



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Brother Knights;
August 6 of this year was the 78th anniversary of the bomb dropping in Hiroshima when our blessed Mother stretched out her arms and saved the six Jesuit Priests and part of the Church while everything else was destroyed.

This is how important it is for us to sell the raffle tickets for our Bishop Myron Cotta. On last months meeting I talked about our Bishops mission to raise money for the Seminarians. We have one thousand tickets to sell at our Council and Parish. I also challenged all of our Brother Knights to buy one hundred dollars worth of tickets (ten tickets). My wife Candy and I also purchased ten tickets. Our Parish will get a percentage of money raised, we will have two raffle winners and the rest will go to the Seminarian Fund. On Saturday, September 16,2023 we will begin selling tickets at the Church Plaza and two more weekends after

that. Gentlemen, we need **ALL HANDS ON DECK** more than ever, failure is not an option. Because without Priest we have no church and without church we have no Eucharist. We wanted to start sooner but Father put a kibosh on selling them sooner and have us wait until the Parish Festival is over. Please come prepared at our September 5,2023 Council Meeting to sign up and help sell the tickets. And if you can purchase the tickets to meet our challenge bring your one hundred dollars. If you cannot purchase ten tickets, then any amount you can purchase is fine. Everything helps.

On another note we have other dates to add to your calendar. On November 11,2023 we have the Knights Appreciation Dinner that was a lot of fun last year but this year we need a better turnout. You will have to RSVP for yourself and your wife. This year we are going to have other special games and new ways to earn prizes. We will send you an invitation soon. And be ready to be part of the first 75 Brot-

hers to make sure you don't get left out. The Appreciation Dinner is exactly as what it says, it is to **Appreciate** all your hard work you have done in the past and will do in the future, while we have a stronger fellowship and camaraderie. It is also a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones as well. **YOU DESERVE IT!**

Thank you Brothers and we hope to see you at our next Council Meeting. We have many more important issues to discuss on September 5,2023 @ 7:00 pm SHARP. @ JP11 Room 6 this month. Have a Happy Labor Day!

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September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31 Officers Meeting 6:30pm	1	2
3 22nd Sunday	4	5 Council Meeting 7pm @ JPII Room 6	6	7	8 Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary	9 St. Peter Claver, Priest Day 2 Parish Festival
10 Day 3 Parish Festival	11	12	13 St. John Chrysostom	14 The Exaltation of The Cross	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Begin Selling Tickets at Plaza
17 Sell Tickets at Plaza	18	19	20	21 St. Matthew, Apostle	22	23 Sell Tickets at Plaza
24 Sell Tickets at Plaza	25	26	27 St. Vincent de Paul	28	29 The 3 Archangels	30 St. Jerome Sell Tickets at Plaza

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Jason Jackson 9/23
 Tomas Mesta 9/23
 Joseph Gardella 9/26
 Charles Cunningham 9/27
 Donald Hancock 9/27
 Jeremy Hemsley 9/27
 Victor Lopez 9/27
 Pat Seefeldt 9/27
 Ramon Aguilar 9/28
 Michael Miranda 9/28
 William Smith 9/28
 Stephen Guzman 9/1
 Michael Balerite 9/1
 Stefan Tunkel 9/2
 Daniel Garza 9/2
 Victor Mayoral 9/4
 John Perrone 9/5
 John Villareal 9/7
 Gary Koblentz 9/8
 Daniel Hamilton 9/11
 Daniel Fitzgerald 9/14
 Roque Maravilla 9/14
 Matthew Iorns 9/16
 Reuben Peterson 9/20
 Adrian Pino 9/20



Wives' Birthdays

Giovanna Truncali 9/4
 Monica Cochran 9/10
 Rosario Hernandez 9/12
 Maryann Koblentz 9/13
 Lynn Thiel 9/13
 Susey Netniss 9/14
 Denise Curtis 9/20
 Barbara Guzman 9/20
 Cindy Baccelleri 9/21
 Dawn Powers 9/21
 Sarah Bacay 9/22
 Darla Siererras 9/24
 Emilia Mendoza 9/24
 Cathy Hidalgo 9/25
 Sara Barajas 9/27
 Gloria Benavidez 9/27
 Rosalinda Farias 9/27
 Janet Cabrera 9/28
 Candy Goeken 9/29



Anniversaries

Donald & Annette Dedini 9/2
 John & Ileana Walsh 9/3
 Robert & Judy Shannon 9/4
 Richard & Carole Ward 9/6
 Taide & Phaedra Zamora 9/13
 John & Joan Perrone 9/14
 Vito & Cindy Baccelleri 9/16
 Clifford & Mary Judd 9/16
 Gary & Shari-lyn Nelson 9/18
 John & Kristi Marsella 9/19
 Ralph & Denise Curtis 9/20
 Rene & Michelle Prado 9/21
 Carlos & Rosemary Torres 9/22
 Dennis & Judy Murphy 9/24
 Jimi & Susey Netniss 9/25
 Ralph & Cathy Hidalgo 9/29



BOB'S JOKES



Home schooling science lesson went really well this week.



Next week - marketing and distribution.



1. A guy just threw milk at me. How dairy!
2. I'm not so sure about an inner child, but I have an inner idiot that surfaces now and then.
3. Father asked me during confession if I was still drinking? I said I was drinking tea. He asked what kind? and I said Tea-quilla.
4. A sign at the shoe repair shop:
We will heel you.
We will save your soul.
And we will dye for you.
5. In the restaurant window:
Don't just stand there and be hungry.
Come on in and get fed up.
6. Writing on the back of the honey dippers truck.
This truck is full of political promises.
7. Today my daughter called me "Birth Person". I replied, "Yes Financial Drain".
8. I got gas today for \$1.39, Unfortunately, it was at Taco Bell.
9. Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like an animal". Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the road.



SEPTEMBER'S PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for September 2023:

-For people living on the margins-

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

The homelessness in Modesto is out of control. Once we cross interstate 99, it seems we are in a whole new city. When we pass by, we really cannot notice of the actual life in this side of town and we see the worst. But if we look closely you can tell we are all the same and we are working hard to survive and have a roof over our head. But we do have those unfortunate that have no roof over their head. Those that go around in the heat and looking through bags of clothes that people throw in the streets. You notice people coming from the other side of town to throw away their old appliances, broken up cabinets, old tires, old couches, anything that they are too lazy to take to the dump. I notice these things going on and I ask myself. Why do they throw them in this area and not their own neighborhoods? Are we different for struggling to make good money and afford a place to live? Not all of us are lazy, in fact we would like to be able to work and live in the nice side of town.

Rent are so high that I am now paying the same and a smaller place that what I

paid when I lived on the nice side of town. for 1,250 a month we had a 3 bedroom and 2 bathroom house. Now I have a one bedroom apartment for 1,300 a month. BIG difference! Prices go up but our pay stays the same. FYI, I am on disability and not on welfare. For this very reason the government took a lot of money from my paychecks every week for more than 30 years. But many others are not so lucky and have fallen on hard times. How bad do you have to be to fall and live on the streets and struggling to find something to eat? Of course there are programs to help you get back on your feet.

But if people have given up, they will not get back up. They will drink and do drugs to ease the pain and get the strength to live on the streets. Honestly, I think those that live on the streets are a lot braver than most of us. On the area where I live that I thank God I was able to get because I was close to sleeping in my truck and showering at the gym, everyone around are good hard working people that are not caged inside their homes on their days off. There is life here and everyone is enjoying the best they can. I have lived in many incredible places in my past years, I still remember living in Kankakee Illinois and my back yard was the Kankakee River that I fished everyday during the fishing season. I had my freezer full of Catfish and that I gave away constantly.

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SEPTEMBER'S PRAYER MESSAGE CONT.



That of course was when I was able to work. I mention this because no matter where we live we are all the same person regardless of our situation. Under God we are all humans and we are all loved by our Lord Jesus Christ. And I think society is to blame, because people look at you differently when you are going through hard times and live in the "not so nice" side of town.

There is a saying in Spanish. "Cuando yo tenia dinero tenia muchos amigos." (When I had a lot of money, I had many friends). And this is true, even with my own brothers that since I don't have as much as I used to, had set me aside and don't bother in even asking how I am.

When I read Pope Francis prayer request, it made me think on how we all need prayers. But prayers are not enough and helping with money either. We all need to take action and help those in need!

God bless and I hope no one is offended. Just something to think about if you are ever in this side of town.

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 @ [\(209\)303-3380](tel:(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 newsletter or at prayers@kofc10644.com.

Don't forget we are here for you!

Prayer Requests:

Brother Knights Widows, Seminarians, Our Council, Brother Don Reed, Brother Richard Ward, Government, Peace on Earth, End to Human Trafficking, for all the beautiful children of the world.

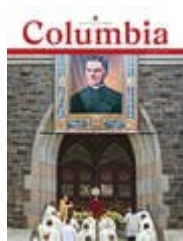
Thank you for your prayers Brothers. May you and your family continue to stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

**Yours in Christ;
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT SEPTEMBER'S MESSAGE

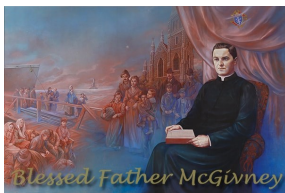


Brother Knights;

Some 141 years ago, in what had to seem like an entirely different world, Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on the founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. In an 1898 article, published in *The Columbia*, a Knight was described as one who lives his life according to the virtues of loyalty, charity, courtesy, and modesty, as well as self-denial and careful respect for the feelings of

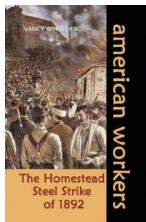
others.

Certainly, the argument can be made that the world we live in today is no better off than it was back in 1892. The lack of morality, civility and manners are self evident. We have gone through two world wars and presently have several unpredictable, if not unstable, world leaders in power who have access to nuclear weapons. We have been experiencing unprecedented numbers of world calamities to include hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, fires and floods seemingly on almost a daily basis. Chaos and the presence of evil seems to be running almost unchecked worldwide in the form of human trafficking, illegal drugs, gang/cartel wars, mass shootings, mental illness, homelessness, and the list can go on and on.



So, maybe the principles that Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus on are needed now more than ever! The Knights of Columbus organization has always been a leader among humanitarian and charitable organizations and has stepped up and acted quickly during internationally and domestic crises like the war in Ukraine and more recently the devastating

fires in Maui.



With nearly two million members worldwide, imagine the impact the Knights of Columbus can have on other men and women, by simply living out our lives by the principles set for us by Father McGivney and by praying the rosary daily.

Starting this month, we have a number of opportunities to serve our council, our parish, and our community. I pray that you men will continue to give your time and talents and in doing so continue to lead by your example, bringing other men and women to Jesus Christ. There are new members out there, let's find them and bring them home!



**Happy
Labor
Day**

**Yours in Christ;
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SEPTEMBER'S LECTURER REPORT



Greetings Brothers;

It was great to see so many of you last month at our council meeting. I hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings. Great food, great company! Thanks to all who were there and if you haven't been to a meeting in a while, come on back, we would love to see you all.

The month of September is devoted to our Lady of Sorrows. We should all unite our sufferings to hers, especially this month. By uniting our sufferings to the suffering of our Blessed Mother, we enter into the Heart of Jesus.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are taken from the Gospels and are considered swords of sorrow and the sorrows as follows:

- 1) The first Sword of Sorrow: Simeon announces the suffering destiny of Jesus (Luke 2;34-35)
- 2) The Second Sword of Sorrow: Mary escapes into Egypt with Jesus and Joseph. (Matthew 2;13-15)
- 3) The Third Sword of Sorrow: Mary seeks Jesus lost in Jerusalem. (Luke 2;41-51)
- 4) The Fourth Sword of Sorrow: Mary meets Jesus as He carries His Cross to Calvary, (Luke 23;26-31)
- 5) The Fifth Sword of Sorrow: Mary stands near the Cross of her Son Jesus. (John 19;25-27)
- 6) The Sixth Sword of Sorrow: Mary receives into her arms the body of Jesus taken down from the Cross. (John 19;38)
- 7) The Seventh Sword of Sorrows: Mary helps place the body of Jesus in the tomb.

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- 2) That He will protect all who have this devotion in their tribulations and will protect them especially at the hour of death.
- 3) That He will impress on their minds the remembrance of His Passion.
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This month we can join our Lord and Lady at our Holy Hour which is on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 6:30pm after mass. We will be praying especially for vocations. We will also be celebrating the Feast of The Archangels! Please join us. You don't have to wait for just the Knights Holy Hour, there is a Holy Hour every Friday night at 6:30pm. And this month there is an extra special Holy Hour on September 8, 2023 where we celebrate the Nativity of The Virgin Mary. And on September 15, 2023 is the celebration of our Lady of Sorrows. Hope to see all of you there.

May the Peace of Christ be with you all and I wish you a Happy Labor Day 2023.



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