



## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

**SAME OLD STORY!?!?**  
*A young and successful executive was traveling down a neighborhood street, going a bit too fast in his new Jaguar. He was watching for kids darting out from between parked cars and slowed down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no children appeared. Instead, a brick smashed into the jag's side door!  
He slammed on the brakes and backed the jag back to the spot where the brick had been thrown. The angry driver then jumped out of the car, grabbed the nearest kid and pushed him up against a parked car shouting, "What was that all about and who are you? Just what the heck are you doing? That's a new car and that brick you threw is going to cost a lot of money. Why did you do it?"  
The young boy was apologetic. "Please, mister...please, I'm sorry but I didn't know what else to do," He pleaded. "I threw the brick because no one else would stop."  
With tears dripping down his face and off his chin, the youth pointed to a spot just around a parked car. "It's my brother," he said. "He rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up."  
Now sobbing, the boy asked the stunned executive, "Would you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He's hurt and he's too heavy for me."  
Moved beyond words, the driver tried to swallow the*

*rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the handicapped boy back into the wheelchair, then took out a linen handkerchief and dabbed at the fresh scrapes and cuts. A quick look told him everything was going to be okay.  
"Thank you and may God bless you," the grateful child told the stranger.  
Too shook up for words, the man simply watched the boy push his wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk toward their home. It was a long, slow walk back to the jaguar. The damage was very noticeable, but the driver never bothered to repair the dented side door. He kept the dent there to remind him of this message:  
**"Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention!"**  
This story is from a Grand Knight's article from over 3 years ago. Is it still pertinent today?  
As recently as last month, I felt like that little boy, throwing out "bricks" looking for a chairman and volunteers to help out in the Fireworks Booth. My faith in this Council was restored when "a few good men" came forward to save this event and to make it the most successful to date!  
**THANK YOU:** Tim Keating, Cliff Judd, Frank Holmes, Don Cavagnero, Steve Michael, Dodge Hendee, Steve Tubbs, Sam Moraca, Marty Reis, Ed Gamboa, John Karaz, Daniel Hernandez, and especially Josey Samson and Brandon Harker who made this event possible!*

However, that's 15 men out of 300 (5%) doing the work of what should have been 40 or more! This was one of our Council's biggest fund raisers (that generate the revenues we use to support our local charitable organizations) and it is my hope and expectation that significantly more brothers will "stop going through life so fast," step up to volunteer to shoulder the work of this Council.  
Other major fund raisers we have coming up include the "Tootsie Roll Drive" (10/14/17); the Crab Feed & Auction (1/20/18); the Lenten Fish Fry Dinners (2/16/18-3/16/18); etc. Each will require your help to be successful. Will you be an "active" Knight?  
We also need chairmen and/or helpers to work with the Deputy Grand Knight as Programs Directors for the following programs: Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family, Youth, Membership & Retention, and Phone Tree. Guides will be provided for these programs and activities. Please look these over, see what appeals to you and volunteer.  
Respectfully submitted,  
**Al Toschi,**  
**Grand Knight**



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on August 1st at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

August 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 PM Business Meeting in Father O'Hare Hall	2	3	4	5
6	7 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Room of St. JP2 Center	8	9	10	11 5:45 PM Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of the Council	12
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## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

James England 8/1  
 Victor S. Mayoral 8/1  
 Marc Serpa 8/1  
 Yuhanna Aboona 8/3  
 Thomas Morton 8/3  
 Raul Raya 8/3  
 Cameron Menezes 8/4  
 Thomas Washburn 8/6  
 John Gorman III 8/10  
 Dodge Hendee 8/10  
 William Slayter III 8/11  
 John Walsh 8/14  
 Ramon Ramirez 8/15  
 William Bradford 8/17  
 Donald Cavagnaro 8/17  
 Pellegrino Scarpinati 8/17  
 Kent Marlett 8/19  
 Scott Nunes 8/19  
 Gregorio Scoto 8/19  
 Robert Poncini 8/21  
 Timothy Keating 8/22  
 Eddie Marmol 8/22  
 Joseph McDonald 8/22  
 Gary Humphreys 8/26  
 Michael Vigil 8/26  
 Gabriel Salome 8/27  
 Juan Jimenez 8/31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Karen Hough 8/4  
 Gloria Ortega 8/4  
 Carol Schaper 8/4  
 Grace DeCaro 8/6  
 Laura Harker 8/6  
 Mary Mullins 8/6  
 Joyce Volonte 8/8  
 Beka Wunschel 8/11  
 Betty Nunes 8/13  
 Kathy Reis 8/20  
 Toni Povio 8/21  
 Rachel Marmol 8/22  
 Pam Dinubilo 8/23  
 Teresa Peterson 8/25  
 Kathy Glendon 8/27  
 Carrie Loschke 8/28  
 Colleen Hazy 8/29  
 Noemi Junqueiro 8/29

### Anniversaries

Richard & Joyce Volonte 8/2  
 Michael & Michele Nielsen 8/6  
 Roy & Debora McKenzie 8/7  
 Scott & Michelle Nunes 8/8  
 Jose & Jacqueline Nunez 8/8  
 Oren & Judy Tuss 8/11  
 Roger & Anne Missall 8/12  
 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

You are a member, are you not? Are you doing what a member should be doing? Or have you changed your mind but forgot to let us know?

This month is interesting, as we had a late July meeting; and that does not leave us much time to get the next newsletter out, as it is literally on the first of August!

We kicked out the old officers and swore in the new ones. Were you there to enjoy the short meeting?

The beginning of July is traditionally when we start receiving "per capita" billings from the Supreme Council back east, the California State Council, and our local San Joaquin Chapter. They "bill" us for all members on our roster, no matter if that member is current or not.

We are in the midst of trying to bring some of our brothers back into the fold with the formation of a Retention Committee. Yes, we mean RETENTION. Not DETENTION. I have been in this position long enough to know that the lives of our brothers change and force choices in their budgets.

But remember one thing, you are a BROTHER. You are a member of our FAMILY. We want to keep you in our FAMILY.

Invitations were sent to a large group of Brothers who are First Degree members to attend the 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies at Holy Family on July 29. I am hopeful those invitations stirred some thought of getting involved again. If you were one of those who got the invite, but for whatever reason do not feel the ener-

gy to become engaged again with the Knights, let me know. It would help us understand what causes our Brothers to turn away and become a non-participating member.

I know some of you who are behind in paying your dues still keep in touch by reading our newsletter or answering/listening to the robo-calls. Let me know what is the obstacle for you to be a Knight that shows "dues are current".

God blessed our council these past 25 years; my prayer is that we can collectively continue to nurture that blessing.

**Financial Secretary,  
Dave Sichak**

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# FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights, August will probably be another month of stifling heat under the hot sun. There are even fires in the hills above our valley! The only relief will be a partial eclipse of the sun on August 21 from 9-11 AM. Enjoy!



I am considering traveling to Bend, Oregon to see this eclipse as a TOTAL solar eclipse. I would have to drive 10 ½ hours through the Nevada desert to enjoy a two-minute total eclipse. But I think it would be worth it. I welcome anyone who wants to join me (and help drive!) If you stay in California, you can see the partial eclipse by using special safety glasses. Another way to “see” a partial eclipse is to punch a

small pinhole through the end of a shoe box. When light from the eclipsed sun passes through the pinhole it projects a crescent-shape onto the opposite end of the shoe-box. Regardless of the exact shape of the small pinhole, the projected image will show that the eclipsed sun has a crescent moon shape during an eclipse.

You can see the same thing just by standing underneath a shade tree during an eclipse. There are always a dozens of little rays of sunlight that are able to pass between the leaves and hit the ground under the tree. Normally these patches of light under the tree are shaped like little round circles. This is because the sun is round. Regardless of the exact shape of the tiny spaces between the leaves, the light that passes through creates dozens of tiny round circles of light on the ground. During a partial eclipse, however, the light through the trees creates dozens of tiny crescent shapes on the ground under the

tree! Check it out on Monday morning, August 21!

I never get tired of speaking about the fact that this year, 2017 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. In the month of August, 1917, the children of Fatima were not able to see the vision of Our Lady on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month as they had on precious months. This is because the three children were kidnapped and detained by local authorities who did not believe in the apparitions. Lucia and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta were arrested and cruelly threatened by a local government leader who was a Freemason and a fanatical anti-Catholic. The governor had them interrogated separately, but the children would not change their story. He threatened to kill them and in their presence he gave an order that a large pot of oil be heated to boiling so that the children could be thrown into it if they did not cooperate. The children still did not deny their story, not even to

## JOHN'S JOKES

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

“One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me,” said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, “One for you, one for me, one for you, One for me...”

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

“Come here quick,” said the boy, “you won’t believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cem-

etry dividing up the souls!”

The man said, “Beat it kid, can’t you see it’s hard for me to walk.” When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, “One for you, one for me. One for you, One for me.”

The old man whispered, “Boy, you’ve been tellin’ me the truth. Let’s see if we can see the Lord...”

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, “One for you, one for me. That’s all. Now let’s go get those nuts by the fence and we’ll be done....”

They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him.

# FATHER MARK CONTINUED

save their own lives. Brave little Jacinta said "I'd rather die." The governor gave the order that they be sent out to be boiled in oil. The youngest Jacinta was sent out of the room first, and then Francisco. Seeing her cousins taken away, Lucia truly believed that they were being oiled in oil. But none of the children ever denied their story. The children were relieved when they were reunited with each other alive and eventually released.

We can only wish that we who are grown men and Knights of Columbus would be equally brave if we were imprisoned, interrogated and threatened with torture! Would we remain cool in such a trial by fire?

After the children were released they did see an apparition of Our Lady on August 19, while they were feeding their sheep in a place called Valinhos. As usual, Lucia spoke: "*What do you want from me?*" Our Lady responded: "***I want you to continue to go to the Cova da Iria on the 13th, that you continue to say the Rosary every day. I, in the last month will make the miracle that all will believe.***" Then with a sadder appearance told them: "***Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for the sinners. You know that many souls go the hell because there is none who pray for them.***"

The miracle that Our Lady promised was of course the

great miracle of the sun which occurred on October 13, 1917 in the presence of 70,000 witnesses. The crowds were terrified when they saw the sun spin and dance and seem to fall from the sky.

The summer sun is hot and oppressive. But for those of us who have faith, it can remind us of God's love and power and prodigious miracles. We do not need to be afraid of the blazing wrath of God if we have the innocence of children and the protection of the Queen of Heaven!

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



## **Special Assistance Needed:**

As most of you know, I'm an attorney handling wills, trusts and estates. I have had a member of our parish approach me. She is a widow, new to the area and does not know anyone. She has a daughter who has special needs and receives public assistance. She doesn't have much, but if she passes she wants what she has to go to her daughter.

Since her daughter is receiving public aid, she can't receive the inheritance directly. I've offered to create a will for them with a special needs trust that would hold the money and use it for the daughters benefit to supplement the government payments as long as it lasts. The daughter can't receive the money directly nor control it. There has to be a third-party "trustee" who manages the money for her. There's not a lot of money involved, and the work would be pretty straightforward. Instead of giving money to her as she needs it, you would pay vendors or other persons directly for services or goods. I will offer my advice and direction to the trustee at no cost. But I can't be the trustee if I write the will.

I need a volunteer. If you're interested call me at 209-548-4000 and discuss it with me.

**John Gorman III**

# LECTOR'S MESSAGE

I first have to thank my editor for putting up with me being late! Many times I've been making excuses, etc. for not doing part of my job as Lector. As you all know being Lector and writing for the newsletter is a high paid privilege. I know many of you would like this position. But, no I'm going to hoard it for at least one more year! So, don't even think about it. I have been told over and over by many of you that you actually read my articles. I have had many nice comments like: "I really liked what you did with that last article, it really came full circle." Or: "It was just what I needed to hear when I read it. Thank you." These kind of statements really inspire me. That's what I recommend we all do for our wives, girlfriends, family, children, fellow Knights and parishioners, coworkers and our Christian and non-Christian brothers and sisters, for all! Encouragement is good.

Father Leo always says, "Desire to inspire before you expire!" I love our priests. That brings me to a particular Saturday night mass. When I walked through the door, I was met by a certain fellow Knight, a greeter doing God's work with that big smile. He greeted me all right he said, "Hey, Stephen, I really loved your last article. It brought me to tears." That was one of those statements that really touched me. I mean my eyes started to well just a little. I almost teared. I said: "Really, because I'm always wondering if I deserve this 'pay check'? Am I even relevant? Doubt, you know that other fella, says I'm not. I said "Which article again was that?"

He said: "Well it wasn't last month's!" And I said: "Ooooooooooh yeah I didn't write one last month. Oops!" But for those of you who actually care, I'm really sorry. I mean no excuses, but my dog crawled inside my computer and ate my rough draft true story! And confession hours are 5 to 5:30 Monday thru Thursday, 6:30 on Friday and 8-9 and 4:30 to 5:30 on Saturdays. How do I know? I just do. And I read the bulletin.

I told you about our new Knight, Duarte Bento, and how we both have been reading the book we all received for free by Mathew Kelly "Resisting Happiness." Mathew joked in his book that he never took a pen and paper to church to take notes, because the priest never said anything worth remembering. Duarte had mentioned to

me that he started taking notes after reading that. I said "That's exactly what I planned on doing after reading that but had not."

I've been doing that since Duarte and I talked, even at daily mass. Mathew suggested it might only be one word or one sentence that you write down. It may be a half hour later or two days or two weeks before you reflect or review it. When you do it takes you back to the Word of the Lord. I have to say he's right!

Here are some examples of my notes: "07/9/17 Father Leo. Response: I will praise your name forever my king and my God. Homily: Gratitude is attitude. God is not a bank: every time you want cash, it's there! God is a ATM, which stands for 'Always Truthful and Mindful of our prayers.' God is always inviting us to pray. Prayer is not asking God for what we want, but praying in thanks giving asking god what he wants 'Lord what is your will.'"

These are not exact quotes from Father's homily but rather my scribbled notes. I think you can see though how helpful it can be to retain or refer to for a moment of reflection at any time. I have several small pocket sized note pads I purchased at the Dollar Store. I have already filled two with notes from Fathers Mark, Sekar and Leo. They have been great reflections.

See you all at the next meeting; please come! Remember, encourage and love all! Father Illo used to say: "Give them heaven, Stephen!" Continue in your greatness! God bless you all and your beautiful families. I love you all very much.

**Stephen Michael  
Lector**



# INSURANCE REPORT

## ***Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not***

You are never too young or too old to consider purchasing life insurance. If you have a financial need for coverage, or will in the future, a permanent life insurance policy can be just the thing you need.

When you are young and presumably healthy, coverage will be very inexpensive when compared to purchasing the same policies when you are older.

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*“Whether you’re 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family.”*

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If you’ve put off purchasing coverage, or you realize that you may need additional insurance, the Order may still be able to help you, even if other companies cannot. In fact, in 2012, the issue age of our permanent life insurance products was extended to age 80, and in 2014, the issue age of our term insurance was extended to age 70. Naturally, your health, and whether or not you smoke, will be taken into consideration, so underwriting standards for risk and age apply. But, the extensions are a great blessing for me – and it could be for you too. Now an agebn can help members that they couldn’t help before. Are you or one of your brother knights one of those members?

Whether you’re 18 or 80, the Knights of Columbus has products that will work for you and your family. Contact an agent to discussing coverage with you by calling 559-840-3295.

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