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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

I'm writing just as we wrapped up the Parish Fall Festival, and it was, by all measures, a great success. A good time was had by all.

One thing that struck me particularly this year, though I have noticed it in the past, is how active our Brother Knights are in the parish, both inside and outside of our council. I've heard that at some parishes, the Knights are looked at as an insular group, only out for themselves. I've even heard a few people say that about our council. But I can tell you, based on what I experienced during the planning and execution of this year's festival, this is certainly not the case with the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus.

Dozens of Knights were deeply involved in the festival. Starting from the top: did you know that the entire festival was (again) chaired and executed by our Faithful Recorder, Ed Gamboa and his wife Sue? Ed, Sue and their children put in countless hours to bring off this successful event and their commitment to St. Joseph's is awesome. Our Advocate Rick Dinubilo brought his kitchen crew together for an excellent and well-attended

Italian Dinner. Brother Jose Barajas and his wife Sara turned out excellent food and fun in the Mexican booth. Brother Angel Martinez arranged all the entertainment at the event, a huge job. Brother Pino Scarpinati spent the entire weekend cooking for the food booth. Pino was also joined by Richard Goeken and his kids. Alfonso Chavez and his family were involved in a big way with the game booths. Brother Don Baker was hidden away in the cash room most of the time, but played a major role in the event. Deputy Grand Knight Al Toschi ran the car show. Warden Tim Matalone was busy all weekend at various booths. Also busy throughout the planning and execution of the festival were Joey and Lisa Rodriguez, Larry and Lindsay Kjellberg, Kent and Laura Harker and Ruben and Maricela Sanchez. I know I'm leaving a few of you out, and I apologize for that. Last but not least, to all the Brother Knights and their families that volunteered to serve in the food booth and at



other activities, your help was greatly appreciated. That's an impressive list to be sure, and it's equally impressive that these folks were not there for the council but for the parish as a whole. Interacting and cooperating with other groups and ministries at our parish and in our community has always been a strength of ours and we should all be proud of that.

There will be plenty of more opportunities this year for you to get involved in our council and parish events. It's fun, and it fulfills your mission as a Knight. I also want to encourage you to review the budget that in published within the pages of this month's newsletter. You can see it by turning to page 6. We will be voting on it at the next business meeting. Please, remember, the budget is confidential, so please keep it as such. Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating
Grand Knight



Next Meeting

Date: 10/4/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight with you to the business meeting. Don't forget also about helping with the Tootsie Roll Drive later this month.

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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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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,
At a Sunday Mass recently, we heard these words which are very appropriate for this time of elections: "Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:1-2) This is a fascinating scripture passage because it tells us that we must pray for our politicians!

St. Paul the Apostle is writing to Timothy, who was another of the first bishops of the early church. Paul himself had "laid hands" upon Timothy to ordain him as a bishop (2 Tim. 1:6). So here we are seeing two bishops in the very early church discussing the importance of praying for the civil authorities. It is a beautiful example of the complimentary roles of church and state. The church has an important role in teaching and advising and praying for those who serve as political leaders, "so that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life... and to come to knowledge of the truth." It is unfortunate that sometimes the bishops don't seem to speak out decisively; and, when they do, the politicians do not listen! As a result, we do not have "a quiet and

tranquil life" in our country. Mother Teresa once said that the greatest threat to peace is abortion. We should keep that in mind when we go to the polls in November. Mother Teresa said in her famous 1979 acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize: "The greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child, for if a mother can murder her own child, in her own womb, what is left for you and for me? To kill each other. Today millions of unborn children are being killed, but we say nothing."

Mother Teresa said something similar in 1994 in the presence of Hillary Clinton. It was at the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, attended by President Bill Clinton and First Lady Hillary. The title of Mother's talk was "Whatever You Did unto One of the Least, You Did unto Me." She spoke about Jesus and John the Baptist in the wombs of Mary and Elizabeth. She said that Jesus brought joy while still in the womb of Mary. (Joy is a frequent theme in Mother Teresa's reflections.) She said that Jesus died on the cross "because that is what it took for him to do good to us — to save us from our selfishness in sin. But I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because Jesus said, 'If you receive a little child, you receive me.' So every abortion is the denial of receiving Jesus, the neglect of receiving Jesus." Witnesses to the event say that there was an uncomfortable silence in the room, and then applause started on the right side of the room and then spread and lasted over five minutes. During this applause some people did not clap but only sat uncomfortably, including the Clintons and Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore. But Saint Mother Teresa did

not let up. She continued: "By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. [Abortion is] really a war against the child, and I hate the killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that the mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? ... Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."

Let us pray for our candidates and also for our bishops that they will accept and proclaim the truths which are taught so clearly by the saints and by our Catholic teachings.

We may not be happy with the choices that are given to us on the ballot, but let us keep in mind the urgent message of Saint Teresa of Calcutta: that peace begins in the womb!

Sincerely yours,

Father Mark Wagner
Chaplain
St. Joseph's



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Your prayers are requested for our Brothers: Dave Sichak, John McCave, Jim Galuppi, and Roy Gordon. 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



October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting Vatican Council Rm, St.JP2 Center	4 7 PM Business Meeting Father O'Hare Hall	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 5:45pm Memorial Mass, Rosary and Respect Life Holy Hour	15 Tootsie Roll Drive in various locations
16 Tootsie Roll Drive in various locations	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting Vatican Council Rm, St.JP2 Center	NOTES: Please, communicate with Chancellor Larry Kjellberg at chancellor@kofc10644.com to talk about how you can help with the tootsie roll drive.				

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Fr Mark Wagner 10/1
 Darryl Morais 10/5
 Don Reed 10/8
 David Tacchini 10/9
 Patrick Lonowski 10/10
 Robert Shannon 10/10
 Terence Rocca 10/17
 Stephen Laura 10/18
 David Sichak 10/18
 Ruben Franco Sr 10/22
 Ernie Ramirez 10/22
 Manuel Baioa 10/23
 Andrew Lee 10/25
 Herbert Saska 10/26
 Matt Bettencourt 10/29
 Don Baker 10/30
 Alfonso Chavez 10/30
 Edward Fernandes 10/30
 Steve Loschke 10/30
 Richard Braun 10/31

Ladies' Birthdays

Margaret Offermann 10/1
 Linda Laubacher 10/2
 Rosey Toschi 10/2
 Eleanor Karaz 10/3
 Carlene Pardina 10/3
 Lisa Porta 10/4
 Colette Perine 10/5
 Joanne Serpa 10/5
 Peggy Dwyer 10/7
 Patricia Moon 10/8
 Dorothy Saska 10/8
 Rose Lamont 10/9
 Maria Lopez 10/13
 Jeannie Castillo 10/14
 Angie Castro 10/15
 Erin Webster 10/16
 Bronwyn Jackson 10/17
 Elvera Alvarez 10/20
 Eva Furtado 10/25
 Elaine Varnell 10/30

Anniversaries

Patrick & Debbie Ryan 10/3
 Ed & Joanna Ibarra 10/5
 Andrew & Lisa Gonzales 10/8
 Benito & Angelina Ramirez 10/8
 Michael & Colette Perine 10/10
 James & Linda Standart 10/11
 Richard & Kay Elson 10/14
 Nelson & Karen Henriquez 10/14
 Allen & Rosey Toschi 10/17
 Daniel & Peggy Dwyer 10/18
 Eugene & Edith Awuah 10/20
 Gary & Rita Humphreys 10/20
 Kenneth & Cathy Ochinerero 10/22
 Tom & Janet Cabrera 10/24
 Robert & Betty Nunes 10/28



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

A couple of questions for you Brother Knights. Do you know what we did last year after all of our events? Is there dust on your Bible?

At the September business meeting our council welcomed two new members - Dan Roman and Jason Sablan. If you were at the Parish Festival the following weekend, they were already immersing themselves with other Brother Knights at our booth.

You often hear rallying cries to help out in this or that event, especially our fund raisers. But do you know who really benefited from those efforts you put in?

Did you know that the Knights donated \$10k in the past year to our parish for a new electronic sign that will be in front of the church?

Did you know that the Knights paid over \$5k to replace the convection oven in Fr. O'Hare Hall's kitchen?

Did you know that the Knights donated over \$5,600 as part of our Adopt a Family program so those families in need could enjoy a Christmas, including gifts, trees and food.

Did you know that the Knights donated \$1,500 to our local Special Olympics not to mention the over 200 volunteer hours at the Special Olympics bowling event and a spaghetti dinner as well?

Did you know that one of our Brother Knights helped coordinate our local Coats for Kids program and we with the help of our parish donors gave over 800 coats to our local Salvation Army?

Did you know that many Brother Knights donate their time in such efforts as the St. Joseph's Bread, helping out with our St. Vincent DePaul program, ministering to the shut-ins, etc.?

Did you know that the Knights help defray transportation costs to the annual West Coast Walk for Life, as well as volunteering to be escorts during that walk? Not to mention providing escort services for our own local Walk for Life on Good Friday?

Did you know that our council along with other councils throughout the state provide support to the Columbian Charities? This Knights program helps Brother Knights in their time of financial need. Five of our members availed themselves of this unique fraternal benefit. Knights

are there for their fellow Knights.

Did you know that our council coordinates each year with our parish and local first responders in the annual Blue Mass usually held in January?

Next time you hear a call for a bit of your time and effort for our events, I hope you keep in mind not just that effort, but the results of those efforts.

Each month it seems a different old country gospel tune comes to my mind. This month, it is a tune that was written by John and Walter Bailes, known as the Bailes Brothers. While they were the first to record this tune, Hank Williams also did his rendition on one of the Mother's Best Flour radio transcription shows. I thought a verse or two and the chorus might get one thinking.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v83AJvRPUtk>

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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A new pastor was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house, it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door.

He took out a business card, wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I

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stand at the door and knock."
Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid for I was naked."

A Jewish man sends his son to Israel to live there for a while. Eventually he returns home, and he is now a Christian. The man finds this to be odd and mentions it to his friend.

The friend listens, thinks for a moment and says, "That's odd. I sent my son to Israel as a Jew and he returned as a Christian." So the two of them went to see the Rabbi. They told the Rabbi the story of

how they had both sent their sons to Israel as Jews, and how both sons had returned as Christians. The Rabbi listened, thought for a minute and then said "That's odd. I also sent my son to Israel as a Jew and he returned as a Christian."

So the three of them decide to go to Israel to find out what's going on over there. They arrive, and go straight to the Western Wall to pray. They explain to God all about how they sent their sons to Israel as Jews and how the all returned as Christians."

There is a long silence, and then God begins to speak saying, "That's odd...."

Brothers in the arms of the Lord!

I hope last month's newsletter wasn't too shocking. But as one of my many nicknames implies ("Safety Steve") "Failing to prepare means that you prepare to fail." I'm happy to report that since my last writing, I have not experienced an incident at mass that has warranted the removal of a person from the mass. After all, our Catholic churches are home for us and should always be a welcoming place for all. Not all come in humility or allow themselves to be received and welcomed. Our first preparation should always be prayer, so, thank you for your prayers for the safety of St. Joseph's Parish, priests, parishioners, and any who might attempt to do harm that they might find the Lord Jesus Christ.

I just attended David Woods' funeral. He and his wife, Monica, were instrumental in getting the Blessed Sacrament Chapel started and have been in charge of organizing and maintaining it for 15 years. I now add him to my long list of beloved friends, family and parishioners that have been called home to the Lord. Or should I say the Lord himself added him to that list! His life as a Catholic gentleman,

LECTURER'S NOTES

husband, and father have always been admirable. His devotion to his wife, family and, faith are a shining example to all of us. He served as a deputy sheriff for 30 years and was even a sniper for the swat team for 7 years. In this current growing "me" culture many are stoic, unapproachable islands, some loving their phones more than their own families. David Wood was not and is not one of those people. He always had a greeting and time for everyone and anyone. At his rosary, a husband and wife spoke, I think kind of unexpectedly, and told a story of how the husband's alcoholism was killing him and ruining the family. One night the wife had taken the keys from him, and he disappeared to get more alcohol. The wife and kids were on foot with the family dog looking for her lost husband. The husband came across David Wood leaving the Blessed Sacrament chapel or locking the church. The husband asked David if he had a moment to talk and David said yes. They talked for over an hour, and David promised to pray for him. At that time, the wife and family found the husband with David at the church. The husband's comment was "I'm sure

David had somewhere else to be and could have said 'no,' but chose to hear me." He stated: "Every time I went to take a drink that next week I thought, 'Hey, David's praying for me.'"

That gentleman hasn't taken a drink in 4 years. David made a difference in his life. We also make a difference. I loved him as I do all of you and miss him dearly. Please pray for David and Monica Woods. Journey in Christianity retreat is coming up October 14-16th in Sonora at a beautiful location. It is an incredible retreat for adults, 18 and older. They recommend spouses go together. It's Friday night through Sunday; and it's an incredible experience. If you've never been, you're in for a big surprise. I have applications. Please, see me at daily 5:45 PM mass or call 209-840-0165. I will be working this retreat this year, so you won't be alone.

God bless you all and your beautiful families.

Stephen Edward Michael
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ST. JOSEPH'S COUNCIL 10644
 PROPOSED COUNCIL BUDGET FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 2016/2017
 Prepared 09/17/16

Council Operating Revenue	Change	Budget
Member Dues	\$200	\$7,000
Total Council Operating Revenue		\$7,000

Council Operating Expenses	Change	Budget
Supreme per Capita	\$0	\$2,000
State per Capita	\$0	\$3,200
Chapter per Capita	\$0	\$200
Printing & Postage	\$0	\$1,500
Stationary & Supplies & Apparel	(\$1,600)	\$500
State Convention	(\$200)	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	(\$300)	\$400
Web Site Email	\$0	\$600
Total Council Operating Expenses		\$9,400

Note that the once fixed operating expenses, such as per Capita charges, etc. are deducted from Member Dues, the Council must raise \$2,400 just to break even!

This year, our council will contribute close to \$25,000 in direct charitable contributions, mainly to local charities & worthy groups.

Council Program Revenue	Change	Budget
Adopt-a-Family Dinner		\$400
365 Club with Dues, Canister	\$200	\$1,000
Parish/Council Breakfasts	\$1,600	\$2,400
Recognition/Awards	\$0	\$1,200
Placemats/Newsletter Advertising	\$800	\$1,000
Fish Fry Dinners	\$0	\$25,000
4th of July Fireworks Booth	\$303	\$13,000
Crab Feed Dinner	(\$600)	\$25,000
Pasta Dinner		\$1,200
Council Apparel	(\$200)	\$400
Tootsie Roll Donations		\$200
K. Stedfield Scholarship Fund	(\$500)	\$1,000
Total Program Revenue		\$71,800

The Council clears a net income of \$38,000 on the programs we all work so hard on. This is the money we use to pay council expenses, fund much-needed council and parish programs. What's left over goes to charity.

Total Council Revenue	\$78,800
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Council Program Expenses	Change	Budget
Adopt-a-Family Dinner		\$800
365 Club	\$400	\$1,200
Parish/Council Breakfasts	\$400	\$1,200
Recognition Awards	\$0	\$1,000
Placemats/Newsletter Advertising	\$0	\$200
Fish Fry	(\$700)	\$13,000
4th of July Fireworks Booth	(\$17)	\$2,800
Crab Feed Dinner	(\$2,900)	\$10,000
Pasta Dinner		\$800
Council Apparel	\$200	\$400
Tootsie Roll Donations		\$500
K. Stedfield Scholarship Fund	\$0	\$1,500
Sub-Total Council Program Expenses		\$33,400
Parish Festival Booth	(\$100)	\$1,000
Degree/Ming Refreshments	\$0	\$1,500
Sunshine Committee	\$0	\$1,000
Blue Mass	(\$400)	\$800
Facilitation Conference	New	\$3,000
Kitchen Supplies	\$0	\$1,200
Memorial Knights Mass	\$0	\$100
Total Council Program Expenses		\$8,600
Total Council Expenses		\$51,400

Council Charitable Contributions	Change	Budget
Vocations	\$150	\$1,800
Right to Life	\$0	\$1,000
Clergy at Christmas	\$200	\$700
RCIA Bibles & Reception	(\$100)	\$1,900
World Youth Day	\$1,200	\$6,700
Adopt-a-Family	\$0	\$4,500
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$300	\$1,800
Boy Scout Troop	\$0	\$360
St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$40	\$400
Foster Kids	\$0	\$800
Youth Group Meals	\$400	\$800
Total Council Charitable Contributions		\$20,760

Additional Contributions to be Considered	Change	Budget
Family Promise	New	\$1,000
Men's Conference	(\$500)	\$1,000
Special Olympian Sponsorship	\$0	\$1,500
Total Council Charitable Contributions		\$3,500

Total Charitable Contribution	\$24,260
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Net Income / Loss	\$3,140
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS to all.

This month we celebrate Columbus Day. Do you, as a worthy brother know why Fr. McGivney and our founders chose Columbus for its namesake? The answer is found in the booklet that all were given at the time of our First Degree. The founder and first officers chose Columbus; because they felt, as a Catholic group, the name of Christopher Columbus would emphasize that it was the Catholics who discovered, explored, and colonized the North American continent. We are also guided by the steadfastness of Columbus by the emblem of the First Degree, which we have all experienced. The Compass of Virtue which always leads us toward **Charity** as the compass of old led Columbus to the new land.

Our organization is based upon charitable works toward others who are weaker and more disadvantaged than we are, and so we work to help them find a new and/or better life. 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 Programs throughout California. All of the funds that we receive from this effort go to LOCAL programs. **It takes 40+ brother Knights and family members to make this program happen.** Will you help out on October 15th & 16th with this worthy cause??? Contact **Doug Rider** or **Larry Kjelberg** to volunteer to help the mentally disabled of our community. (Unfortunately I will not be able to assist with this event, since I will be

celebrating my 40th wedding anniversary out of town. This will only be the 3rd. time I have missed this event in the 20 years that we have done it! We have 300+ members. Can we muster 40 brothers who will help?).

Also, 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 and is better than sitting and watching.

Al Toschi
Deputy Grand Knight



MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I am able to provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic

family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own. Don't assume that someone else has already asked them.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or our worthy Grand Knight, Tim Keating. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside of St. Joseph's, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities. New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the

past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 750 million hours of community service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential here locally and across the continent!

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