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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Brother Knights,
The Dog Days of Summer are upon us. It's a time for families to get together or take a vacation and enjoy the long hot days. For the Officers of the Council, it's a little different as we scramble to put a budget together for our Columbian year. We're also looking for chair people to lead our events. This means, while not required, it's a good idea to attend the next two consecutive meetings to have your voice heard on the budget and how we should distribute our monies. This year we have had two Brothers step up with charitable suggestions that are near and dear to them. They of course need to be published and approved by Council. All members should attend this meeting, if possible. If you don't agree with the direction that we take, your voice needs to be heard. I would love to see more than 30-35 Brothers to make these important decisions. When you joined

the Knights, I hope you joined for some of the same reasons I did. It was to be around like-minded gentlemen who want to give back to our community and help the less fortunate. Now I'll get back off my soapbox to get to the business of our past month. The fireworks booth was very successful this year and while the total numbers for the event are not in yet, Ed Gamboa said we were up from the previous year. I would like to thank Ed Gamboa, Joey Rodrigues (Co-Chairs), Richard Braun, Don Reed, John Martinez, John McCave, John Sablan, Angel Martinez, and Steve Michaels and all the World Youth Day pilgrims for their dedication to this event. This event helps fund the pilgrims' trip to World Youth Day in Poland next year and our scholarship program. Also I'm proud to have had John Rodriguez join other Brother Knights and run with the torch for the World



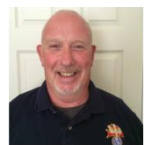
Special Olympics in Los Angeles. You can see a photo of him with the torch in his hands on our Facebook page. I'll look forward to John sharing his experience at our next meeting.

This upcoming month is a quiet month as far as social events go, so I look forward to seeing you at church or our next business meeting. Please, bring a long lost Brother with you and get involved. Continue to pray for our priests and Catholics that are persecuted throughout the world. God bless you and your families!

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15th of each month.

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Next Meeting

Date: 8/4/2015

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. We need you and your ideas.

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

The task of the Knights is to be lights in our community; hence the name of your newsletter, the "Knight Light." We are men. We are not children who are afraid of the dark (We don't need that kind of "night light!") As Catholic men in our modern world and, as Knights of Columbus, we need to spread the light of Gospel truth. We know that "it is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

There is plenty of darkness in modern society. But we must be optimistic and provide hope and joy and enthusiastic leadership for our families and our community.

It is easy to see what happens when there is a lack of good male leadership in family life. When there are bad men, the result is bad marriages, broken homes, divorce, delinquent children and domestic violence. The recent Village I tragedy here in Modesto is causing us all to reconsider the importance of improving our marriages and exposing domestic violence.

It is very timely that Pope Francis will be coming to the United States next month to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. Our country at this time needs this celebration and this reflection on the importance of marriage and family life. The preparatory catechesis for this event is entitled "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive." Clearly our task is to promote love and life. Our task is to ensure that there is love in our families so that they can be fully alive, and protected from the evil forces of death. The message to the world of this World Meeting of Families is that family life is the answer.

In the document there is a quotation from Pope Francis who says that we must be good men like St. Joseph:

"Joseph was a man who always listened to the voice of God, he was deeply sensitive to his secret will, he was a man attentive to the messages that came to him from the depths of his heart and from on high. He did not persist in following his own plan for his life, he did not allow bitterness to poison his soul; rather, he was

ready to make himself available to the news that, in a such a bewildering way, was being presented to him. And thus, he was a good man. He did not hate, and he did not allow bitterness to poison his soul.... And Joseph thereby became even freer and greater. By accepting himself according to God's design, Joseph fully finds himself, beyond himself. His freedom to renounce even what is his ... and his full interior availability to the will of God challenges us and shows us the way." (Angelus 12-22-13)

Sincerely,

**Father
Mark Wagner
Chaplain and Pastor
St. Joseph's
Catholic Church**



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Jack Adams; Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Roberto de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family; John Karaz; the Keating family; Steve Loschke; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Sam Moraca and his wife, Carol-Lynn; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Leonard Churilla and his wife,

Belen; Loy Sagrado; Erik Jimenez; and Dave Tacchinni.

Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Kay Elson, wife of Dick Elson; Jeanne and Ronald Kramer, the mother and brother of Ken Kramer; Mary Anne Hankey, the sister of Ken Kramer; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael;

Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

**Sunshine Committee Chair
John McCave PGK**

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or prayers@kofc10644.com



~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	4 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall St. John Vianney	5	6 Transfiguration	7	8
9	10	11 St. Clare of Assisi	12	13	14 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass Death of Ven. Michael McGivney St. Maximilian Kolbe	15 Assumption of our Blessed Mother
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Queenship of Mary
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	Notes:				

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

James W England 8/1
 Victor S Mayoral 8/1
 Marc D. Serpa 8/1
 Thomas R. Morton 8/3
 Raul Raya 8/3
 Jeff R Smith 8/6
 Thomas G. Washburn 8/6
 John L Gorman III PGK 8/10
 William G. Slayter III 8/11
 John P. Walsh 8/14
 Ramon O. Ramirez 8/15
 William M. Bradford 8/17
 Donald C. Cavagnaro 8/17
 Pellegrino Scarpinati 8/17
 Kent A Marlett 8/19
 Scott J. Nunes 8/19
 Gregorio Scoto 8/19
 Robert E. Poncini 8/21
 Timothy J Keating 8/22
 Eddie A. Marmol 8/22
 Gary E Humphreys 8/26
 Michael A. Vigil 8/26
 Robert P. Perry 8/27
 Juan M. Jimenez 8/31

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Karen Hough 8/4
 Carol Schaper 8/4
 Grace DeCaro 8/6
 Laura Harker 8/6
 Mary Mullins 8/6
 Beka Wunschel 8/11
 Betty Nunes 8/13
 Kathy Reis 8/20
 Janice Landeros 8/21
 Toni Povio 8/21
 Pam Dinubilo 8/23
 Mary Adams 8/25
 Teresa Peterson 8/25
 Kathy Glendon 8/27
 Carrie Loschke 8/28
 Noemi Junqueiro 8/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Michele Nielsen 8/6
 Roy & Debora McKenzie 8/7
 Jose & Jacqueline Nunez 8/8
 Scott & Michelle Nunes 8/8
 Oren & Judy Tuss 8/11
 Roger & Anne Missall 8/12
 Julian & Lucille Ortiz 8/13
 Alex & Cindy Trujillo 8/17
 Adrian & Priscilla Pino 8/21
 David & Angie Castro 8/24
 Stephen & Barbara Guzman 8/24
 Timothy & Janice Keating 8/27
 Alfonso & Judy Chavez 8/30
 Kent & Laura Harker 8/31
 Miguel & Glafira Villalobos 8/31



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers,

A few more years ago than I care to admit, a news commentator would open up his 15 minute noon radio show with "Hello Americans, this is Paul Harvey, stand by for news!" Along with that thought, Brother Knights, stand by for a look at our Council's roots!

A few of the brothers and I were discussing the budget for the coming year. I won't bore you with all the nitty-gritty mind numbing details, but a discussion about one of the line items got me to put on my tenacious researcher mode I often find myself in when I do my country music research. The line item read "K. Stedfeld Scholarship Fund." No one in the room seemed to know what it was, but Brother Tim Keating mentioned that he was our original Financial Secretary. Since I have the original books of the meetings from our roots, I verified that. The "K" was for Kenneth. Browsing the history of our Council through those meeting notes, I found that Ken passed away in August of 1995. But I wanted that extra piece of information that one sometimes finds in the obituaries that are

written. But my online searches were not fruitful.

So, here it is Saturday morning and our newsletter editor is ever so patiently waiting for my article. I went downtown to our local library and sat down to view some old Modesto Bee microfilm. Ken's obituary was published on August 30, 1995. The obituary tells us he was a native of Burley, Idaho. He lived in Modesto for eight years and mentions his position with our council. The last paragraph tells us "...Remembrances may be made to the Kenneth L. Stedfeld Sr. Scholarship Fund, Knights of Columbus..."

Our budget has had his name spelled wrong for years, and perhaps the meeting minutes never were corrected.

Late in 1995, Michael Grodt was appointed to the position of Financial Secretary, a position he held for many years.

Our Council was first "born" on June 20, 1991. That means next year will be our 25th anniversary as a Council. It is little things like this discussion that arose that we should remember the "roots of our raising" before we lose the history. Thankfully notes were saved. A California native, Merle Haggard,

wrote a song called "Roots of My Raising" in which the chorus goes like this:

"The roots of my raising run deep.

I come back for the strength that I need.

And hope comes no matter how far down I sink.

The roots of my raising run deep"

We should never forget our roots as a Council and our faith run deep.

And as Paul Harvey would wrap up one of his other shows, now you know "The Rest of the Story."

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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JOKES PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PGK JOHN GORMAN'S RECOVERY

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat at least a hundred feet into the air. It then opened its mouth waiting below to swallow them both.

As the man sailed head over heels and started to fall towards the open jaws of the ferocious beast he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

Suddenly, the scene froze in place and as the atheist hung in midair a booming voice came out of the clouds and said, "I thought you didn't believe in Me!"

"God, come on, give me a break!" the man pleaded, "Just seconds ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

"Well," said God, "now that you are a believer you must understand that I won't work miracles to snatch you from certain death in the jaws of the monster, but I can change hearts.

What would you have me do?" The atheist thinks for a minute then says, "God, please have the Loch Ness Monster believe in You also."

God replies, "So be it."

The scene starts in motion again with the atheist falling towards the ravenous jaws of the monster. The Loch Ness Monster folds his claws together and says, "Bless us, oh Lord, in these thy gifts, which we are about to receive....."

LECTURER'S NOTES

Brother Knights,
We have made it to August. I have not gone to daily mass now for over a week. I'm not sure why. Maybe because I needed to miss it? Guess what. It worked. I miss our parish priests and our sacraments and the beauty of the mass. That reminds me: I'm also overdue for confession. Yes, already! Or at least that is how I feel. I've noticed that the daily readings are very short this week. I would like to share today's, which gave me great peace this morning. Mathew, chapter 11 verses 28-30

"Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Wow! Let's unpack that "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden." How do we come to him? We do in so many different ways. But that first sentence was such a reminder to me to first trust in him, to be in thanksgiving for all things, and to be in constant prayer throughout the day. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me." Takes me back to that first degree. Instruction is there in the mass in daily

readings, in our quite time of listening for the Lord, through our prayer and reflections.

"For I am gentle and lowly in heart." That reminds me of Father Mark's description: the Lord came as a squishy little baby. I mean what could be stranger than God in a manger, a feeding trough. And in His weakness, He was strong. We are closer to Him in our weakness (being humble). "And you will find rest for your souls." Don't we sleep so much easier after a nice bottle of water and the rosary or some prayer time before bed? If not, please try it, it works.

"For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Yes, His yoke is easy. Easy on us that is, and His burdens on us are light, While He carry's the weight of the whole world and never tires or becomes weary. Can you imagine? There is a lot going on in those short 3 verses. I imagine Father Michael J McGivney, Father Pappy McMannis, Father Kennedy, Father O'Hare, Father John Foster, Father Illo, Father Jesue, Father Larry, Father Camillo, Father Peter, Father Hamilton, Father Francis, and Father Mark could all unpack it even more! These are my reflections this day. I am thankful for all our parish priest, for the

priesthood, for our Catholic churches throughout the world, for my Brother Knights, and for our fellowship and fraternity started by a humble parish priest. My Brothers, continue in your greatness to do the next right thing. God bless you, Brothers. I love you all!

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Let me start by introducing myself to those of you who I have not yet had the opportunity to meet. I am this year's Chancellor. My name is Al Toschi. I have been a Knight at St. Joseph's Council 10644 since 1994.

As an officer of the Council, there are a few goals that we are trying to meet over this next year. Being a brother in a group of over 300 great men, I am looking for a few willing volunteers to help meet these goals. You may have special talents that you would like to "donate" to the Council that will make your membership more fulfilling & fun and that will keep our Council as one of the best in the State!

Over the upcoming Columbian Year, I will

be challenging you to get involved in an activity that you might find quite rewarding and usually enjoyable.

This month (and until filled) I am looking for 'a few good men' to become First Degree Team members.

First Degree Team: Over the last couple of years we have lost several of our key team members. In order to make a good 'first impression' as to the excellence of our Council to new members (from our parish as well as others) we need a long term commitment of First Degree Team members and backups. This will challenge you to memorize a short part (that is really not hard) and to attend 4 ~ 6 exemplifications per year, which are usually conducted at a regular business meeting. That is a total of only about 12 hours per year! Come put your best foot forward and make your

Council's First Degree Team one of the best, again!

I look forward to hearing your acceptance of this challenge.

Al Toschi,
Chancellor
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

How do you react when you see someone who is dressed shabbily? I came across a story the other day that got me thinking anew about not judging someone by their appearance.

A lady in a faded dress and her husband, dressed in a threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston and walked to Harvard University. When they entered the president's outer office without an appointment, the secretary quickly sized them up and decided they had no business at Harvard. She frowned.

"We want to see the president," the man said softly.

"He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped.

"We'll wait," the lady replied. For hours, the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't. The secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the president.

"Maybe if they just see you for a few minutes, they'll leave," she told him. And he sighed in exasperation and waved them in.

Greeting the stern faced president behind his desk, the lady told him, "We had a son that attended Harvard for one year. He was happy here but about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him,

somewhere on campus". The president wasn't touched.

"Madam," he said gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery."

"Oh, no," the lady explained quickly, "we don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to donate a building to Harvard."

The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the faded gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars' worth of buildings here at Harvard." For a moment the lady was silent.

The president was pleased. He could get rid of them now.

The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, "Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don't we just start our own?" Her husband nodded. The president's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about!

While the story may not be completely accurate, it does

give you something to think about.

It was good to see a positive turnout at our last meeting and to see some faces we haven't seen for a while. For those of you who couldn't make it, please consider my challenge to attend the upcoming meeting on August 4th at 7:00 PM in Fr. O'Hare Hall. We've got important budget business to discuss as well as event related discussions.

I also want to send out thanks to some Brothers who have accepted to call to chair some events this year. Brother Larry Kjellberg (our Worthy Warden) will be chairing the Tootsie-Roll Drive in October. He will need the assistance of site captains, so please sign up to help. You can reach him at warden@kofc10644.com. Grand Knight Mike Glendon will be heading up the Blue Mass, a very important event held every January where we honor and offer prayers for our local first responders.

Sincerely yours,

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Helping Our Families

Prepare

Tempus fugit memento mori – times flies, remember death. The phrase, we are told, is to remind us to be conscious of our own mortality and to plan accordingly. As Catholics, we keep death always in the front of our minds because it is the gateway to paradise, but also because we want to be sure that we are preparing accordingly and living just lives, conquering sin and living for God, so that we may live with Him after death. But death is not always easy to think about. While we live with Christian hope, we know that our death also means sadness and trial for those we love. We know that we will leave a void, and, depending on the circumstances of our own death, we may even leave loose ends.

But by thinking about the unthinkable, and planning for the inevitable, we may be able to reduce those trials and tie up some of those loose ends.

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- Write a letter expressing your wishes to your pastor

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wishes for the benefit of your loved ones. This great resource is another extension of our founding mission, set forth by Father Michael J. McGivney, of protecting Catholic families. As pointed as it may seem, *tempus fugit memento mori* reminds us that we – with certainty – will die, but that we may very well not – with certainty – know when. So why not spend a few minutes preparing for the inevitable? You'll have the comfort of knowing that you did the right thing, and the assurance that, when that time does come, you will have made a very difficult time just a little bit easier for the ones you love. To get a complimentary copy of the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*, contact me today.

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