



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We continue in our journey of 50 days of Easter. We have sprung forward and the temperature outside is rising! Jesus is Risen, we say He is truly Risen.

Thank you Brother Knights whom have put your time and effort for the Consecration to St. Joseph's event. Thanks be to God it was a successful event. More than 1,000 Catholics and few non Catholics consecrated to St. Joseph on March 19,2021.

Our Bishop Myron Cotta led the Consecration on St. Joseph's feast day and we were proud the services were done in our Parish. In addition we now have our Parish's Patron Saint (St. Joseph) to intercede for all of us in a very special way. Let us pray that St. Joseph, the terror of the demons protect us from the demonic clutch of the Corona Virus!

Also thank you Brothers for all your help with this years Crab Feed. Considering the Pandemic we still had an exce-

llent turn out.

Elections Columbian Year 2020-2021:

May is the month for our officers elections and a slate of Officers has been published via email to all of our council's members. Therefore on our Zoom meeting our election will be conducted as required by Ballot Votes. Meeting venue will be announced.

Positions not included in the vote;

Newsletter Editor/
Webmaster- Sir Knight Everardo Ramirez
Lecturer- Sir Knight Richard Goeken

These two positions are appointed by Grand Knight and they have both agreed to continue in their respective positions.

We also want to thank and congratulate two Sir Knights. Brothers Taide Zamora and Ralph Hidalgo for taking up the 4th Degree Scholarship Committee positions at the Fr. Giles Assembly #58.

Abortion Facility:

Our Life Directors Roger and Karen Salstrom

continue to lead the Rosary at the Planned Parenthood facility of Modesto located at 1431 McHenry Ave every Tuesday between 8:30am to 12pm. (Our presence is still requested). Thank you all who participated in the Good Friday Rosary (over 70 participants!) and thank you to Father Samuel West who joined us and led the Rosary.

Other than the Officers Elections this May, we have no events this month. Please continue to pray your Rosary for our Council and Our Brother Knights. Remember that May is the Month of Mary. Let us celebrate Mary's Motherhood. She, by becoming the Mother of God assumed a special role in our lives and became the Mother of us all.

Grand Knight

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May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 5th Day of Easter	3	4 Business Meeting F. O'Hare Hall @7pm	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9 Mothers Day 6th Day of Easter	10 Mothers Day (México)	11	12	13 The Ascension of Our Lord	14	15 Armed Forces Day
16 7th Day of Easter	17 Tax Day	18	19	20	21	22
23 Pentecost Day	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 The Most Holy Trinity	31 Memorial Day Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary					

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

John Molloy
5/5
Norman Andrews 5/9
Richard Goeken 5/10
Donald Dedini 5/11
Ted Hartman 5/11
Ruben Sanchez 5/12
Erik Jimenez 5/13
Jesus Perez 5/14
Roy Gordon 5/15
Owen Kummerle 5/16
Alberto Valencia 5/16
Francisco Payanes 5/18
David Contreras 5/19
Joe Furtado 5/19

John Marsella 5/21
Miguel Villalobos 5/21
Jimi Netniss 5/22
Jeff Fultz 5/24
Gary Davison 5/25
Rod Smith 5/27
Gerald Moon 5/29
Donald Baumgratz 5/30
Ralph Driggs 5/31
Hugo Fausto 5/31



Wives' Birthdays

Lucy Muñoz 5/1

Belen Churilla 5/5

Lisa Lucas 5/8

Jackie Spengler 5/11

Janice Keating 5/12

Diana Poncini 5/14

Lita Selover 5/17

Beverly Sousa 5/18

Barbara Brady 5/19

Heidi Mendonca 5/20

Marti Reed 5/20

Mary Marlett 5/23

Angelina Ramirez 5/29

Tamara Butera 5/30

Anniversaries

Eddie & Rachel Mar-mol 5/1
Gary & Helen Moya 5/1
Jesse & Maria Cris-terna 5/6
Robert & Carol Luna 5/6
David & Lorna Sichak 5/8
Alfred & Darla Sier-ras 5/8
Octavio & Shaundra Lopez 5/10
Alex & Jennifer Richmond 5/10
Bryan & Donna Healey 5/10
Brian & Kristin Archuleta 5/12
Don & Janet Baker 5/15
Wayne & Beverly Sousa 5/16
Timothy & Susie Dickert 5/17
Roger & Insa Duke

5/18
Leonard & Belen Churilla 5/19
Michael & Lisa Ringer 5/22
Ronald & Elaine Varnell 5/22
Chris & Dawn Powers 5/26
Robert & Jackie Spengler 5/27
Tom & Martha Fedasz 5/28
Douglas & Elaine Beaumont 5/29
Danie & Sandy Fitzgerald 5/31



JOHN'S JOKES



- 1) I'm going to work on being less condescending. (Condescending means to talk down to people.)
- 2) Never forget where you came from. Because that's probably where you left your phone.
- 3) It's weird being the same age as old people.
- 4) Life is like a helicopter. I don't know how to operate a helicopter.
- 5) I'm writing a new book called "How to be concise and get straight to the point using the minimum of diminutive words necessary to convey your meaning as clearly as possible without overly long descriptions and explanations."
- 6) Chocolate is God's way of telling us He likes us a little bit chubby.
- 7) My doctor says I drink too much and need to make some changes. So I did. I changed doctors. I don't need that negativity in my life.

FIN SEC MAY'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights;

As I mentioned over the past months, the light at the end of the tunnel is starting to shine brighter as more people get the vaccine (I will have completed my two shots by this newsletter goes out). We are pushing forward to close out the 2021-2022 Columbian Year, elect new Officers and propose a Budget for 2021-2022. Looking forward to hosting our events once again.

Positive signs to a better end of the year, I want to celebrate the holidays again without being worried of hugging my family and friends and share all that has been happening in the past year. I am hopeful that we get an approval to meet at the Father O'Hare Hall soon and get back to work on getting more members and have some fun together while we share how we made it through the Pandemic.

Thank you to the Brother Knights that paid the 2021 dues. We still have quite a few Brothers that have not attended our meetings nor paid their dues. We will be reaching out to them soon.

I appreciate the return of the membership data report. Our updates will go to the records on the Supreme System.

**Thank you Brothers and Family hope to see you soon.
Keep an eye out for our communications on upcoming meetings, activities and events.**

***Yours in Christ;
Tim Matalone
Financial Secretary***



MAY'S PRAYER MESSAGE



**Pope Francis Prayer Request
for May 2021**

**The World of Finance;
Let us pray that those in charge
of finance will work with gov-
ernments to regulate the financial sphere and
protect citizens from its dangers.**

God Bless you Brothers and Family;

**And Happy Mothers Day 2021 to all you won-
derful Mothers. Thank you for all you do and
the sacrifice you have gone thru for your chil-
dren. Mothers are the best the even God wanted
to have a Mother. Just like Our Mother Mary
you are the heart of the Knights of Columbus
and we thank you for your support.**

**Many try to use the month of May for different
reasons, but for us as Catholics and Children of
God May is The Month of Mary. Join us as we
pray for world peace, end to abortion, the re-
turn of our separated brothers and our first
commandment, Love Our Lord above all things.**

Adoration Chapel

**As many of us know we are limited to the Ado-
ration Chapel at this time, and only parishion-
ers that have access are allowed to enter. But
God willing, we will soon return to better than
normal and be able to have our Lord present in
the Adoration Chapel 24/7. We are asking all
our Brother Knights to continue praying for our
Church, families and our Council.**

**Remember, you can join us on Monday morn-
ings from 11-12 PM or Thursdays from 8-9 PM.
All are welcomed to join us at either or both
these times. Please, wear your Knight Gear so
we can let parishioners know that we are also
about praying and not just charity.**

**Don't forget Brothers if you or a family member
have fallen ill in the hospital, a care home, or
your own home, we encourage you to contact
our Knights Prayer Group and we will gladly
visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer.
Or if you just need a prayer, or an email "blast".
Please, do not hesitate to contact us
at prayers@kofc10644.com with your name,**

**phone number and your prayer request. Or you
may call Brother Everardo at his new cell num-
ber at (209)303-3380.**

**If you need any assistance or know of an elderly
person needing assistance don't hesitate to let
your Officers know by replying to this email or
at prayers@kofc10644.com**

**God willing, you will not need our services
soon, but when the time does come, do not hesi-
tate to contact your Knights Prayer Group. If
you hear God's calling and would like to join
our prayer group, you are welcomed and en-
couraged to do so. We are open to all our Broth-
er Knights from Council #10644. Please spread
the word to our fellow Brothers and family
members. Don't forget to pick up a business
card with our information to keep in your wal-
let. The cards are located in the cash box with
Brother Cliff or Brother Everardo has them on
hand.**

Prayer Requests:

**PGK Jim Galuppi (RIP), Our Grand Knight and
Officers, all our older brothers and family, liv-
ing and deceased.**

**Brother Everardo's Mother Elena Ramirez
(Bypass Recovery).**

**Brother Richard Goeken's Request; Virginia's
husband (3 Strokes), R.J (future Son in Law).
New administration, end to abortion, world
peace.**

**Thank You Brothers, may you and your family
continue to stay safe and healthy.**

Praying for you;



Everardo Ramirez, Editor

**If you have or know of any updates or other
prayer requests, please let me know at prayers@kofc10644.com**

CHAPLAIN'S MAY MESSAGE



Brothers,

I'm very tempted to not write anything at all on

this page. Looking carefully at the data associated with the articles that I compose, it appears that only a handful of our brother Knights of Columbus are taking the time to click on the link included in the email and opening the link. Even that data does not tell me if those that are bothering to click on the link are even reading what is included. In human terms, I am at a decision point: should I continue or just give up? It's not an easy decision.



I have been composing these messages now for about a year. At that point, I was asked by the editor of the newsletter if I wanted to be the council's Chaplain. I couldn't say at the time (and probably couldn't say now) that is exactly something that I "want" to do. I was willing to so, however and asked that if the Officers desired that I be the Chaplain, they should ask me. I figured that would give me sufficient time to pray about how I would respond. I'm still waiting for them to ask. I've taken that to mean that they were not exactly interested in having a Deacon as Chaplain, but I have continued to compose and submit this article each and every month, thinking: "There should be something spiritual included in the newsletter, and not too many of the Officers have a spiritual formation."



Then, I was shared some data regarding the newsletter and how many of the brother Knights are taking the time each month to read it, especially with respect to the article that I compose. Last month's email, 84 different people open it. Of those, only 32 click on one of the links. Of those, only 21 click on the link for this article. That means of the almost 300 members that we have in our Council, only 21 are reading the article that I compose, as that

is pretty close to the same as it is each and every month.

So, the dilemma is: why go to all of the work to compose an article, organize it, edit it, find graphics that reinforce the words, upload it, and then include a link for the email that goes out, if only a handful of brothers are going to read it? In worldly terms, that seems like an awful lot of work, for something that wasn't asked for, for people that aren't even taking the time to read it. If I do the cost/benefit analysis that would be done in a work environment, I would get frustrated and say, "It's not worth it." That has actually happened with the Officers before. At one point the data was shared with them regarding the emails, and the knee jerk reaction was, "We need to go back to the paper newsletter!" The problem with that reaction is that we stopped doing the paper newsletter because it was a lot of work (composing and editing articles, getting them into a format that could be printed, copied, folded and mailed) all to have NO IDEA who was actually reading them.



Just when I was ready to buy into the worldly way of thinking (too much effort for what the apparent outcome is), I began preparing a

homily for one of the masses in which I was blessed enough to be allowed to preach. (FYI: as a deacon, I can and do have the faculties to preach, but it is not a requirement nor given to all permanent deacons.) In the readings had me reflecting a lot of measuring things in God's terms and not in human terms. I mean, the effort that Jesus had to put into redeeming the world was a lot, and then everyone except for a handful just abandoned Him, including almost all of His disciples. No one seemed to be following His teaching or reading His newsletter. Look at what happened long term, however. His original 12 bumbling fishermen, who couldn't stay close to Him until He appeared to them in bodily form have grown to almost 2 billion (way more than what McDonalds serves, if you remember what they used to post under there signs). Maybe, it doesn't really matter that only about 25 are reading my

articles. Maybe, somehow those 25 are getting something out of the article and sharing it with others. Maybe their hearts are moved.

So, maybe I won't quit. Maybe I will keep composing these articles for whoever takes the time to read them, even if the Officers don't ask or even read it themselves. Someone is benefiting from them. Maybe we should all take the time to ask ourselves similar question about what we think is important. Is what I am doing helping someone else in some way? Or am I just doing it for accolades or for my own purposes?

Regardless, if you are reading this article, let me know what you think. Should I keep composing them? Send me an email at richard@worldablaze.org to let me know one way or the other. I won't be offended even if you say this is a waste of time.



God bless!
Deacon Richard Braun
and Composer of the Chaplain's
Message



DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MAY MESSAGE



Brothers;

May is here and God willing we are able to meet face to face in Father O'Hare Hall for this months Business meeting. This would be nice for all of us to able to see and hear each other. We need to get back to our normal Knight Life's and do what we do best.

That is volunteer and raise money so we may help our Parish, Community and Brothers.. Let's not give up and continue to pray for our Nation, Country and State leaders that they make wise decisions of the good of Christians.

God bless you Brothers and Family.



Yours in Christ
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GOD BLESS ALL THE WONDERFUL MOTHERS!



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