



## Grand Knight's Message

Many thanks to Pat Ryan and Gary Reggiani for chairing our third Fish Fry. Also, thank you Mike Vigil for chairing our last Fish Fry and thanks to Marty Reis for handling the Soup Dinner. Our Lenten Dinners were very successful thanks to these men and all of you who gave of your time and effort. Also, I give one last thank you to Mike Vigil and Tim Keating for hosting the RCIA reception. It's a great way to welcome our new Catholic brethren. Our next event is the Golf Tournament on May 18th. You probably have all gotten your flyers by now. Please call Dave Sichak at 341-6373 to offer your help. This is a big project, and

the more help we can get, the less work for everyone. We'll need help at the tournament and also at the dinner in the parish hall. Dave will give you guidance and direction on how you can help. Everyone doing just a little accomplishes a lot. It is that time of year when we need to start thinking about who will be our officers for next year. What follows is a list of prospective officers and their assignments. I will publish this list in the June Newsletter, as well. We will vote for the new officers at the June business meeting. Here is the list:

Grand Knight – Michael Vigil;  
Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Miranda; Chancellor – Pete Sedillo; Warden – Richard Braun; Recorder – Gary

Reggiani; Treasurer – Steve Laura; Advocate – Robert Hemsley; Lecturer – Ed Ibarra; Inside Guard – Tim Benavidez; Outside Guard – Carlos Torres; Trustee 3 Years – Mel Mattos; Trustee 2 Years – John McCave; Trustee 1 Year – Matt Iorns. Since we had to cancel the First Degree for April, we are planning on having a First Degree at the May business meeting, barring anything unforeseen. If you have candidates, please let them know as this will be the last First Degree of the year. Also, just as an informational item, the Kick-out Dinner has been moved from June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. See you at the May business meeting.

**Mel Mattos,  
Grand Knight**



### **Business Meeting**

**TUESDAY,**

**May 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 Knights'  
Memorial Mass and a Rosary  
afterward in memory of the  
unborn. 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. See you  
there!*

### **Knight Light**

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

I find it a pleasure and privilege to be able to attend our KOC meetings the first Tuesday of every month. I love to hear and see all that our Council is doing. It's important to know that the first virtue of any Catholic gentleman is fidelity. Therefore I want to remind all Brother Knights that, in accordance with the statutes of our Order, we must all be "practical" Catholics. That doesn't mean that we know how to change a tire or build swing set. It means, according to the KOC website: "A practical Catholic accepts the

teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church." A Knight who disagrees with the defined teachings of the Church, either in faith or morals, should work on reconciling his understanding and belief with the Church. A Knight who lives in a manner that puts him out of good standing, such as in a sexual relationship outside of Catholic marriage, or who does not attend Mass weekly, should

also bring his life into conformity with the rules not only of our Order, but of our Church. If he cannot do that, he should graciously resign his membership in the Order until he can bring his life back into good standing. None of us is perfect, Brothers, but we must meet at least certain minimum standards. Let us pray to God for the grace to do so.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

**Fr. Joseph Illo**  
**Pastor**  
**St. Joseph's**  
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## CELEBRATE!

### Members' Birthdays

Mike Glendon	5-5
Brady Canada	5-7
Don Dedini	5-11
Ted Hartman	5-11
Sean McKenzie	5-14
Manuel Perez	5-14
Roy Gordon	5-15
Owen Kummerle	5-16
Frederick Acosta	5-18
Dave Contreras	5-19
Joe Furtado	5-19
Juan Amaya	5-21
John Marsella	5-21
Miguel Villalobos	5-21
Jimi Netniss	5-22
Worrell Deuser	5-24
Jerome Thiele	5-24
Gary Davison	5-25
Tom Fitzsimmons	5-26
Bob Briar	5-28
Gerald Moon	5-29
Don Baumgratz	5-30
George Law	5-30
Ralph Driggs	5-31
Hugo Fausto	5-31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Zenaida Beberdick	5-4
Angelica Alcaez	5-5
Belen Churilla	5-5
Marguerite Valdes	5-5
Lisa Lucas	5-8
Janice Keating	5-12
Sharon Briar	5-13
Malissa Souza	5-13
Diana Poncini	5-14
Margaret Hunter	5-17
Lita Selover	5-17
Janice White	5-17
Beverly Sousa	5-18
Barbara Brady	5-19
Heidi Mendoca	5-20
Marti Reed	5-20
Esther Sedillo	5-22
Mary Marlett	5-23
Angelina Ramirez	5-29
Tamara Butera	5-30



### Anniversaries

Mary Carol & Matt Henderson	5-1-99
Helen & Gary Moya	5-1-99
Kathy & Marty Reis	5-3-75
Maria & Jesse Cristerna	5-6-89
Carol & Robert Luna	5-6-02
Darla & Alfred Sierras	5-8-76
Jean & Jeff Smith	5-9-87
Shaundra & Octavio Lopez	5-10
Jennifer & Alex Richmond	5-10-03
Susan & Daniel Hamilton	5-11-86
Kristin & Brian Archuleta	5-12-10
Frances Ann & Emil Carney	5-14-49
Janet & Don Baker	5-15-82
Beverly & Wayne Sousa	5-16-93
Darlene & Ed Tobias	5-16-81
Susie & Tim Dickert	5-17-97
Insa & Roger Duke	5-18-96
Belen & Len Churilla	5-19-90
Linda & Peter Espinosa	5-20-80
Nina & Frank Garcia	5-20
Dorothy & Herb Saska	5-20-50
Lisa & Michael Ringer	5-22-81
Elaine & Ron Varnell	5-22
Dawn & Chris Powers	5-26-01
Evelyn & Virgil Ereso	5-27
Sandy & Dan Fitzgerald	5-31
Elissa & Carlos Gonzales	5-31-08

# MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Council Meeting	2	3	4	5 Parish Breakfast
6	7	8	9	10	11 Memorial Mass 5:45 pm	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16	17 <i>Ascension</i>	18 Golf Tournament	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Pentecost	28 <i>Memorial Day</i>	29	30	31		

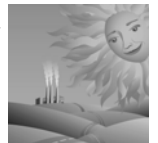
## Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Jerry Oftring, Tony Lee, Ron Uyeshiro, Pete Sedillo, Dan Dwyer, Daver Wharton, Joe Castagna, Frank Garcia, Mike Miranda, Ray Jones, Manuel Sylvia, Roy Ottabani, Monte Bauer, Dave Tacchini, Geraldo Dequeiroz, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber. Continue to pray for Bishop

Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon and his uncle, Keith Stevens; Ruth Oftring; Nina Garcia; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Eleanor Karaz; Joan Castagna; Hilda Sylvia; Patricia Dinubilo; Wilma Lee; Bob Offermann's daughter, Gail Firedrich; and Tyson

Murphy's mother and brother. 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

You all did a great job working at the fish fry's. Lots of work with lots of help made for a fun evening of friendship. There is a golf tournament just around the corner, so please be there to golf or help out. Many have

responded to my last request to pay their dues, but there is still many that ignore mail sent from me. We are hosting a First Degree in May, so get your candidates ready to join our Council.

**Mike Grodt**  
Financial Secretary  
529-3105





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Okay, if you've been following along in my articles, you've read about the first phases that lead to retirement. Protection and accumulation of savings are the first time, followed by de-accumulation of those funds while making them last.

The final phase is care. At some point, at some age (hopefully a very advanced age), you will need to slow down. You will no longer be able to care for yourself. At that point, you will need to have assets available to provide much needed care, either at home or in a care facility.

As you probably know, the cost of care continues to rise. I cannot quote you a number here (I could give you specific details in a face-to-face meeting), but the nationwide average grows by leaps and bounds. How do you plan to cover these costs? Government programs might not be available, or might require you to spend down your assets leaving your family with little.

The best way to handle the cost of care in the future is to plan ahead today. The Knights of

Columbus offers long-term care insurance that can cover at home or facility care costs. And our product is backed by the financial strength of the Order. It has many benefits and our premiums are competitive with any other company.

The Knights of Columbus – the organization you trust – is in a position to help you with every phase. Life insurance, disability insurance, guaranteed retirement plans that turn into guaranteed income streams when you retire, and long term care. There is no reason to go elsewhere as you prepare for the four phases!

Contact me today to schedule a meeting. God Bless you and your families.

*Julio Valadez*

Julio Valadez, Field Agent



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## RECORDER'S RAMBLINGS

My Brothers,  
I have a question for each of you to reflect about. Within our Church, what is our role as Knights?

There are different possible answers to that question. We could easily say, as many do, "We don't play an active role. We are a Brotherhood and our role is to support each other. All we have to do is go to mass on Sunday."

Another possible answer, is that we have to be active defenders, of our Brother Knights, of life in general, and of our Church.

The t-shirts purchased by our Trustee and Past Grand Knight, Matt Iorns, state that, as Knights, we are "Defenders of Life" and "Defenders of Faith." If you haven't seen the shirts, they are a bright blue with large white lettering. The debuted at the April meeting, and I personally saw many of them at the Modesto Walk for Life (and purchased my own). Personally, I believe that our Lord, Jesus Christ, asked all believers to be

active defenders and evangelizers. Our faith, in spite of appearances, is not one of pew potatoes, those that just show up on Sunday and take up the space at mass. We are called, by our baptism, to be priests, profits and kings. You can check it out in the Catechism paragraph 1141 (you can look online at usccb.org or find a copy of the Catechism in the parish library.)

Obviously, we aren't all called to be ordained priests, to all be like Isaiah foretelling of things to come, or to be crowned kings. But, as it states in the Catechism paragraphs 1268-1270, we "share in the priesthood of Christ, in His prophetic and royal mission." Our baptism, so many years ago for most of us, we are called to "profess what we have received" and "participate in the apostolic and missionary activity of the Church."

In other words, as baptized Christians, we are all called to be active and not passive. I would say as well, that as Knights, we are called to be even more active. We

should be true leaders with regard to our faith and to the Church. I don't have all of the words of the different exemplifications memorized, but I know that there we promised to be as the knights of old, taking up our sword and/or rosary to defend the Church, the priests, the Bishops, the Pope and our Blessed Mother. I don't think that showing up to Mass once a week and praying a rosary every once in a while is enough. As Knights, as leaders within our Church, we need to do more. What that more is cannot be the same for all. Not all have the voice to be a Lector, the dedication to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or other visible ministries. That doesn't mean that we should sit back and wait for someone else to talk about our faith in our daily life, to defend our Church when it is attacked, or to find another way to live up to our calling. I challenge each of you to find a way to be more active in your faith and to be a true leader. Are you up to the challenge?

**Richard Braun**  
**Recorder**



### John's Jokes

In Honor of the upcoming Knights golf tournament:

#### THE REAL RULES OF GOLF

- If you really want to get better at golf: go back, and take it up at a much earlier age.
- The game of golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.
- Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.
- When you look up and cause an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to continue watching the ball, if you ever want to see it again.
- Any change works for a maximum of three holes and a minimum of not at all.
- No matter how bad you are playing, it is always possible to play worse.
- Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
- When your shot has to carry over a water hazard, you can either hit one more club or two more balls.
- If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
- The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about your golf swing.
- And this will make you really laugh: I'M GOING TO PLAY THIS YEAR!!

### MEMBERSHIP MEMO

My Brother Knights,  
 As we approach the end of the Columbian year we are still behind on our membership quota. We will be hosting a first degree at our May meeting, and it would be a good time for each of you to bring a prospective candidate to join us. It would be even better to have a good turn out for this meeting to support

the candidates and the degree team. Our degree team is one of if not the best team I have ever witnessed; even with changes that occur on the team they still maintain their level of excellence. Come out and support them!

**Rick Dinubilo,**  
**Past Grand Knight**  
**Past Faithful Navigator**



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**Lecturer's Notes:  
The Freedom to Be Catholic and American**

**“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”**

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America

I told the story some time ago about an incident that happened at work when I inquired about using an empty conference room to conduct a lunchtime bible study with a coworker, a brother Catholic. Another of my coworkers, a fallen away Catholic, commented that because of the “separation of church and state” I probably wouldn’t be allowed to use the facility. While probably well intentioned, my coworker understood neither her Catholic faith nor her American citizenship, and that is all too common.

The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States quite

plainly states that the government has no right to restrict the free expression and practice of religion, nor free speech. Read it again, you can’t stretch it enough to make it restrict freedom of religion.

In recent months the Catholic Church has come into the crosshairs of ambitious politicians who seek to destroy her while promoting their own brand of atheism. Their silver bullet is abortion and contraception which they say the Church must provide to her employees and families. Lawmakers and politicians are using sex to scatter the flock, and where catechesis has been weak they are effective.

Our God-given freedoms have been purchased for us with the blood and sacrifice of devoted men and women over the last 236 years. We give honor to their sacrifices by preserving and protecting our way of life for all citizens and all generations, not changing it because of coercion and deceptions.

We are responsible to behave and speak intelligently and sensibly and we should strive to do

that. At times in this nation’s history certain laws, lawmakers, and members of our citizenry have behaved terribly irresponsibly to fellow human beings and that legacy is being played out today with great bitterness between the races. Foolish people do foolish things. It’s easy to take what we have for granted, especially if we’ve never seen how people live in other countries. The quote from my coworker betrays a mangled understanding of what it means to be American and Catholic. These misconceptions are well fed by a very liberally biased media which encourages apathy, complacency and destruction of the family.

**Ed Ibarra,  
Lecturer**



May business meeting is on Tuesday, May 1st at 7:00pm. Second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, May 11th at 5:45pm. Pray for the men and women who serve in Law Enforcement and the Military. Pray that politicians have conversion of heart. You can find a more complete version of this online at [kofc10644.org](http://kofc10644.org).

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