



## Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,  
Six years ago, when I was asked to step into the Officers' chairs as Recorder, my stomach flipped; and my head began to spin inordinately fast and a little to the left, like the old Hamilton Beach blender my mom gave me when I first moved out. I said yes, which had to be an answer out of the mouth of my Guardian Angel. (Though I have to say, it did not feel like he was performing much like MY Guardian at the moment.) From that day forward, I nervously joked that I had 6 years to get out of being Grand Knight! The last years have gone better than I certainly anticipated, due to God and all of your efforts and support. The job done is not one man's. It does not belong to one Grand Knight: not the failings and especially not the successes. While working in a position that requires much more of me than past duties, I came to a deeper understanding of St. Augustine's quote: "This is the very perfection

of a man, to find out his own imperfections." It is an opportunity to truly learn to trust God and allow Him to take the helm. Moreover, I learned that my true success would lie in turning to you and allowing you to share your multitude of gifts with all of us. What a blessing it has been for me.

The success of the past year's events is yours! Thank you for all you have done to make it a great year! As we move into this next year, I find God bringing me to a new height of growth. As ever, He asks of me to rise to the challenge of being a strong Catholic Gentleman, to be humble, confess my faults, and uphold the Sacred Traditions and Heritage of Holy Mother Church and that which Fr. McGivney calls us to as Knights of Columbus. Therefore, we are all called to be more than the average "Joe;" to be the example, even in difficult and frustrating times, for those looking to us as models of virtue.

Admittedly, it is not an easy task but entirely possible with God in prayer and fortitude!

Our Council is in need of prayer to strengthen us in unity, fraternity and charity: toward each other. I would like to ask each of you to remember the Council and its new 2013-2014 Officers in your prayers, most especially before the Blessed Sacrament. For those of you who are unable to attend the monthly meeting, perhaps you can join us in prayer at the time of the meeting. You may also want to come to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Mass for Fallen Knights and Holy Hour with a Respect Life Rosary. It is my sincere hope that this year will be one of renewed prayer and fervor for the works we perform for Christ and the building of His Kingdom!

**"Pray as though everything depends on God. Work as though everything depends on you."**

**Michael Miranda,  
Grand Knight**



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

*Don't forget to meet in the Church on every second Friday of the month for the 5:45 PM for the Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and a Respect Life Rosary afterward. Last month, there were 15 of us. Were you there? If not, why not?*

*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, As sons of the Church, we are naturally saddened when she is criticized in the media because of the few priest who abused children. However, we should not be discouraged. Newsmen want to sell papers by reporting things that are unusual, unexpected and shocking. The reason this hits the news is that society still expects the Church and her ministers to be pure. It would be a sad day if everyone expected priests to be sinful; and it were, therefore, no longer shocking and newsworthy. In a way it is a backhand compliment that the media focus on the sins of Catholics. Perhaps, deep down everyone feels that Catholics ought to be holier. Sexual abuse occurs in other institutions in families. Of course, it is

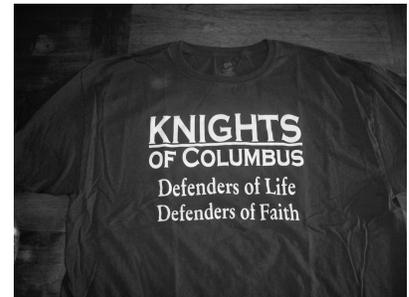
tragic that it happens also within the family of the Church.

It is sad that it is Mother Church who is accused more than other institutions as regards abuse of children.

It is also insidious and ironic, since the Catholic Church is the institution that is constantly thinking of the rights of her children. While adults are always TALKING about rights and insisting on THEIR OWN rights, only Mother Church thinks of the CHILDREN'S rights. In fact we believe that adults have no "right to abortion" because children have the right to live. We believe there is no right to In-Vitro Fertilization because every baby has the right to cry out joyfully, "I am the fruit of a passionate love act between my father and my mother!" We believe that no one has a

right to establish "same sex marriage," because every child has a right to be raised by a father and a mother whenever this is possible. All Mother Church is doing is thinking of her little ones and trying not to trample on their rights as other do.

As Knights, let us continue to be defenders of life and of the church!



Sincerely,

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



## SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Your prayers are requested for our 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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Chaplain. Please also remember Patricia Dinubilo, mother of

Rick Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Janice Illo, mother of Fr. Joseph Illo; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; and Darlene Nielsen.

Keep our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and all our Priests in your prayers for strength

and courage to the lead the Church in Love.

*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](mailto:mccave@yahoo.com).*

**John McCave  
Past Grand Knight**



# JULY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Officers' meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM  Blessed Junipero Serra	<b>2</b> Business Meeting O' Hare Hall 7 PM	<b>3</b>   St. Thomas, the Apostle	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>  Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>   St. Maria Goretti
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Memorial mass and Respect Life Rosary, 5:45 PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> St. Mary Magdalene	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> St. James, the Apostle	<b>26</b> Sts. Joachim and Ann	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, [kofc10644.com](http://kofc10644.com).

## CELEBRATE!

### Members' Birthdays

Michael Webster	7-1
Deacon Ken Ochinerro	7-3
David Racher	7-6
Ron Varnell	7-6
Pete Sedillo	7-7
Jerry Oftring	7-9
Mike Pardina	7-11
David Malsom	7-13
Dave Barnes	7-14
Tim Benavidez	7-15
James Towne	7-15
Ronald Perkins	7-16
Mike Galas	7-17
Ray Chavarria	7-18
Peter Espinosa	7-18
Mark Povio	7-18
Mike Nielsen	7-22
Steve Michael	7-23
Richard Shultz	7-24
Eugene Awuah	7-27
Alfred Hinojos	7-27
Steven Junqueiro Jr	7-27
Paul Williams	7-27
Roy McKenzie	7-28

William Frey	7-29
Kurt Saalfeld	7-31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Kristin Archuleta	7-1
Ruth Oftring	7-1
Gail Keller	7-4
Sandy Fitzgerald	7-5
Darlene Nielsen	7-5
Anita Racher	7-5
Lori Ramirez	7-10
Linda Black	7-11
Melinda Gordon	7-11
Nina Garcia	7-16
Maria Sally Evans	7-17
Marietta Kummerle	7-18
Insa Duke	7-21
Lela Seefeldt	7-21
Lotus Vele	7-22
Glafira Villalobos	7-22
Linda Espinosa	7-26
Hilda Sylvia	7-26
Debora McKenzie	7-30

### Anniversaries

Lori & Ernie Ramirez	7-6-74
Jeannie & Alonzo Castillo	7-7
Cathy & Ted Hartman	7-7-95
Lisa & Tom Lucas III	7-7-84
Wendy & Thomas Morton	7-8
Beth & John Gorman	7-9-77
Noemi & Steven Junqueiro Jr	7-10
Grace & Tony DeCaro	7-12-53
Theresa & Steve Junqueiro	7-12
Rosie & Martin Rios	7-15-80
Giovanna & Pino Truncali	7-19-97
Maria & Richard Braun	7-20-85
Karen & Ed Hough	7-22-78
Norma & Thomas Muise	7-26-58
Darlene & Wayne Bradshaw	7-27-71
Carrie & Steve Loschke	7-27-85
Patricia & Gerald Moon	7-28-60
Joan & Dave Tacchini	7-30-60



## Additional Musings

### BROTHER KNIGHTS:

When was the last time that you visited our Council's website? Did you know that we have a website? Did you know the correct address?

Our Council has a very comprehensive website filled with lots and lots of information about our Council. You can see an electronic copy of the original Charter that you signed when you joined the Council, you can get the latest copy of this newsletter. You can get the longer and more complete version of the Lecturer's Notes, complete with colorful graphics.

Have you ever found that you can't remember the date of an upcoming event nor your copy of the Knight Light, which includes the dates for the upcoming month? The website has a calendar for the entire year with all of the information you could need. Scholarship information, resources for chairing upcoming events, photos and videos of past events. All of that and more is just a click away at the website. So, how do you find the website? It's real easy. Just visit [kofc10644.com](http://kofc10644.com)! That is simple to remember kofc for "Knights of Columbus" followed by our Council's number (10644) and then ".com".

There you have it, and all easily saved as one of your favorites or bookmarks. Go check it out today, and visit often!



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**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE



Brothers,  
Recently I met with a Brother Knight who said that he was told by a friend and I quote "**Insurance is a poor investment.**" Have you ever heard that before? Wow! What a statement! What a misunderstanding! Of course, he is echoing the words of someone he knew, perhaps his boss or someone he respected. And that's why the sincerity behind his statement: he really believes this. Well, my Brothers, you must be thinking "Insurance is an investment?" Let me explain, insurance is not and investment, it is a "**Contract with Guarantees.**" You cannot compare apples with pineapples, the comparison does not fit. No other investment of any kind has a **death benefit** attached to it from day one, and no risk. No other investment of any kind has guarantees with a death benefit, and no risk. No other investment of any kind has the tax free advantage of life insurance and no risk. Think about it: you can't compare life insurance with any investment, since they have no death attached to their risk element. It is all risk or

limited in return, but no tax free benefit included.

People who believe in life insurance know that life insurance is the last port in a storm: the final frontier of protection. Life insurance is the last tax benefit structured to preserve what your family needs and enables them to live on. Life insurance preserves assets with no risk; it saves your family from the rigors of society's financial demands; and it allows them to continue to live the lifestyle that you have accustomed them to live. Life insurance guarantees you peace of mind, sends money into the future so it is there when you arrive. Investment? I think not. Contractual guarantee? Absolutely! Call me and we can discuss a plan for your family's future.

Sincerely and fraternally,

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*"At death, the lawyer arrives with his bill, the accountant with his and the funeral director with his. 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, This is my very first article that I am writing not as a filler for others who have been out of town or otherwise overly busy with family or work responsibilities to submit their article by the deadline on the 15th. I am not sure if it is a good thing or a bad that you now have to read my words each month, but I guess you can be the judge of that each month. I wanted to begin these monthly articles by talking about the basic principles of our order: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Being that this is the July issue, I should probably start with patriotism, but since the first and primary principal is charity, I feel obligated to start there as well. That does not mean that I do not think that you should not be patriotic this month. To the contrary! I encourage you to help sell and/or purchase your fireworks at our booth in the Orchard Supply parking lot across from St. Joseph's. I encourage you to take part in the Stand Up for Religious Freedom Celebration at



the parish, where speakers are going to be talking about how our faith plays an important role in our patriotism. There is even a possibility that there will be fireworks! I invite you to be present on the 3rd in the O'Hare Hall, starting at 7 PM. You will definitely see some of your Brother Knights there.



This month's article is about charity. In addition to being our primary principal, it is also something that both of our last two Popes, Benedict XVI and Francis have stressed repeatedly and Pope John Paul the Great talked about as well. (Hopefully, you recognize all 3 of them in the picture above.) In addition, it is something that was "taught" to us during our 1st Degree Exemplification. It was pointed out to us somewhere that charity is a duty, not a courtesy. In other words, we should not be charitable just to be nice to someone, we should be charitable, because it is what God wants of us: it the RIGHT thing to do. Charity is not just about money either. I am sure that

you have met people that write large checks to non-profit organizations, and then turn around and curse out the first person they meet, including those from the organization where they sent the check. How is that charity? It is not as if we should be play acting, but we should be charitable with all of those with whom we interact, even those that ... make us mad (to use better language). That is what God asks of us: to "love one another as I have love you." We are not showing much love when we either ignore or respond in a rough manner when someone asks us for assistance. That is especially true when that someone is a Brother Knight, but that is getting into another month's principle: fraternity. God asks us to live up to loving one another, not when it is convenient, but at all times. Our order asks us to live up to an even higher ideal of charity. Are we doing so? Or are we merely going through the motions of being charitable when it is easy, fun, or to our advantage? Those are definitely difficult questions and something that we need to continue to ask ourselves daily. But really, is it not the true essence of what knighthood is all about?

God bless,

**Richard Braun**  
Deputy Grand Knight



### Moraca's Message

Brother Knights,  
 I have received some dues payments after the last billing. However, many 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.  
 Thank you all.

**Sam Moraca**  
 Financial Secretary



### Membership Memo

My dear Brother Knights,  
 It is a new Columbian Year, meaning that we have a new opportunity to work on getting a Star Council. That means working together to recruit good Catholic men to join our ranks. It means uniting together to make sure that we meet the quota assigned to us by Supreme. Talk with other Catholic men that you know. Point out the things that we do to live up to our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. See you at the July meeting, but wish you Happy Independence Day as well! God Bless!

**Rick Dinubilo,**  
 PGK, PFN



**Newly installed 2013 Officers (and stand-ins) at the Kick-out Dinner**



**2013 Scholarship Recipients**

### John's Jokes

A five year old needed money. So, he decided to write to God. "Dear God", he said, "I really need \$100, so that I can buy a bicycle to ride to and from school." Not sure how to get the letter to God, the little boy put his letter in an envelope and addressed it simply, "God, USA." A post office employee thought it was cute, and so she sent it to the

White House. Eventually, it got kicked up all the way to the President's office. The President read the letter and smiled, perhaps fondly remembering his own youth. He instructed his secretary to send the kid five dollars, figuring that would be a lot for a five-year-old. The five-year-old got the money, and promptly wrote a thank you note.

"Dear God," he said. "Thank you for the money. I don't know why you had to send it through Washington DC, but as usual, those crooks kept most of it."



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**Lecturer's Notes: July:****Mary, the Rosary, Memorial Mass, and Communion of Saints – pt. 2**

*“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. “Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood. You have also forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as sons: ‘My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reprov’d by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges.’ Endure your trials as ‘discipline’; God treats you as sons. For what ‘son’ is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are without discipline, in which all have shared, you are not sons but bastards.” – Heb. 12: 1-8*

Last month I wrote about the Communion of Saints. This month I want to look at the Memorial Mass and

how the two are related. The version online has a beautiful image that I found that demonstrates the Communion of Saints well. Check on the complete version on the website, [kofc10644.com](http://kofc10644.com), click on the link for Lecturer Notes. Each time we, the Church Militant, attend Mass we are joined in the most profound way with the saints, the Church Triumphant, and angels in Heaven. The souls in Purgatory, the Church Suffering are also present. This is why we offer Mass for the deceased: they need our prayers to ease their suffering. We need Mass as often as we can attend, because, not only are we perfected, but we can help ease the suffering of the souls in Purgatory. Plus, as a bonus, we are united with God and all of the souls in Heaven. This is why we offer Mass for our deceased brothers on the 2nd Friday of each month. As an additional bonus, after the Memorial Mass on July 12th, the Knights of this Council will be leading the Rosary. Come; raise your voice and heart in prayer to end abortion. Last month, I mentioned how thinking about the Communion of Saints made me think about the intertwined relationships of the doctrines of our faith and how the Church exists on three levels; this is the second piece of that puzzle.

I invite you to re-read the passage from the letter to the Hebrews that I quoted above and look for the place where you fit in. 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? As I said last month, the passage above ends on a heavy note but that is God’s warning against trying to sneak into Heaven without doing the work we were created for. Get to work; get into the fight to save your soul. **GO TO MASS!** Go to the memorial Mass on the 2nd Friday of each month.

**Ed Ibarra**

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The July business meeting is on Tuesday, July 2nd at 7:00pm. The Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, July 12th at 5:45pm. The Respect Life Rosary resumes after the 5:45 Mass; please go, as we Knights will be leading it! 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. Again, the complete version of this article is posted on the website.

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