of a modernist heresy. These apparitions were deemed to be of supernatural origin in 2002 after almost 50 years of investigation. She also says that she will be referred to as "The Lady" and many of her messages were about things that were happening around the world. That is why this apparition is called, "The Lady of All Nations." One of the tasks of every Knight, remember the degree exemplification that you have taken, is to ensure that our homes and families are

protected from the evils of sin and moral degeneration. Our words and example and the intercession of Our Lady can make a difference. Over the course of those apparitions, Mary asked us to pray and in particular use the following prayer:  
 LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF THE FATHER, SEND NOW YOUR SPIRIT OVER THE EARTH. LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL NATIONS, THAT THEY MAY BE PRESERVED FROM DEGENERATION, DISASTER AND WAR. MAY THE LADY OF ALL NATIONS, WHO ONCE WAS MARY, BE OUR ADVOCATE. AMEN.

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; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family and their son; John Karaz; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Loy Sagrado and Dave Tacchinni. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez;

Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael; Carol Lynne Moraca, wife of Sam Moraca; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers. And don't forget to remember in your prayers all our Priests and Religious so that the Holy Spirit may grant them the faith and strength to go out

into the world and spread the message of Hope and Salvation! If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know. Contact information is 209-551-9534 or [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)



~ May 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Parish Blessings Breakfast Knights will be cooking.
3	4 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	5 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	6	7	8	9
10 Mothers' Day	11	12	13	14 Ascension of the Lord	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Holy Trinity	Notes:					

## MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

John S. Malloy 05/05  
 Michael J. Glendon 05/06  
 Richard Goeken 05/10  
 Donald L Dedini 05/11  
 Ted R. Hartman 05/11  
 Jesus M. Perez 05/14  
 Roy S. Gordon 05/15  
 Owen M. Kummerle 05/16  
 David Contreras 05/19  
 Joe S. Furtado 05/19  
 John G. Marsella 05/21  
 Miguel A. Villalobos 05/21  
 Jimi Netniss 05/22  
 Warrell H. Deuser 05/24  
 Gary D. Davison 05/25  
 Thomas E. Fitzsimmons 05/26  
 Robert D. Briar 05/28  
 Gerald M. Moon 05/29  
 Donald G. Baumgratz 05/30  
 George A. Law 05/30  
 Ralph W. Driggs 05/31  
 Hugo R. Fausto 05/31

### LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Belen Churilla 05/05  
 Angelica Alcaez 05/05  
 Lisa Lucas 05/08  
 Janice Keating 05/12  
 Sharon Briar 05/13  
 Diana Poncini 05/14  
 Margaret Hunter 05/17  
 Lita Selover 05/17  
 Beverly Sousa 05/18  
 Barbara Brady 05/19  
 Marti Reed 05/20  
 Heidi Mendonca 05/20  
 Mary Marlett 05/23  
 Anne E. Kramer 05/23  
 Angelina Ramirez 05/29  
 Tamara Butera 05/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Helen Moya 05/01  
 Marty & Katherine Reis 05/03  
 Robert & Carol Luna 05/06  
 Jesse & Maria Evena Cristerna 05/06  
 Alfred & Darla Sierras 05/08  
 Jeff & Jean Smith 05/09  
 Alexander & Jennifer Richmond 05/10  
 Octavio & Shaundra Lopez 05/10  
 Daniel & Susan Hamilton 05/11  
 Brian & Kristin Archuleta 05/12  
 Emil & Frances Ann Carney 05/14  
 Don & Janet Baker 05/15  
 Edward & Darlene Tobias 05/16  
 Wayne & Beverly Sousa 05/16  
 Tim & Susie Dickert 05/17  
 Roger & Insa Duke 05/18  
 Leonard & Belen Churilla 05/19  
 Herbert & Dorothy Saska 05/20  
 Peter & Linda Espinosa 05/20  
 Michael & Lisa Ringer 05/22  
 Ronald & Elaine Varnell 05/22  
 Chris & Dawn Powers 05/26  
 Virgilio & Evelyn Ereso 05/27  
 Daniel & Sandy Fitzgerald 05/31



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My Brother Knights,  
 The clock is about to strike midnight after a day of driving nearly 500 miles, but the keyboard talketh...  
 This month, an old Bill Monroe tune re-done by Ricky Skaggs comes to mind - "Can't You Hear Me Calling?" It kind of alludes to what I sense in the role I play for our organization.  
 As we grew up, we also knew there was a flip side to all those records we listened to. You might be surprised at what I think might be that flip side. I have had a life-long connection to a certain type of music and well, it comes up in these moments when deadlines arise. My wife and I have just finished a 500 mile drive/boat ride from Santa Catalina Island, Los Angeles and via Route 101 to San Jose and then home today, April 17. My wife had her picture taken with "Doc Brown" at Universal Studios during the week, but maybe I should tip my hat to our "Doc Braun" for his multitude of "patience" with those of us who have to get him our articles or else miss deadlines.  
 You see, "Doc Braun" has taken

on a new position and in doing so, he is helping us in an area we sorely needed help. Finding out that many of our phone numbers are no longer current. John McCave on the Sunshine Committee also helps when he sends out those letters and we find we have wrong addresses. So, that's the reason why the song came to mind - "Can't You Hear Me Calling?" I mean, if we don't have your current phone number, if we don't have your current address, if we don't have your correct email - then we end up like that guy in the old commercial - "Can You Hear Me Now?"  
 We have lost our connection to you. So Brother Knights, I ask you to look at that phone directory we send out when you pay your dues. If you see someone you know with a phone number you know is not right, give them a call and let us know so we can update our records. Sometimes members think we don't appreciate them or do not miss them. But if we do not have the right contact information, how can we reach out? Help us help your Brothers!  
 Which leads to the flip side of the record that was recorded by

someone named Hank when he was first getting a toe-hold in music. It's an old song I've long known, even having it on the original 78rpm, a simple melody, a simple thought and really sometimes keeping it simple is what works "...If you'll follow in His light He will always guide you right, can't you hear the blessed Savior Callin' You?..."  
 Don't wait for a phone call.  
 Don't wait for a text message.  
 Don't wait for an email. Don't wait for something in the mail.  
 We all answered a call of some sort when we decided to join our fraternal brotherhood, the Knights of Columbus. Maybe it is time you think about how you have answered the call since then?

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## JOHN'S JOKES

A young accountant is having a hard time sleeping and goes to see his doctor. "Doctor, I just can't get to sleep at night."  
 The Doctor replied "Have you tried counting sheep?"  
 The accountant stated "That just makes it worse."  
 The doctor replies:" what do you mean?"  
 The accountant says, "At some point I usually make a

mistake and then I spend three hours trying to find it."

An accountant and his neighbor went to the Natural History museum one day. While standing near a large dinosaur, he said to his neighbor: "This dinosaur is two billion years and ten months old."  
 "Where did you get such

exact information?"  
 "I was here ten months ago, and the guide told me that the dinosaur was two billion years old."



## LECTURER'S NOTES

I had dinner last Friday night at El Rosal Mexican Restaurant located at Coffee and Floyd. I had just mowed my front lawn and didn't feel much like cooking. So, I thought I would stop in for a quick bite. I have gotten pretty use to eating alone lately, but as I looked up and across the restaurant, I saw some familiar faces Richard Braun and his beautiful wife, Maria; their son, Nico; and our wonderful pastor, Father Mark Wagner. As I approached them just to say hello, they immediately invited me to join them for dinner and made room for me at a full table that really had no more room. I did not have to eat in the manger.

Maria was celebrating her 50th birthday, and they had already ordered their food, so I quickly ordered something. When their food arrived, Father asked for an extra plate, He said a prayer of thanksgiving that we shared with him as he blessed the food. Then he and Maria started shoveling samples of their food on to the extra plate for me so we could all eat together. They did not allow me to say no! Before I was halfway through that plate, my food showed up, and (yes, you guessed it or

maybe not) I ate it all as well. The food there was great and all of the waitresses ended up giving Maria and our party a rendition of happy birthday. They also brought Maria a nice dish of ice cream that she chose not to eat, so Father, Nico, Richard, and I polished it off. The waitresses also gave Father a very humble and heartfelt sending with lots of lovely smiles and hugs.

I truly believe we all benefit sharing moments with each other and our Catholic faith, families and our priest. Our community does as well in seeing us demonstrate God's love for all of us. What does this have to do with lecturing or the Word of God? Well, secretly I felt very alone that particular night. I was reminded of three things. 1) A verse in a Christian song: "I am not alone. You will go before me. You will be there with me." 2) My own father who would greet his friends now and again, Christian or not, with a familiar phrase "May the peace of the lord Jesus Christ be with you." And 3) one of Father Francis' recent homily's at daily mass where he spoke about reaching out to each other. If you are in need of hope or strengthening your faith, do not seclude yourself from friends and family.

That night the Lord provided, as he always does, and I was

not alone. I shared some fantastic company. Richard Maria and Nico invited us all over to watch a birthday present for Maria, a DVD titled "Our Lady of Lourdes" and share a glass of wine. I believe in these simple things we live the Gospel. I feel blessed. Growing up, my friend's father George Occhino (God rest his soul) would always end sentences, or respond to a positive statement from someone friend or stranger fearlessly with "Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ" or "For the sake of his sorrowful passion." That always impressed me as a young man, as did my father's greeting.

Brothers, let us fear the Lord and yet not be afraid to live the Gospel in these ways. May the peace and love of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep each and every one of you and your families. For the sake of his sorrowful passion, may He have mercy on us and on the whole world!

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

My dear Brother Knights,  
You know the old saying, “the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence,” but we all know that it rarely is. The same holds true when it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the “greener” grass on the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less *green* in your wallet — in some cases, a lot less. That’s why it pays to remember another old adage, “Read the fine print.”



There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company.

I'll focus on the potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here — pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that the grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.



First, all life insurance contracts contain a *contestability period*, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period — typically two years — after the contract is issued. Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage. Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health.

Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors can affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace — or worse, drop — your existing coverage with the Knights of Columbus, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is rarely in your best interest.

God bless,  
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