



Grand Knight's Message

Blessings, dear Brother Knights! *"Such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that of ourselves we are qualified to take credit for anything as coming from us; rather, our qualification comes from God."* ² Corinthians 3:4

Already, I have been baptized by fire into the Grand Knighthood (if there is such a term). Many works in the background are being delved into, for example developing a new annual budget for our Council. One thing I would like to initiate is the tracking of hours our Council puts into works of Charity, Fraternity and Patriotism specifically. Please, keep track of hours – as best as you can – as you work on both Knight Events and Parish Events, as we are called by Fr. McGivney to assist *all*, not just Knights, with whom we come in contact with love and charity. This record includes time at home, on the phone, at meetings, in booths, in the hall, etc. You get the picture. Each

month I will pass around a sheet where you can write your name and number of hours (divided into "Council Works" and "Community Works") or you may document them online at our Council website as you log them. Some may find this easier as you can record them each week.

Otherwise, consider carrying a small notebook and keeping track of your hours in that way, whatever works best for you. The reason behind this is to let both our parish and the state know the hours we put in and into what category or apostolate. While not the ultimate goal, these hours may also bring us to win the Star Council Award! Let's let everyone know what we are about and why we do it in a concrete way.

This past Sunday we heard the Gospel that reflected on the story of the Good Samaritan. Fr. Francis equated the story beautifully in the telling that Jesus represented the Good Samaritan and the injured party

was humanity itself. What a wondrous mediation point! The Gospel ended with Jesus telling "us", through the lawyer who asked the question, "Who is our neighbor?" to go out and serve all with great mercy and love. Let us, each and every one, recall our Church's mission to go out and be the hands and feet of Christ in this world bearing witness to His Love no matter the consequences. *"For God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ."*

² Corinthians 3: 6

Pray that we are all faithful and single-minded in following Jesus, the Good Samaritan, in all we do.

JOB POSTING: We are looking earnestly for a Brother Knight who would like to step into the role of "Advocate". If you are interested, please contact me at 209-526-4704.

**Michael Miranda,
Grand Knight**



**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
August 6th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
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A Fellow Knight!**

In July, there were 17 of us who made it to the second Friday mass for the deceased members of our Council and the Respect Life Rosary afterwards. Were you there? If not, you missed out, as it is beautiful to hear the combined voices of men in prayer. Will you join us now in August?

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?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights, I sit down today on July 15, the Feast of St. Bonaventure, to write this pastor's message for the ***Knight Light***. Every month the 15th is the due-date to submit our articles. Usually I am late submitting mine, but I eventually write it because of the gentle and sometimes not-so gentle reminders that I receive from our worthy Editor, Richard Braun. Those of us who write these articles are fond of receiving Richard's humorous, loving, cajoling, alternately good-natured and bad-tempered reminders.

I believe that part of the



mission of the Knights of Columbus is to change society, or at least to create a Catholic culture within our parish community. It is so important that we live and breathe Catholicism in our homes, at the parish, and in our daily lives in the community. Our day should be punctuated with prayers such as the Angelus, the rosary and perhaps even the Liturgy of the Hours. We could become accustomed to those contagious Catholic customs like lighting candles, confessing, and crossing yourself when you pass in front of a church. In order to become saints, we need to surround ourselves with holy Catholic sacramentals, images, music, books and periodicals. We also need to surround ourselves with holy people who will help us catch the holy contagion!

Saint Bonaventure (1221-1274) was helped in his rise to the heights of holiness by the fact that he was surrounded by several other saints who lived at the same

time. St. Francis gave him his name: for, having miraculously cured him of a mortal sickness, he prophetically exclaimed of the child, "O bona ventura!" - good luck. He was also the friend of St. Thomas Aquinas, who asked him one day from where he drew his great learning. He replied by pointing to his crucifix. At another time St. Thomas found him in ecstasy while writing the life of St. Francis, and exclaimed, "Let us leave a Saint to write of a Saint." They received the Doctor's cap together. He was the guest and adviser of St. Louis, and the director of St. Isabella, the king's sister.

We should choose holy friends. And each of us, especially Knights, should strive to become saints so that in our parish there will be a "Catholic culture" and a "civilization of love" which produces many vocations and saints!

Sincerely,

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



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers: Emil Carney & his wife, Frances; Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; and Msgr. Conrad Gruber, the 4th Degree Chaplain. Please also remember Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; the family of

John Gorman; Sharon Iorns mother of Matt Iorns; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; and Darlene Nielsen.

And also, please keep our Holy Father Pope Francis and all our Priests and Religious in your prayers: that the Holy Spirit gives them the strength and courage to the lead the

Catholic Church in these troubled times.

If there are any updates or if you know of any other prayer requests, please let me know. You can contact me at 209-551-9534 or mccave@yahoo.com.

**John McCave
Past Grand Knight**



AUGUST 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 St. John Vianney	5 Officers' meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM	6 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM Transfiguration	7	8	9	10
11 St. Clare of Assisi	12	13	14 Death of Ven. Michael McGivney St. Maximilian Kolbe	15 Assumption of Mary	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Queenship of Mary	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

Members' Birthdays

Victor Mayoral	8-1
Marc Serpa	8-1
Thomas Morton	8-3
Raul Raya	8-3
Jeff Smith	8-6
Thomas Washburn	8-6
John Gorman III	8-10
John Walsh	8-14
Ramon Ramirez	8-15
William Bradford	8-17
Don Cavagnaro	8-17
Pino Scarpinati	8-17
Kent Marlett	8-19
Scott Nunes	8-19
Gregorio Scoto	8-19
Robert Poncini	8-21
Tim Keating	8-22
Eddie Marmol	8-22
Gary Humphreys	8-26
Mike Vigil	8-26
Bob Perry	8-27
Peter Duffy	8-29
Juan Jimenez	8-31

CELEBRATE!

Ladies' Birthdays

Jayne Cunningham	8-1
Karen Hough	8-4
Carol Schaper	8-4
Grace DeCaro	8-6
Laura Harker	8-6
Mary Mullins	8-6
Beka Wunschel	8-11
Betty Nunes	8-13
Brenda Gillum	8-15
Kathy Reis	8-20
Toni Povio	8-21
Kristin Thiele	8-21
Pam Dinubilo	8-23
Mary Adams	8-25
Teresa Peterson	8-25
Kathleen Glendon	8-27
Carrie Loschke	8-28
Noemi Junqueiro	8-29

Note: If birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect or missing you need to contact Sam Moraca to correct the error.

Anniversaries

Sherri & Denis McGue	8-1-87
Michele & Mike Nielsen	8-6-83
Debora & Roy McKenzie	8-7-81
Michelle & Scott Nunes	8-8-08
Jacqueline & Jose Nunez	8-8-87
Judy & Oren Tuss	8-11-84
Anne & Roger Missall	8-12-72
Lucille & Julian Ortiz	8-13-78
Cindy & Alex Trujillo	8-17-93
Priscilla & Adrian Pino	8-21-76
Angie & David Castro	8-24-02
Barbara & Steve Guzman	8-24-74
Janice & Tim Keating	8-27-88
Judy & Alfonso Chavez	8-30
Laura & Kent Harker	8-31-80
Glafira & Miguel Villalobos	8-31-97





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Brothers,
Let's reflect on our fraternal motto: *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori* (Time Flies, Remember Death). It is our motto for good reason: as Knights we are called to constantly reflect on the fact that we have only a short earthly existence in which to prepare our record for eternal life. The *Tempus Fugit* "pledge" goes to the Knights' foundation: Father McGivney's commitment to an immigrant parish consisting of hard working men and women - who died young. Father McGivney, for whom our council is named, is a constant and profound reminder of this motto, having succumbed himself to pneumonia at the age of 36. No one knows when death will arrive, but even if a person were given advance notice, the moment of passing would no doubt still come like a thief in the night. The 16th century essayist, Michel de Montaigne wrote that the judgment of how well a man lives will not be determined until the manner of his death. The peace or turmoil in a man's heart is most clearly revealed when the act of dying lifts the

veil to his soul.
For the secular man, *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori* will convert comfortably and conveniently to that other Latin expression: *Carpe Diem* - "Seize the Day". *Carpe Diem* for us means putting away the worthless things in favor of the eternal things: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit (as listed in the Catechism). For us, "Seize the Day" means to pray "gives us this day our daily bread" and to make every moment an effort to grow closer to God and each other: to love the Lord God will all your mind, heart, soul, and strength and your neighbor as yourself. The best way to grow is to follow the ways left by Jesus to His Church for our journey to new life: the Mass, the sacraments, prayer, Holy Scripture. These must be experienced regularly and reflectively in this ordinary time of life so that we may be transformed through the invisible union of grace, so we may be a visible sign on earth, so that we may enjoy the divine union in heaven. *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori*

is our pledge to act now. Brothers this is not a guilt trip. This is not an emotional arm twisting; this is *Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori*; this is my exhortation in brotherly love. This is our pledge as Knights that we will "seize the day". This is the Christian way, which is the path to a death without regret. I pray that we will all live this pledge as seriously as we do the commitment and spirit of Father McGivney which illuminates our motto and gives it life. Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely and fraternally,

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DEPUTY DAWG'S BARK



My dear Brother Knights, This month's theme for my article in unity, the second principle of our order. When you first think of unity, you might think of the Borg from Star Trek: "Resistance is futile!" In other words, you might think that it means that we all have to look and think exactly: "That is how I do it, so everyone else must do it just like that!" But, that is a rather limited view. The unity that our faith and our Order ask of us has to do more with having one purpose.

In Pope Francis' first encyclical *Lumen Fidei*, which was drafted by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and completed by Pope Francis, the idea of unity comes up many times. Pope Francis talks about how Moses' direct interactions with God helped to bring the community together to help our "gaze rise to a truth greater than ourselves." He shares that many "modern" thinkers stumble in thinking that as individuals they themselves must be able to see God directly. We have the gift from God, however, to have a mediator for us which allows us to have "shared knowledge, which is the knowledge proper to love." In other words, we don't have to be exactly

alike, but share the same faith in order to benefit from God's graces.

Later on, the Pope points out the apparent contradiction of unity of purpose and freedom. We tend to think that freedom means "license" or the ability to do whatever one wants. How can I be free to do what I want, but still have a united purpose? It is again through the grace of God that we are able to "learn how to see reality through the eyes of others, not as something which impoverishes, but instead enriches our vision." I can give a concrete example.

We had some VERY HOT weather during the week of the 4th of July. Most of us were smart and stayed within our air conditioned confines with plenty of liquids or headed to the nearest pool. There were some of our Brother Knights who remembered our common purpose of showing charity (love) and spent long hours standing on asphalt selling fireworks in order to help raise funds, both for the next World Youth Day and for other charities that we support. The co-chairs of the event, Ed Gamboa and Joey Rodriguez were there every day from June 28th until July 4th for about 13 hours a day in the heat. When others found out about the long days, they went out to join them. In particular, I want to highlight Don Reed, who spent the next three days

(after finding out about the time that Brother Ed and Joey were spending) in the heat, standing on the asphalt for 13 hours. Each of them were free to do as the majority of us did and find relief from the heat, but knew that they had a greater purpose to fulfill. Again, that doesn't mean that they think or even look alike, but they share the common purpose of showing love for those in need.

We have other common purposes as a Council where you are needed as well. We are still in need of a few event co-chairs. In particular need now is the sausage booth for the Parish Festival. Brother Marti Reis, who has chaired the event over the past 5 years, will be out of town. The Festival will be September 6-8th. It doesn't mean that you have to do all of the work, just make sure that there are enough Knights to do so. Also, don't forget to submit your hours that you complete as a volunteer in the parish or in the community. Your time helping at a Knight sponsored event will be submitted by the event chair, but we will need the other hours in order to show the strength of our Council by being united behind our common purpose of helping others. Brothers, our unity is what makes us strong!

God bless,

Richard Braun
Deputy Grand Knight



Moraca's Message

Brother Knights,
I have received some dues payments after the last billing. However, 57 members remain arrears in their dues. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. If there is some reason you are unable to pay your dues please contact me or the Grand Knight in confidence. I am sure we can work something out. If you have asked for a disability deferment please return the Form 1831 Disability Waiver. Thank you all.

Sam Moraca
Financial Secretary



Membership Memo



John's Jokes

A woman brought a very limp duck into a veterinary surgeon. As she laid her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head and sadly said, "I'm sorry, your duck, Cuddles, has passed away."
The distressed woman wailed, "Are you sure?"
"Yes, I am sure. Your duck is dead," replied the vet.
"How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room. He returned a few minutes later with a black Labrador retriever. As the duck's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the duck from top to bottom. He then looked up at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head.
The vet patted the dog on the head and took it out of the room. A few minutes later he returned with a cat. The cat jumped on the table and also delicately sniffed the bird from head to foot. The cat sat back on its haunches,

shook its head, meowed softly, and strolled out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead duck." The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill, which he handed to the woman. The duck's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150!" she cried, "\$150 just to tell me my duck is dead!"
The vet shrugged, "I'm sorry. If you had just taken my word for it, the bill would have been \$20, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan, it's now \$150."



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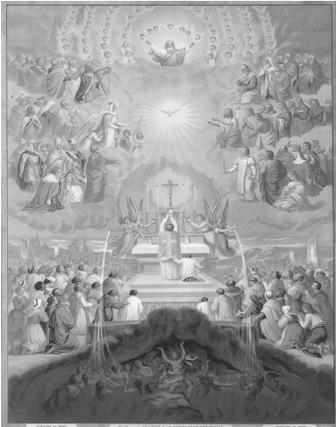
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Lecturer's Notes: August:**Mary, the Rosary, Memorial Mass, and Communion of Saints – pt. 3**

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Heb. 12: 1-2”



Last month I wrote about the Memorial Mass and, in June, the Communion of Saints. This month, I want to look at Mary, the mother of our Lord, and how the three are related. In the icon above, to the left of the Holy Spirit we see the Blessed Mother. Her crown reminds us that in addition to being “Mother of our Lord” she is also “Queen of Heaven.” She is accompanied by a contingent of angels who serve her, all with heads

bowed. Her attention is directed to the Holy Spirit. We recall that at her consent, our Blessed Mother was overshadowed by the power of the Holy Spirit; and Jesus was conceived within her womb. The Holy Spirit is her true spouse, and through His incarnation Jesus is truly her son. Because she was born free from the stain of original sin, Mary is recognized as the greatest of God’s created beings. There were only four people in all of creation that were born without the stain of original sin; Mary, Jesus, Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve fell away from God through disobedience, but Mary and Jesus brought souls back through obedience. Because she chose to remain faithful to God’s perfect will, she is worthy of her royal state. The Blessed Mother doesn’t seek out our prayer for her own status or edification; but she continues to always direct our prayer to her son, as she did at the wedding feast at Cana when she told the steward “do whatever He tells you.”

When we are at prayer and at Mass, Mary is there also, joining our prayer to hers, forever teaching and encouraging us to draw closer to her son, as any good Jewish mother would. God’s will for Mary is to draw us into relationship with Him, in prayer and at Mass. Do you assist her in

that mission? He tells us, as He told the disciple at the foot of the cross, “Behold your mother.” As a mother, she is forever encouraging us to pray. This is why Catholics pray to and with Mary. This is why Catholics aren’t afraid to turn to their mother. Are you part of that “great cloud of witnesses?” Does your prayer ease the suffering of someone in need? Do you regard God with reverence? Do you attend Mass and frequent confession with reverence? I invite you to re-read the passage from St. Paul’s letter to the Hebrews that I quoted above and look for the place where you fit in.

Ed Ibarra



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The August business meeting is on Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00pm. The second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, August 9th at 5:45pm. The Respect Life Rosary begins at about 6:30; please go! Don’t forget to make a good confession and get cleaned up spiritually.

Pray that God give us the grace to seek Him in prayer. Pray for the men and women who serve in law enforcement and the military. Pray that politicians have a 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 for our Holy Father Pope Francis. As always a bigger, more complete version of this article can be found on the website.

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