



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Tootsie Roll Thanks

A big thanks to all the Brothers who helped out during last month's Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit people with intellectual disabilities. Those who took part joined many thousands of Knights across the country who went out into the community to raise much needed funds. Speaking of the community, our council has long made it a priority to keep these funds close to home, donating to such local charities as the Special Olympics and the Howard Training Center. We also have the opportunity to help these groups out in other ways throughout the year.

Save the Date

We've decided to organize our Council's 25th Anniversary dinner with our Adopt-a-Family Dinner in December. So, save the date: Saturday, December 3rd for this fantastic event, details of which will follow. We feel this will pump up attendance at the kick-off of one of our most worthwhile annual charities, as well as build fellowship as we celebrate 25 years on the planet. For the more seasoned members (myself included), this will be a chance to reminisce over the events of the past quarter century and see some folks we haven't seen for a while and to remember our departed Brothers and family members. For the newer members, it will be a chance to learn where we came from, to meet and honor some of the men who started our council, and to get excited about what the next 25 years can bring.

MARBLE GAME



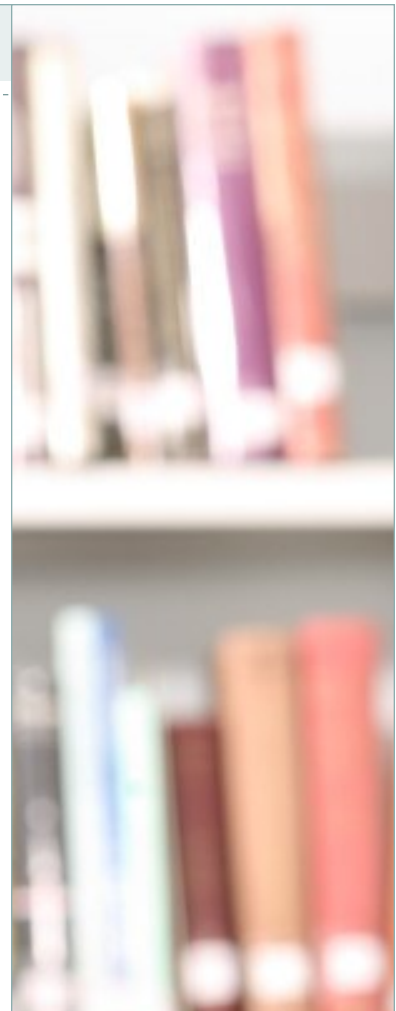
Last Month's Winner: Charles Cunningham
(\$113.00)
Starting Pot: \$0

Marble Game News

For the first time this year, we had a winner in the Marble Game at our October meeting. Charles Cunningham pulled the one winning marble out of the three remaining. Congratulations, Charles! The pot starts again at zero, but it grows fast so be sure to participate. And you can't win if you're not present, so come to the next meeting. The proceeds from the game (half of each month's pot) go to the 365 Club to help Brother Knights in need.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on November 1st at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend.

November 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	6:30 PM Officers' Meeting Vatican Council Rm, St.JP2 Center	1 7 PM Business Meeting Father O'Hare Hall	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 5:45pm Memorial Mass, Rosary and Respect Life Holy Hour	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	NOTES: Save the date for next month's 25th Anniversary Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Celebration on Saturday, December 3rd!		

*“In democracy, we get the government we deserve” -
Alexis de Tocqueville*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Members' Birthdays

Josue Jimenez Magana 11/4
John Rodriguez 11/4
Alfred Sierras 11/5
Ronald Uyeshiro 11/6
Roger Duke 11/9
Robert Selover 11/9
Marty Reis 11/13
Michael Lamanet 11/14
Gary Nelson 11/15
Rick Guajardo 11/16
Mason Trevillyan 11/16
Gary Moya 11/17
Edward Tobias 11/17
Joey Rodriguez 11/18
Dominick Guidice 11/19
Sam Satariano 11/21
Eugene Thiel 11/21
Leonard Churilla 11/25
Adam Harker 11/25
Orlando Castillo 11/26
Jose Barajas 11/27
Geraldo DeQueiroz 11/27
Daniel Hernandez 11/27
Hector Morales-Arana 11/27
John Wee 11/27
Virgilio Ereso 11/28
Rev Francis Joseph 11/28

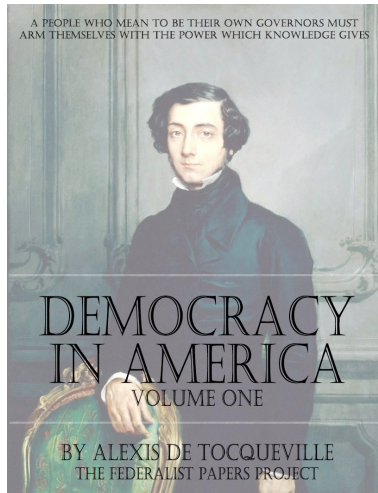
Ladies' Birthdays

Lorna Sichak 11/10
Patricia Chavarria 11/11
Lisa Ringer 11/16
Kim McCarthy 11/17
Amanda Towne 11/17
Alejandra Fausto 11/18
Jacqueline Nunez 11/21
Cathy Hartman 11/22
Kathleen Harker 11/26
Kim Ringer 11/26
Dalilah Rodriguez 11/26
Cathy Hartman 11/27
Wendy Morton 11/27
Michele Nielsen 11/27
Maricela Sanchez 11/28

Anniversaries

William & Linda Black 11/1
Steven & Beka Wunschel 11/4
James & Barbara Brady 11/8
Joseph & Rosalie Gardella 11/9
David & Trina Malsom 11/9
David & Maria Sally Evans 11/10
Sean & Mara Mullins 11/11
Pat & Lela Seefeldt 11/11
Terence & Kristine Rocca 11/17
Geraldo & Maria DeQueiroz 11/24
James & Theresa Galuppi 11/24
Robert & Diana Poncini 11/27





Alexis de Tocqueville book assessing democracy in the US.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,
The month of November is the month of praying for the dead. The shadows lengthen, the days shorten, and a chill descends upon the land. It is also election time; and, hopefully, it will not bring the specter of darker days ahead. We pray that laws and candidates will be chosen which promote life rather than extend the culture of death over our land.

There is a saying that we get the politicians we deserve. French political philosopher Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) said *"In democracy, we get the government we deserve."* This is because we can only blame ourselves for the people we elect. But it is also because candidates and politicians come from the society; and if our society is corrupt, then we will usually produce leaders after our own image. If the general populace is mostly concerned about seeking personal wealth and pleasure and comfort, then we will probably have leaders who are looking for power and personal gain. We will have leaders who disrespect life and who disregard truth and real justice and who try to please everyone with "political correctness." It is also said that we get the priests we deserve: if the lay people are worldly and corrupt, then they will probably

not produce good vocations. From broken, dysfunctional families will come broken, dysfunctional seminarians and priests. Of course, God will occasionally raise up a saintly priest who can help to change society. A holy priest can raise the moral standards of the society, but this is rare. Often it is the low morals of society which lowers the morals of the priests. We must pray for priests as they pray for us.

But we are all called to be saints. Life is short and death approaches and so we should use our time well. Rather than curse the darkness we should light a candle. We should enkindle a fire of love and goodness and let our light shine. Even if our government may be corrupt, we can change things for the better right around us. If we don't, we should know the consequences.

In November, we pray for the souls of the dead. Why? Because they may be in purgatory. Many souls are in purgatory precisely because they did not make good use of the time they had on earth. They did not kindle a flame of love in their hearts for God and neighbor, and so they must spend time in purgatory before they can enter into God's burning love.

In November we also celebrate the feast days of many saints who showed us

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

This month I want to ask my Brother: why did you join the Knights? The thought came to me because life got complicated this month.

My wife told me way back then, "You should join the Knights. You are one of them." She knew me. I joined.

But being a Knight also cemented our immersion in Modesto and St. Joseph's. My wife found her place in the adult choir and bereavement ministry.

She is also a greeter at the noon mass. I joined the Knights, and took on another role later on as well. Our parish has become our home. Our faith became a part of our lives.

I write this now with a heavy heart. My youngest sister's husband is about to undergo cancer treatment with chemo and radiation treatment for a tumor they found in his esophagus. Our 90 plus year old mom is starting to enter into dementia as a result of UTI (urinary tract infection). It is hard to deal with when your mom has to go through this stage. She has been a strong person for me and my sisters all these years. But now we have to be there for her.

I will probably not be there for our November meeting. My sisters need me to help take care of mom back in Indiana. My wife will return, and we will begin to think of how we can be grandparent spoilers as our son has told us they are expecting a child in April

2017. We are an international family and well, we did all the legal work to get my wife and son through the paperwork to become citizens of our country without the help of lawyers.

My son and I had a nice dinner together at the Catfish House this weekend before it closes up on October 30. Classic restaurant. And I will also visit a couple of classic places in Indiana when I return.

But this month, I want all of you to think about why you joined the Knights. I want you to think of the joys you found getting to know your fellow brothers, as I did.

We are the Knights of Columbus. You are a brother Knight. Do not forget our brotherhood. When we see each other, see us as brother, as family, as Knights.

Financial Secretary, Dave Sichak

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

November GREETINGS to all. I have, once again, been asked to keep this article "short and sweet", so to that end, read on. I apologize for not attending this November meeting, but I will be out of town, celebrating with my wife our 40th wedding anniversary!

As I explained in last month's article, the **"Tootsie Roll Drive"** has become the State Council's largest program, raising over \$18 million for hundreds of Intellectual Disabilities Program throughout California. We have 300+ members. Were you one that helped make this a successful event?

The "Goals Setting Retreat," conducted by brother, **Michael Loschke** and attended by 12 "young and old guys," was an excellent review of where we have been, what we do, and where we are headed. It has provided a framework for us, and future, officers to guide our Council's decision making in the future.

Christmas is fast approaching and that means the **Adopt-a-Family** event on **December 3rd** will need to be organized. We are in need of a Santa Claus and a Chairman who will get volunteer brothers and their families to pull off a nice Christmas dinner for Knights and their families only. There will also be an opportunity sign up 10 teams to put together a Christmas for 10 very needy families, who may not otherwise be able to celebrate Christmas. Call me to volunteer to chair or help out with this event. (209) 601-5039 / DGK@kofc10644.com.

Future Fund Raiser: Save the date, **4/29/17**, for our 2nd Annual **"Pasta Feed"** to help generate fund for Special Olympics of Stanislaus County.

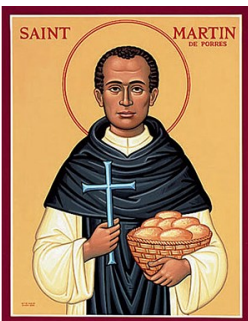
We are **still** looking for volunteers to step forward and take a part in the **First Degree Team**. It is not hard to do, is a once every couple of months commitment. This is the first introduction for new members coming into our Council. We want to make it a quality, memorable exemplification. **Will you help? Remember: "Many hands make light the load"**

Deputy Grand Knight Al Toschi



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

how to use their time well while on earth. They changed their own hearts and helped to change the societies they lived in. St. Martin de Porres



(November 3) was a black slave whose charity helped change the selfishness and racism in colonial Lima, Peru. St. Charles Borromeo (November 4)

helped to implement reforms of the church after the Council of Trent. St. Gertrude (November 16) was a mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope

Saint Leo I (November 10) was the first pope to be called "the Great" because he was a wise and kindly pastor for the church in a time of Christolog-



ical heresies and schisms and barbarian invasions. Pope Clement I (November 23) was a former slave who converted and became one of the many popes who died in the imperial persecutions. There are saints who were great scholars and helped spread the light of faith: St. Albert the Great (November 15) and St. Catherine of Alexandria (November 25). There are other saints who courageously died as martyrs: St. Andrew (November 30), St. Cecilia (November 22), Blessed Miguel Pro (November 23), and the Vietnamese martyrs Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions (November 24). And there

are saints who gave up their personal wealth to serve the poor: St. Margaret Queen of Scotland (November 16) and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (November 18) who served the Native American Indians in Missouri and Kansas.

These saints did not give up. They did not despair but showed the optimism of faith. Things will get better after the winter of sin and evil. We are Knights. Who ever heard of a knight that gave up? In the middle ages, a knight was a soldier indentured into service to the lord of the land or to the lady of the castle. He had to be prepared even to sacrifice himself for his lord or his lady. In the same way we must be always at the ready to serve Our Lord and Our Lady. We must strive to use our time well while we are still battling it out here in the church militant. Alternatively we may have to join the church suffering in purgatory. We must become saints now while there is still time. *Tempus fugit. Memento mori.*

**Father Mark Wagner
Chaplain, St. Joseph's**



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Jim Galuppi; Roy Gordon; Virgil Ereso; Roger Mittall; Merno Stadler; John Karaz and his wife, Eleanor; Douglas Rider and his wife, Kristi; Dave Tachini; Al Toschi's brother-in-law, Charles; Mike Grodt and his recently deceased wife, Vicky; Daniel Hamilton and his wife, Susan; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Helmsley; Ron Martorana; Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; and Don Reed.

Please pray also for Elizabeth Homan, recently deceased sister of Gary Moya; the Keating family; Kathy Anderson; Monica Woods and the repose of the soul of her husband, David; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary Kitcher, wife of Keith Kitcher; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers,

wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; Colleen Tuers, sister of Marty Reis; Lita Selover, wife of Bob Selover.

Pray for the Church and the whole world as we begin this year of Mercy! Lord, grant us Your Mercy as we show that Mercy to those in the world so that they will come to know the Love and Grace You give to all freely.

If you have, or know of, any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at (209) 918-2847 or prayers@kofc10644.com

Mike Glendon, PGK

PS: Just to let the whole council know, I was recently diagnosed with cancer and will be going through daily



treatments and, as a result, I might not get back to you in a timely manner. However, please continue to send me your prayers requests and I will make sure that they are published in the newsletter.

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with

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guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments. First, we offer “10 Pay Life” and “20 Pay Life.” Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is “Life Paid Up at 65.” The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call me today.

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