



## Knight Light Newsletter

Fall is upon us. After a nice, long, hot summer, the cool, fall days are growing shorter. This is the "Harvest" time of year when the grapes, almonds and other crops are harvested, and the rewards of the year's work is tallied. For us Knights, it has been a relaxing 3 months. We have an approved budget and schedule of events, and it is now time to put our Council into gear for the year.

First of all, let me thank those who helped make our Knights contribution to the Parish Festival a VERY substantial contribution! Thank you to **Ed Gamboa** and his wife, **Sue**, for keeping the Knights in the Parish forefront by chairing the whole festival! Thanks to **Angel Martinez** for his hard work organizing all of the entertainment. Thanks to **Rick D.** and his "kitchen crew" for another delectable **Italian Dinner!** Thanks to **Marty Reiss** for organizing (and doubling the size of) the **Car Show**. Thank you especially to **Tim**

**Keating, Tim Matalone and (B.B.Q. master) Pino Scarpanati** for their untiring work at our **KOC Sausage Booth!** And thank you to all of our brother knights, who helped make this giant contribution to the St. Joseph's Parish. I hope you also had fun.

As I said, it is now time to kick our Council into gear, starting with our annual **Tootsie Roll Drive** that directly benefits the Intellectually Disabled in our local community. **Contact Josey Samson @ [jo-sey\\_samson@yahoo.com](mailto:jo-sey_samson@yahoo.com)** or Larry Kjellberg @ [sir.knightkj@gmail.com](mailto:sir.knightkj@gmail.com) to volunteer for a couple of hours on **October 14 and 15**.

I have also received a request from the Special Olympics folks. They are in need of volunteers to help out (referee, shag balls, escort athletes, hand out refreshments, etc.) with their annual **Soccer Tournament ([BelindaS@sonc.org](mailto:BelindaS@sonc.org)) on October 8**.

I know that it is a way off (**January 20, 2018**), but our single biggest fund raising event of the year is our annual **Crab Feed**. We need to start now, especially with gathering

**Auction Items!** Please contact any of us officers (or the Chairman, Tim Matalone @ [MATA-DOR1960@COMCAST.NET](mailto:MATA-DOR1960@COMCAST.NET)) to see how you can volunteer.

ALSO, remember to offer to chair or co-chair an event! Any event can use your help.  
Vivat Jesus!

### Al Toschi, Grand Knight



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on October 3rd at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Room of St. JP2 Center	<b>3</b> 7 PM Business Meet- ing in Father O'Hare Hall	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	<b>14</b> Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities
<b>15</b> Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## 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  
 Matt Bettencourt 10/29  
 Don Baker 10/30  
 Alfonso Chavez 10/30  
 Edward Fernandes 10/30  
 Steve Loschke PGK 10/30  
 Richard Braun 10/31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Margaret Offermann 10/1  
 Linda Laubacher 10/2  
 Rosey Toschi 10/2  
 Carlene Pardina 10/3  
 Lisa Porta 10/4  
 Colette Perine 10/5  
 Joanne Serpa 10/5  
 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  
 Al & Rosey Toschi 10/17  
 Nicohlas & Rebecca Giardina 10/18  
 Eugene & Edith Awuah 10/20  
 Gary & Rita Humphreys 10/20  
 Kenneth & Cathy Ochinerro 10/22  
 Tom & Janet Cabrera 10/24  
 Robert & Betty Nunes 10/28



## LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Congratulations, brothers, on the awesome attendance at the last business meeting. I was glad to see all the brothers in attendance. I would still like to encourage all members, heavy on the word "ENCOURAGEMENT," to attend the first Tuesday of every month. We meet around 6:45, and start promptly at 7:00. I especially encourage all our new and younger members to attend. Believe it or not, we really love and need your attendance to keep our council young and growing.

I laugh at myself now thinking I used to be one of the young guys. I still think I'm 20, even though I feel 35! We also need and long for all our older, grumpy, I mean wise veteran knights, because there is so much they can teach us. Who knows, you young knights may teach us old guys a thing also. We also need those middle aged fellers too. I think you get the picture: we need everyone to attend.

These meetings are so important besides great prayer, fellowship, and yes food! These meetings are how we learn of the needs of our parish and community and help us plan our months ahead. I was reminded at the last meeting by a long time member of how many younger and new knights that have completed their admissions degree that do not attend the business meetings or functions or have never paid their dues after first year. The word "disappointed" was actually used in a sentence describing that situation. Also mentioned, was a reminder of our council that some of us older guys experienced in our younger years when our families were growing the description was a "vibrant, fun, exciting ministry to experience." This prompted a question by that brother: "What's it going take to breath excitement back into this council?"

I didn't want to respond except for the reality of what this member personally felt. I also did not want to agree. But I'll tell you what, I have given this a lot of thought since. What attracted me to the Knights of Columbus? Why was I so excited, not just to join, but to attend and work functions and give of my time treasure and talent? It all started with an invitation from Marty Reis. I was immediately flattered, not because of the words spoken by Marty, but because of how he and his wife, Kathy, made everyone feel when your around them. That's the holy spirit at work. I accepted immediately.

It was because of big, tall Steve Mercer. He was funny to look at, because he always had a smile almost as wide as he was tall and always had something funny to say. Steve's wife Betty and daughters always had that same smile, but much prettier. It was also George Fattal with the courage of a lion and the kind heart of the lamb. He also was one of the only knights shorter than me, so he was immediately my friend. I still use Georges step stool the boys made him.

There was a big Samoan named Danny Velle that could have a bible study at a moment's notice. Danny and his wife had the most awesome laugh. I can still hear their laughter. It was also Norm Bucher, how well he and the others at that time did the first degree. Tim and Janice Keating also were important. Those two saints were taken for granite by me. Now, I'm finally seeing clearly. So many more important men and their wives.

We just lost our councils founder, Herb Saska. Herb and his beautiful wife, Dorothy, are incredible and awesome they should give us all hope. I can still see myself with Herb in that old kitchen washing those giant pots in those little sinks that seemed like bathroom sinks. I can still see Herb helping me tie my tie. No one can take that from me. Some of these mentioned have passed, but they are not gone, because they live on in us and our good works.

All this excitement and memories started with prayer, fellowship and food at the business meetings then poured over into our functions. This council is great. We cannot and will not allow it to fail, because our hope is in the Lord. We must continually encourage, thank, support, be helpful, and be present to one another. I thank everyone I mentioned and so many others that made me feel as if I was a grain of sand was a huge part of an incredible organization. We create the excitement in who we are, sometimes with words, sometimes with works, sometimes with a simple 6'7" funny smile.

Love and encourage one another, and know this I LOVE YOU.

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