

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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St. Joseph's Council #10644, Division 5

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights,
Once again, we have arrived at both the dismal and joyous month of April. We are reminded of the two most absolute things in life: "Death and Taxes." The dismal part is if you owe taxes and are compelled to get them in on time. The loss being Jesus' death during Good Friday, embodying some sadness, though His subsequent resurrection on Easter. Sunday is a joyous time reminding us of Jesus' return to heaven and the forgiveness of our sins. By this time our newsletter reaches you, we will have finished the Lenten season and Easter. I would like to acknowledge our Deputy Grand Knight Tim Keating and his wife Janice for hosting the reception following the Easter vigil welcoming new Catholics to the faith and parish. Also, we were blessed with success during our last few fish fries and soup dinner. We actually had sell-outs which was unfortunate for those who arrived late. It's difficult to judge the amount of potential attendees from one week to the next. Rick Dinubilo and all the Brother Knights involved in the

preparation have done a great job cooking these dinners. This year we really reached out to the community with our fish fries. Maybe word of mouth (or the sandwich board brother Al Toschi placed in front of the church) helped to make these dinners a success. I know I helped with tickets sales at the door, and we were blessed with people outside of our faith who enjoyed the tasty fare. All the guests I spoke with were very satisfied with our food, themes and entertainment. Kudos to all Brother Knights who came out and participated. We had great feedback on these dinners. The welcome addition of one of our own parishioners, Gary Nelson, and his band "Third Party" playing at our fourth fish fry was a bonus. I'm hoping to get them back for an April 23 date, which will be a spaghetti feed dedicated to Special Olympics of Stanislaus County. The last fish fry which was chaired by our own financial secretary, Dave Sichak (along with his better half, Loma), who repeated his annual St. Patrick's Day theme, was a lot of fun. We were surprised and



blessed with a mini-concert featuring Christopher Bengochea and his accordion skills. I am sorry to say I missed this and was told by many how they enjoyed it. One event to look forward to in April is our tri-tip in the rain on Saturday, April 2. This will not be so well advertised, as I think we may miss the bulletin deadline. We will need to definitely put the word out to advertise this event. We will follow it up on April 23 with our Special Olympics spaghetti feed which is open to the public. I encourage all of you to invite family and friends. I hope to get Gary Nelson and his band "Third Party" to return to make this a festive night. All the proceeds of this event will be dedicated to Special Olympics of Stanislaus County. I would also like all the Brothers to keep in mind that nominations for officers this month are to be voted on in June. While I would expect most of our Brothers in the chairs to move up, these are open elections. I hope and pray that all of you keep praying for Christians throughout the world and pray for our priests.



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Next Meeting

Date: 4/5/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. Don't forget the Tri-Tip in the Rain and the Spaghetti Dinners.

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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 availability.

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May each of you and your families be blessed with great joy during this Easter Season!

May each of your hearts be filled with great hope because Jesus Christ has risen from the grave! The one who "once was dead" has been raised! Because of that, the world is not the same.

The new movie "Risen" is excellent in that it shows a typical man, an officer in the Roman Army, who at first did not believe the reports that Jesus had been raised, but eventually saw him and was shaken to the core by that amazing fact that Jesus has power over death.

We must allow the amazing fact of Easter to shake us to the core also. We are Knights. We are men of faith. If we believe that Jesus has power over death then we must live our lives differently! We must have hope and joy in our hearts and we must not be afraid of anything! If we are not afraid of death then we should not be afraid of

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anything! We can help others to find this same courage and hope for their lives. Our world needs hope, and we are the ones to give it to them! As men we should be leaders in our families and in the community who live as though nothing could ever frighten or discourage us! One of the beautiful things about the movie "Risen" is the way it depicts the joy and the camaraderie of the apostles. It shows the ordinary ways in which they lived together both before and after the Resurrection of Jesus. They are ordinary men camping together in the wilderness, supporting each other in times of doubt and discouragement but also moments of exuberant fraternal joy. As Knights of Columbus we should have that same kind of joy. After all, isn't it true that we are living together with the Risen Jesus in our midst! During our Knights of Columbus meetings and parish activities, especially during the Easter Season, let us try to do everything with the fraternal joy

and optimism of men who are rejoicing because our friend Jesus has been raised from the grave! These are dark times. The world is full of persecution and poverty and perversion. In other countries things are worse, but in our own country there are many things that discourage us. But Easter is a reminder that we are not alone! Christ is walking with us! And we have one another for support just as the apostles supported each other to follow the Risen Lord!

Happy Easter to all of my brother Knights and your families!

Sincerely,

Father

Mark Wagner

Chaplain and Pastor

St. Joseph's

Catholic Church



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Dan Dwyer; Mike Glendon; John Gorman and his family; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Hemsley; Ed Hough; the Keating family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Don Reed; Merno Statler and Dave Tacchini.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Alfred Lammey. May the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ be his!

Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Jackie Reise, mother-in-law of Robert Hemsley;; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Eleanor Karaz, wife of John Karaz; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris

Powers and Frank Truncali, father of Pino Truncali. Pray that this Easter Season we come to know and grant mercy to all we encounter in our lives, so that mercy will be granted us!

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or

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John McCave,
PGK



~ April 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tri-Tip in the Rain Dinner 6:30 PM O'Hare Hall St. Pedro Calunogsod
3	4 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	5 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Spaghetti Dinner for Special Olympics 5 PM O'Hare Hall
24	25	26	27	28 St. Gianna Molla	29	30

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Angel D. Martinez 4-2
 David M. Evans 4-4
 Scott A. Fernandes 4-4
 Octavio Lopez 4-6
 Nathaniel R. Benninger 4-8
 Tom M Lucas III 4-12
 Keith L. Kitcher 4-13
 Steven A. Junqueiro 4-15
 Daniel Ryan 4-15
 Pino Truncali 4-15
 Tom Cabrera 4-16
 Daniel R. Di Rienzo 4-23
 Sean F Mullins 4-24
 Robert A. Nunes 4-24
 James L Standart 4-25
 Robert A. Hibl 4-27

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Carole Ward 4-4
 Maria F Delgado-Braun 4-10
 Wendy Bettencourt 4-11
 Wilma Lee 4-11
 Shaundra Lopez 4-12
 Kim McDoal 4-12
 Suny Di Rienzo 4-15
 Soledad Raya 4-15
 Debbie Ryan 4-16
 Kelly Valencia 4-17
 Piedy Callahan 4-18
 Darlene Tobias 4-20
 Debbie Cavagnaro 4-21
 Theresa Junqueiro 4-23
 Melissa Hoffman 4-24
 Tonya Marmol 4-26
 Sue Gamboa 4-27

ANNIVERSARIES

Angel & Jill Martinez 4-4
 John & Eleanor Karaz 4-8
 Michael & Carlene Pardina 4-10
 Jesus & Lupe Perez 4-10
 Joe & Eva Furtado 4-11
 Brian & Lisa Porta 4-11
 Steven & Theresa Junqueiro 4-12
 Leo & Elvera Alvarez 4-14
 Henry & Francis Ficken 4-14
 Jason & Melissa Hoffman 4-14
 John & Carol Schaper 4-17
 David & Charlyn Piper 4-18
 Doublas & Olga Hibl 4-18
 Michael & Carlene Pardina 4-19
 Michael & Erin Webster 4-25
 Norbert & Heidi Mendonca 4-29
 Richard & Lisa Dwyer 4-30



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Did you attend the parish viewing of "Risen"? If so, did you notice the faith-based movies/titles in the previews? Just like that, the Lent Fish Fry events are over and done with. And all that's left is the gourmet soup night which I am hoping include a thin broth soup rather than cream based.

My wife and I enjoyed the movie "Risen" that we saw together with many of our parish members. She and I had different scenes that touched us. She said she was moved by the scene when the roman tribune first saw the risen Jesus. For me, it was when the roman tribune had a one on one conversation with Jesus on top of a plateau and looking at the starry night sky. What would you talk about if you had that one on one opportunity? I want to give a shout out to one of our own members - Chris Bengochea for the spur of the moment entertainment he provided at our last fish

fry that had an Irish theme. I got a lot of smiles walking around with that over the top green hat of mine. But Chris offered to play his accordion and do a few vocals that were not planned. But sometimes those are the best moments. And he brought the house down at the end with his rendition of "Danny Boy". I cannot recall getting so many kudos, compliments, hugs and thanks afterwards for what we the Knights do. It felt good that we provided such a positive vibe. And 63 years after his death, Hollywood is still wanting to make a movie about his life. It is interesting to note what they chose to title the movie, based on one of his gospel tunes - "I Saw The Light". Yes, Hank Williams' life is well documented in so many books and articles. His songs are still sung today. He sang about life as it happened to him, but still found something inside that came from his faith. How many of us have been down the road of sorrow but then found joy

when they turned to their faith?

I Saw The Light

By Hank Williams

***I wandered so aimless life
filed with sin***

***I wouldn't let my dear
savior in***

***Then Jesus came like a
stranger in the night***

***Praise the Lord I saw the
light***

***I saw the light, I saw the
light***

***No more darkness, no more
night***

***Now I'm so happy no
sorrow in sight***

***Praise the Lord I saw the
light***

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The Man Rules

At last a guy has taken the time to write this all down.

Finally, the guys' side of the story.

We always hear "the rules" from the female side. Now, here are the rules from the male side.

These are our rules!

Please note these are all numbered "1" ON PURPOSE!

1. Men are NOT mind readers.

1. Learn to work the toilet seat.

You're a big girl. If it's up, put it down. We need it up, you need it down.

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You don't hear us complaining about you leaving it down.

1. Sunday sports: It's like the full moon or the changing of the tides. Let it be.

1. Crying is blackmail.

1. Ask for what you want.

Let us be clear on this one:

Subtle hints do not work!

Strong hints do not work!

Obvious hints do not work!

Just say it!

1. Yes and No are perfectly acceptable answers to almost every question.

1. Come to us with a problem only if you want help solving it. That's what we do. Sympathy is what your girlfriends are for.

1. Anything we said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all comments become null and void after 7 days.

1. If you think you're fat, you probably are. Don't ask us.

Brother Knights,
I just finished a beautiful book that was gifted to me by a little St Joseph's angel I met a few years back at the Sunday night 5:30 youth mass. Her name is Birchie Hutter, and she once told me about the great love she and her husband had for each other. She shared also about their wonderful life together raising children. She also told me that her husband had appeared to her after his passing, as if in a dream only she was wide awake, sober, and of sound mind. He had a message for her not to be afraid and everything was going to be fine. She felt it was a true miracle. They had invited me to dinner, and she showed me her Catholic book collection and graciously gifted me several books. The title of the book I just finished from her collection is "Medjugorje: The Message" by Wayne Weible. Now I have Birchie Hutter to thank for opening my eyes to a possible apparition of Mary, our Mother, I really knew nothing about. If you haven't read it, I highly recommend you do. If it's not available in the St Joseph's library, you can borrow it from me! What's interesting about it is the author was a lukewarm Lutheran newspaper man, who was always looking for a story that would sell papers. He doubted all of it and had planned to report subjectively. Without revealing too much of the story, he received a message of his own from Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, that would change his

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whole life. He is tested in so many ways and also rewarded for his faith and trust for listening, trusting and believing the message. What I can tell you is that his mission has brought the rosary and Marian prayers of intercession to many Protestant brothers and sisters in Christ, and also Catholic conversions. After reading the story and what has happened to that small community in Yugoslavia and about the miracles that have happened there to pilgrims and around the world to people who have received graces, experienced miracles or have found conversion to our Catholic faith, I found myself reflecting on our own faith community we call St Joseph's Catholic Church. People come from near and far to attend our Mass schedule, we distributed 500 food baskets to feed the hungry, collected over 1000 coats to cloth the naked, average 200 in the youth group after Sunday 5:30 Mass. We have strong ministries including Mary and her Knights that show love, faith, stewardship, and hope to our community. We have been blessed with some of the most incredible priest, as we are now. Something is truly happening here, and I am so glad to be a part of it! How about you, yes? I wouldn't be surprised if this parish one day experiences its own apparition. Forgive me, I don't mean to sound proud. Believe me, I want this for every parish and everyone. Today is Palm Sunday. I have enjoyed this Lenten season and our time

together, all our wonderful parishioners, my Brother Knights and your beautiful families, the wisdom of our retirees, the growth in faith of our young adults, the laughter and joy of the children. Let us all be like them. Holy Week approaches, and it will be a busy one for everyone, reconciliation mass on Wednesday, the activities on Good Friday including the Walk for Life, and Live Stations of the Cross, all the Easter masses including the Vigil Mass and reception party for RCIA.

I know you have all been staying busy also, it shows. Birchie Hutter and her family lived in Oakdale, but they always attended St. Joseph's because for them it was home. I love the Oakdale parish, the priest with his booming voice and their beautiful sanctuary and community. I love all Catholic Churches and visiting them. But like Birchie, St Joseph's is my home. I love you all God bless you and your families!

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Well, Brothers, this is month 10 of our Columbian Year already!!

The Crab Feed is behind us. Big kudos to Mike Loschke for his leadership on that! The Fish Fry Dinners are history for one more year. Big thanks to all who participated. Now, we never want to look back, but instead look for more opportunities to raise funds to do our works of **Charity!!!**

This month I have **2 more Challenges** for YOU.

Tri Tip in the Rain:

Offer to help out somewhere: **get involved** with setup, cleanup, serving, cooking, wherever you are needed. Contact DGK Tim Keating and **VOLUNTEER!**

Spaghetti Feed to help support the local Special Olympics

This month (4/23/16) we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to, again, give you a chance to support the Special Olympic. This is a "First Annual" event. I challenge you to help make it successful, so we can give a nice donation to this worthy organization. **Will you be there?**

Al Toschi,
Chancellor
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, Brothers, and thank you all for your participation at our recent events. We're looking forward now to just a couple of events before the summer starts so look for details in this issue. On May 7th, the parish will be holding its annual *Blessings Breakfast*, an event at which we have been cooking for over the last several years. I will remind you about it at the next meeting, but please mark your calendars now. It's a Saturday morning and it starts and ends fairly early, so it isn't a big time commitment. Just before this went to press I got my copy of *Columbian Magazine* and I, like you, saw the wonderful full page spread on the Blue Mass with Father Mark and several of our brothers prominently featured. This publication goes out to millions so that's some pretty good exposure for our Council and for our Chaplain. Congratulations to all involved!



I just finished working with Grand Knight, Mike Glendon, in putting together our proposed event calendar for the next Columbian Year, which starts July 1st. In working with the parish to reserve spots for our many events, I got to see how busy the St. Joseph's Catholic Community really is and all of the things we do. It reminded me that our Council is really just one part of a large team, and it's important to continue to cooperate with the other groups and ministries. I think we do a pretty good job of that and will do my part to see that it continues. Remember, we are here to serve.

Anyway, all of the events you know and love will continue next year and be joined, hopefully, by a Parish Blood Drive, which we haven't done for some time.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the April business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

An Ethical Responsibility

In 2016, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute for the THIRD year in a row. This is a tremendous honor and achievement that all Knights should be proud of! You are part of a fraternal benefit society that puts integrity above all else. But tremendous though it is, being one of the world's most ethical companies is not just an achievement; it's our legacy and our responsibility. We won't settle for less.

We owe it to our founder, to our Church, and to our members. As a business, the Knights of Columbus holds a unique place in the world. Writing in *Columbia*, the Supreme Knight reflected on that uniqueness, noting that:

"Whether we consider the development of our insurance products, the investment strategies that support them, or the outstanding agents who make them available to our brother Knights, our Catholic fraternal 'business' model is truly unique in today's marketplace. We do not divide the world among consumers and customers, shareholders and stakeholders, union members and management. Instead, our business decisions are measured by a fraternal calculus: What is best for our Brother Knights and their families?"

There's a certain counter-culturalism inherent in this approach, which is part of what makes the label of "World's Most Ethical" so rare. "Some may say that this is a kind of idealism that cannot compete in the real world of business," the Supreme Knight continued. "On the contrary, the tremendous success we have achieved in

recent years demonstrates that our approach is the height of what I would describe as Catholic realism. We deal with real persons, not with economic abstractions. Our focus is on the person who is always worthy of respect and who always should take precedence over profit."

That focus stems from our roots. It is our responsibility to continue the business in a way that Father McGivney intended. He founded this organization so that a caring community of Catholic families could come together and protect widows and orphans from financial devastation upon the death of the bread winner. Our mission remains the same 133 years later. That's why from our founding to the present day, we are and have been an unapologetically Catholic company.

For us, this means that we must conduct our business in accordance with Catholic principles. We have established a strict screening process for our investments, and we refuse to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography. We are an organization by Brother Knights, for Brother Knights. We don't worry about stock price, shareholders, or corporate takeovers. We don't obsess over profit margins and golden parachutes. We worry about doing what's right for our members and their families. After all, we're Brother Knights too.

We receive rigorous training and are held them to the highest ethical standards. Our Agent Code of Ethics is modeled after the Ten Commandments. Among its commandments is "Thou shall present, honestly and accurately, all the facts necessary to enable a

member to make an informed decision."

"Our fraternal ties to our members," it goes on to say, "make it more incumbent on us, in our dealings with them, to assure that their interests are uppermost in our minds as we provide solutions to their financial needs. It all boils down simply to the golden rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." After all, we are our brother's keeper.

That's our commitment to you. And that's our commitment to conducting our business in line with Church teaching, and in line with the vision of our holy founder.

We are honored that the Ethisphere Institute has yet again acknowledged that commitment. It is what makes doing business with the Knights of Columbus truly different. Let's talk soon to see how the Knights of Columbus can help protect you and your family.

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