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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

We are now closing in on the end of our Columbian year, and we have some important issues to be discussed and voted on. My hope is that any member not working or out of town will be in attendance. Our Council, while still being in good shape despite a down year with some events, is in need of rejuvenation and change.

One of the changes that needs to be addressed is our newsletter. The newsletter has become a financial drain. We spend a great deal of money on our publication, and the feedback we get through member participation just isn't equal to the amount of effort and time put into it. If you're an older Knight and, don't have access to a computer or smartphone, I understand your need for a paper copy. For all Brothers, your efforts to go digital will help our budget and put our resources to better use. If you need to see what is spent on the newsletter, all you need do is ask Dave, Cliff or myself. We will be completely transparent. It will probably shock and anger you when you see how many copies are distributed, and the lack of participation we get in return. My hope is we can get the members to go digital. Please, give our Financial Secretary your current email address. I can assure you that we will not give

your information out to anyone. It will strictly be for the Council, and you won't get contacted for anything else other than Knights' issues. In this digital age, it is much easier to reach out to one another when we take advantage of multimedia devices. These are just some of the changes that need to be addressed. I personally am old school in some respects. I'm a firm believer in the phone tree because I know it works. We actually had to go back to it after not using it for several years and it seems to help increase attendance, with Brothers coming out and becoming more active in Council events. Going old school can have its disadvantages when the Financial Secretary is not given updated phone numbers and is given land lines that have been disconnected or no longer in use. I guess I have questions as to why fellow Catholic gentlemen join us and then somehow disappear. I consider our organization family and think we should all be there for one another especially in time of need. When I first joined the organization 15 years ago I wasn't recruited. I was new to the parish and knew that I wanted to make a difference in



the community. I knew charity was where I was going to help. What a coincidence is that is the principle of the 1st Degree of our order. I started my way in slowly (and with a work schedule but didn't always allow me to make meetings in the early evenings as I should be in bed sleeping), I always made sure that I read the newsletter and showed up for events to help out anyway I could. While I know being like-minded would be ideal, I think just the fact that we can all agree on showing up to do charitable work would be the goal of this Council. If you joined it! Live it! Be it! And mean it!

You have a great way to help out coming up on the 29th of May. We need at least 8 Brothers to help with the canopy for the Corpus Christi procession. Be there at about 1:30 PM by the church to help or after the Spanish mass to walk in the procession.

Please continue to pray for all of those Christians persecuted for their religious beliefs throughout the world and continue to pray for all our clergy.

God bless you and your families,

Mike Glendon
Grand Knight
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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15th of each month.

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

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Next Meeting

Date: 5/3/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. Don't forget the Blessings Breakfast, the Farewell for Father Francis, the Chicken Dinner, or the Corpus Christi Procession.

Dear Brother Knights,
 May is the month of special joy for me because it is the month of Mary. Ever since I was young, I have had the joy of learning to love the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Ever since I was a child, I have always been fascinated by reading about the lives of the saints. I loved to read about the miracles and the inspiring examples of the saints. I wanted to become a saint myself and begin to do some of those amazing miracles and imitate some of the wonderful exploits that I was reading about! And when I was a child I also learned that the easiest way to become a saint is by practicing devotion to Mary. One of the first spiritual books I ever read was "True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis de Montfort. In that book it says that "THIS

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

devotion is an easy, short, perfect, and secure way of arriving at union with our Lord, in which the perfection of a Christian consists." Once I learned this, I decided immediately to consecrate myself to Mary so that she could help me become a saint as soon as possible! Well, that was almost fifty years ago and I'm still not a saint. But I don't think I should blame the method! I think it is my own fault because I have not fully lived my consecration to Mary and I have not really allowed her to transform me. I remain convinced that Mary can help us obtain the graces we need to become saints because she is the "Mediatrice of all graces." She can make us more like Jesus Christ because she helped raise the Child Jesus! St. Louis de Montfort says that she is the "mold of God." Jesus was formed in her womb. If we

cast ourselves into her loving arms she will form us into the likeness of Christ. It is easier to make a statue by using a mold that by relying on your own skill in sculpting the statue by hand. We should not think that we can make ourselves into saints by our own power and unassisted. It is pride if we try to "go it alone" and "do it ourselves." We can only do it by means of a close relationship with Our Lord and with Our Lady. We need the family of God! Gentlemen, this is the secret! It is in relationship and in communion that we can fully realize ourselves. We know that when a man is a "loner" and does not spend quality intimate time with his family, then he will never be a good husband and father. He will never be a good man. The same is Continued on page 6

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 and his wife, Nicky; Ron Perkins; Don Reed; Herb Saska; Merno Stalder and Dave Tacchini.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Knight, James McGurrin. May he rest in the Peace of the Lord for all eternity! 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. If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or mccave@yahoo.com
John McCave,
PGK



~ May 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	3 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Mothers' Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> Drive-Through Chicken Dinner 5 PM O'Hare Hall
15 <i>Pentecost</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Holy Trinity</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>Corpus Christi</i>	27	28
29 Corpus Christi Procession after Spanish Mass at 1:30 PM	30 2nd-3rd Degree Ceremony 9 AM O'Hare Hall	31	Notes:			

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

John Molloy 05/05
 Michael Glendon 05/06
 Richard Goeken 05/10
 Donald Dedini 05/11
 Ted Hartman 05/11
 Ruben M Sanchez 05/12
 Erik Jimenez 05/13
 Jesus Perez 05/14
 Roy Gordon 05/15
 Owen Kummerle 05/16
 David Contreras 05/19
 Joe Furtado 05/19
 John Marsella 05/21
 Miguel Villalobos 05/21
 Jimi Netniss 05/22
 Gary Davison 05/25
 Thomas Fitzsimmons 05/26
 Robert Briar 05/28
 Gerald Moon 05/29
 Donald Baumgratz 05/30
 George Law 05/30
 Ralph Driggs 05/31
 Hugo Fausto 05/31

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Belen Churilla 05/05
 Lisa Lucas 05/08
 Jackie Spengler 05/11
 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
 Heidi Mendonca 05/20
 Marti Reed 05/20
 Anne Kramer 05/23
 Mary Marlett 05/23
 Angelina Ramirez 05/29
 Tamara Butera 05/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Helen Moya 05/01
 Marty & Kathy Reis 05/03
 Jesse & Maria Cristerna 05/06
 Robert & Carol Luna 05/06
 Alfred & Darla Sierras 05/08
 Jeff & Jean Smith 05/09
 Octavio & Shaundra Lopez 05/10
 Alexander & Jennifer Richmond 05/10
 Daniel & Susan Hamilton 05/11
 Brian & Kristin Archuleta 05/12
 Don & Janet Baker 05/15
 Wayne & Beverly Sousa 05/16
 Edward & Darlene Tobias 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
 Robert & Jackie Spengler 05/27
 Daniel & Sandy Fitzgerald 05/31



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Do you think our usual "Kick-Out Dinner," where the old officers are kicked out and the new ones installed, will be the usual run of the mill this year? I for one certainly hope not and I suggest you read on. In June of 1991, Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council 10644 became a reality.

In June of 2016, we will celebrate our council's 25th anniversary! Now you know why I think we owe it to ourselves to celebrate not just a new slate of officers, but the success of our council in terms of making it to this milestone. My hope is that we can honor those first Knights that started it all in some manner, not just the officers, but those who signed our Constitutional Role in June of 1991. Our very first Worthy

Grand Knight was Herb Saska who we still see on a regular basis at most of our monthly meetings. As I mentioned at our last monthly meeting, our Council originally was going to meet twice a month! Our initial slate of officers included: Al Stent, Joe Rodriguez, Dave Tacchini, John Gorman, Brian Dumas, Ken Stedfeld Sr., Larry Cahill, Carl Lewis, and, of course, Herb. Further research revealed that Herb asked the following to be Trustees: Julian Ortiz, Norman Boucher and Anthony Scienti.

The First Degree ceremony for the Council was to be on July 16, 1991. In their first official meeting on July 11, 1991, the Chaplain's report stated "...parish priests expected the Knights of Columbus members to help the priests in all parish

activities and ministries." Let us all be thankful for the efforts of our founders for creating our Council and setting in motion the traditions that have been handed down and carried on for a generation. Having been a member of other volunteer organizations, I know how hard it is to keep the continuity. But from where I sit, we have been indeed been blessed by those founders and the spirit they passed on to future officers and members.

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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JOHN'S JOKES

My father was completely lost in the kitchen and never ate unless someone prepared a meal for him. When Mother was ill, however, he volunteered to go to the supermarket for her. She sent him off with a carefully numbered list of seven items. Dad returned shortly, very proud of himself, and proceeded to unpack the grocery bags. He had one bag of sugar, two dozen eggs, three hams, four boxes of detergent, five boxes of crackers, six eggplants, and seven green peppers.

My ten-month-old was sitting in her high chair, twisting and moving all over the place. My wife said to me, "Straighten her up."

I looked at my daughter and said, "What are you doing with your life? Do you want to be this way forever? It's time to grow up."

My wife hasn't asked me to do anything since.

I am very much into preserving the environment and sometimes I may get a little preachy about it.

One day, I was teaching Sunday school class. The topic for the day was Easter Sunday and the resurrection of Christ.

"What did Jesus do on this day?" I asked. There was no response, so I gave the students a hint: "It starts with the letter R."

One boy smiled and blurted out, "Recycle!"

Brother Knights,
Welcome! I would like to reflect on the beauty of the past 40 days. My successes and where I fell short (sin). Overall, Lent is a wonderful cleansing process and time of reflection and sacrifice. I was often asked by my non-Catholic brothers and sisters and brothers and sisters in general, "What is Lent again? Why can't you eat meat? Why do people give up alcohol, sweets, etc.?"

Wow, what an opportunity for us to evangelize and spread God's word. Some may test us in there, questioning like the Pharisees did Jesus, but I think all thirst for the truth. I always pray, "Lord, please give me the words that glorify you and that bring my questioners closer to you, so that I am not responsible for pushing them farther away." My answer is it is a time to sacrifice and reflect and on what our savior the Lord Jesus Christ has done for us. Yes he went out to the desert for 40 days to fast and pray and be tempted by the devil. Lent of course is not only a time to make sacrifices for the Lord by giving something up, but also is a time to rededicate ourselves to giving something away, like our time, treasure and talent. I'm pleased to say that I saw that in each one of you these last 40 days, and see that in you daily in your love, devotion, charity, and dedication to our order, events, church and community. We will always be tempted, but more so the closer we get to our Lord. It is a test of our will.

LECTURER'S NOTES

I remember that He was with the apostles and appeared to them for another 40 days after his death before he ascended into heaven. So I rededicated myself for another 40 days of my sacrifice and commitment to him. Yes, I have had to go to confession since my new commitment. Maybe we should recommit ourselves monthly, weekly, daily, or even hourly. The great thing is that it builds character and confirms who we are in the Lord.

The great community of our fish fries, Stations of the Cross every Friday with the booming voices of John Sablan, and Brother Knights Ed Ibarra, Richard Braun, the testimony of the Walk for Life opened by our color guard, or the Live Stations of the Cross all the wonderful events of Holy Week, Holy Thursday mass and adoration until 12:00 midnight in the garden with our Lord, and Good Friday, including the Divine Mercy novena, the silent procession of our Lady of Sorrows. All of those were leading up to the Easter Vigil, followed by the sunrise mass, and all the Easter masses. What a gift to our souls and spirits! What a gift back also to our Lord! He sees you where you are. He is aware of your hard work love and dedication to Him. I say to you, Brothers, good job! Father Illo used to say, "Give them heaven, Stephen!" Father Mark always says, "We are all called to be saints!"

I tried to attend as many masses and events that were available to us during Holy Week and Easter, and I saw

many a familiar face each time. None as familiar as our parish priests; they were either at or participated in every event. I was exhausted by Easter. I looked at Father Mark and asked him how he does it? He is a true athlete. He was at each and every event I went to.

I really enjoyed the great work done by our first degree team at the last meeting. My hat's off to you gentlemen! And the dignity of the lesson you provided to our new Brothers was outstanding. Welcome all new Brother Knights especially our new brother Father Chandrasekar C. Paulraj. (Father Sekar, which he pronounces as "Segar," almost like cigar), Associate Pastor of St Joseph's Parish. I find great comfort and peace in our brotherhood, and I look forward to seeing you all there June 11th in Father O'Hare Hall for the men's conference. It's going to be a must attend for us all. I love you all God bless you and your families!

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

true in the spiritual life. We need the family of God. If we do not spend time in intimate communion with Jesus and Mary in prayer, then we have separated ourselves from the family of God and we cannot become saints. St. Louis de Montfort predicted that at the end of the world there would be "super saints" who would be formed by means of special devotion to Mary: "I said that this will happen especially towards the end of the world, and indeed soon, because Almighty God and his holy Mother are to raise up great saints who will surpass in holiness most other saints as much as the cedars of Lebanon tower above little shrubs... These great souls filled with grace and zeal will be chosen to oppose the enemies of God who are raging on all sides. They will be exceptionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin. Illumined by her light, strengthened by her food, guided by her spirit, supported by her arm, sheltered under her protection, they will fight with one hand and build with the other. With one hand they will give battle, overthrowing and crushing heretics and their heresies,

schismatics, and their schisms, idolaters and their idolatries, sinners and their wickedness. With the other hand they will build the temple of the true Solomon and the mystical city of God, namely, the Blessed Virgin, who is called by the Fathers of the Church the Temple of Solomon and the City of God. By word and example they will draw all men to a true devotion to her and though this will make many enemies, it will also bring about many victories and much glory to God alone. (True Devotion to Mary, #47-48)

We who are Catholic men should know these things which are the secrets of the spiritual life. If you don't know about it, then you should come to our "Central Valley Men's Conference on June 11 and learn! I am especially looking forward to the talk which will be given by Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (of EWTN fame) because like me he also loves the writings of St. Louis de Montfort. He loves to preach about the importance for men to be devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



We will also hear from Deacon Alex Jones who is the famous Pentecostal Minister who became Catholic and dragged his whole Pentecostal congregation into the Catholic Church with him!



If even the Protestants are discovering the secrets of Catholic spirituality, then we who are Catholic men should also try to learn more about it! See you at the conference on June 11th!

Sincerely,

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



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. "What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered. He was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning: "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!"

The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him, "There is a mousetrap in the house! There is a mousetrap in the house!" The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said, "There is a mousetrap in the house!

There is a mousetrap in the house!" The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house – like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught. In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had

caught. The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient. But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig. The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral, the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

Remember this story next time tells you about something that bothers them. How often do you find yourself saying "It's not my problem"? How likely are you to sympathize and help someone out even though their troubles seem inconsequential to you? Give it some thought. Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Keating
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CHANCELLOR'S CHALLENGES

Well, Brothers, as the Columbian year winds down, I am looking back at the last 10 months. What Challenges we took on and what we still need to accomplish over the next 2 months!

First Degree Team... We have an excellent crew, now. BIG thanks to **Tim Benavidez** (Inside Guard), **Chris Bengochea** (Chancellor), and **Mel Mattos** (DGK) for stepping up and doing a **terrific** job learning their parts. 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?

Special Olympics: The Area Games for the Special Olympics and the Spaghetti Dinner just finished. They **were** successes, and we were able to contribute to this worthy organization. Special thanks to all those that helped make both successful events! "Many hands make light the work" Did you answer this challenge to help the disabled in our community?

Fr. Francis' Farewell: With Fr. Francis leaving we will be missing a good man and a good priest. Will you be there to send him off to Florida with good memories from Modesto? His farewell will be on May 7th, and we will need your help to make it a worthwhile event.

Phone and E-Mail List 2016: For the last few months we Officers have been going over the membership roster trying to keep it current. **We need your help!** If your phone number and/or e-mail has changed recently, or if you are not getting phone tree messages or e-mails about current events, please get your information to the Financial Secretary via email at finsec@kofc10644.com or by calling him at (209) 409-2565. **We need to be able to reach you.**

Al Toschi, Chancellor
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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

What is Disability Income Insurance?

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

Who needs it?

Disability income insurance helps protect your most important financial asset – your paycheck – so it should be an important part of every family's planning. Long-term disability is much more common than other unfortunate circumstances that are commonly covered by insurance. Consider the following statistics:

- 1 in 15 – Risk of a boat being destroyed.
- 1 in 20 – Risk of a car being totaled.
- 1 in 100 – Risk of losing your home to a fire.^[1]
- 1 in 4 – Risk of suffering a long-term disability.^[2]

Despite the odds and the prevalence of long-term disability – nearly 11 million Americans are receiving federal disability benefits^[3] – more than 100 million Americans are without private disability income insurance.^[4] In addition, any disability income insurance you may have through your employer may very well be insufficient or contingent on certain circumstances (like worker's compensation).

How does it work?

Disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit amount over the course of a maximum benefit period (see below) designed to help replace the income that

you would have otherwise received if you were able to work. You are free to use your disability income benefits in whatever way you see fit – just like you would with your own paycheck.

Knights of Columbus Disability Income policies also come with special features, such as the total, partial, or presumptive disability income benefits, which help protect against special circumstances. As an added bonus, our disability income insurance policies come with a waiver of premium provision, which waives your policy's premiums while you're suffering from a disability.

What options do I have?

Benefit Period

The maximum benefit period is the longest period for which monthly disability benefits are payable for any one period of a disability. The benefit resets once the disability concludes.

You may choose from:

2-Year – Protect your paycheck with two years of disability income payments.

5-Year – Protect your paycheck with five years of disability income payments.

To Age 67 – Protect all your working years with disability income payments until you reach retirement age.

Monthly Benefit

Working with your Knights of Columbus field agent, you establish the monthly benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your income and subject to certain limits.

Elimination Period

Disability income insurance policies come with an elimination period, which

serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30, 90, or 180-day elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Additional Features and Benefits

A number of special features and benefits – often called riders – are available on Knights of Columbus disability income insurance products. For instance, the catastrophic disability rider provides an additional monthly benefit in the event of a catastrophic disability, and the cost of living adjustment rider helps your monthly benefit keep pace with inflation during a long-term disability.

Contact me today to learn more about our disability income insurance products, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

^[1] U.S. Fire Administration

^[2] Council for Disability Awareness

^[3] U.S. Social Security Administration Office of the Chief Actuary

^[4] U.S. Group Disability Rate & Risk Management Survey 2012, Gen Re

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