



# Knight Light Newsletter

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights, First off, it is a pleasure to be a part of the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph's Council #10644 and having the opportunity to be a brother with each of you. I am excited to be your Grand Knight for this 2019– 2020 Columbian year. I will do everything to represent our council and work with my fellow brothers elected as officers to manage our council and lead us to make good decisions for our council, parish and community.

Some goals I have set:

1. We would like to plan all events by September 2019. And have all the Chairman's in place and ready to host the events.
2. Get hold of my brothers that have already joined our council in the past 3 years and have not been attending our meetings and see what we can do to have you rejoin your council and attend our monthly meetings. And if you are not current with our council, we wish to see what we can do to help you become current.
3. Reach out to all brothers and invite you to a special event on October 18th, 2019. And to make sure you attend so that we may get a chance to meet you in person while we enjoy a catered BBQ and together discuss our council's

future needs (we will have more information about this event in August).

4. Plan with our officer's and discuss what direction we should take to grow our membership, make financial decisions for our council and plan to have a family event in 2020. We want to meet with your family and have a special event to just hang out. (we hope to have more details and make an announcement on February 2020).

Looking ahead for the next 3 months, we have the following happening:

1. **Annual Parish Clean-Up Day:** They need brother Knights to volunteer our time and help with the clean up on Saturday August 3rd. We would be helping with various projects to clean and refresh the buildings and grounds. If you can volunteer please be there at 8:00 am to begin with the daily mass and after mass they would like to use your hands during the day until around 2pm. Free BBQ will be provided for all the volunteers. Don't forget your work gloves.
2. **Parish Festival September 6- 8.** We will be hosting our food booth with our usual sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs during the 3 days. We will have a sign-up sheet at our August meeting to seek your support and help. We will also have a Chicken BBQ at the festival for our guests to enjoy a meal on Sunday

from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We need volunteers to cook the chicken and prepare side dishes for this family event at the festival. Please talk to your Grand Knight to offer your help.

3. **Tootsie Roll Drive** (October 2019) We need to start planning this event and need a host. If you are interested in becoming a host, please let me know.

Thank You Brothers, God willing we will see you Tuesday August 6th for our next meeting.

Vivat Jesus!  
**Tim Matalone,**  
**Grand Knight**

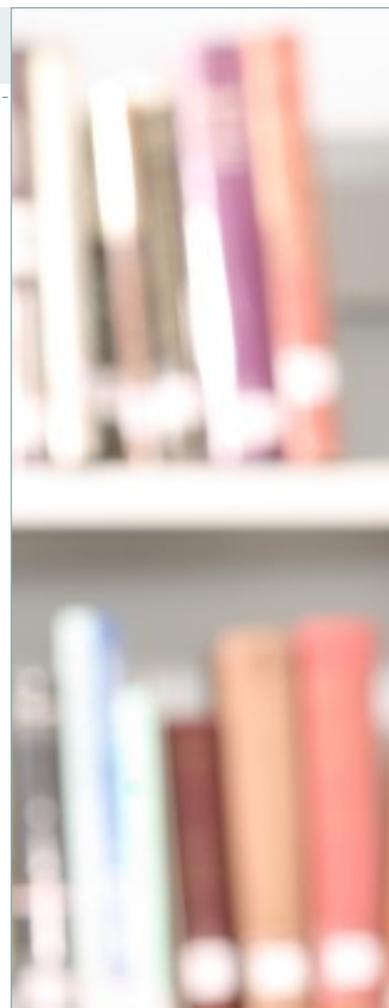


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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Tuesday business meeting will start at 6:45pm to hand out the Scholarships. Don't forget to bring a Brother with you.



<b>August 2019</b>						
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
				1	2	3 <b>Parish Clean-Up 8am-2pm</b>
4	5 <b>6:30 PM Officers' Meeting</b>	6 <b>6:45pm Scholar- ship awards. 7pm Council- Meeting</b>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 <b>The As- sumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

**We are still searching for a new Financial Secretary. God willing we will soon find the right brother for the tough job. If you are interested, you must be a 2nd and 3rd degree Knight. If so, please contact our Grand Knight Timothy Matalone @209-484-5509. Thank You Brothers**



## JOHN'S JOKES



The two criminal masterminds planned their heist carefully. They knew the courier would have a suitcase full of cash. They waited for his car to pass, then pursued him at high speed, shooting at the vehicle until the courier was forced to pull over.

Armed robbers made grabbed the suitcase full of cash and fled the scene. Back at their secret hideout, the bandits prepared to force the locks and spring the cash. That's when they noticed their plan had gone horribly wrong; instead of taking the money, they made off with a first aid kit.

Police spokesman Johann Steinlitz said, 'If there was an award for the dumbest crooks they would certainly be in the running'.



Travel Office Customer: 'I've been ringing 0700 2300 for two days and can't get through to enquiries, can you help?'. *Operator: 'Where did you get that number from, sir?'* Customer: 'It was on the door to the Travel Center'. *Operator: 'Sir, 0700 2300 is our opening hours'.*

# PRAYER MESSAGE

**Pope Francis Prayer Request For August:  
Families, Schools of Human Growth  
That families, through their life of prayer and  
love, become ever more clearly "schools of  
true human growth".**

*Do you really Love Me? Then come visit me in front of The Blessed Sacrament. Take advantage of your short time here on Earth. Do the things that will take you to Eternal Life. Please Just Visit Me!*

*Come to Me frequently in front of The Blessed Sacrament, especially when you are hurt because of worrying, fear, anxiety, pain and suffering of any kind. Attend Mass and receive My Holy Communion frequently. Pray more and pray the Rosary. Get to know me better so I can help you carry your cross in a better way.*

"My Jesus, at this moment I cannot receive you in Holy Communion, come to me spiritually and make me yours forever". Jesus in the Holy Sacrament, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Amen.

Brothers, join us on Monday mornings from 11-12 PM or Thursdays from 8-9 PM all are welcomed to join us at either or both these times. Please, wear your Knight Gear.

If you or a family member have fallen ill in the hospital, a care home, or your own home. We encourage you to contact our Knights Prayer Group and we will gladly visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer. Or if you just need a prayer, or an email "blast" don't hesitate to contact us at [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com) with your name, phone num-

ber and your prayer request. Or you may call Brother Everardo's cell phone at (661)421-6712.

God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to contact your Knights Prayer Group. If you hear God's calling and would like to join our Prayer Group, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. We are open to all our Brother Knights from Council #10644. Please spread the word to our fellow Brothers and family members. Don't forget to pick up a business card with our information to keep in your wallet. The cards are located in the cash box with Brother Cliff or Brother Everardo has them on hand.

## **Monthly Prayer Requests:**

Brother Cliff Judd, Bishop Steven Blaire (RIP). PGK Jim Gallaspy, Brother Ed Gamboa's Wife Sue, Brother Dave Sichak, District Deputy Charleston Leek, Brother John Gorman, Brother Steven's uncle PGK Ted Escoto (from Santa Clara Council), End to Abortion, Families and Marriages.

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)

## **Everardo Ramirez,**

### **Recorder**



# MESSAGE FROM FATHER MARK

Dear Brother  
Knights,

At the beginning of the month of July, there also began a new era in the Knights of Columbus in which the fourth degree members no longer wear the traditional ceremonial feathered hat but instead wear the military-style beret. I am partial to the beret. Ever since I first saw the images of Knights wearing the new hats, I have been recalling my childhood fascination with the Green Berets. Perhaps if I was not a priest, I would have become a Green Beret. I think the seminary was an easier path.

“Green Berets” is simply the nickname for the “U.S. Army Special Forces”, and they must go through a grueling training course called the “Special Forces Qualification Course” (SFQC). It is similar to what the Navy Seals must undergo. During their time of preparation they are sometimes allowed to wear berets of other colors, but only after they complete the SFQC are the Army Special Forces members allowed to wear the Green Beret, which is a “symbol of excellence, a badge of courage and a mark of distinction.”

I found a definition on Wikipedia: “The United States Army Special Forces, colloquially known as the Green Berets due to their distinctive service headgear, are a special operations force of the United States Army tasked with five primary missions: unconventional warfare (the original and most important mission

of Special Forces), foreign internal defense, special reconnaissance, direct action, and counter-terrorism. There is a patch on the hats worn by the Green Berets which has their motto in Latin: “De Opresso Liber”, which means “to free the oppressed”.

It is interesting that this is the same mission as that of the Messiah: “to set the captives free”. Are the Knights of Columbus similar to the Green Berets? It is time for us to become a fighting force rather than a ceremonial fraternity. The evil one is active in his diabolic terrorism, and we need men who are ready for the task of resisting him.

We will need young men to join us who perhaps could not relate to some of the old regalia. We will keep our traditions, but we must shed some of those elements which would slow us down in our task! Obviously it would be unimaginable to have dissension and disobedience within the ranks of the Special Forces.

It is the same within the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Let us wear our berets as a symbol of excellence, a badge of courage and a mark of distinction.



**Yours in Christ;  
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