



# Knight Light Newsletter

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

I want to start by expressing thanks to all the Knights who signed up and prepared everything to receive our Bishop Myron Cotta for those who consecrated to St. Joseph. Let us ask St. Joseph to guide us in a special Intercession with our Lord.

In addition thank you to all who helped with our Crab Feed this year. Very different than other years and we will have numbers for you soon on how we did. For now we can tell you that many parishioners were very happy with the alternative. God willing next year we will return to our regular Crab Feed Dinner.

This month is going to be a "slow month" but we are still active and having our Monthly Meeting through Zoom again on April 6, 2021. All the information will be sent out in a couple of days. I urge all of you to renew your commitment not only to our Church but also to our

Council. According to our Parish this years Stewardships Commitment is very low. Just as it was expected because of Covid-19. I know we have several of your Brothers and Family are regular volunteers and support our Church generously with your talents and treasure. But for those of us not committed as much. We need to stay active more than ever, because many need our help.

Don't forget Brothers that our Columbian Year 2020-2021 is coming to an end on June 30, 2021 and the new Officers will take charge for Columbian Year 2021-2022 by July 1, 2021. You should have received the Officers information by now and directions on how to nominate our Officers, if not let me know.

As Mother Church prepares for Easter, we should increase our Sanctity and Grace by leading a sin free life and reconciling with our Lord as soon as possible. There is still time to go to confession Wednesday March 31, 2021 from 10am-12pm at the Father O'Hare Hall.

Events for April;

Please join us for our Good Friday Rosary Prayer Vigil (April 2, 2021) at the Planned Parenthood at 1431 McHenry Ave in Modesto beginning at 10am. Father Sam will lead the Rosary.

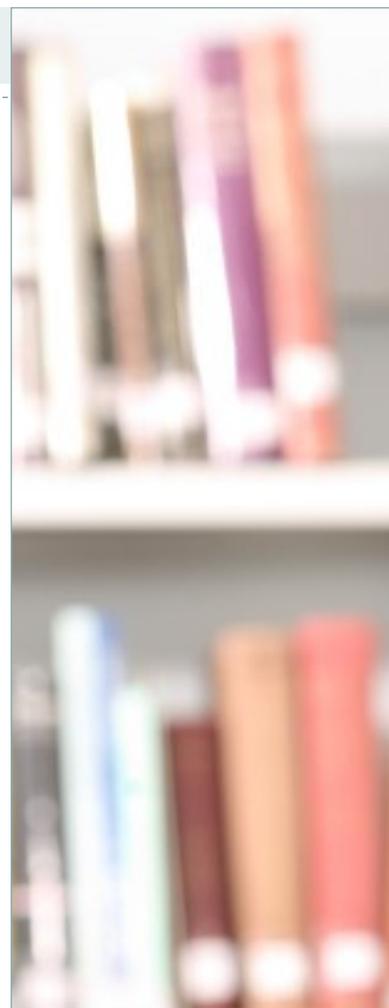
In addition Roger and Karen Salstrom are also inviting us every Tuesday from 8:30am - 12:00pm after the 40 Days for Life event ends. Show up at any time between these hours. They will also be there every week with additional signs and are hopeful all our Brothers and Family can join them.

Thank You Brothers and Family, may you have a Blessed Easter. God bless you always.

Grand Knight

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## April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <b>April Fools Day</b>	2 <b>Good Friday</b>	3 <b>Holy Saturday</b>
4 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	5 <b>Easter Monday</b>	6 <b>Council Meeting (Zoom) 7pm</b>	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	12	13	14	15 <b>Tax Day</b>	16	17
18 <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	26	27	28	29	30	

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Angel Martinez 4/2

David Evans 4/4

Scott Fernandez 4/4

Octavio Lopez 4/6

Tom Lucas 4/12

Robert Spengler 4/13

Steven Junqueiro 4/15

Daniel Ryan 4/15

**Pellegrino Truncali 4/15**

**Tom Cabrera 4/16**

**Imad El Gada 4/17**

**Daniel Di Rienzo 4/23**

**Benny Kottarathil 4/24**

**Sean Mullins 4/24**

**James Standart 4/25**

**Nicholas Giardina 4/27**



### Wives' Birthdays

**Carol Ward 4/4**

**Rita Menezes 4/5**

**Sharilyn Nelson 4/8**

**Maria Delgado-Braun 4/10**

**Amanda Pearson 4/10**

**Wendy Betencourt 4/11**

**Wilma Lee 4/11**

**Shaundra Lopez 4/12**

**Rosano Sanchez 4/12**

**Kim McDoal 4/12**

**Suny Di Rienzo 4/15**



### Anniversaries

**Angel & Jill Martinez 4/4**

**David & Charlyn Piper 4/18**

**Michael & Carlene Pardina 4/19**

**Jesus & Lupe Perez 4/10**

**Brian & Lisa Porta 4/11**

**Norbert & Heide Mendonca 4/29**



# JOHNS JOKES

## HOW'S YOUR DIET GOING?



- 1) Sometimes you meet someone and you just know from that first moment that you want to spend your whole life without them.
- 2) Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the Woods, set it on fire and used the insurance money to buy cupcakes.
- 3) Did you know, if you say the word "gullible" slowly, it sounds like the word oranges?
- 4) (How many times did you try that before realizing what "gullible" meant?)
- 5) I'm getting real tired of baby sitting my mom's grandchildren right now.
- 6) A truck loaded with Vicks Vapor Rub overturned on the highway. Amazingly there was no congestion for 8 hours.
- 7) I saw a sign that said "Watch for Children". I thought "That's a fair trade".
- 8) Adam & Eve were the 1st people to not read the Apples terms and conditions.
- 9) Church Billboard.  
With all this rain we're going to need and Ark.. Fear not!  
(wait for it!)  
We Noah guy!
- 10) You know how sport athletes often throw the ball into the crowd after they win the game? I learned the hard way not to do that in bowling.
- 11) Church billboard.  
Forgive your enemies.  
It messes with their heads.
- 12) New Motto for 2021!  
Be the kind of person your dog thinks you are.



# APRIL PRAYER MESSAGE



**Pope Francis Prayer Request April 2021.**

## **Fundamental Rights:**

**We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorship, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.**

***Happy Easter Brothers and Family. Congratulations to all of you who have Consecrated to St. Joseph. What a blessing!***

***Thanks be to God that it seems we are getting rid of the Pandemic and returning to better than normal. Even though many changes are here and many more are coming while we continue to get attacked by the Devil and his followers. Join me and pray that God may return and fix everything so we may be a nation of love and respect once again. Nobody and nothing is more powerful than Our Lord. Stay STRONG Brothers and Family. Please be safe and healthy and God willing if you have not done so yet, you get the vaccination soon.***

## **April's Prayer Requests:**

**Pope Francis, Bishops, Priest, New Administration, our Persecuted Brothers, Our Officers and First Responders, Peace on Earth. the Unborn, Families, Marriages.**

**Our Council #10644. Brother Everardo's uncle Jose Solorio (RIP) and Mother in Law Aurora Aranda (Stroke), Brother George Law (RIP), Crisis at the Border, Brother Alfonso Chavez, Brother Dave Sichak's Mother in Law Letty Rivera (RIP)**

**(As I am sure we all know, our Adoration Chapel is open during the morning for parishioners that have the code. If you have the code please join our Brother Knights on Monday's 11am-12pm)**

**Please, wear your Knight Gear so we can let parishioners know that we are also about praying and not just charity.**

**Do not 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](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com) with your name, phone number and your prayer request. Or you may call Brother Everardo cell phone 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](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)**

**God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to contact your Knights Prayer Group. If you hear God's calling and would like to join our Prayer Group, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. We are open to all our Brother 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 wallet. The cards are in the cash box with Brother Cliff or Brother Everardo has them on hand.**

**God Bless You Brothers and Family may you have a blessed February 2021.**

**Remember Don't hesitate to send me an email if you have an Emergency Prayer request. Prayer is Powerful! Vivat Jesus!**

**Everardo Ramirez, Editor**

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



# CHAPLAIN'S APRIL MESSAGE

Brothers,

On the 19th of last month, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, I had the distinct pleasure of leading the individual consecrations to St. Joseph of over 1,000 people during the mass presided over by Bishop Cotta. Fr. Sam then followed by consecrating our parish to our patron saint, and then the



bishop consecrated the entire diocese to him as well. Having helped to organize the event, I was excited to see so many people there wanting to be part of calling St. Joseph their spiritual father. I was also excited, as that was my first opportunity to serve as a deacon with Bishop Cotta. I helped at the altar the day of my ordination, but that doesn't really count as serving at mass with him. I was most proud however to hear the words of Bishop Cotta at the conclusion of the mass, which echoed my sentiments exactly. "Thank you, brother Knights of Columbus, for always being present at the events of the bishop and being such faithful servants of His Church!"

I did have a very good seat up on the raised platform behind the altar to look out over the vast numbers of people who took part in the mass. And right there, front and center, were our brother Knights in the color guard, including our worthy Grand Knight. What a honor! I hope that you were able to either be in person, like of the other brothers not in the color guard that I was able to see, or were able to watch either the livestream live or recorded, as it was a moving experience. It required a lot of patience. 1,000 people lined up for communion, and then the same number after mass trying to get either a St. Joseph medal, some blessed Sicilian bread made by brother Pino Truncali's lovely wife Giovanna, or to receive a blessing from the relic of St. Joseph's cloak.



By the time that you are reading this, Easter will be either very soon or very soon past. Jesus'

passion, death, and resurrection opened the way for us to get to heaven. He "broke the prison bonds of death and rose victorious from the underworld" as the Easter proclamation chanted at the Vigil says. The way is open to us. The question is are we following the way? Or are we making up our own way?



Too many times, we get caught up with going through

the motions. We might show up to mass, but do we actively participate? We might have a rosary, but we do pray it as often as possible as we promised when we first became a Knight? We might say that we are Christian, but does our faith guide our actions or do our emotions? Do we do it "My Way" or the Lord's way? The answers to those questions are all individual, but we should be helping each other as brother Knights to get better, to act better, and to be better. The fraternal aspects of our great organization aren't about being a club. It isn't about wearing the hats and uniforms or even the sabers. It isn't about being able to sit front and center at a mass in to be seen and recognized. It isn't even about going to a business meeting together or frying fish together. It is about tempus fugit momento mori, remembering that we are all going to die, so we had better be prepared.



There are great hermits that are able to go out into the desert and work

on themselves to get closer to God. The vast majority of us cannot do it alone, however. I've found that having a good group of men around me, reminding me of what is right and calling me out when I am not doing what is right has helped. In a wonderful program for men to grow deeper in the faith called Exodus90, we have what we call anchor. It refers to mountain climbers, who need

someone to stable them as they climb, so that if they fall, they will be stabled and not fall to their deaths. Mine is a brother Knight, a former Grand Knight. I call him my anchorman, not in the way of the Will Ferrell movie, but rather in the sense of someone who grounds and guides me. It is by thinking of him that I get up 30 minutes earlier to do what I need to do every morning, even when the "getting up" is not easy.

So, brother, do you have an anchor? Do you have someone helping you by holding you accountable? I know that for most of us, our wives would love that role but it doesn't work. It comes across more like nagging, and we tend to become defensive and/or ignore. We need a good, faithful male friend, who isn't afraid to call us out when we stray and will encourage us when we are doing the right thing. If you do have one yet, what is holding you back? Do you want to find your way to heaven? Are you afraid to do what it takes to get there? Are you afraid to have someone else pushing you to stop you from doing what you shouldn't be doing anyway? That is what being a BROTHER Knight should be. A brother that is at our side, to help us to fight the battles of Satan and all his temptations. You can do it. I can do it. We can do it.

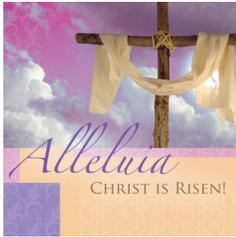
God bless!  
Deacon Richard Braun  
Chaplain's Message author



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S APRIL MESSAGE

**Hello Brother Knights;**

**It's amazing how we are approaching the month of April and time is flying past us. We have so much to be positive about with our council, people in the community are getting the vaccine and seeing a brighter light at the end of the tunnel.**



**I have to thank you Brother Knights who helped at the Fish Fry's with food ordering, preparation, setting up, cleaning the patio, cutting and cooking the fish to serve 1000+ guest. Not only on Fridays but helped out on Saturdays for the 3 weeks. You showed us that it is a team effort and along with your families you gave much of your time. It was a truly blessed and fun time being with all of you again. A BIG Thank You to All! We are blessed with our great Council #10644 and it's all because of God, you and your family.**

**God willing, soon we will be back into the Father O'Hare Hall and I need each of our Brother Knights to pencil in the first Tuesday of each month. We need your continued support and attend our Monthly General Meetings. We are using Zoom for now but as soon as we are able we will send out a Constant Contact to let you know when we return to the Hall.**

**We have an important task in future months. We need candidates to be Officers for the Columbian Year 2021-2022. Please notify our Grand Knight Josey Samson of your desire to help manage, guide and be innovative in the next year with our Council #10644. Send him an email before March 31st 2021 and let him know you desire to become an Officer. We will post the names of our candidates in April and Vote in May 2021.**

**Give your time and energy to continue to make our Council #10644 stand out more than ever.**

**Don't miss your Covid Shot when it is your turn and God willing we will see you soon in person.**

**Thank You Brothers and Family. May God continue to bless you always.  
And have a Happy Easter 2021!**

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