



## Grand Knight's Message

Thank you, Gary Reggiani, for doing such a great job in chairing the Oktoberfest Dinner. Also, thanks to our Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Vigil, for lending his support and hard work to the event. We had a great turnout; and also brought in a very sizable 50-50 raffle due to the dynamic and fun-loving personality of Carlos Torres. As a result, four parishioners got to go home with extra cash, and we garnered some funds for our charities. As usual, the dinner was magnificent, as was evidenced by several positive comments from many who attended.

And, of course, thank you to those who helped set up, worked the dinner, and stayed around to help clean up. It takes several people to put on an event, and the more people involved, the easier it is. Thank you, Brothers!

On a different subject, as I get closer to retirement, I've been talking to people who are retired or are about to retire, and many of them are worried about the economy. Fortunately, the economy is not our source. God is our source. Several successful companies that exist today got started during economic downturns. That is not surprising, for Christ said,

"I will cause you to prosper in the desert." If we leave everything to God, it really doesn't matter what is going on around us. Things may seem pretty gloomy or even hopeless, but Christ also said, "Where there is no way, a way will be made." These are very comforting statements, and I try to think about them whenever I start to worry. All things are possible with God, even if it looks impossible to us. I am so grateful for that. I just need to get out of the way and let God handle things. May the peace of Christ be with us all.

**Mel Mattos,  
Grand Knight**



**Business Meeting  
TUESDAY,  
November 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 Knights' Memorial Mass and a Rosary afterward in memory of the unborn.*

*We should also attend mass before each of our monthly meetings. It ends with just enough time to walk across the parking lot to the Hall before the business meeting. Will you be there?*

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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

With joy I have received our Recorder's offer to take responsibility for our parish Respect Life Committee. Thank you, Brother Richard Braun (also for editing this fine newsletter)! For years our (that is, *your*) wives have led this committee, accomplishing many fine things for the Gospel of Life, such as the Walk for Life West Coast, the purchase of an

ultrasound machine for the Modesto Pregnancy Center, the annual baby bottle fundraiser for this pregnancy center, and the respect life month plaza tables. Now I am pleased that a man, and a Knight, has stepped up to provide this leadership. Really, Richard is committing himself to protect children, which is a man's job, after all. I would be just as pleased and impressed if

many of my other brother Knights would serve with him on this committee. Please give our Recorder a call if you can join him in protecting the smallest of our children, those in the womb.  
Yours sincerely in Christ,

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



## CELEBRATE!

### Members' Birthdays

Wayne Bradshaw	11-1
Alfred Sierras	11-5
Danny Vele	11-5
Dean Urone	11-6
Ron Uyeshiro	11-6
Al Badal	11-9
Dr. Bob Selover	11-9
Roger Duke	11-9
Jorge Sales	11-10
Marty Reis	11-13
Mike Lamanet	11-14
Rick Guajardo	11-16
Mason Trevillyan	11-16
Gary Moya	11-17
Ed Tobias	11-17
Sam Satariano	11-21
Gene Thiel	11-21
Len Churilla	11-25
Jose Barajas	11-27
Geraldo DeQueiroz	11-27
Daniel Hernandez	11-27
John Wee	11-27
Rev. Francis Joseph	11-28
Virgil Ereso	11-28

### Anniversaries

Linda & Bill Black	11-1-68
Barbara & Jim Brady	11-8-69
Rosalie & Joe Gardella	11-9-91
Trina & David Malsom	11-9-90
Patricia & Alfred Hinojoso	11-10
Mara & Sean Mullins	11-11-00
Lela & Pat Seefeldt	11-11-72
Diane & Ralph Saxton	11-20
Ruth & Jerry Oftring	11-22-52
Rosanne & Bob Yanko	11-23-96
Maria & Geraldo DeQueiroz	11-24-73
Theresa & Jim Galuppi	11-24-62
Sharon & Bob Briar	11-26-83
Diana & Robert Poncini	11-27-04

### Ladies' Birthdays

Patricia Chavarria	11-11
Lisa Ringer	11-16
Kim McCarthy	11-17
Amanda Towne	11-17
Alejandra Fausto	11-18
Kathleen Ruch	11-20
Jacqueline Nunez	11-21
Cathy Hartman	11-22
Kathleen Harker	11-26
Kim Ringer	11-26
Michele Nielsen	11-27



## NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>  <i>Council Meeting</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Veteran's Day Memorial Mass</i> <i>5:45 pm</i>	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Blood Drive</i>	22	23	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25	26
27 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	28	29	30			

## Sunshine Chairman

We need to pray for the following Brothers: Tony Lee, Ray Jones, Scott Fernandes, Mike Miranda, Dave Scott, Dan Dwyer, Jim Standart, Bill McClure, Gerardo Dequeiroz, the eternal repose of the soul of Danny Vele (and his family, and Monsignor Conrad Gruber.

Continue to pray for Bishop Stephen E. Blaire; Father Illo's mother, Janice; Matt Iorns' mother, Sharon; Darlene Nielsen; Nicole Miranda; Patricia Moon; Priscilla Pino; Frances Carney; Joan Castagna; Patricia Dinubilo; Robert Hemsley's son, Jeremy; Eleanor Karaz; and Wilma Lee.

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

There were just exemplifications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees in Manteca. We had only 3 Knights from our Council attend to become full Knights. What happened to the rest? We have about 80 first degree

members in our Council. We will be hosting exemplifications of the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees at St. Joseph's on Sat. Feb 25th. Please, mark your calendars and keep the day open.

Also, if you still have a balance for your dues, please send in a partial payment to show that you are still interested in your membership with the Knights.

**Mike Grodt**  
**Financial Secretary**  
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What are you doing to contribute “to responsible public debate about the great ethical issues that will shape the future of our democratic societies,”? Are you part of “renewing and reinforcing” the Knights’ programs of “catechesis and of continuing formation in the faith and the principles of Christian morality?” Are you part of helping “so many young men to grow to Christian maturity?”

These questions, modified from the Papal greeting cited in the October 2011 issue of *Columbia* magazine, were submitted by an anonymous contributor.

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## CHANCELLOR'S CONNECTION

It was 30 years ago or so when I first met **Bill Vermillion**. Bill's daughter, Nickie, and I met while working together in 1980. Nickie and I started dating, and I got to know her mother and three brothers as well, but I didn't see much of Bill. He was a very hard working dedicated family man. He worked two jobs to take care of his household. He was the Head Custodian for the nearby School District and also had a gas station business. It would be at these times we would see him to say “Hi!” and get free gas for Nickie's Cougar. Sweet deal!

Even though gas was less than a dollar a gallon, free is free. As time went on, Nickie and I decided to marry. So, one day I had to get the nerve to ask Bill for Nickie's hand in marriage. I went down to his station; and when I got there that day, there were two other guys working with him. All three of them had funny smirks on their faces, so I knew they knew why I was there. Bill stood tall and proud and said, “What's up?” His friends began to laugh a little, and I thought I was going to pass out. I stumbled through it, and Bill let me off easy saying, “Of course you can marry Nickie, and thanks for coming down the way you

did to ask face to face.” The next thing I know, we all have beers in our hands toasting and laughing.

To this day, the most important thing in his life is his family. He sacrifices his needs and wants for their happiness. Bill doesn't have a selfish bone in his body, and this carried over when he became a Knight. His wife's, Kathie Lee, dad was a Knight; and she thought maybe Bill would like it too. So, to please his wife, he joined and he is glad he did! Bill has been a Knight in good standing for some time now and has dedicated his time through St. Vincent De Paul and membership. He has signed many new members on the plaza after Masses and at our dinners, including me! Beyond that, if you ask his help for anything, he'll be there. The man does not know the word “No.” So, when you see Bill around, sit down and talk with him awhile. He truly is as easy going as they come. You can talk about any subject, and he'll have his opinions whether you agree or not. I love Bill and you will too. We are blessed to have him in our Council. He has become one of our finest Knights!

**Your Chancellor,  
 Mike Miranda**



## AN INVITATION

Brother Knights,  
In the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we have betrayed our God, we have failed Him, we have begged for His death, we have denied Him, we have doubted Him, we have given him over to the Pharisees, we have sinned against him many times and in many way. Still by the Blood that poured forth from His Passion, we are forgiven of our trespasses.

The precious Blood sweat while he was in great agony and fear over what was about to occur, the precious Blood seeping from the flesh torn from His side while being scourged, the precious Blood seeping down to obscure his vision from the wounds of the crown of thorns after it was hammered in place on His head, the precious Blood that continued to pour out after every fall while carrying the wood that he would die upon, the precious Blood that was

shed by the wounds reopening as His garments were ripped off of Him, the precious Blood that fell due to the three large nails that were placed through His hands and feet and held Him upon a cross for three excruciating hours while He continued to bleed, and finally with the centurion's spear pierced the Sacred Heart and the precious Blood poured forth, all of that precious Blood grants us mercy for all of our failings. This same Blood is offered to us every day within the Mass and grants us not only redemption for our grave acts against the King of Kings, but also allows us to see His face and be granted the rewards of everlasting life. This is how much our Lord loves us; enough to give all of His Blood for us.

We are told by Jesus to love others as He has loved us. He loved us enough to give all of His Blood for us. So as an act of loyalty to Him, we invite you to give a very small portion of your blood

through a process far less excruciating at our annual Parish Blood Drive hosted by our Council on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-7 PM in Father O'Hare Hall. In doing so, you are able to show your love to your fellow man in a manner similar, but less painful than our Lord Jesus Christ. Please, bring your friends, Catholic or not, parishioners or not. The more people show up, the more we are able to give to our community. Come join us as well on the plaza after mass on the weekends of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to help promote the event.

### **Tyson Murphy and Adam Harker, Co-Chairs of the Parish Blood Drive**



### **Tony's Time**

I used to live in New Jersey but worked in New York City. To get to work I had to take a bus, then a train. I want to relate an incident on the bus I will never forget. I boarded the bus on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. At this point the bus usually was not crowded. I took a seat near the front of the bus. It proceeded on its usual run uptown and by 30<sup>th</sup> Street; it was standing room only. About this

time, I heard a strange noise coming from a passenger seated a few rows behind me. I turned and saw a man, who was seated slumped down. The sound I heard was a death rattle. The man had had a heart attack. Passengers cried out to the driver to stop the bus, which he did by pulling over to the right. The driver contacted the police by radio and soon all the passengers were told to disembark from the vehicle. Soon an ambulance arrived, but it was too

late; the man had expired. He had his last commercial bus ride. After a wait another bus arrived and all the passengers boarded it. I wondered if the man's family received a refund for the fare he paid for this uncompleted bus ride. However, it didn't matter because he had already reached his final destination – eternity. The lesson here is always be prepared for one never knows when God will be calling you home.

## John's Jokes

One day in November, an elderly man in Phoenix calls his son in New York and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce".

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son cries.

"We can't stand it any longer," the old man says. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her," and he hangs up.

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who gets upset. "We can't let them get divorced, we have to do something," she shouts, "I'll take care of this."

She calls her dada in Phoenix, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do anything. I'm calling my

brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, please don't do anything" and hangs up.

The man hangs up his phone, too, and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says, "they're coming for Thanksgiving. How do we get them here for Christmas?"

Turkey Riddles

What was the turkey suspected of?

Answer: Fowl play.

Hear about the turkey that evaded the Indian?

Answer: It had an arrow escape.

What is Thanksgiving for selfish people called?

Answer: Thankstaking.

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers?

Answer: The outside!

What always comes at the end of Thanksgiving?

Answer: The letter "g"!

What smells the best at a Thanksgiving dinner?

Answer: Your nose.

Why did the turkey sit on the tomahawk?

Answer: To hatchet.

Why did the Pilgrim eat a candle?

Answer: He wanted a light snack!

**John Gorman**



## ADVOCATE'S ADVICE

Last month I wrote about how *The Diary of St. Faustina* has several passages that are conversations with Jesus. There are also just a few entries that were recorded as conversations with Our Mother Mary. These entries show the words of Mary in *italics*. There were just a few entries, but all very significant. I have typed one of these entries below from paragraph 785. In this paragraph, Mary taught St. Faustina how to prepare for Christmas. Since Christmas will be here before we know it, I thought it would be appropriate to share.

"November 29, 1936. The Mother of God has taught me how to prepare

for the Feast of Christmas. I saw Her today, without the Infant Jesus. She said to me: *My daughter, strive after silence and humility, so that Jesus, who dwells in your heart continuously, may be able to rest. Adore him in your heart; do not go out from your inmost being. My daughter, I shall obtain for you the grace of an interior life which will be such that, without ever leaving that interior life, you will be able to carry out all you external duties with even greater care. Dwell with Him continuously in your own heart. He will be your strength. Communicate with creatures only in so far as is necessary and is required by your*

*duties. You are a dwelling place pleasing to the living God; in you He dwells continuously with love and delight. And, the living presence of God, which you experience in a vivid and distinct way, will confirm you. Try to act this way until Christmas Day, and then He himself will make known to you in what way you will be communing and uniting yourself with Him.*"

After reading it, you may think that much of it is a personal message from Our Mother to St. Faustina, but I urge you to read it closer and pray about it.

**Robert Hemsley,  
Advocate**

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## Lecturer's Notes: Summer to Advent—Fourth Quarter!!!

***“Resplendent and unfading is Wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her; one who watches for her at dawn will not be disappointed, for she will be found sitting at the gate. For setting your heart on her is the perfection of prudence, and whoever keeps vigil for her is quickly free from care; because she makes her rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them on the way, and goes to meet them with full attention.” – Wisdom 6: 12-16***

“Wisdom is the book that is filled with wisdom,” an old friend once told me. He would often open the bible to read from these pages and be inspired to be a better person and a better businessman. In those days I didn’t get it, but today I see things differently. The theme of this passage reminds us to search for truth because truth is searching for us, and we don’t want to miss that meeting. Keep that theme in mind as we consider where we are in the liturgical year. October is a rich time of change in the Central Valley where we live as well as in our faith. The days become noticeably shorter, the evenings cool, and the garden yields begin to wind down in preparation for winter. Sounds like the scheme of life. October ends with the theme of death as the secular world around us celebrates

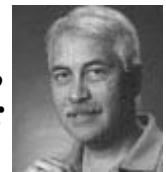
Halloween with trickery and

ghoulish themes. In the Sunday Mass readings of October, Jesus speaks in parables which invite us to look inward at our spiritual state. In the October gospels we see smart men trying to trip Him up and we would be wise to consider if we are doing that very same thing. The gospel themes throughout the month are of accountability. Does my behavior merit eternity in heaven? October is also the month of Mary and her rosary. Spiritually, November is like the confluence of many streams, the place where everything comes together. All streams lead to Heaven. As secular October ends with death, Catholic Christians begin the last month of the liturgical year by celebrating “All Saints Day”. All Saints Day honors those deceased in Purgatory and those who have entered the kingdom of Heaven and live now in the eternal presence of God. Hopefully, one day we will be counted among their number so we may be celebrating our own achievements; hooray! As the gospel themes of October challenge us to review our actions and motives, the November gospels bring accountability into a much sharper focus. Restated, as the culture centers itself on trickery and death, the Church raises our focus to eternity with God. Again, this is the place where everything comes together. Once our attention is raised to God then we can truly search for Him.

The four weeks of December mark the season of Advent, a time of joyful waiting for the coming of the King. Just as

concentrated light passing through a magnifying glass can start a fire so the season of Advent can bring us to Jesus and Jesus to us. Advent marks the first month of the new liturgical year whose theme brings us to the person of God at the foot of the manger at Christmas. At Christmas God presents himself to us not as a man of wealth to whom we owe a debt, or of power whom we should fear, but as an innocent baby that we should want to pick up and love and nurture. Who could be easier to form a bond with than a newborn baby who holds no notions about us? This baby is the one who searches for us in the hope that we will desire to search for him.

**Ed Ibarra,  
Lecturer**



The November business meeting is on Tuesday November 1st at 7:00pm. Mass for the deceased Knights of this Council is on Friday, November 11th at 5:45pm followed by adoration and confession. Let’s all make a good confession this month and pray that God give politicians the grace to seek Him and do His will throughout the year. Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Pray that Catholics be drawn to the Cross and conversion of heart. Pray that Brother Knights seek God’s peace.

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