



Grand Knight's Message

Blessings Brother Knights!

I thank you for all your support and enthusiasm! We are all working hard in unity to build our Council and I am very grateful to you all! Thank you to all who completed the Volunteer Hour Log. We will continue this process at every Business Meeting, so please keep track of all your Knight Event Hours, as well as your community and parish involvement.

I would like to thank Steve Tubbs for agreeing to work with our parish youth – a position held in the past by Carlos Torres who deserves a big pat on the back for all his hard work in the past years! Thanks Steve and Carlos!!!

I am happy to announce that Al Toshi accepted the nomination for the Chancellor position and Rick Dinublio has accepted a nomination for Advocate for the year! Thank you, Rick and Al! Both of these positions will be voted on at the September meeting. I look forward to having

a full team!

It is important to note that at the September meeting we will be reviewing and voting on the new Annual Budget – hammered out by Don Cavagnaro, Steve Laura, and Past Grand Knights, James Towne and Mel Mattos, as well as the Officers. Please, make every effort to attend this meeting. It is very important we have your input. One item worthy of noting is the areas of cutbacks. Due to the lack of funds usually generated by the Golf Tournament (canceled now 2 years in a row), we were forced to reduce some areas of charity. This is as disturbing to me, as it likely is to you. This is of no fault to anyone here. It is simply a product of the times. However, this may be able to be rectified for the following year, if we work hard and consider new avenues of fundraising. Please consider new ideas and come to the meeting prepared to share and ready to help build those ideas! I have all faith in God and in you! Whatever comes

to be is God's Will.

Speaking of prayer, I would like to remind you of the 2nd Friday of the month Mass and Holy Rosary for life and Fallen Knights. It is a beautiful evening united together in prayer and giving up of ourselves to God's Divine Providence.

We also have at our disposal another amazing and beautiful opportunity for prayer on Monday, September 9th. We have been selected to host the Silver Rose Icon which is traveling through California for the first time ever in the decades it has been traveling to Monterey, Mexico, as a symbol of unity and charity in gratitude to Our Lady of Guadalupe. You can learn more about this amazing Knight tradition by going to our website and following the link there. You can also view a video that shows you the history of the Silver Rose Icon Program. The evening will begin with a procession into the 5:45PM Holy Mass followed by a prayer service. We are very blessed in this endeavor! A personal request: I found that I need to ask your assistance in being a good Grand Knight.

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**Next Business Meeting
TUESDAY,
September 3rd, 7:00 PM
Father O'Hare Hall
Don't Come Alone Bring
A Fellow Knight!**

In August, there were 13 of us who made it to the second Friday mass for the deceased members of our Council and the Respect Life Rosary afterwards. Were you there? If not, we missed you. Will you join us now in September?

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

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(Bob is looking to retire from publishing the Knight Light. If you would be interested in helping with getting out this newsletter, communicate with any of us.)

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15th of each month. Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space available.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Dear Brother Knights,
As I write this article, we are between the Feast Days of two great saints: St. Maximilian Kolbe (August 14) and St. Pio of Pietrelcina (September 23). Both of these saints were canonized by Pope John Paul II, and their feast days were declared "obligatory memorials." During his pontificate (1978-2005) Pope John Paul II canonized 480 saints and beatified 1,340 blessed, but only these two saints, both of them priests, were placed on the universal church calendar, so that their feast days is celebrated by every priest throughout the world. (When you become a saint, you should try to be an "obligatory memorial" rather than just being an "optional memorial"!)

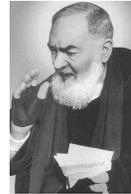


Saint Maximilian Kolbe is famous for giving his life for another prisoner at Auschwitz, and for his zealous devotion to Mary, the "Immaculata." Saint

Pio of Pietrelcina is also famous for his devotion to Our Lady, and also for his stigmata and his prodigious miracles. I would say three additional things about "Padre Pio": 1) He was pure of heart, 2) he serious about piety, and 3) he had a spirit of penance. Even as a child, Francesco Forgione, as he was named, was so pure of heart that he was extremely sensitive when he heard other children offending God. He would

weep when he heard people blaspheming. He once even pinned another boy to the ground to force him to repent! When a little girl wouldn't stop working on Sunday, he took the scissors and cut her needlework into pieces! It is no wonder that, when he grew up, he spent most of his life hearing confessions, praying for sinners and doing penance for them. We men should imitate his purity of heart, without worrying about whether people accuse us of being naïve or puritanical.

"Padre Pio" was aptly named because he was very "pious." For him piety was serious business. He and his fellow friars knew that the Mass was a serious, sacred duty which had to be performed to keep the world turning! St. Pio was so serious about piety that he often seemed gruff and harsh. He would reprimand people or turn them away when they showed disrespect for the things of God, especially the Sacrament of Confession. He did not worry about always seeming "nice" and saying "nice" things. He was a regular Italian man, the son of practical, no-nonsense Italian peasants. He was a man's man. His personality was strong, outspoken, opinionated, and somewhat sarcastic and grumpy. But, of course, in his soul he was eminently holy, charged with



supernatural charity and moved by most tender mercy and compassion towards sincerely repentant sinners. We men should be real men, imitating his courage in defending the things of God!

St. Pio of Pietrelcina was a man of penance. At age nine, his mother would already find him trying to sleep like St. Francis of Assisi on the hard, cold floor with a stone for a pillow. He was often sick with extreme fevers of over 125 degrees F. Because of this, he was sent home from the Italian army; and several times he was sent home from his Franciscan convent. He endured the pain of the stigmata for fifty years as well as the painful spiritual dryness called the "dark night of the soul" for over fifty years. Once there was a hefty football player who felt compassion when he saw Padre Pio walking painfully on his stigmata-pierced feet. He stopped Padre Pio and said: "If I could, I would like to take all of your suffering onto myself for one hour to give you some relief." Padre Pio looked up into the eyes of that young man and said: "You would die." We men may not be able to imitate all of Padre Pio's penances and his fortitude in enduring pain, but we can pick some small personal penance and stop complaining about performing our daily duty!

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



SUNSHINE CHAIRMAN

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers: Dan Dwyer; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Ed and Bev Fernandes; and Monsignor Conrad Gruber, 4th Degree Chaplin.

Please also remember: Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; the family of John Gorman; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; Stephen Harker, son of PGK Kent and brother of Adam Harker; and Darlene Nielsen.

Remember our Holy Father Pope Francis and all Priests and Religious in your prayers. *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.

John McCave



SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	6	7
8	9 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM	10 Business Meeting O'Hare Hall 7 PM	11	12	13	14 Triumph of the Holy Cross
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 St. Matthew, the Apostle
22	23	24	25	26	27 St. Vincent de Paul	28
29	30 Officers' Meeting Vatican Council 6:30 PM					

You can find the events for other months on the Council's website, kofc10644.com.

Members' Birthdays

Steve Guzman	9-1
Thomas Oliman Jr.	9-3
Raphell Taylor	9-3
Al Toschi	9-3
Douglas Hibl	9-5
Jul Sepe	9-5
Gary Koblentz	9-8
Daniel Hamilton	9-11
Bob Offermann	9-13
Dan Fitzgerald	9-14
Roque Maravilla	9-14
Matt Iorns	9-16
Bill McClure	9-17
Reuben Peterson	9-20
Adrian Pino	9-20
Jason Jackson	9-23
Joe Smoley	9-24
Ray Jones	9-25
Rey Alcares	9-26
Joe Gardella	9-26
Charles Cunningham	9-27
Donald Hancock	9-27
Victor Lopez Jr	9-27
Pat Seefeldt	9-27
Michael Miranda	9-28
Will Smith	9-28

CELEBRATE!

Ladies' Birthdays

Giovanna Truncali	9-4
Dorothy Lowry	9-8
Rosario Hernandez	9-12
Toni Burkdall	9-13
Bev Fernandes	9-13
Maryann Koblentz	9-13
Lynn Thiel	9-13
Olga Hibl	9-14
Susey Netniss	9-14
Sylvia Ficken	9-14
Evelyn Ereso	9-19
Barbara Guzman	9-20
Cindy Baccellieri	9-20
Dawn Powers	9-21
Sarah Bacay	9-21
Wesley Ann Jones	9-22
Darla Sierras	9-23
Sara Barajas	9-24
Rosalinda Farias	9-27
Gloria Benavidez	9-27
Jackie Tucker	9-27
Janet Cabrera	9-27
Susan Hamilton	9-28
	9-30

Note: If birthdays or anniversaries are incorrect or missing you need to contact Sam Moraca to correct the error.

Anniversaries

Alvera & Don Baumgratz	9-1-58
Annette & Don Dedini	9-2-72
Iceana & John Walsh	9-3-76
Judy & Bob Shannon	9-4
Carole & Richard Ward	9-6-64
Toni & Mark Povio	9-10
Rose Mary & George Law	9-12-68
Joyce & Ron de Groot	9-13-94
Cindy & Vito Baccellieri	9-16-89
Mary & Cliff Judd	9-16
Kristi & John Marsella	9-19-92
Rosemary & Carlos Torres	9-22
Judy & Dennis Murphy	9-24-66
Susey & Jimi Netniss	9-25
Rosa & Bob Perry	9-2-86





Brothers,
Did you know that about 50% of households in the United States and Canada have no individually owned life insurance? The statistics for why people have not availed themselves of life insurance coverage are pretty clear, and they really don't change from survey to survey. First, let's look at the survey results (provided by the Life Insurance Marketing Research Association in 2010).

Why people don't buy life insurance:

- 74% list "**can't afford the coverage**" as a major reason they don't buy.
- 52% say a major reason is that they "**can't decide what to buy.**"
- 50% agree it is a good idea but "**put it off until tomorrow.**"
- 43% worry about "**making the wrong decision.**"

Let's examine each of these reasons. First, the vast majority lists a major reason as lack of affordability in the coverage, yet coverage is only offered if it meets your budget.

YOU CHOOSE WHAT YOU WANT TO PAY! It is in no one's best interest to offer you a product that you cannot afford. A good agent (like me and other Knights of Columbus agents) goes through a process with you of determining what the affordable monthly cost is. For the record, a healthy non-smoking 40-year-old male can get \$500,000 of term coverage with the Order for just about \$1.50 a day. **If a client can't decide what to buy,** I will conduct a needs analysis, which helps identify goals and objectives while considering your budget, **at no cost.** We offer term insurance, permanent insurance or a mix of both. We believe a combination of these products can solve all personal protection issues.

Putting the purchase of life insurance off can be costly, and I recommend against that. You get older and premiums go up, and you run the very real risk that your health can change. A negative change in your health can cause your costs to increase, or cause you to

be denied coverage all together. Delay can be disaster.

For those who worry about "making the wrong decision?" If you fall into this category, please remember that as a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have a full-time, professional agent you can call your own. My primary responsibility is the care and service of your family's Life Insurance, Disability, Retirement and Long-Term Care needs. I'll answer your questions because I want your decisions to be informed ones.

I want to help.
 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 month's theme for my article is fraternity, the third of the principles of the Knights of Columbus. Most people think when they hear the word "fraternity," a group of college guys, most likely partying and getting drunk, no? That is not what Father Michael J. McGivney and the other founders of our Order had in mind when they started the Knights of Columbus. They had something that I would say is much better than a group of inebriated young men. There are multiple definitions for the word, but I think what the Venerable Father had in mind is what is posted on Wikipedia: A fraternity (or **fraternal organization**) is an organized society of men associated together in an environment of companionship and brotherhood; dedicated to the intellectual, physical, and social development of its members." Part of what the Knights are all about is in developing each other as men. St. Francis of Assisi said it well, "Wherever the brothers may be and

meet one another, let them show that they are members of the same family. Let each one confidently make known his needs to the other, for if a mother loves and cares for her son according to the flesh, how much more diligently must someone love and care for his brother according to the Spirit! When any brother falls sick, the other brothers must serve him as they would wish to be served themselves." This type of fraternal life challenges us not only to generosity but also to unconditional love. Are we up to the challenge? Sometimes, living a fraternal life means that we have to look our brother in the eyes and charitably tell him he is doing wrong. Sometimes, it means that, as true brothers, we have to give up something that seems fun now, but is doing us harm long term (on God's time). Living a true fraternal life, just like married life, means a series of successes, of struggles, and, yes, even sacrifices. Just like Jesus told us, at times, we have to "pick up our cross and carry it." We have to do the hard things in life that make our brothers (and ourselves) better men. What are you doing to help your brother Knights to become better men? Are you inviting him to Mass?

Are you including him in a Bible study or prayer group? Are you praying for him and his family? Are you offering your sacrifices for him? No one expects that as individuals we can do that with even those in our Council, but if you start with one or two and the rest of the Brothers and I do the same, we are all going to help each other be the true Knights that we were called to be when we first became Knights. Remember, our efforts to get to heaven is something that we do by ourselves, but is a group effort. We need the help of other, and the others need our help.

God bless,

Richard Braun
Deputy Grand Knight



Don't forget, Brothers, to keep track of any of your volunteer activities either officially during a Knight event or in the community. Don't submit the number of rosaries you have prayed, but if you work with a particular ministry, how many hours this month were you helping with it? How many hours volunteering with a non-profit? You can easily submit your hours at our meetings or online at kofc10644.com on the resources page.

Moraca's Message

Brother Knights,
 There are still many members who have not paid their dues. A third billing will be going out next month. 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.
 Please, remember to notify me of any address change. You can send these to my email:
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to the post office box. Timely notice of address changes will keep your mail arriving and save the council postage costs as each returned newsletter incurs a charge from the post office. Thank you all.

Sam Moraca
 Financial Secretary



Grand Knight (continued)

So here goes my request for you to help me do better: at each Business meeting, I will be available from 6:30-6:45 for any questions or directions. From 6:45-6:55 I will be greeting Brother Knights. Then, I humbly ask that I be allowed 5 minutes from 6:55-7:00 of quiet time to gather myself in prayer and preparation for the meeting.

Humbly yours in Christ,

Michael Miranda,
 Grand Knight



John's Jokes

With all the concerns about airport security vs. invasions of privacy, we finally have a low cost solution:
 The Israelis are developing an airport security device that eliminates the privacy concerns that come with full-body scanners at the airports.
 It's a booth you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate

any explosive device you may have on you. They see this as a win-win for everyone, with none of the concerns about racial profiling. It also would eliminate the costs of a long and expensive trial. Justice would be swift. Case closed!
 You're in the airport terminal and you hear a muffled explosion. Shortly thereafter an announcement comes over

the PA system . . . "Attention standby passengers - we now have a seat available on flight number XXXX. Shalom!"
 Hats off to the Israelis!!!!
 [Just kidding!]



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Lecturer's Notes: September:**Mary, the Rosary, Memorial Mass, and Communion of Saints – pt. 4**

“Then I saw an angel come down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the abyss and a heavy chain. He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, which is the Devil or Satan, and tied it up for a thousand years and threw it into the abyss, which he locked over it and sealed, so that it could no longer lead the nations astray until the thousand years are completed.” - Rev. 20:1-3a



Jacques de Louterbourg - The Angel Binding Satan ca. 1797

In this series I've written about the Memorial Mass, the Communion of Saints, Mary, and finally in September, the Rosary. I saved the Rosary for last because in my mind the Rosary pulls together all of the other elements of this series into a beautiful crescendo. Our enemy the devil, who, after tricking untold generations of mankind, finally gets his just reward and gets locked up, and I'm sure St. Michael isn't very

friendly about it either, thank you.

I love the imagery of the passage from Revelation, Chapter 20 and the icon from de Louterbourg. They help me focus on the events that will take place at the end of time. We know who wins the war if we read the back of the book, such knowledge is reassuring; it gives me great hope.

To pray the Rosary is to pray the Scriptures as each mystery is a beautiful meditation on specific events in the life of our Lord taken directly from the Bible.

Additionally, each mystery is a frustrating loss for our enemy, the devil, in the battle for our souls. How? Each mystery is a learning moment for us. Every time someone is drawn closer to Jesus through meditation and prayer, the devil loses another soul. Heck, is that all we have to do? No, but it's a great beginning.

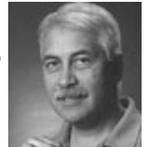
Another beautiful thing is that the Rosary is prayed on a chain. At the head of the Rosary is a crucifix, the key to the prayer, its beginning and end. For us, the crucifix is the key to victory. For our enemy, the devil, it is the chain that binds him and key to his own destruction. It's the key that locks him in the dungeon with all the other foolish souls that choose to be with him. Are you a link in this chain of prayer?

The Rosary is a meditative

chain of prayer directed to Jesus through Mary from us, Mary's children, the Communion of Saints. There is great power in the Rosary.

In this way Catholics pray to and with Mary. In this way we win battles. In this way we save souls, including our own. We aren't afraid to turn to our mother for help and guidance. Our mother wears combat boots, do we?

Ed Ibarra



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The September business meeting is on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00pm. The second Friday Memorial Mass for the deceased Knights of this council is on Friday, September 13th at 5:45pm. The Respect Life Rosary begins at about 6:30; please go! 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.

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