



Grand Knight's Message

Brother Knights,
I want to start out by thanking all for their support for my time as Deputy Grand Knight. I want to thank all of you that helped out during the different events last year, especially those that were behind the scenes. I am so glad that I took on the challenge as Deputy Grand Knight, as it allowed me to get to know my Brothers on a much more personal level. I want to encourage all, especially those of you still at the First Degree of Knighthood, to become more actively involved with our Council. Take the time to contact the Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Miranda, to offer your services somehow. If each of us within our Council gave just five hours of time during the year, it would help relieve some of the heavy load on those that are currently active and would allow us to continue to thrive and be successful in helping those in need. This is a difficult

time economically in which many have lost jobs or income. Remember, it is in giving, that we receive. The rewards and graces that we receive by giving will far out way the time that we invest in helping with an event. I also want to thank all of you for your faith in me by electing me Grand Knight. I look forward to my new challenges in serving you all. I know that the only way that I can be successful as Grand Knight is if we are as a Council successful. I am open for suggestions for new ideas and events that would help increase our opportunity to help our parish and the community at large. Brothers, we are faced with difficult times. We need to pull together as a Council and as Catholic gentlemen to defend our faith. If you will pardon my forwardness, I would like to make three suggestions for each and every one of us: we need to continue to pray and fast for our Pope, bishops, priests and our

electd officials. We need to learn about our faith, so that we can stand up and defend it. And, we need to be the strong, practical Catholics and spiritual pillars in our families that we promised we would be.

I had an opportunity to talk with our Chaplain, Father Joseph recently. Because of his commitments, the June meeting was his last with us, as he will be in Poland during our July meeting. Pray for him in his new endeavor and pray for our new Pastor that will be our spiritual guide going forward. Take the time to thank Father Joseph before he leaves for his spiritual leadership within our Council. He will be greatly missed.

**Michael Vigil,
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
July 3rd, 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. Can't you find the time to go to pray for our deceased Brothers?

Did you know that there is plenty of time to go to mass before the meeting each month? It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. When was the last time that you took time to worship God during the week? See you there?

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

This will be my last chaplain's column for our beloved Knight Light. I hope to find a new chaplain for our Council by the time of the next newsletter, by which time we will know who our next pastor will be. I had only a year of attending meetings, but it has been a great joy for me to be with you every month. I wish I could've been with you more, and see the tremendous potentials of our Council realized over the years. I leave you at a

critical time in our nation's history, and the history of our Church in the United States. If you've been reading *Columbia* magazine over the last few months, you know the key role the Knights must play in defending our religious liberties, our priests, and our parishes. The movie *For Greater Glory* pretty well portrays the present danger. This is the time of glory for the Knights, for us, right now and right here. I leave St. Joseph's, and

our Council, confident that you will be faithful to your oaths as Knights, that you will serve under the banner of Holy Mother Church, and defend not only the Church, but our nation in what is certainly the greater good for her. May God bless you all!
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Illo
Pastor,
St. Joseph's
Catholic Church



CELEBRATE!

Members' Birthdays

Michael Webster	7-1
Deacon Ken Ochiner	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
Mike Galas	7-17
Ray Chavarria	7-18
Peter Espinosa	7-18
Mark Povio	7-18
Aaron Avila	7-19
Mike Nielsen	7-22
Steve Michael	7-23
Richard Shultz	7-24
Eugene Awuah	7-27
Alfred Hinojoso	7-27
Steven Junqueiro Jr	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
Jennifer Avila	7-21
Insa Duke	7-21
Lela Seefeldt	7-21
Lotus Vele	7-22
Sheila Noble	7-23
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
Barbara & Jim Ortman	7-7-68
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 Troncali	7-19-97
Maria & Richard Braun	7-20-85
Karen & Ed Hough	7-22-78
Jane & David Spieker	7-25-87
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



JULY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Officers' Meeting Vatican Rm, JP2, 6:30 PM	Business Meeting, Hall, 7 PM	Fourth of July 			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					Memorial mass for Deceased Knights and Respect Life Rosary 5:45 PM	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Jerry Oftring, Tony Lee, Ron Uyeshiro, Pete Sedillo, Dan Dwyer, Henry Ficken, Joe Castagna, Mike Miranda, Monte Bauer, Geraldo Dequeiroz, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber.

Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Ruth Oftring; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Hilda Sylvia; and Patricia Dinubilo. Pray, as always, for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, our parish priests, and our troops wherever they are stationed.

You can reach me at 527-6958 with news of any Brother or family member who is ill or in any distress.

John Karaz



Grodt's Notes

Well, we are starting a new Columbian year with goals to meet. I mailed out letters to 50+ First Degree members telling them that there is a First Degree Exemplification in

Turlock and, as of the deadline to register, no one has responded. There have been a few replies to my requests for those members late on paying their dues to pay part of the amount due or at least call me. The

Officers will be working on a budget for next year very soon, and it is important to have all dues paid beforehand.

Mike Grodt
Financial Secretary
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- Does your company make an annual donation to the Holy Father's charities?
- Does your company guarantee an education at a Catholic university to children of Knights of Columbus members who are policemen, firemen or military and who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty at no cost to my family?
- Does your company support World Youth Day every three years?

"The decision to invest in one place rather than another... is always a moral and cultural choice... The decision to invest... is always determined by an attitude of human sympathy and

trust in Providence, which reveals the human quality of the person making such decisions." - Pope John Paul the Great, Centesimus Annus
Is there a better price than the Knights? – Possibly. Is there a better Catholic value?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting.
Sincerely and fraternally,

Julio Valadez

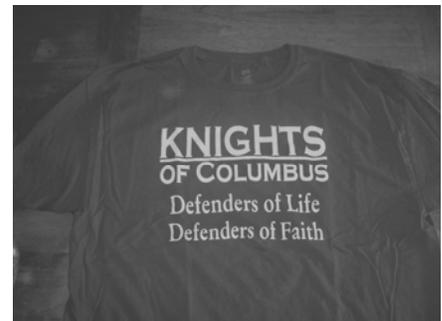
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Holy Spirit, renew our hearts. Let our actions preach eloquent sermons that draw people to Christ far better than our poor words can.

What image do we, as Knights, present to others? Who do our new members believe us to be? What of the youth watching us? How do our neighbors see us? What of our fellow Brothers: Are we true even to them? Do we present ourselves as a united group, while even our brethren standing beside us are uncertain as to what each of us represents and stands for?

I am proud to have a Chaplain and Pastor who lives convicted in the Word and is not afraid to speak and teach the Truth. Regardless of personal backlash in "community," he knows he sits right with Our Lord and finds it reprehensible to go forward without teaching us the Truth. This is a time for unity (when has it not been?). We cannot present ourselves divided, either in matters of simplicity or complexity. As good Catholic Gentleman, we must live in the prayer and not out of convenience. We must "let our actions preach eloquent sermons". I am reminded of an old motto: "Not words but deeds". To draw others to Christ we must live in His Truth...we must be His arm here on earth.

What makes us good Catholic Gentleman? We practice our faith!

It is said that a leader does not want to be surrounded with a lot of YES men. I challenge that! I want all of us to be YES MEN! I want us to answer with the YES of Mary! As Fr. Illo and Dino would put it: "PRAY. Say YES. And HAVE HOPE!"

In all the pillars listed below, we stand true in the teachings of Holy Mother Church. These are not just words – it is a life; not a program – a way of living; not a club – an identity as a part of Mother Church; part of the Body

of Christ! We are Christ's arm here on earth so it must not go limp!

How does that arm work in the Knights of Columbus? The following lists our pillars that the hand must pick up, live and extend to others:

- **Charity** – looking at the needs of others through eyes of faith. Pope Benedict XVI calls this the "**practice of love...as a community.**"
- **Unity** - None of us is as good as all of us. Even if we have a difference of opinion it is OK – even healthy – but we **stand together in encouragement and support** and we know we can count on that from one another.
- **Fraternity** – As brothers we have a very close tie to one another; **a bond** that is wrapped in the Holy Trinity with the maternal grace of Our Mother Mary.
- **Patriotism** – Regardless of nationality, we are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and **are amongst the greatest citizens.**

How to build up the muscle of your arm

- **Live** your faith with conviction
- **Participate** in our Sacred Sacraments
- Learn of our **Sacred Heritage and Traditions**
- Read **God's Word!**
- Ask our Lecturer to speak on a particular topic
- Begin **open discussions** with Brother Knights and other faithful
- **Speak up** at a Business meeting
- Read the **newsletter!**
- Inspect our website and that of the Supreme Council

- Look at the needs of our Council and parish and offer ideas – **get involved!**
- Become an event chair or **respond** to the needs of an event chair
- **Attend** upcoming CCC teachings and other teachings offered at our parish and in our diocese
- Look into becoming a **4th Degree Knight**
- **AND MORE! MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!**

Perhaps you have heard the story of the starfish scattered helplessly upon the sands of a beach. A man stopped, and seeing their immense need, began to help by tossing them one by one back into the sea. Another man passed by and, noticing the monumental task, asked the other man why he bothered as he would never get all the starfish back into the ocean. The man knowingly smiled at him as he picked up yet another starfish and said, "I'm just trying to make a difference."

No matter the size of the task; even if you think you have little to offer; regardless of your gifts...you CAN make a difference! Start with a smile and a kind word! Start with Holy Mass and offering yourself and others at the consecration. Start with a prayer. Be a Catholic Gentleman! Get involved! Be hospitable... offer a hand...don't worry about the overwhelming factor of an event or day or how many starfish lay scattered on the beach...

You can make a difference!

Mike Miranda
Deputy
Grand Knight



John's Jokes

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. We have to find things that don't cost us any money. For example, the other day, Kate, my wife and I went into town and visited a shop. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket. We went up to him and I said, "Come on, man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the

ticket. I said, "Hey Flatfoot, don't you have anything better to do!" He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tires. So Kate "What's the matter, low on your quota?!" He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing more tickets. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote. Just then our bus arrived, and we got on it and went home.

We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age. We always look for the cars with "OBAMA 2012" stickers. *If you are a Democrat, you can substitute "Romney 2012" when you tell this one.*

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

My Brother Knight's, As we end this Columbian year and begin a new one, we have new opportunities to expand our council with quality new members. Wear your Knights' shirt whenever you can to let people know that you're proud to be a Knight. The end of this year we lose our Chaplain, Father Joseph Illo, he has been a big supporter of the Knights from day one. Plus, he encouraged men to join our

ranks and to get involved. Father Joe has been a friend of mine for the last 12 years and I wish him well in his new assignment. I pray that the next Pastor give us the support that Father Joe has, so we can continue our good work.

Rick Dinubilo,
Past Grand Knight
Past Faithful Navigator



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Lecturer's Notes: Bible Study

“ . . . [B]ut sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.” 1 Peter 3:15-17

I used to teach six out of thirteen of the inquiry classes in RCIA and I felt like I had a pretty good handle on those topics. I did that for about five years. After a bout with burn-out and a year off, I was able to return to teaching on a lighter schedule. During that year off, I relaxed my own personal study and recreational religious reading. At the time, it felt necessary, but, after a year or so, I felt the need to pick up my Bible again. I noticed that at Mass I was seeing messages in the readings that my wife wasn't seeing. During our Mass preparation I would ask her questions like: "Did you see the Marian reference in that passage?" and often she wouldn't until I pointed it out. In all of this, I realized that I needed to dig deeper into the Word

of God; and I needed to be ready and able to share Him with others who may not know what I've learned. This was really driven home to me recently.

A gentleman received a strong interior desire to investigate the Catholic Church and mentioned it to a friend of his who happened to be a parishioner here at St. Joseph's. The friend mocked and belittled the hierarchy of the Church, so as to prevent him from investigating the Church that Jesus founded.

Seriously? God called this man to salvation, and a member of this parish sent him away! Really? How will God deal with this parishioner at his judgment? How would you or I have answered a man who desired to become Catholic? I don't know the name of the Catholic man who turns people away from God, but I can guess some things about him by his actions:

- He probably doesn't love Jesus, though he may go through the motions.
- He probably doesn't read the Bible.
- He may not care about the disposition of his own soul or that of his friend.
- He probably doesn't go to Mass or confession regularly.
- He probably reads the bulletin and talks during Mass. And,
- His parents may have spent a lot of money sending him

to Catholic schools.

How can we avoid being the guy who rejects someone God has called? Read the Bible under the guidance and protective mantle of the Church, attend a sound Catholic Bible study here at our parish, and try to build your faith, not just the habit of going to church.

I'm convinced that the reason seemingly good and honest parishioners deny God is because they don't take time to search for Him; and they don't want to be mocked or teased. Reread the passage from 1 Peter 3 above, and don't bother with what others may think. Fools think it doesn't matter, but God thinks it does.

I've been reading the letters of St. Peter during lunch. The apostle reminds us of the blessings of God's love as well as the judgment that will be faced by those who don't seek Him. Today is a great day to do something to build up your faith. Don't be the guy who tears down someone else's faith!

Ed Ibarra
Lecturer



August business meeting is on Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm. Mass for the deceased members of this council is on Friday August 13th at 5:45 pm followed by adoration, rosary and confession. You will find the prayer intentions of the Brothers of this Council elsewhere in this newsletter; please pray for them as well as those who protect our freedom. God bless America!

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