



# Knight Light Newsletter

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights:

After Christmas Epiphany on January 6th, a feast where Baby Jesus was recognized as the Devine Manifestation by the Magi. The Catholic Church moved to the ordinary time and ordered a peaceful time without feasting and fasting until Ash Wednesday.

Whereas, the New President was confirmed by Electoral College on January 6 and the noise of violence was heard all over the world from Washington D.C.

Let us pray for peace in America, the new President and the new Congress that they will turn to be compassionate to all human beings from conception to natural death.

On Another note;

I want to express our thanks to all our Brother Knights and Sir Knights that participated in the events last

month.

1) We had a very good participation at our Blue Mass Celebration by Modesto Police Officers and Stanislaus County Sheriffs. There were 33 Color Guards and 33 Officers.

2) Our California State Deputy called for a Pro-life Novena that began on January 21. Bringing us together digitally and spiritually to pray for the sanctity of life.

3) We also supported The Health Ministry with the Blood Drive.

4) Many of you went privately and participated in the Walk for Life in San Francisco.

Thanks be to God, overall, we were able to keep busy this past month serving our Lord and Community.

Events coming up:

Our traditional Fish Fry is coming up on February 19 and 26th with a twist this year because of Covid. Instead of having eat in and take-out options, it will be either all take out or drive thru. And we will be limiting the Dinners to 300 only. Tickets will only be available

through PayPal. All the information will be sent soon via email.

Our Crab Feed event will be on March 27, 2021. And we are working in organizing this event the best we can. We will have more information soon.

Please save these dates and join us in serving our Parish and Community. We cannot do it without you!

Thank you again Brothers and Family for all your help and all that you do for our Council. We pray you and your family are safe and healthy.

Grand Knight

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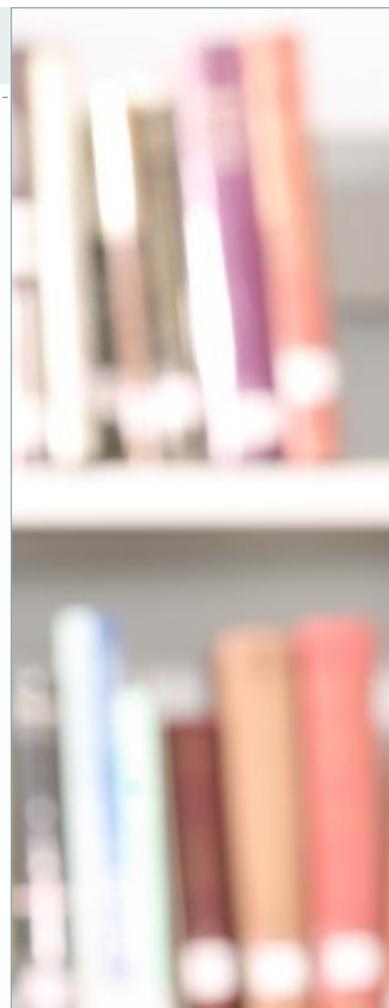


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## February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Presentation of The Lord  Zoom Council Meeting 7pm	3 St. Blas Bishop/ Martyr	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentines Day	15 Presidents Day	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:00pm	20
21 First Sunday of Lent	22 Chair of St. Peter	23	24	25	26 Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:00pm	27
28 Second Sunday of Lent	1	2	3	4	5	6

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Marc Abenoja 2/1  
**Richard Dinubilo 2/1**  
 Kwei-Cee Chu 2/2  
 Steven Wunschel 2/3  
 Christopher Bengochea 2/5  
 Henry Mendoza 2/5  
 Tony De Caro 2/7  
 Alan Saca 2/7  
 Dave Wharton 2/8  
 Andrew Gonzalez 2/11  
 Carroll Lammey 2/11  
 Efram Florendo 2/12  
 James Goeken 2/13  
 Albert Gonzalez 2/14  
 Robert Hemsley 2/14  
 Norbert Men-

donca 2/14  
 Michael Grodt 2/15  
 Tyson Murphy 2/17  
 Brandon Harker 2/18  
 Timothy Dickert 2/20  
 Ed Ibarra 2/21  
 David Perez 2/21  
 Vito Paxia 2/22  
 John Karaz 2/23  
 Jeff McCarthy 2/24  
 Sean Garcia 2/25  
 Jesse Cristerna 2/26  
 Douglas Beaumont 2/28  
 Isidro Tadena 2/28



### Wives' Birthdays

Grace Guajardo 2/2  
 Rebecca Giardina 2/4  
 Jennifer Richmond 2/4  
 Sandra Uye-shiro 2/12  
 Monica Gonzalez 2/13  
 Phaedra Zamora 2/13

Aylene Wee 2/16

Julita Casiano 2/17

Kristi Marsella 2/17

Andrea Hemsley 2/18

Cheryl Schultz 2/20

Rose Mary Law 2/23

Cheryl Driggs 2/24

Ileane Walsh 2/25



### Anniversaries

James & Amanda Towne 2/2

Jim & Kim McDonald 2/5

Donald & Deborah Cavagnaro 2/8

Hugo & Alejandra Fausto 2/12

Raymond & Patricia Chavarria 2/14

Gary & Maryann Koblentz 2/15

Robert & Colleen Hazy 2/24

Efrain & Gloria Ortega 2/24

Edward & Sue Gamboa 2/25

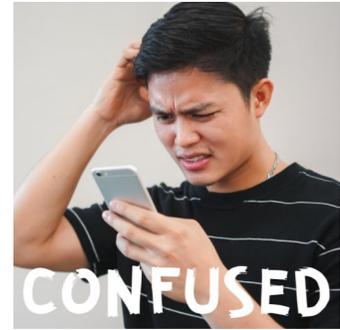
Victor & Maria Lopez 2/27

Amado & Kelly Valencia 2/27

John & Mary Mullins 2/28



# JOHNS JOKES



To save time I've decided to start speaking in abbreviations. In order to prevent further confusion I've decided to give my friends this guide to common abbreviations along with their pronunciations.

**HAGD!**, pronounced "Hagged!" = "Have a great day!" The ! is to denote sincerity, and is optional.

**YHAGDT!** pronounced "Yahgdit!" = "You have a great day too!" This is said in response to another person's "hagged". Again, the ! denotes sincerity, and is optional.

**YSOMF!** Pronounced "WHYSOM!" (the "f" is silent)= "You're standing on my foot!" Most often used in public transportation. The ! is not optional.

**GTHOMF!** pronounced "THOMUFF" (The "G" is silent)= "Get the h\*\*\* off my foot!" Used when the person doesn't respond to YSOMF!

"**LOTASFFTR**" pronounced "lottasofter"= "Look out there's a safe falling from the roof!" (The ! is required). I tried this out the other day but the victim did not understand my warning. I wrote this explanation sheet to avoid a similar incident which resulted in "QAM"

"**QAM**" Pronounced "quam"= "Quiet a mess". Used in situations where a safe fell on top of somebody on the sidewalk.

**OMG!** pronounced "OG!" (the "M" is silent)= "oh, my goodness!". Often used after saying "LOTASFFTR" And the person does not understand resulting in "QAM".

I hope you find these abbreviations useful. This is not a complete list and can be added to, modified, thrown out or ignored at anytime. Use these abbreviations at your own risk.

The writer is not responsible for confusion or misunderstanding.

(C) John L. Gorman

Council #10644 is also not responsible for confusion or misunderstanding of the above. Read at your own risk! Good Luck and Hope you may continue life without confusion after reading this. (not easy)



# FEBRUARY'S PRAYER MESSAGE



Pope Francis Prayer Request for February 2021:

Human Fraternity;  
"May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all".



**Happy February Brothers and Family. As we go through much confusion let us not forget that we are in a Spiritual Warfare and that at the end only the strong next to God may survive. Let us not give up! That is not an option! Through these difficult times the Devil is out to continue destroying the innocent**

**Children, Marriages and Families. And sadly, doing a good job. But we are Children of God and God is control of our lives, (if we allow Him). I ask myself daily, what can I do so I do not feel this anger of seeing our world, friends and family going against God? Then I hear our Mother Mary reminding us to Pray, Pray and Pray.**

**Let us not give up Brothers and Family. Instead let us pray, stay strong and evangelize. Let Go and Let God Take care of the rest!**

### February's Prayer Requests:

Pope Francis, Bishops, Priest, New Administration, our Persecuted Brothers, Our Officers and First Responders, Peace on Earth. the Unborn, Families, Marriages. And Our Council #10644.

(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 FEBRUARY MESSAGE

Brothers,

As we enter the month of February, I want to challenge each and every one of us. We are all members of St. Joseph's Council. Most of the members are members of St. Joseph's parish. As men, we all have St. Joseph as one of our models of what it means to be a real man, a father (physical or spiritual), and a true follower of Christ and His Church. We should know St. Joseph well, but I would assume most of us do not, or at least not as much as we should. That is why the challenge for all of us.



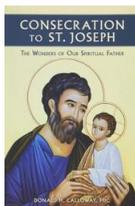
Pope Francis, in his wisdom, decided to heed the request of many to declare a Year of St. Joseph. Our parish was going to do consecrations to St.



Joseph last year following the instructions in the book by Fr. Donald Callo-

way (great story about his conversion), under Fr. Sam's lead. Unfortunately, COVID-19 hit and everything was left to the side. There were many that follow through with the steps and consecrated themselves to St. Joseph last March 19th, his feast day. I was not one of those, but I kept hearing about all of the excitement those that had felt and all of the things about St. Joseph they learned. My wife, Maria, always had a special place in her heart for St. Joseph, because she is a Carmelite, who all have a devotion to him. Brother Joseph Murphy (you might remember him as Tyson), even chose his religious name to be Joseph because of his deep devotion. Both of them kept going on and on about what even they learned and how it deepen their devotion.

So, finally, I gave in and with a group of six other men began to read the book that prepares you for the consecration. In my head, I was thinking that my wife and Brother Joseph were a little over the top, but I figured it couldn't hurt. It turns out that they were underselling the impact of the book and the consecration. I thought St. Joseph was important (patron of the Universal Church, patron of our parish, mentioned in the prayers for the consecration during mass), but the more I read about St. Joseph, the more excited I got. I kept telling other men that the book was life changing (and I am not prone to exaggeration). I was so moved by the consecration, that I decided to go through it a second time with some other men!



Since my second time going through the consecration, the Pope made his statement, declaring this to be the Year of St. Joseph. There are plenary indulgences attached to different devotions related to St. Joseph during this year (on Wednesdays and on the 19th of each month). Fr. Sam was at first so intent on taking advantage that he was going to promote again that we go through the process as a parish and consecrate ourselves and the parish. That enthusiasm has worn off on others and now the Bishop will be consecrating our entire diocese to St. Joseph at our parish on March 19th!



So, my challenge to us, as men, as members of the Knights of Columbus, as members of St. Joseph's Council, are we up to consecrating ourselves to our Spiritual Father, St. Joseph? Are we man enough to take the 33 days of preparation, faithfully following through with the steps to consecrate ourselves to him? Yes, there is reading that is required. Yes, there are prayers to pray. And, yes it is worth it. I'm willing to go through the preparation and the book a third time. Are you willing to join?

In case you are unsure of what a "consecration" is, Brother Doug Beaumont, the parish's Director of Religious Education will be making a video or two explaining what it is and the benefits of doing so. Here is a link to here first video. Here is another article in the meantime. Don't miss out on the opportunity this is offering to you as a man, as a father (physical or spiritual), and as a member of St. Joseph's. You won't regret it. February 15th is the start date, so find a way to get your copy of the book before then.



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

# LECTURER'S FEBRUARY MESSAGE

## Two Days of Experience: Covid Vaccination & Blue Mass By Dave Sichak

### *Covid Vaccination - Friday, January 15*



I thought I would share my experience from getting the Covid-19 vaccine Friday, January 15, 2021 at the Stanislaus County facility on Scenic Drive across from the cemetery. The county has given priority to anyone 65 years and older to get the Covid-19 vaccine first.

It was a very trying, tiring experience. I was in line before 10:00am and the line was probably close to a mile long as it snaked all over the place. Many seniors were using their walkers with wheels and a seat. Many others brought along a chair so they could sit once in a while. I bit the bullet and used a cane and am glad I did because my legs tend to stiffen up standing / walking for long periods. I think they call it arthritis. It took me three and a half hours to get the vaccine around 1:30pm. Afterwards you sit in an 'observation' room for 15 minutes to ensure there are no allergic reactions to the vaccine. That day, they were using the Moderna vaccine (Lot 027L20A).

I will have to get the second shot on February 12 or so.

I found it uncomfortable that seniors were treated this way and forced to stand for such a long period. I saw the anguish on the faces of some of the older ones, shuffling along. As the wait in line went on, those who tried to sit for a bit, were beginning to be slower in picking up their chairs and move in the line. I was lucky I guess to be able to stand but I know I needed to take a dose of Advil Friday night to sleep.

Perhaps St. Joseph's and/or the Knights can be aware of this and maybe help our folks who need to do the second shot and help them out a bit - maybe someone can stand in line for them while they sit or pass out snacks. News reports indicate that vaccine distribution may soon begin at our local stores that have pharmacies. It might be good for the council to contact its older members to see if they are in need of any assistance. In these unusual times, we need to look for other ways to assist our community and members.

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## LECTURER FEBRUARY MESSAGE (CONT)

### ***Blue Mass - Saturday, January 16***

The annual Blue Mass that was organized by the Knights of Columbus some twenty years ago was held on Saturday, January 16, 2021. This year, due to the pandemic, the mass was held outdoors. It was an almost perfect morning weather wise – no morning fog. Not even a cloud in the sky.

The 4th degree color guard of the Knights of Columbus was there to lead the procession. We saw a nice turn out from the Sheriff's department, Modesto Police, Modesto Fire Department, California Highway Patrol. Seats were arranged for them to sit in front. Other attendees from our community surrounded them in the parking lot, in their cars or sitting on chairs nearby.

Kudos to Kent Harker and Fr. Sam West for thanking the Knights of Columbus for the mass and the bag lunches afterwards.

Hopefully next year's Blue Mass will be back to a normal setting. I missed the traditional 'last bell' to honor the fallen first responders during the year. And even the bagpipe music.

The choir led the way with traditional and familiar songs during the service.

I encountered smiles and waves as I passed by the various first responders afterwards. I thanked them for their service and for attending.

It's a new year – let us come together and make it a good year as we find new opportunities and maybe even create new traditions to serve our brothers and our parish community.



***Yours in Christ;  
Lecturer;  
Richard Goeken***



**(This months article was provided by Brother Dave S.)**

# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

**Hello Brother Knights;**

**Member Dues:**



**First, thank you to our Brother Knights who have summited their dues for 2021. All other Brothers you should have received your envelope with your invoice of the dues owed with a separate sheet to update your information. Please send your dues by February 15th, 2021. If you have not received your envelope with your dues owed, please give me a call at (209) 484-5509 or email at [finsec@kofc10644.com](mailto:finsec@kofc10644.com).**

**On another note, we will plan to have a few Fish Fry's this month (dates to be determined) and will need your help. We will distribute the meals in the parking lot as a drive up or pick-up option. I am calling on all Brother Knights to help prepare, cook and distribute the meals. Please contact me if you can sign up and help. We will soon have a separate email sent out with the actual dates. Our goal is to serve God and at the same time bring the community together of Brothers and Church Members and offer our famous and great Fish Fry Meal.**

**I hope you are all hanging in there and soon we can gather mask free. We cannot have our council without YOU! We hope you can share a bit of your time each month and help your council. This year will need to be about us as St. Joseph's Council #10644 and prepare to get back together by summer 2021.**

**Thank You Brothers and Family for all that you do.**



**Yours in Christ;  
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