



## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

December marks the halfway point on our Columbian year. We can look back on some fun and successful events, such as the Parish Festival and the Tootsie-Roll Drive and look forward to some exciting things in the coming year, such as the Fish Fry dinners, which are my favorite Knight's events.

Mark your calendars now for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass to be held at St. Joseph's on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. I expect this year's honoring of our first responders and peace officers to be an exceptional event, given the challenges facing law enforcement across our country and the tragedy that just befell one of our own county deputies. Please plan on attending with your loved ones.

Above all, with Thanksgiving just behind us and Christmas coming up fast, please take time to enjoy your family and friends, to count your blessings and to most certainly join us for our Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner and Adopt-a-Family Dinner on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can read about it more in this newsletter.

God bless you all and a Merry Christmas to you and your families.

**Tim Keating, Grand Knight**



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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on December 1st at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend. Don't forget Adopt-A-Family Dinner on the 3rd also!

December 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5 PM Adopt-A- Family Dinner Father O'Hare Hall
4	5 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting Vatican Council Rm, St.JP2 Center	6 7 PM Business Meeting Father O'Hare Hall	9	10	11 5:45pm Memorial Mass, Rosary and Respect Life Holy Hour	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	NOTES: Save the date for the 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Adopt-A-Family Celebration on Saturday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> !		

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

### Members' Birthdays

Edward Gamboa 12/1  
James Galuppi PGK 12/2  
Ruben G. Sanchez 12/2  
Rev Joseph P. Illo 12/4  
Anthony Butera 12/5  
Robert Lorenz 12/5  
Lee Wolf 12/7  
Severino Pongase 12/12  
Daniel Roman 12/12  
Alex Trujillo 12/12  
Oren Tuss 12/12  
David Castro 12/14  
Patrick Laubacher PGK 12/14  
Carlos Torres 12/14  
Brian K. Porta 12/17  
Roger E. Missall 12/19  
Alexander L. Richmond 12/19  
Stephen Santos 12/21  
Nelson R Henriquez 12/22  
Steven W. Tubbs 12/22  
Nicolas Delgado-Braun 12/24  
Alfredo Ibarra 12/24  
Noel Lazo 12/24  
James Brady 12/26  
Jerry Blankenship 12/27  
John Stephen Bacay 12/27  
Mel Mattos PGK 12/28  
Franklin Holmes 12/29  
John Luty 12/29  
Kenneth Rairden 12/30  
Robert Hazy 12/31

### Ladies' Birthdays

Jean Smith 12/3  
Cindy Trujillo 12/9  
Kay Elson 12/11  
Theresa Galuppi 12/11  
Guadalupe Erend Valdovinos  
12/12  
Sonita Saalfeld 12/13  
Linda Standart 12/13  
Marilyn Hancock 12/14  
Karen McCave 12/16  
Judy Chavez 12/17  
Beth Gorman III 12/17  
Alvera Baumgratz 12/21  
Anne Missall 12/22  
Mary Judd 12/25  
Lucy Mattos 12/29  
Silvia Ramirez 12/31

### Anniversaries

Matthew & Camille Iorns  
12/1  
Belmiro & Deborah Goulart  
12/7  
David & Lorna Sichak  
12/8  
John & Sara Bacay  
12/9  
Ronald & Sandra Uyeshiro  
12/18  
Albert & Monica Gonzales  
12/21  
Lovinio & Julito Casiano  
12/22





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## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The holiday season approaches and a line from an old gospel tune comes to mind: would you welcome Him in or turn Him away?

Greetings from Northwest Indiana, the former steel capital of the world. I have been here several weeks visiting mom and my sisters and their husbands, as well as a friend or two. It is like taking a walk down memory lane to see the changes. And while here, in a span of a few days, I saw the Cubs win the World Series and our country elect a new president.

December is a busy month, as it seems to preview the coming months of activities for our council. Mark December 3 on your calendar – our annual Adopt-A-Family dinner is being combined with a holiday celebration of our council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!! Wait until you see what is coming up in 2017!

On our way to dinner one night, we passed a church with an electronic sign advertising a KofC pancake breakfast. So on November 20, I attended the event being hosted by St. Pope John Paul II Council 16008.

This time of year with the Christmas holiday season, our thoughts are with our families and friends and the times spent together in happy gatherings of sharing food, memories and gifts as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

But I cannot help but think of those less fortunate. We see those familiar faces, as we travel around our own hometown. Once in a while, I seem to meet up (maybe you have too) with a total stranger never seen before, poor, clothes torn and shredded, and a bit unclean. And I will offer that person something. My wife once asked me why. I said, "Well, what if that was really Jesus appearing to see how we would treat someone who is "the least of us" – surely that is how he would appear – not in a regal form?" I think our Adopt-A-Family efforts are very similar.

Molly O'Day I think first recorded a song called "Tramp on the Street." It has been recorded by many over the years. The YouTube link is of an unknown singer, singing with a group of musicians sitting in a round circle, similar to some folks I met at our own local 501 Jam, where each person picks and sings a song of their choice and the group picks along. Here's a couple verses from that tune:

### ***Tramp On The Street***

by Grady and Hazel Cole

Jesus who died on Calvary's tree

Shed His life's blood for you and for me.

They pierced His sides His hands and His feet

And they left Him to die like a tramp on the street.

If Jesus should come and knock on your door  
For a place to come in or bread from your store,  
Would you welcome Him in or turn Him away?

Then the God's would deny you on the Great Judgment Day

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AiwZpBLkrUw>

**Financial Secretary,**

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Come join your fellow brothers at our next meeting – we'll have a seat for you!



## JOHN'S JOKES

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, at Christmas time their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"



# LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Brothers,  
Isn't it time? I think it is at least for me! How about you? Time for prayer, thanksgiving, and service. A few weeks ago, I served in Sonora at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade science camp. There was a 3 day Catholic adult retreat in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ titled "Journey in Christianity." If you never been, it's truly a must on your bucket list. But, even more intriguing is if you haven't been, I can't tell you much about it. Ha! It's like our order's degree exemplifications which are kept secret. "Journey in Christianity" has a wonderful level of surprise and joyful awe like a great movie, book, or play. It needs to be unwrapped, experienced and not revealed. What I can tell you is: you will not go hungry, and you won't have to wash dishes! If you've been on "Journey in Christianity" before, you will never forget it! And only then can you serve and work the retreat. Also, if you've been on it, make sure and come say hello at mass or our next meeting, so we can share our experiences. We probably have a lot to share.

I made my first "Journey in Christianity" in 1993 shortly after my divorce. Once I committed to it, I didn't want to go that Friday night that God called me up that hill. Once I went, I didn't want to come home or leave that same hill, kind of like how Moses felt. Every year since then, I have been in and out of touch with members. Every time I hear of the retreat coming or completing, I say to myself, "Stephen, you really need to work this retreat, give back and most importantly retreat from the temptations and sufferings of the world and be strengthened with your fellow Journey brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ." Well, it only took me a mere 23 years to do so. 23 years to give back to this ministry. My question to myself was: "Isn't it time?" My answer now to this question is: "It's about time!!"

I opted not to work the upcoming march retreat and I already miss my Journey family. I will work another retreat, Lord, I promise. What I can tell you is that pilgrims for the retreat need to fill out an application and must be sponsored. I can help in that capacity for now. I believe you have to be from 18 to 200 years old. Also, it's not a couples retreat or singles retreat, but they do like spouses and fiancées to attend together. For unmarried couples, I would encourage to attend together also. Singles and widowers are not left out either or non-Catholics, but it is a Catholic retreat. I have witnessed personally broken relationships between

couples, brothers, sisters, and friends and families reconciled, rekindled, and strengthened. I'm not sure what's more rewarding experiencing the Journey as a pilgrim or serving the retreat. I was told by one of my fellow workers there that it was an honor working with me. I immediately thought of all of you, my brothers, and only now the words come to me how the honor was all mine. I'm sorry to say he never heard those words from me. Humility is everything! I know it's all your fault, because the moment he stated that, I thought of how proud I am to know each and every one of you.

One week after returning from Journey, I was leaving work heading to daily mass eastbound on Orangeburg, and another vehicle was heading westbound on Orangeburg which turned left onto Enslin at the very last minute. There were no skid marks from my vehicle from when he hit head on. The air bag deployed, the vehicle was totaled, but I'm alive! Sometimes He talks to us in mysterious ways. Sometimes we listen, and sometimes we pass it off as an accident. Needless to say I missed mass that night. The next day, I made mass praying in great thanksgiving. In Father Leo's homily, he stated that we know not our expiration date. I thought how true that is and thanked the Lord that it wasn't mine the day before.

Please, attend "That Man Is You!" 6 AM on Wednesday mornings. It is where other male parishioners become a name, a friend, a fellow brother in Christ that strengthens you. Someday, there will be no tomorrow here on earth. Isn't it time?

I love you all so much thank you for being my friend in Christ and God Bless you all and your Beautiful families!

**Lecturer  
Stephen Michael**





## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Jim Galuppi; Roy Gordon; the repose of the soul of brother Virgil Ereso; Roger Mittall; Merno Stadler; John Karaz and the repose of the soul of his wife, Eleanor; Douglas Rider and his wife, Kristi; Dave Tachini; Al Toschi's brother-in-law, Charles; Mike Grodt and his recently deceased wife, Vicky; Daniel Hamilton and his wife, Susan; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Helmsley; Ron Martorana; Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; and Don Reed.

Please pray also for the Keating family; Kathy Anderson; Monica Woods and the repose of the soul of her husband, David; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary Kitcher, wife of Keith Kitcher; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers,

wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; Colleen Tuers, sister of Marty Reis; Lita Selover, wife of Bob Selover.

Pray for the Church! Lord, grant us Your Mercy as we show that Mercy to those in the world so that they will come to know the love and grace You give to all freely.

If you have, or know of, any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at (209) 918-2847 or [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)

**Mike Glendon, PGK**



# FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

## What Happens If You Live?

### *The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance*

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get into an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured? But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something *doesn't* happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. 70% of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime.

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And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care. Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. MediCal does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members. Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides, as well as specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

Contact me soon, so we can talk about how this might benefit you or your family.

God bless!

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