



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As Catholics, we begin every new year with Our Lady – Our Mother. I, in particular, needed this year to be wrapped in her warm mantle, as the Council struggled with some growing pains and trials. Who better to turn to then Our Holy Mother who shares in every sorrow of her children? With her arms wrapped around these aging old bones like a soft, warm blanket, I could know peace is with me. If we stay within the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, through the intercession of Fr. McGivney, I **KNOW** that 2014 will be a year of grace for the Knights. Through trust in God, I have already been blessed to see growth in our Council! Dave Sichak has stepped fluidly into the Financial Secretary

position, and other members are discerning in prayer fulfilling empty slots on the board by June. Keep this intention in prayer, Brother Knights! Thank you, too, to those who led us through a successful breakfast – especially Angel Martinez, John Gorman and Pat Seefeldt (Pat had nearly all the food donated! Thanks for going the extra mile, Pat!). Of course thanks are always due – and I hoped expressed – to our ever present kitchen crew who never seems to tire in bringing excellent food to all our gatherings! Our Fish Fry Dinners began Lent in a much more festive way than likely intended in this season of penance. Although, what better way is there to end a day of fasting then to break bread in

fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ! J Thank you to our first chairs, Steve Michael and Gary Humphreys for a beautiful evening! Dave Sichak and his wife, Lorna presented a beautiful St. Patrick's Day themed fish fry that many enjoyed. Our numbers have been particularly high! Each evening served over 600 faithful with the bulk in that first hour!! I have cooked at each myself and truly appreciate all that my Brother Knights give of themselves.

There is a slew of activity that goes on before, during and after a Knights Fish Fry!

- **Set up:** Gary Humphreys and Alfonso Chavez are always present in addition to other Brothers.
- **Preparatory items** -Rick Dinublio ensures all the food is purchased and gathers all

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Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
April 1st, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone Bring
A Fellow Knight!

Daily mass is a great way to show how you "support the faith." Masses are at 8 AM or 5:45 PM during the week and 8 AM on Saturdays. When was the last time that you made the effort to give thanks to God for all that He does for you by going to a daily mass?

Knight Light
Editor
Richard Braun

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15th of each month. Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space available.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My dear Brother Knights, Once I saw a homeless man on a bike, and it occurred to me that I have been pretty successful in my life. I was feeling discouraged that day, wishing that I was more skilled in handling the complications of life. But seeing this homeless man, I felt grateful that at least I have a driver's license, insurance, and a valid registration. Despite my busy schedule, I am able to take care of basic civic obligations such as paying bills, doing taxes, voting, etc. Some people, like that homeless man, are not able to, or are not willing to do these basic tasks. And it occurred to me that I have been



able to do some extraordinary things like graduating from college and being ordained a priest! It occurred to me that I am doing pretty well in life. The other day I saw another homeless man on a bike and something else occurred to me. I realized that I should not judge. One of the Gospel readings in Lent is "Judge not, and you shall not be judged." How do I know whether in God's eyes this

homeless man is not more successful than I am? Or more holy?

On the outside it is obvious that this man has not been able to develop social skills or make car payments. But it could be that God knows things about his homeless man that I do not know. Perhaps he had an alcoholic, abusive father and was neglected by his mother. Perhaps he suffers from deep depression or some other debilitating mental illness. Perhaps he overcame a strong temptation to commit suicide when he was a teenager. Perhaps he has made heroic efforts to control his anger issues. Maybe he has encouraged other people not to give up, not to abuse themselves, not commit suicide. Perhaps he has fallen into small sins but has resisted strong temptations to commit grave sins. Perhaps he feels sincere remorse things he has done to hurt others. Perhaps he thinks about others. Perhaps occasionally from his lonely heart and from his parched lips a prayer escapes which melts the Heart of our Lord. Maybe God knows that he has done the best he can, and then some. Perhaps this man could easily have been a denizen

of hell, but instead will be higher up in heaven than I.

Jesus warned us that "From everyone who has been given much, much will be required." And he told us that there will be no punishment for those who honestly do not know "the master's will" (Luke 12:48). All of these are good reasons to refrain from judging a homeless bicyclist, or an annoying neighbor, or an unbearable in-law. They are also good reasons to reach out to these people, to feed them, to support them, to befriend them, to even to learn from them. We never know where we are going to find goodness and even holiness which can inspire us in our own journey to heaven. Some are going to get there by bike. No one is going to get there without humbly singing the eternal song: the "mercies of God". (St. Therese: the first sentence of "The Story of a Soul").



**Father
Mark Wagner
Chaplain and
Pastor,
St. Joseph's Parish**



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Your prayers are requested for the following Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; and Dave Tacchinni. Please also keep in your prayers Stephen, the youngest son of Brother Kent and the brother of Brother Adam Harker; Patricia Dinubilo the mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, the niece of Frank Holmes; the family

of John Gorman; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, the mother of Ed Hough; Sharon, the mother of Matt Iorns; Helen, the wife of Gary Moya; Dawn, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann, the mother of Chris Powers; Bev, the wife of Brother Ed Fernandes; and Darlene Nielsen.

Keep our Holy Father Pope Francis, all of our Priests, and Religious in your prayers. Also, please pray for a peaceful solution to the situation in the Crimean

region of Ukraine and the safety of all caught in the middle of the conflict.

If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know. Contact information is 209-551-9534 or mccave@yahoo.com

**John McCave
Past Grand Knight**



APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	2 St. Peter Calunsod	3	4 Fish Fry O'Hare Hall 5 PM	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Soup Dinner O'Hare Hall 5 PM	12
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Holy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19 Easter Vigil and reception for newly baptized JP2 Room 5 10 PM
20 Easter	21	22	23	24	25 St. Mark, Evangelist	26
27	28 St. Gianna Molla	29	30			

You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, kofc10644.com.

Members' Birthdays

Angel D. Martinez 4-2
 Scott A. Fernandes 4-4
 David M. Evans 4-4
 Octavio Lopez 4-6
 Nathaniel R. Benninger 4-8
 Tom M Lucas III 4-12
 Robert W Della-Santina 4-13
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 Steven A. Junqueiro 4-15
 Pellegrino Truncali 4-15
 Tom Cabrera 4-16
 Daniel R. Di Rienzo 4-23
 Sean F Mullins 4-24
 Denis K. McGue 4-24
 Robert A. Nunes 4-24
 James L Standart 4-25
 Ray D. Jackson 4-26
 Robert A. Hibl 4-27

CELEBRATE!

Ladies' Birthdays

Carole Ward 4-4
 Maria F Delgado-Braun 4-10
 Wilma Lee 4-11
 Wendy Bettencourt 4-11
 Shaundra Lopez 4-12
 Kim McDoal 4-12
 Soledad Raya 4-15
 Suny Di Rienzo 4-15
 Debbie Ryan 4-16
 Kelly Valencia 4-17
 Piedy Callahan 4-18
 Darlene Tobias 4-20
 Debbie Cavagnaro 4-21
 Theresa Junqueiro 4-23
 Melissa Hoffman 4-24
 Tonya Marmol 4-26
 Sue Gamboa 4-27

Anniversaries

Angel & Jill Martinez 4-4
 John & Eleanor Karaz 4-8
 Jesus & Lupe Perez 4-10
 Brian & Lisa Porta 4-11
 Joe & Eva Furtado 4-11
 Steven & Theresa Junqueiro 4-12
 Henry & Francis Ficken 4-14
 Jason & Melissa Hoffman 4-14
 Leo & Elvera Alvarez 4-14
 John & Carol Schaper 4-17
 David & Charlyn Piper 4-18
 Doublas & Olga Hibl 4-18
 Michael & Carlene Pardina 4-19
 Neil & Josephine Corbeil 4-24
 Michael & Erin Webster 4-25
 Norbert & Heidi Mendonca 4-29
Note: If birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect or missing you need to contact the Financial Secretary to correct the error.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,
It is truly exciting to see the excitement at each of our Lenten fish fry dinners. The themes that each of our Event Chairs has come up has added an exciting look (with the decorations), sound (with the music), and fun for those attending. For the first time that I can remember, we have sold out each and everyone of our dinners and have had to turn interested customers away at the door. In the past, the first dinner has a great turnout and then the attendance has trickled down each week. Not this year! The lines to pick up dinner have been long, and the stress for James and the rest of the kitchen staff high, each Friday. In addition to the fun at the meetings, our outreach to the larger parish community has increased. As the logo to the side says, we are connecting, informing and growing our outreach not only to each other, but to others, so that they know they great things that we do as an organization. You, too, can help us to connect by forwarding



the emails that you receive to your family and friends. There is an easy link to do that in the emails that are sent out and another on the Council website at kofc10644.com.

We are also working on increasing the overall involvement of all associated with our Council. If we all give a little, all of the needed work will be covered for the entire year. What we, as the Officers, have talked about is "Give us 5 hours a year!" If each of you reading this can find a way to give at least five hours during the year, whether at business meetings, at an event, or in planning for one of our many events, everything would be covered. How are you going to give us 5 hours? How are you going to live up to the promises that you took when you became a Knight? Give us at least five hours of your entire year. You can do that, can't you?



We will be part of an upcoming men's conference that the parish is planning for June 21st. This would be a great opportunity to the recharge ourselves and other men from the area. It will be for men only, with no women there to influence what we are talking about. Our fabulous kitchen crew will be preparing the meals. Father Wade Menezes will be guiding us through the day. And the best part? The name of the

conference is inspiring: St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, Men's Conference. Save the date now, as you won't want to miss out. We and other men will spend the day together reflecting on our roles as leaders in our household, parish and larger community and then join our families for Saturday evening mass. What better gift for Fathers' Day could we give ourselves?

Don't forget: we are still looking for new ideas to continue to make our Council strong. Feel free to email them to the easy to remember email: newsletter@kofc10644.com (the same one used to send the emails with this newsletter). Don't be shy, as the more ideas the better. We are a fraternity, Brothers, and we all need to work together. God bless,

Richard Braun
Deputy
Grand Knight



Don't forget, Brothers, to keep track of any of your volunteer activities either officially during a Knight event or in the community. Don't submit the number of rosaries you have prayed, but if you work with a particular ministry, how many hours this month were you helping with it? How many hours volunteering with a non-profit? You can easily submit your hours at our meetings or online at kofc10644.com. Look for it on the resources page.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank the current officers and my fellow brothers for the warm reception and encouragement given my appointment as your new Financial Secretary. I would also like to thank Sam Moraca for stepping up when we needed it and for his efforts during his tenure. As Sam passed on the baton (and other stuff), I am now the keeper of our council's old minutes in hard copy and in handwritten form. Some of

you know that I'm a bit of a country music history buff and a bit techie. But my mind is already thinking that I need to scan/digitize those old minutes before the paper withers away so we have a digital record of our Council's history. Consider it on the to-do list. On that night, Worthy Grand Knight, Herb Saska, called the meeting to order and the roots of Council 10644 were planted. Are you getting the phone call to rise up and help your brothers? It may be that we do not have your current

phone number and/or email address. We are making a push to take advantage of the technology we have at our fingertips today. Next time around I will nag you to renew your commitment to your council and pay your dues. Remember, let me know if you are unable to pay/renew at this time but would still like to be a member.

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**



JOHN'S JOKES

You will probably look at all commercials a little differently after this. A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:
 God is like... BAYER ASPIRIN:
 He works miracles.
 God is like... A FORD:
 He's got a better idea.
 God is like... COKE:
 He's the real thing.
 God is like... HALLMARK CARDS:
 He cares enough to send His very best.
 God is like... TIDE:
 He gets the stains out others

leave behind.
 God is like... GENERAL ELECTRIC:
 He brings good things to life.
 God is like... WAL-MART:
 He has everything.
 God is like... ALKA-SELTZER:
 Try Him, you'll like Him
 God is like... SCOTCH TAPE:
 You can't see Him, but you know He's there.
 God is like... DELTA:
 He's ready when you are.
 God is like... ALLSTATE:
 You're in good hands with Him.
 God is like... VO-5 Hair Spray:
 He holds through all kinds of weather
 God is like... DIAL SOAP:
 Aren't you glad you have Him?
 Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... The U.S. POST OFFICE:
 Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.
 God is like... CHEVROLET: t
 he heart beat of America
 God is like... MAXWELL HOUSE:
 Good to the very last drop
 God is like... BOUNTY:
 He is the quicker picker upper, can handle the tough jobs, and, He won't fall apart on you.
 God is like... THE ENERGIZER BUNNY:
 He keeps going, and going, and going. Wouldn't this be great if it was taught in every school?
 BLESSINGS FROM MY HOUSE TO YOUR HOUSE
 God's Peace and Love to all!
 (Thanks to my sister, Jan)

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Lecturer's Notes: April: Lent, Easter, and Beyond!!!

"While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me,

Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him." - Luke 5:1-11*

Some years ago I took up SCUBA Diving. I think back on how crazy that all was and I wonder that I'm even alive. With SCUBA you not only venture far off shore, then you strap on a can of compressed air and jump out of a perfectly good boat into deep water. What the heck was I thinking???

Okay, I did see some underwater stuff that is way more amazing than you will ever experience on TV, that's true. I did swim with wild sea lions. I did hand select the fish that I speared and ate. I did eat scallops right off the rock without surfacing. I did experience nitrogen narcosis when I dove past 135 feet. The oceans did not change with me present or

with me gone. Fish and scallops have replaced the ones I took; sea lions still swim the Monterey Bay without me.

What I'm wondering about is Jesus call for us to push out into the deep. He calls us all to go to spiritual places that we haven't been before. I think, for the first time in several years, that I may be feeling the call to go to a new place. It is both exciting and frightening to leave a comfort zone where I didn't have to think but if God calls we must answer. This begins a period of discernment for me, your prayer would be appreciated.

Ed Ibarra



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April business meeting is on Tuesday April 1st at 7:00pm. Fish Fry Fridays are followed by Stations of the Cross, be sure not to miss Stations. Holy Week runs from April 13 through 20th. Make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually. Seek for God prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart. Pray for strong families. Above all; pray that Holy Mother Church around the world can withstand the buffets of her enemies. Pray for our priests and the intentions of the Pope.

GRAND KNIGHT (CONTINUED)

volunteers for the kitchen.

- Don Reed keeps our **supplies** flowing throughout the dinner and all throughout the year!
- **Bar** Tim Keating and Michael Loschke keep both the bar organized and hospitable.
- **Cooking** James Towne (the whole parish wants his secret recipe), Victor Mayoral, John Martinez, Steve Laura, Pat Seefeldt, and more!
- **Fish Runner:** You're a crazy, hard worker, Sam Sartariano! (Sam used his skills as a pilot running B-52 bombers in WWII!)
- **Serving:** Being on the front line can be rough! Special thanks to the rotating crew at the counter such as, Michael Glendon, Carlos Torres and Ed Fernandes.
- **Decorating:** rotates with each of the Chairs with the help of their beautiful wives, and it is always wonderful!
- Thanks too, to Alfonso who manages the **raffles** every week. His public enjoys him!
- Of course, I am grateful to Pino Truncali who always gathers and unites the squad of students and **volunteers** who work tirelessly serving beverages and keeping tables clean and ready to go for the next round

of guests.

- **Security:** Thanks to Richard who helped ensure that we are “up to code” this year with having to have security present.
- **Saturday Morning Clean Up:** And you thought the Fish Fry ended on Friday! There are those that come back the following day! Among them being Pino Truncali, Al Toschi, Don Reed, Alfonso Chavez and Frank Holmes.
- Lastly, but definitely not the least important, are those that can be referred to as the **Marines**. Just like those faithful true marines, they are the last ones at all events, cleaning up late into the night after everyone else has gone home. Those Marines include Don Reed, Pino Truncalli and usually Marc Abenoja.

Thank you, Brothers!! I know I am leaving some of you out, so please forgive me – my face is in the fryer most of the evenings! :-)) You are remembered in heaven! By the time this goes out we will have already had the Italian themed Fish Fry and the 50s night in addition to a third one whose theme is still being finalized. I know they will go beautifully from my discussions with Ron Martorana, Carlos Torres, Pino Truncali, Frank Holmes, and Matt Iorns who have some amazing plans in the works – plans I know others will use in the future! Thanks in advance Ron, Carlos, Pino,

Frank and Matt!

While I am extending these many thanks (what a blessing it is!), thanks again to Michael Loschke who is helping to guide our Council into the 21st century! Through his efforts, we have established more current means of communicating with all of you Brothers and with the greater community. Perhaps I'm getting carried away with the thank you's, but I am truly grateful for all you have done and how you have come together in unity.

They say that saints have “something about them”, a trait or an inner strength that shows through in their character. You are living saints! You have displayed that which makes me proud to be a Knight – the heroic virtues of Fr. Michael McGivney who is still today leading us to prayer and works of example.

Humbly yours,

Michael Miranda
Grand Knight
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