



Grand Knight's Message

My dear Brother Knights,
"Inconsistency on the part of pastors and the faithful between what they say and what they do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the Church's credibility." – Pope Francis.

One may change this to be read as, *"Inconsistency on our part as Brothers in fraternity, unity and charity between what we say and what we do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the Knights' credibility."*

Are these harsh words or words of truth for more than one of us - myself included? As of late, there has been much grumbling and complaining about various events that have not been completed or lacked chairs or have not contained the proper amount of enthusiasm (according to some). It is often difficult for some to give "control" to another; to stand by

and watch something you cherished changed – whether neutral or even when it is for the good; to feel criticized, judged or even condemned. These feelings are rarely spoken by another, but often only perceived in our own minds. It is dangerous territory and certainly not of God. While it is good to review past years and means of completing events and meetings for their wisdom and guidance, we must remember it is just that, guidance. Change is good for us, and new members or old members approaching things with new ideas keeps us from becoming stagnate. Our primary mission is to provide service to St. Josephs' and the larger community. The Knights of Columbus has been called "the strong right arm of the Church," and has been praised by Popes, Presidents and other world leaders for its support of the Church,

programs of evangelization, civic involvement and aid to those in need. I am asking myself, and humbly request you do the same, if I truly embody this duty. Each of us has a very clear order of priority concerning the things we consider important. Fr. McGivney understood this in an intricate way but also knew that our lives were on a path that must be led solely by Our Lord, for it was He that invited us on this journey, He that chose us. We can only serve Him and proclaim and witness for Him if we have a close relationship with Him. As a Knight, how do I bear witness to Christ through my faith? Do I have the grace and fidelity of Mary to offer a silent and strong "Fiat" (yes) and the courage of the apostles to say "Fiat voluntas tua" (Thy will be done)? Jesus said "the last shall be first," so it follows that those who are above (and I place Brothers in the Knights of Columbus in this fortunate group) must be in service to others. This doesn't mean that we ignore our own

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**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
January 7th, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone Bring
A Fellow Knight!**

In December, there were very few of us who made it to the second Friday mass for the deceased members of our Council and the Respect Life Rosary afterwards. It was a little sad. Won't you join us now in January? It will be on the 10th.

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
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DEADLINE

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,
Happy New Year! I suppose

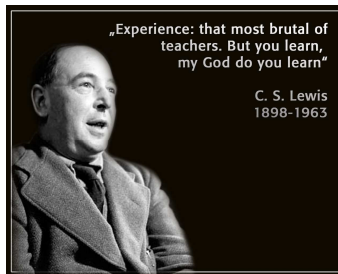


everyone's New Year resolution somehow would ultimately be to find greater happiness for oneself and for others. The only way to be really

happy, however, is to become a saint. Saints are the truly happy ones, even in this life. I have become more and more convinced of this during my twenty-five years of priesthood. I see the unhappiness that sin brings to people's lives. I learn more about the saints and how they exuded joy even amidst suffering. I experience more joy in my own life when I am more faithful to prayer and intimacy of love with God and neighbor. C.S. Lewis says that, ironically, the people who are happiest in this life are the ones who will be happy forever in heaven, and the people who end up in hell forever are also miserable in this life. They lack the deep down joy and peace of being in a state of grace in this life. Mortal sins in particular are the best way to be unhappy. I am convinced of

this. I think we all are. Those who are slaves of sin are no longer free to enjoy the simple pleasures of life. Those who are addicted become distracted from that which makes us most happy: wholesome relationships with God and neighbor. And the objects of mortal sin aren't so great. They say that the first punishment for the sinner is the sin itself. The poor alcoholic eventually realizes he doesn't even enjoy alcohol anymore, but can't stop. The lust addict becomes unsatisfied unless there is always something new and more intense.

So, now matter what our various New Year's resolutions might be, let's make sure that they are integrated into our higher goal of achieving sainthood! And let us do what the saints did: rely completely on God's grace rather than our own efforts. Even if you're not sure you can give up a sin or an addiction, throw



yourself into the merciful arms of Our Lord and Our Lady and they will support you! Let go and let God!



Our collective New Year resolution for St. Joseph Parish is to "go deeper" ("Duc in Altum") in our spiritual lives. This alone can make us really happy. Last year was the "Year of Faith." This year we will work on applying that faith to our personal lives. We will focus on personal conversion, which alone can make us really happy!

I hope that in the New Year you and yours experience the deep happiness of being able to love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and your neighbor as yourself!

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



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Your continued prays are requested for Brothers: Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth. Please also in your prayers Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick

Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; Darlene Nielsen and our Grand Knight, Mike Miranda.

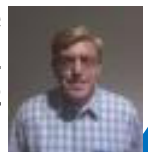
Always pray that the Holy Spirit empowers and guides

our Holy Father Pope Francis and all of our Priests.


If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know.

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John McCave
Past Grand
Knight



JANUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God	2	3	4
5	6 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM Epiphany	7 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	8	9	10	11
12	13 Baptism of the Lord	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 	25 Crab Feed O'Hare Hall 6 PM Conversion of St. Paul
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

Members' Birthdays

Troy Cazares	1-1
Mark Jeffords	1-3
Bill Goulart	1-6
Kent Rossi	1-8
Cliff Judd	1-9
Sam Moraca	1-10
Michael Ringer	1-14
Ralph Curtis	1-16
Pat Ryan	1-16
Vito Baccellieri	1-17
Joe Castagna	1-17
Mike Staud	1-17
Doug Keller	1-19
Wayne Sousa	1-19
Lupe Valdovinos	1-20
Nick Cupini	1-22
Rev. Camilo Garcia	1-23
Leo Alvarez	1-24
Monte Bauer	1-24
Joe Lucas	1-24

CELEBRATE!

Robert Luna	1-24
Tom Hogan	1-26
Brian Archuleta	1-28
Ronald Lamont	1-30
Jim McDoal	1-31
Rev. John J M Foster	1-31
Ken Kramer	1-31

Ladies' Birthdays

Kathie Lee Vermillion	1-3
Joanna Ibarra	1-9
Jill Martinez	1-11
Lupe Perez	1-13
Michelle Nunes	1-14
Rosalie Gardella	1-18
Rosa Perry	1-19
Rosemary Davison	1-20
Christi Wharton	1-21
Judy Shannon	1-26
Marie Lewis	1-28
Carmen Sablan	1-28

Helen Moya	1-31
Susan Taylor	1-31
Carol Luna	1-31

Anniversaries

Aylene & John Wee	1-2
Toni & Don Burkdall	1-9-82
Clinton & Melissa Bartlett	1-15-05
Matt & Wendy Bettencourt	1-15-11
Kim & Jeff McCarthy	1-16-82
Rosemary & Gary Davison	1-18-75
Aninya & Mike Lamanet	1-19-98
Karen & John McCave	1-19-91
Gail & Doug Keller	1-20-68
Lynn & Gene Thiel	1-27
Ken & Anne Kramer	1-28-61

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





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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014!

Happy New Year to all my Brothers! As Catholics, our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I want to wish you all the safest of new years and to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is to protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our love and support, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them as a Catholic Gentleman, the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic Protection as our founder Father McGivney intended. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your

intelligent management of your assets.

- Our annuities can be obtained in 2014 for tax obligations of 2013, but you must act quickly. This is a time sensitive decision.
- Our Income Disability Insurance pays benefits if you are disabled and unable to work due to accident, illness or injury.
- Our Long Term Care is budget friendly and you can modify the plan to create your own affordable premium.

Of course, the finest of Permanent and Term Life Insurance is available and this is the time to look at the safety of a plan from your Brotherhood. Remember, "There is no higher rated insurer in North America than the Knights of

Columbus." Please call me for a quick review and some tax saving advice for 2013. Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year. Sincerely your Brother and Field Agent,

Julio Valadez

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"At death, the lawyer arrives with his bill, the accountant with his, the funeral director with his and the IRS with theirs. I am the one who arrives with a check to pay those bills."

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DEPUTY DAWG'S BARK



My dear Brother Knights, There are some changes coming about in our Council. Some of them are obvious, like receiving this newsletter in a new 21st century format or at least in color (for those that do not prefer email). Others are not positive, like losing some of our Officers due to moves or work obligations taking them to other areas. Others are not either obvious or negative, but they are happening. Here are some of them.

First of all, many of you have noticed that we have not been as successful in some of our events as we have been in past years. There are a couple of different ways of looking at what is happening. The first is to point fingers and blame others for not "doing things right." That is one possible way of looking at any situation, but it does not provide either a solution to the problem or live up to the principles that our order holds (it is not charitable nor fraternal). Besides, those of us who have been involved over the past few years have noticed that attendance at some of our events has been dropping over those same years. It might be more visible in some of the recent events, but only because it has reached a more visible

level.

I am sure that most of you are familiar with the old definition of insanity, right? Insanity is where you keep doing the same thing but expecting a different result. We have done some things exactly the same way and expected a different result. One example of that is "our" annual golf tournament. Four years ago, we, as an entire Council, saw that the tournament was attracting fewer people. So, what did we do? We promoted it the next year in the exact same way and wondered, why are there fewer people? We tried the next year and couldn't get anyone to sign up. So what did we do? We canceled it at the last second and tried exactly the same last year. This year, as Officers, we made the decision to not even try to promote it, but to work with the parish for next year to move it back to where it started originally, as a parish wide event.

We need to stop trying to do things like we have always done with our Council. A business which never changes with the new realities is going to stagnate, so is our Council if we don't change. We need to set up goals, make projections (for funds raised and for recruitment), and set up plans of how we are reach those goals (getting rid of what has proven not to work in the past).

The first step of moving towards a more successful Council is to decide on a vision. The Officers and other key Brothers are going to meet in early January to draft a vision for at least the next six months. The results of that discussion will be shared in this newsletter and at the Business Meeting. Our hope is that we can continue to build off of the great past success of this Council with new strategies, new members and new ideas. We look forward to working with all of you to do that, as it will require something from all of us.

God bless,

Richard Braun
Deputy
Grand Knight



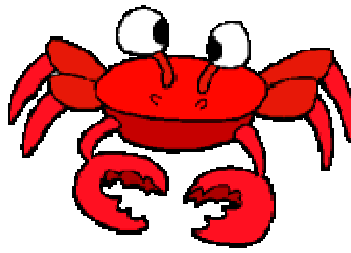
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Please, plan on joining us and
bringing others to help to
make it a big success!**

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.

Moraca's Message

Brother Knights,
It was a difficult decision for me to bow out as Financial Secretary. However, the time spent in these duties is interfering with some family responsibilities which I cannot neglect. I look forward to participating in Knights events and am sure that our Grand Knight will very soon find a replacement.

Sam Moraca
Financial Secretary



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Grand Knight (continued)

needs to the exclusion of caring strictly for others, but it does mean that we help one another – from the planning of an event to its completion to the introduction of new events and ways of doing things – without bickering and tearing each other down. We must be open and responsive to one another. Pope Francis, coming into his pontificate, stated more than once that “a little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.” This readily applies to our Council. It is my prayer that we find mercy in our hearts in brotherhood and charity for each other.

Humbly Yours,

Michael Miranda,
Grand Knight



John's Jokes

When four of Santa's elves got sick, and the trainee elves did not produce the toys as fast as the regular ones, Santa was beginning to feel the pressure of being behind schedule. Then Mrs. Claus told Santa that her Mom was coming to visit. This stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two had jumped the fence and were out, heaven knows where. More stress. Then when he began to load the sleigh one of the boards

cracked, and the toy bag fell to the ground and scattered the toys. So, frustrated, Santa went into the house for a cup of hot apple cider. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered that the elves had already been there, and there was nothing to drink. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider pot, and it broke into hundreds of little pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found that mice had eaten the straw end of the broom. Just then the doorbell rang, and


irritable Santa trudged to the door. He opened the door, and there was a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said, very cheerfully, “Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't it a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you! Where would you like me to put it?” And so began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree.

What do you call a dog with no legs? (Answer next month!)

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Lecturer's Notes: January: Are You Ready?!

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' Let the hearer say, 'Come.' Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water. I warn everyone who hears the prophetic words in this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words in this prophetic book, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city described in this book. The one who gives this testimony says, 'Yes, I am coming soon.' Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.—Rev. 22: 17-21 This reading is taken from the book of Revelation. This book is attributed to John who was the last apostle to die. The canon of the Bible was officially closed when the last apostle died; and no other writings were considered "inspired." John is significant, because he was one of the original 12. He lived among Jesus, Mary his mother, and all of the other apostles and disciples; and he knew all of these people personally. Additionally, John saw Jesus change water to wine, cure lepers, and raise the dead among other spectacular miracles. John's words are credible; they are addressed to his contemporaries as well as us today. This passage

forms the very last four verses of the Bible. Of all the host of stories and miracles, genres and histories, this is the passage that God wants to leave you with. This is the taste He wants to leave on your tongue. In summary, John is saying, "Hurry back, Lord." God's reply is, "I'll be back soon." Jesus is a departing lover who promises to return to his beloved and right all wrongs. And He will. This is like the part of the movie where my wife reaches for the Kleenex, loves promise fulfilled. Again, our Catholic faith leads from the front when we celebrate Advent each year. We spend the last four weeks of each year preparing with eager anticipation for the return of our Lord. The Church picks up right where the Bible leaves off and in doing so she takes us, the faithful, right into the story. Now I want the Kleenex. Advent is now upon us. Not only is this the season of the last four verses of the Bible, but it is the beginning of the liturgical year. **HAPPY LITURGICAL NEW YEAR !!!** Since Advent of 2012, the Church has proclaimed the Gospel of St. Luke; and from now until next December, we will hear the Gospel of St. Matthew. During this season of preparation for the coming of the Lord, we prepare to encounter him through our prayer life, in the Mass, at the end of our lives, and at the end of time. We have lots of opportunity to encounter Jesus and we must always be

prepared. He will hold us accountable. This is a great time to make a good confession. As a special treat for this Advent Season, members of this Council will be leading the Respect Life rosary on Friday, December 13th after the 5:45 PM Mass. Please, plan to attend as we raise our voice in unison to bring about the end of abortion. Also, the Advent Mission this year is December 8-12, and will be led by Fr. Wade Menezes, the topic: "Reality Check – The Four Last Things." Have a wonderful Advent and a very Merry Christmas! See you at Mass.

Ed Ibarra



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January business meeting is on Tuesday January 7th at 7:00 PM. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, January 10th at 5:45 PM, followed by the Respect Life Rosary. 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 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.

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