

# KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Brother Knights

I'm starting out the first part of my newsletter with the word Charity. This is the principal of the first degree of our order, and it seems to have lost a certain luster. As Catholic gentlemen, we should be following the path of our Lord Jesus Christ and should be helping the less fortunate and be giving of ourselves and our time. If we can't eke out a few hours here and there, this organization becomes nothing more than a great insurance plan for you and your loved ones.

Some answer the call like a champion and are willing to sacrifice a little extra when the calls or emails are sent. Some don't hear the call and forget we are doing the Lord's work. We are heads of households, in partnership with our spouse. We are the examples our children look up to. If we can't show that, as Catholics, we can be charitable and give our time for the good of the Church and the community at large, we leave a sad legacy. I bring all this up only because one of the largest Councils in our area, St. Joseph's 10644 seems to have shrunk in size. I know we all have jobs and families and prior

commitments, but getting some of the Brothers to share some time is hitting an all-time low. I would love to see some of our newer brothers getting more involved; and, for the most part, they are.

Brothers, Knights that bring in the new Brothers are going to have to get more involved in mentoring and not just signing up these gentlemen up and drop them off at the door. This isn't what we supposed to be about. We're expected to follow in the footsteps of Fr. Michael McGivney and look out for one another.

In some of the darker times in my life, it was the Knights that helped me get through them. If it was not for the generosity of the Knights and people in the parish my path and that of my family might have taken a different direction.

I'm bringing all this up as we have several events coming up in the next few months. We have the adopt-a-family in December and our annual Crab Feed in January. Many hands involved will make the workload light, while sharing a little camaraderie and getting to know one another and each



other's families as well. I would love to see more wives around, because you know what they say: "Behind every good Catholic gentleman is a great woman!" The Crab Feed has become one of our largest fundraisers; and, for those of you who can't make it to the meetings to know where some of the proceeds go, we have, to date, donated \$10,000 towards a much need electronic marquee. This will help in advertising more than one event at a time, as we are a Stewardship Parish and have multiple events monthly.

On a lighter note we have All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> and Election Day on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. And on the 11<sup>th</sup>, we have Veterans Day, a day which we should never discount without the sacrifice of those who have served would not enjoy the freedoms we all take for granted. I salute all our Brother Knights who served so selflessly. In closing I want to wish all the brothers and their families a Happy Thanksgiving and continue to pray for our priest and Christians being persecuted around the world.

God bless you and your families!

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**Next Meeting**

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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

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

Dear defenders of life and of the Church,  
 October 21, 2015 was a significant day. I did not know this until people started saying that it was "Back to the Future Day." Thirty years ago, there was a nice movie called "Back to the Future." I remember seeing it at the movie theater. It was a movie about a scientist who invented time travel. He set his time machine to travel into the future, and they found themselves in the futuristic world as it was on October 21, 2015. Thirty years ago, the year 2015 seemed far away and they thought it would be a completely different, futuristic world.

As a matter of fact, the world is very different from the way it was thirty years ago. The other day, I spoke to a woman who was in a convent for ten years; and when she came out, due to health, reasons she had to go to Junior College to learn about all of the modern advances. There was no internet when she entered the convent.

It is true that we have made some amazing advances in technology since the 1980s. On my "smart" phone I have an "app" (an "application") called "Skyview," which allows me turn my phone in any direction and "see" the stars and the planets, even during the daytime. I can turn it upwards and it shows me where the stars are. It then it shows lines that connect the stars, so that you can see ghostly pictures of the constellations. If I point it downwards, it shows where the stars, planets, sun or moon are currently located on the other side of the earth! There are little pictures showing the exact current location and little pictures of all of man-made satellites, such as the Hubble Space Telescope and the International Space Station. It is pretty amazing that I have this technology in my pocket! It shows all the beautiful things that are in space and exactly

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where they are. But it also shows some ugly things. There are many things that look like little bars floating in space between the stars. When I touch the screen at one of these little bars, it tells me that it is a part of a rocket body; and it gives me the name of the rocket and the launch date. It shows that is a lot of space junk cluttering up the sky above our planet!

Sometimes when you look at the night sky in a dark rural area, you can see some of these man-made satellites. They look like stars that are slowly moving. They are visible, because they are made of shiny metal which reflects sunlight. Sometimes they seem to disappear, because they pass into the shadow of the earth. In the future, there will be more and more of these satellites.

The world is changing fast. The other day I read in the news-paper that lawmakers are considering new legislation that would require people to register their "drones." More and more people have flying robots called drones. There are already laws which forbid them to fly higher than 400 feet and in the vicinity of airports. These laws are often ignored, and so new the drone registration laws are needed to help identify lawbreakers. They say that drones are like lethal weapons which must be controlled in way similar to gun control.

Yesterday at Mass, I heard a reading which sounded like St. Paul said that our bodies are like lethal weapons that can cause a lot of harm if we do not control them: "Do not present the parts of your bodies to sin as weapons for wickedness, but present ....the parts of your bodies to God as weapons for righteousness." (Romans 6:16) The human body can be volatile and dangerous. Sins of the flesh cause great harm to ourselves and others. Some people cannot control their bodily urges, and so they use their bodies in wrong ways. They use their own bodies in wrong ways, and then they use and abuse

the bodies of others, causing terrible damage. Lust can cause the most devastating forms of human suffering: rape, adultery, divorce, abortion. St. Paul is saying that our bodies can be weapons for good or weapons for evil. He is advocating "body control." In the old days there was better "body control." Almost everyone used to do things the right way: first they dated, they took marriage preparation classes, then they got a wedding license, then then they married, and then they used their bodies in the right way. It is interesting that this is similar to what happens in those places where there is "gun control." "Gun control" is what happens in those places where a man cannot own a gun without getting a permit, taking an instructional class and registering his weapon. We can see that our bodies really are analogous to weapons, as St. Paul says. St. Paul says that if you "present the parts of your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness for lawlessness," then they become "weapons for wickedness." (Romans 6:19)

A lot of things change in our modern world, but we would be better off if we would continue to obey the laws of God regarding the proper use of our bodies! 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; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman and his family; Matt Iorns and his family; John Karaz; the Keating Family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Loy Sagrado; James Standart and Richard Ward.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Jack (John) Adams and Marty Reis' sister, Colleen Tuers. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

And please, pray for all our religious and those in the consecrated life as they, as all Christians in the world, are being attacked more and more by the demon realm and the world.

**Sunshine Committee Chair  
 John McCave PGK**

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)



~ November 2015 ~						
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>	2 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office <i>All Souls' Day</i>	3 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
22	23 <i>Bl. Miguel Pro</i>	24 <i>Christ the King</i>	25	26	27	28
29	30 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	<b>Notes:</b>				

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Bradshaw 11/1  
 Josue Jiménez Magaña 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  
 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  
 John Wee 11/27  
 Virgilio Ereso 11/28  
 Rev. Francis Joseph 11/28

### LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Lorna Sichak 11/10  
 Patricia Chavarria 11/11  
 Kathleen Irizarry 11/13  
 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  
 Gerard & Ruth Oftring 11/22  
 Geraldo & Maria DeQueiroz 11/24  
 James & Theresa Galuppi 11/24  
 Robert & Sharon Briar 11/26  
 Robert & Diana Poncini 11/27



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

My brother Knights, you know we all became members because deep inside, we answered a call. To serve. To lead. To help. And tonight a memory came to me from long ago when country music would sometimes see a humorous side for its audience and maybe not exactly music, but a bit of a wake-up call. But my question to you is - what would you do if you were asked to accept a collect call and the operator asked if you were a Christian? And you might ask, "Who is calling?" and were told, "It is heaven."

Yes, there was such a recording way back in the middle 1970s - "A Phone Call From God" by Jerry Jordan. It spun the usual humor you might expect, but it wove into it some thoughts that got you thinking maybe you were not that pious Christian you thought you were. Imagine if God asked you if you said your prayers. Asked you if you remembered what Fr. Mark talked about last Sunday during his homily. Asked you if you went to mass on Sunday. Then you had to tell Him you went fishing or golfing instead of mass.

On a lighter note, I proudly observed my son take the Oath of Citizenship in Fresno on October 13. My wife took that same oath in February 2008. Guess what - our laws do work.

Brothers, how would you answer if you got a "Phone Call From God"...???

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Silvio, an 80-year-old Italian goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, "How do you stay in such great physical condition?"

"I'm Italian and I am a golfer," says Silvio, "and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a glass of vino, and all is well."

"Well," says the doctor, "I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Father when he died?"

"Who said my Father's dead?"

## BOB'S JOKES

The doctor is amazed. "You mean you're 80 years old and your Father's still alive. How old is he?" "He's 100 years old," says Silvio.

"In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had a little vino and that's why he's still alive. He's Italian and he's a golfer, too."

"Well," the doctor says, "that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your father's father? How old was he when he died?"

"Who said my Nonno's dead?"

Stunned, the doctor asks, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?"

"He's 118 years old" says the old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point. "So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

"No, Nonno couldn't go this morning, because he's getting married today."

At this point the doctor is close to losing it. "Getting married? Why would a 118 year old guy want to get married?"

"Who said he *wanted* to get married?"

That man is you! I will say it again: That man is you! It's a great program! I wish we all were involved in it. Talk about encouraging and supportive, eye opening. There are statistics we need to know. It's also a program recommended by our parish priests and Pastor Father Mark. That alone should encourage our attendance. I'm going to try and see how many times I can use the word encouraging in this letter to you. Why? Because we are all under attack since our baptism. The world and man driven by you know who! Don't care to mention his name, thank you! That's what is killing Christians and attacking our faith formation. Discouragement is his tool; not God's, not Jesus Christ, the Father's son; not St Joseph's; not Mary's, the mother of God. There was the light of faith, hope, charity, and encouragement. We will chair those dinners. We will encourage our Brothers to come to the monthly meetings. We will succeed at meeting our commitments. Hey, we will get those form one hundreds filled out and bring in new Knights. We will grow our numbers of active members. We will help fill those Blessed Sacrament Chapel hours. As Catholic men and leaders, that is our job also. Just remember whatever we do, that man is you. Bring your humility, come one, come all, and hear the truth. It's not too late to start showing up 6:00 Wednesday morning. It's free, but open to donations. Come have breakfast with Father Mark. Your Grand Knight, Michael Glendon, has been at every one so far sitting in the front row. Richard Braun, Ed Ibarra, myself, and other Knights are there too. Leave your arrogance at home in a box with that other fella. Yeah, that guy who says, "You are above this simple retreat." That man is you has been an eye opener. It's kind of like confession: if you think you don't need it, there a very strong chance you do. Again, humble yourself. Humility is what calls me to that Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Blessed Sacrament Chapel should be the left arm of our Knights of Columbus and programs like TMIY our right. Already in our small group discussions, we have recognized some of these current world

## LECTURER'S NOTES

statistics and how they have affected our lives. We have lifted and encouraged each other and have discussed supporting each other outside in that messy place they call the world.

We have found that no matter what status we are in the world's standards: doctor, lawyer, actor, singer, karate instructor, plumber, contractor etc. we are facing the same issues as Catholic Christian men. We need to support each other, recognize and encourage each other to do the next right thing. These things are not being discussed in our meetings as Knights and probably can't be as there are other things we are focusing on. We, our families, and our parish can all benefit from our attendance.

I really enjoyed my time with you all at the parish festival; and, yes, we learned our parishioners look forward to having the Italian sausage booth. I got to sing one song with the band Saturday night: the song "Susie Q" by Credence. That was fun! I had many nice conversations with parishioners over the course of the three days. But, there was three times were someone close to me (St. Joseph's parishioners) spoke out boldly in disagreement about our parish priests: concerns about being able to understand them or maybe the way they delivered their message, etc. This is not something we haven't heard before. Three people out of as many people that I talked to: that's pretty good statistics for our priest. My gentle response was, "I love them all." I'm reminded of Pentecost when Jesus spoke and they all understood even though they all spoke different languages. Many years ago I was at a parent teacher meeting when my boys were in grade school. I saw a teacher I recognized from our parish, but had not seen in a while. I asked her if she still went to St Joseph's. She boldly stated in front of her fellow co-workers, "I would, if they would get some priest that I can understand. The priesthood, Catholicism, and Christianity are not nationality things. They're international; it is worldwide. God did in fact create the world. Simply there was no humility in her statement! Our job is to, as graciously as we can, defend our parish priests, share our faith and continue to invite those who have trouble hearing our

priest different, distinct, beautiful character, and voices to maybe listen closer maybe with Christ ears. After all, I love every one of those people who spoke out, and I know our parish priest do too. We know Jesus does. I wonder how easy it would be to learn Russian and start a parish. That's probably pretty easy! Brothers, now is not the time for division. Let us continue to stand tall and do our good works, support our parish, parishioners and our catholic priests. It's funny, one person after my response, the same priest that was spoken about walked up talked with me said hello briefly and walked on. The parishioner who spoke out said immediately after, "Wow, he's really nice. I like him already." Stay till the end of mass, wait in line, meet, and greet your parish priest. Get to know them, let them know their hard work is appreciated. You all encourage me, and I love you all! God bless you and your beautiful families.

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P.S Three still seems like too many to me, but what a funny number. Wonder who chose that number?



## CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,  
As you know from past newsletters, your Officers have set a few goals for this Columbian Year that we need every Brother to consider helping with. Being a Brother in a group of about 300 great men, I am sure that you were proud of the fine job that we Knights do in our community. You all have special talents that we need you to donate in order to keep our Council strong. You will be surprised at how your involvement makes us all a bit more proud to be a Knight.

I promised to challenge you over the upcoming Columbian Year, to get involved in an activity that you might find quite rewarding and usually enjoyable. Over the last 4 months I have been asking for volunteers to help with our:

### **First Degree**

### **Team...CHALLENGE**

**ANSWERED!** Over the last couple of years, we have lost several of our key team members. In order to make a good "first impression" as to the excellence of our Council to new members (from our parish as well as others) we needed a long term commitment of First Degree Team members and backups.

This challenge was answered by **Chris Bengochea**, who has accepted the challenge to take on a major part, and **Tim Benavidaz** who accepted the challenge to be our Outside Guard. A big thank you, congratulations & welcome to them!

Last month I challenged you to get involved in the **Tootsie Roll Drive ...**

### **CHALLENGE ANSWERED**

by a few good men! We have close to 300 members... We put out the call, looking for at least 32 Knights to man 2 locations for 2 days. This challenge was answered by less than 25!! These 25 (including 2 men who are not Catholic or Knights, but just felt the urge to help the mentally retarded community) carried the weight of this challenge for the other 250+!!! These few good men did an outstanding job in raising a near record amount for the retarded. Where were the rest of you? Yes, it can be intimidating and yes, you will express your involvement in the Knights, a Catholic men's organization to the community and will probably see people you know, but this IS what we do.

This month, I am challenging you all to get involved in our support of the local

**Special Olympics:** We have been asked by the local group to help "coach" at the annual Bowling Tournament

in December at Modesto Bowl. They are in need of up to 50 "coaches" (a chance here to get your wives and young adult children involved!) to keep the 50+ Special Olympic teams on track and in their appropriate lanes. This will take up about 4 hours of your life to help our retarded community. Will you answer this challenge? Call or e-mail me or our Grand Knight.

Later in the year (4/23/16) we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to, again, give you a chance to help out the Special Olympics. Save that date with more to come on that.

**Al Toschi,**

**Chancellor**

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Any of us who were Boy Scouts must remember reading *Boy's Life Magazine*. I know I looked forward to it every month and one of my favorite features was called *True Stories of Scouts in Action*. It presented, in a dramatically illustrated comic strip format, the true story of a scout performing some heroic act; pulling a driver from a burning and overturned truck or treating a friend's venomous snake bite.



Looking back, the stories now seem a little bit corny and it almost defies belief that a scout did something like that every month. But I'm sure, though, that they were true stories. Back then I remember always being on the lookout for a situation that would have allowed me to be one of those heroes but, alas, it never happened! Even though we're too old to be Boy Scouts, we are still called on to be ready and to act. How about some *True Stories of*

*Knights in Action?* While we may not be expected to pull people from burning trucks or treat snake bites we can and do make a difference in our community, our country and the world when we are active in the Knights. Come to the next meeting, get involved and see if you can be the next *Knight-in-Action*.

It's November, and the Holidays are right around the corner. As we count our blessings and look forward to spending time with our families during this special time of year, we also look outward to the less fortunate in our community. Those of you who were at the last business meeting heard a discussion of a special program conducted by our Council each year called the Adopt-a-Family Program. It allows us to bring some joy to a group of families each year at Christmas.

Each year, teams of Knights and their families adopt a family or two from a list we are given. Through Council funding, we provide a Christmas meal, some gifts, maybe a tree if needed and provide some of the material parts of Christmas that the family would otherwise have to do without. The need is great

and our goal is to adopt as many families as we can. Notice that the much of funding from this program comes from the Council, so don't be discouraged if you can't give but please participate and give of your time and of your love for your fellow man.

To join the effort, attend our Adopt-a-Family dinner on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Details are in this issue of *The Knight Light*, so team up with a brother Knight before then or find one at the dinner.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the November business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

**Tim Keating**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

### ASK ELIGIBLE MEN TO JOIN

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the order wide membership blitz is a tried and true way for Councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March in celebration of Founder's Day or again in October close to Columbus Day. These drives are successful because Brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that each of us has a duty to ask

each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. We wait for the membership blitz or for someone else to ask other Catholic men. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet? What if everyone else is assuming, like you, that he has already been asked or passed up his opportunity during the membership blitz?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many

members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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