



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

St. Josemaria Escriva said, "To begin is for everyone. To persevere is for saints!" The difference between a holy person and the rest of us struggling along the arduous path of Christian life is that the saintly one keeps on keeping on. They move amongst us with love; usually without complaint, generally smiling (even if suffering lies beneath) and perhaps most importantly, with a great and unfailing trust in God. Saint Pope John Paul II was one such man and often referred to as a "living saint" yet his life was marked with suffering – some seen; some hidden. Through it all he carried himself with the dignity born of a child of God. As we oft hear when referring to saintly people, "He just had something about him". The same can be said for Fr.

Michael McGivney. He was a parish priest, fully immersed in the lives of his flock; his greatest virtue lay in the very struggles and perpetual problems of his parishioners. He fully lived out the virtues of faith, hope and charity with heroic love. Though not of this world, he understood its inhabitants' plight and gave of himself with compassion and commitment. Born nearly a century before Vatican II, he fully lived its vision of a "universal call to holiness" in innumerable ways. Some included:

- **Drawing others into his work** and entrusting the laity in leadership without taking credit for himself with the bishop.
- **Fighting for family life.** He recreated the parish as a "family of families" where folks found (in a very difficult period for Catholics in our nation)

strength for their burdens, refreshment with fellowship and HOPE – not just earthly hope but hope for eternal life. He fought for families to such a degree that he even stood before the court and proclaimed guardianship when a parish family's husband and father died.

- **Expressing a kindly and zealous devotion to the young** of his parish planning recreation such as plays, music events, coffee parties, poetry recitals, Sunday outings, boat rides in addition to leading catechism classes and beginning a Temperance Society to fight alcoholism. One parishioner remarked, "He has been the best friend to the young since he arrived". The eldest of 13 and working just shy of age 13 in a severe and rigorous environment in a local spoon factory, Fr. McGivney had a special understanding for the needs of the youth and the importance to remain within the family unit; especially those in the grips of sorrow and harsh poverty as he had been.

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Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
May 6th, 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
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

My dear Brother Knights, The month of May with its sunny blue skies should remind every Knight of Our Lady. In the Middle Ages a knight was often "employed" by the "lady" of the castle. In French the word for "lady" is "dame". A Knight would solemnly swear to serve and protect "my lady" (Madame). This relationship of a knight to his Lady was a chaste relationship. His Lady was usually a duchess or a



prince or a queen, and sometimes she was married to a duke or a prince or a king.

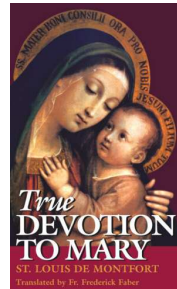
Nevertheless there could often be a devoted relationship of mutual love, respect and reverence between the knight and his Lady. When he rode off to war on behalf of his Lady, from an overhead balcony she might throw down to him a handkerchief or a veil which he would keep with him as "livery" which would

remind him of the one whom he serves.

This image from medieval chivalry can be helpful for us to develop our chaste devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Knights we must go forth courageously to fight against the filthy evil in our society and to be defenders of life, defenders of the church.

It is comforting to know that we serve such a beautiful, Immaculate Lady who is also a queen who has power to defend us! Saint John Paul II when he was a young, strong man worked in a mine.

During his breaks he would read frequently from a little book the cover of which got blackened because of the dust from the mine. The book was called "True Devotion to Mary" written by St. Louis Marie de Montfort (another big, strong, athletic man and saint). This book is about consecrating oneself completely as a slave of love in



the service of Mary. Just as a slave is owned by his master, St. John Paul II belonged entirely to his heavenly mistress. The motto he chose for his papacy was Totus Tuus ("All Yours") because of this devotion of Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. He wanted to do only the bidding of Mary, which is always the same as the will of God.

Oh Mary, my Lady, my Queen, my Mother and my Mistress, I love you! Receive my consecration and use me to accomplish your will! Like St. Joseph, help me to be totally devoted to you!



**Father Mark
Wagner
Chaplain and
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SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Prayers are requested for our Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Dave Tacchinni, and Stephen Loschke. Prayers are requested also for: Stephen, son and brother of Kent and Adam Harker; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis

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Remember also our Holy Father Pope Francis that the Holy Spirit continues to guide him.

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**



MAY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM	6 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	7	8	9	10
 11 Mothers' Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Ascension of the Lord	30	31

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Ladies' Birthdays

Margaret Hunter 05/17
 Tamara Butera 05/03
 Marti Reed 05/20
 Lita Selover 05/17
 Lisa Lucas III 05/08
 Heidi Mendonca 05/20
 Mary Marlett 05/23
 Beverly Sousa 05/18
 Diana Poncini 05/14
 Angelina Ramirez 05/29
 Janice Keating 05/12
 Belen Churilla 05/05
 Sharon Briar 05/13
 Barbara Brady 05/19
 Angelica Alcaez 05/05
 Anne E. Kramer 05/23

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 Marty & Katherine Reis 05/03
 Robert & Carol Luna 05/06
 Jesse & Maria Evena Cristerna 05/06
 Alfred & Darla Sierras 05/08
 Jeff & Jean Smith 05/09
 Alexander & Jennifer Richmond 05/10
 Octavio & Shaundra Lopez 05/10
 Daniel & Susan Hamilton 05/11
 Brian & Kristin Archuleta 05/12
 Emil & Frances Ann Carney 05/14
 Don & Janet Baker 05/15
 Edward & Darlene Tobias 05/16
 Wayne & Beverly Sousa 05/16
 Tim & Susie Dickert 05/17
 Roger & Insa Duke 05/18
 Leonard & Belen Churilla 05/19
 Herbert & Dorothy Saska 05/20
 Peter & Linda Espinosa 05/20
 Balvino & Kathleen Irizarry 05/21
 Michael & Lisa Ringer 05/22
 Ronald & Elaine Varnell 05/22
 Chris & Dawn Powers 05/26
 Virgilio & Evelyn Ereso 05/27
 Daniel & Sandy Fitzgerald 05/31

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights, There are many times when we, as Knights, need to be flexible. That flexibility comes into play when we are asked to help with the many events that we plan for every year. We have to give up "our" time to help make a scheduled event successful. There are other times, when, at the last second, the Officers are asked to help with a financial contribution or an event that was planned without our knowledge. In those instances, our flexibility is even more important. For them, we need to remind ourselves what we are about as an organization. To use, now St. John Paul the Great's words, "The history of the Knights of Columbus shows how a small group of men inspired by Christian faith and charitable concern were able to inspire a movement of immense fruitfulness for the advance of God's kingdom on earth." We tend to step up and help when it is needed, so that we live up to that charitable concern in advancing God's kingdom.

There are also times when our ability to be flexible becomes very

personal. Recently, our worthy Recorder, Kwei-Cee Chu, proved how flexible he is in making an event successful while at the same time being ready for last minute changes. He had agreed to host the reception which the Knights of Columbus sponsor for all of the new Catholics who come into the faith during the Easter Vigil. The Vigil itself does not end until about 11:30 PM or midnight, meaning that whoever is hosting has to prepare a feast that does not begin until midnight and can last well into the night. Kwei-Cee was familiar with that aspect, having been baptized a Catholic only a few years ago himself. He was also familiar with serving food, having grown up in a family who ran the Lotus Restaurant here in Modesto. What was the surprise for Brother Kwei-Cee was the ever changing needs of the group.

Brother Kwei-Cee had asked the Director of RCIA, John Sablan, for how many people to prepare at the reception. John had shared that with 21 people being baptized, with their family members setting up for 30-40 people "should be more than enough." Kwei-Cee was smart enough to know that he should go by the meeting room before the Vigil began, just to be sure. What he found, after counting, was that there were over 70 people present, and that did

not include any of the others that help set up and tear down the dressing rooms that tend to stop by as well for the reception. So, there he was, by himself, with only half the amount of food needed. What would you do?

Brother Kwei-Cee did what all of us should do: he assessed the situation (not enough food for the amount of people), decided what needed to be done (more food needed to be obtained), and then rushed to make it happen before the end of the Easter Vigil.

Luckily for those at the Vigil, Kwei-Cee flexibility allowed him to be successful. Not only did he make a group of over 70 people happy, he lived up to what it means to be a Knight of Columbus with his example of charity, unity, fraternal love. We can only hope that the next time we are asked to help make something successful at the last second, we can be as flexible and fulfill what we are asked to do with a smile on our faces, just as Brother Kwei-Cee did. You can see pictures online.

Richard Braun
Deputy
Grand Knight



Don't forget to continue to turn in your volunteer hours either at the monthly business meetings or online on the Resources pages at kofc10644.com. You need to turn in your hours volunteering as a Knight and in other community organizations.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Boy, does a month fly by.... The Fish Fry dinners have come and gone. Easter weekend has passed as well. And my mind goes to a favorite movie that I always enjoy this time of year. It was one of Hollywood's big productions. I remember one scene where someone in the gathering on the mount asks, "teach us to pray"... Do you know this movie? My deadline to submit for this newsletter this month is also the one we have for Uncle Sam. We all have to sit down and figure out "what we owe Caesar" in a sense. But do we take that same kind of time to

figure out what we owe to God? Or is the answer that God knew we would be in debt and thus, Easter? At some point over the Easter weekend I pulled out my DVD copy of "King of Kings", which is the story of the life of Jesus. It has always resonated with me. I think mom took us to see it when it came out to our local theater downtown back in Indiana. I could smell the caramel corn that was being popped in the store next to this old place. It took me years to find a VHS copy and finally, a couple years ago I got the DVD version. It's a long movie complete with an interlude/

intermission. But it hits all the high spots in the life of Jesus and still holds a spot in my heart each time I view it. Our commitment to paying our dues should be no less than what we render unto Caesar. I realize that things can get rough for us - it's happened to me, too. But as Knights, we work through it; we persevere. We want your presence. If you need assistance with your dues, let me know and we will work something out with you.

**Financial
Secretary,
Dave Sichak**



JOHN'S JOKES

This is too late for Easter, but Chocolate is good anytime! If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly. Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want. The problem: How to get two pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. The solution: Eat it in the parking lot. Diet tip: Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less. A nice box of chocolates can

provide your total daily intake of calories in one place. Isn't that handy? If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you? If calories are an issue, store your chocolate on top of the fridge. Calories are afraid of heights, and they will jump out of the chocolate to protect themselves. Money talks. Chocolate sings. Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger. Why is there no such organization as Chocoholics Anonymous? Because no one

wants to quit. Put "eat chocolate" at the top of your list of things to do today. That way, at least you'll get one thing done. Chocolate is a health food. Chocolate is derived from cacao beans. Bean = vegetable. Sugar is derived either from sugar beets or cane, both vegetables. And, of course, the milk/cream is dairy. So eat more chocolate to meet the dietary requirements for daily vegetable and dairy intake.



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Lecturer's Notes: May: Majesty and Awe!!!

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand; ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descending, our full homage to demand. “King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood, Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood; he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

“Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way, as the Light of light descending from the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away. “At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye, veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High!” – Liturgy of Saint James - 4th century AD

My wife and I have been marveling the beauty of our faith. My wife is a convert from a very anti-Catholic denomination. At one point, after a heated discussion, she prayed to Jesus

“please show me the truth and where ever truth resides, there will I go”.

In a moment of meek honesty she opened her heart to the will of God; and a year later she became Catholic. To this day we marvel at the depth and beauty of our newfound faith. Thirteen years after she entered the Church, it feels as though we've only just arrived. Still, to this day we both cry at beauty of the Catholic Mass.

During Lent, the readings of the Mass were selected for the themes of trial and testing; life and death; salt, water, and light. This is the stuff of true love revealed, not the five cent drama I see every day at work.

God has revealed some of the majesty of His presence, and it's quite overwhelming. The hymn quoted above reminds me that Truth is unchanging and has been gifted to us. This is wealth that can't be taxed and beauty that doesn't wither. When chanted during mass and accompanied with incense this hymn is otherworldly. In 1 Corinthians 2:7-9, St Paul tells us:

“Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God

predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: “What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him,”

The invitation to heaven is there for all. Let us all marvel and be uplifted by the depth and beauty God has revealed to us.

Ed Ibarra



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May business meeting is on May 6th at 7:00 pm, memorial mass is at 5:45 on May 9th. Run to confession and get cleaned up spiritually, God is way too powerful to argue with. Seek God through 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 Holy Father. Pray for each other.

GRAND KNIGHT (CONTINUED)

- Pastoral Care.** He visited regularly those of his flock who ended up in the jails either from disorderly conduct, drunkenness, murder and more. All were said to have reconciled with God and their families wanting their soul cleansed prior to returning home or facing execution. One such man was James "Chip" Smith. Charged and convicted of murder, sentenced to hang, he comforted Fr. McGivney who was grief stricken: "Father, your saintly ministrations have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me, I must not breakdown now."

Coming into the month of May, Mary's month, I ask you to turn to Mary's maternal care and to the intercession of Fr. McGivney as we each strive to be the Catholic Gentleman we have all been called to be universally and within our families. I thank all those who worked diligently and persevered as saintly men throughout the demanding nights of Fish Frys. The chairs out did themselves! Our counts were high every week and parishioners stayed till the very end each event! This year will be something to top next Lent! You are men of God and I remain in deep gratitude for an example that I merely write about and ask for in prayer.

Other models of faith I have looked to over these last months are those who faithfully attend the 2nd Friday Holy Mass and Rosary for Life and Fallen Knights and the Knight

Prayer Services we have instilled this year such as the Silver Rose Icon and The Immaculate Conception Icon Programs. These men especially include Marty Reis, Richard Braun, Frank Holmes, Steven Tubbs, Ed Ibarra and others. These times of prayer are opportunities to strengthen not only ourselves as we pray for others but also our Council directly. Often we think we are just one person so what could we possibly do to change the world for the better? Well, Fr. McGivney was just a parish priest in a small town in Connecticut who had a great love for God's children and the small seed of an idea to help them.

A mustard seed perhaps. He imagined what he could do; discerned God's Will and set himself to work with trust in God and a deep spiritual life. When human lives and future generations were at stake, this good and pious priest said being good and pious was not enough. Prayer led him, as it should us, into action! Heroic Action born of Heroic Virtues! I invite you to join me in prayer for Fr. McGivney's cause for canonization utilizing the prayer below. As you pray, recall the faith of this "man of the people"; enjoin yourself to his zealous concern of other's welfare and a Christ-like desire to better their situation. The very desire that gave life to the Knights of Columbus!

A mustard seed and the faith to move a mountain!

***God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan,
You called your priest,
Father Michael J. McGivney,***

***to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Michael
Miranda,
Grand Knight**



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