



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

HELLO BROTHER
KNIGHTS;

We are now into the holidays and will be celebrating Christmas and the New Year 2020. This is a time to enjoy your family and Friends. It's also the best time of the year to share you love, support and be there for each other even more than usual. I am sure we will indulge in the family holiday meals, candy and other great treats that are to good to pass up.

I have many great memories growing up with a loving family of eight brothers and sisters and the love our parents gave day in and day out. I like to think I was the favorite as the youngest of the boys, but my parents had many ways to make us all feel that each one of us individually was the favorite.

Whatever plans you have this Christmas Season, enjoy your family and slow down to spend more time just relaxing and celebrate the blessings God has provided to you and your family. And on December 7, 2019 your Council invites you with your family and Friends to join us at the Adopt a Family/ Knights Christmas Party 2019.

The Adopt a Family Dinner/ Knights Christmas Party will be a lot of fun especially for the kids when Santa comes to town. He will be coming with gifts and that is why it is important to RSVP with our Worthy Warden Ruben Sanchez. And let him know

how many are attending and under 17 kids ages.

In order to enjoy a great party we also need to prepare everything and we need your help so we may have another successful event. We will need help to set up the Hall at 10am that day and we are looking for extra hands to help with the kitchen clean up after the Dinner. Social Hour begins at 5:30pm and the Dinner at 6:45pm. The Dinner will be \$5.00 per person or \$30.00 for your family (must attend together).

The reason we do the Adopt a Family every year is to support families that need extra help this year during the Holidays. Please joins us and if you are able, please bring your donations of boxed or canned food or you may also make cash donations for the families in need this year.

In addition, we are looking for volunteers to take on the duties to shop for the families. We will have more information on how this Works at the Dinner and our Council Meeting.

If you are interested in helping these families you will not regret it. You might think that there's is the blessing but the blessing will be yours for your contribution and seeing their faces with much appreciation. If you hear God calling you to serve these families you may contact our Brother Ruben to offer your support at (209)605-5623.

Also on Saturday December 7, 2019 we will be selling the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets until December 21, 2019 on the Church Plaza.

And we need volunteers to sell the magnets after each mass. It just takes 15 minutes of your time and it will help us sell the 200 magnets faster. If you are able to help before or after the mass please let me know by sending me a text or call me at (209) 484-5509. If you leave a message please provide your name and the mass time you are available to sell the magnets.

I thank you Brothers for your time and help and I wish you and your families a great holiday season and I also thank you for your support and allowing me to be your Grand Knight 2019/2020 Columbain Year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020. May God Bless YOU and YOUR Family



Yours In Christ;
GK Tim Matalone
gk@kofc10644.com



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- Birthdays and Anniversaries.....2
- Calendar.....2
- Financial Secretary's Message.....3
- Prayer Message.....4
- DGK Report.5 & 7
- Chaplain Report...6
- Jokes.....8

SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST; No Chaplain yet, But a Deacon? On Page 6.



December 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent	2 Officers Meeting 6:30pm	3 Council Meeting 7pm @ Father O'Hare Hall	4	5	6	7 Adopt a Family 5:30pm Social. (Must RSVP'D by Dec 2nd)
8 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 The Immaculate Conception of the Virgen Mary	10	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13	14
15 3rd Sunday of Advent	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent	23	24 Christmas Eve/ Last Day of Advent	25 (Christmas) Nativity of The Lord	26	27	28 The Holy Innocents Day
29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	30	31 New Years Eve	1 Happy New year 2020			

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Edward Gamboa 12/1
 Taide Zamora 12/1
 James Galuppi 12/2
 Ruben G. Sanchez 12/2
 Anthony Butera 12/5
 Robert Lorenz 12/5
 Lee Wolf 12/7
 Kevin Mollard 12/11
 Severino Pongase 12/12
 Daniel Roman 12/12
 Alex Trujillo 12/12
 David Castro 12/14
 Carlos Torres 12/14
 Brian Porta 12/17
 Roger Missall 12/19
 Alexander Richmond 12/19
 Stephen Santos 12/21
 Nelson Henriquez 12/22
 Steven Tubbs 12/22
 Fred Ibarra 12/24
 James Brady 12/26
 John Stephen Bacay 12/27
 Jerry Blackenship 12/27
 Mel Mattos 12/28
 Frank Holmes 12/29
 Ken Rairden 12/30
 Charles Gardali 12/31
 Robert Hazy 12/31

Ladies' Birthdays

Julianna Rocha 12/8
 Cindy Trujillo 12/9
 Theresa Galuppi 12/11
 Guadalupe Erend Valdovinos 12/12
 Sonita Saafeld 12/13
 Linda Standart 12/13
 Marilyn Hancock 12/14
 Karen McCave 12/16
 Judy Chavez 12/17
 Alvera Baumgratz 12/21
 Anne Missall 12/22
 Mary Judd 12/25
 Lucy Mattos 12/29
 Silvia Ramirez 12/31
 Selvina Samson 12/31

Anniversaries

Matthew & Camile Lorns 12/1
 David & Lorna Sichak 12/8
 John & Sara Bacay 12/9
 Ronald & Sandra Uyeshiro 12/18
 Albert & Monica Gonzales 12/21
 Lovino & Julito Casiano 12/22
 Marcial & Gloria Chavous 12/26
 John & Illeana Rodriguez 12/26



FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Greetings Brothers;

As we know November 11th was Veterans Day.

Brother Veterans We Salute You!

And Thank You For Your Service!



On another note on November 7, 2019 there was a First Degree Exemplification Ceremony at St. Stansilaus Church. Please welcome Brother James M. Goeken to our Fraternal Order. Brother James is the son of our Worthy Lecturer Richard Goeken. He has been helping at our events almost always and I am sure he will continue to do so, but now as our Brother Knight.

Reminder:

Dues are coming up soon and notices will be mailed out this month. If you do not receive a notice or need to upgrade your address please let me know.

'Tis the season and He is the reason for the season. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets are back for purchase at \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. We will be selling them in the Church Plaza. In addition I have some on hand so you can get them before we run out this year.

I am reminded at this time of the year how much I have to be thankful for including Our Lord, my Family and my Church Family among many blessings.

God Bless You Brother Knights and I wish all Of YOU and YOUR family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020.

**Yours in Christ;
Financial Secretary
Doug S. Johnson
finsec@kofc10644.com**



PRAYER MESSAGE

Pope Francis Prayer Request For December 2019:



The Future of the very Young

That every country take measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very Young, especially those who are suffering.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020!

Thank you Brothers and Family for all your help this year and allowing me to be part of this wonderful council serving our Lord, Our Church and Our Community. It is a true blessing being a Knight of Columbus, though we may have our differences sometimes. But that is part of the process to do our best for the ones that depend on our service.

I continue to pray for all my Brothers Knights and Family. May God Bless You Always. I miss our council and I pray I see you next year January 2020! I God willing I will return the first weeks of January 2020 .

Have you been to the Adoration Chapel lately? Remember you can 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 so we can let parishioners know that we are also about praying and not just charity.

Don't forget Brothers 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". Please do not hesitate to contact us at prayers@kofc10644.com with your name, phone number and your prayer request. Or you may call Brother Everardo 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.

December Prayer Requests:

Brother Cliff Judd, Brother Ron Martorana (Recovering Stroke) Brother Joey's Rodriguez Wife Lisa, Brother Craigs Wife (Heart Issues) Brother Pino's Wife Pricilla, Brother Marco Martinez Wife Sandra and Daughter Adelina Rosa, Brother Dave Sichak's Granddaughter Millie, PGK Jim Galuppi and all our older Brothers and Family living and deceased.

Thank You Brothers, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020. God Bless YOU Always. Vivat Jesus!



Yours In Christ;
Everardo Ramirez Jr
Recorder/Editor/Prayer Group
Coordinator
prayers@kofc10644.com

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

My Brother Knights;

While I am writing this article before Thanksgiving, I am praying for you and your family so you may have a Happy and Peaceful Thanksgiving. And by now we have already began Advent Season and I am sure we are all busy with Christmas preparations. Let us not forget The Reason for The Season, Our Lord and Savior's Birthday Celebration. And I hope to see you all at our Adopt a Family/Knights Christmas Party. (Our Grand Knight has more information on his article)

I do encourage you to participate and Adopt a Family and guarantee you will enjoy watching the happiness of the families in need this year. There is usually 10 families that are chosen by our St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you are interested in adding happiness to the families this year please contact our Worthy Warden Ruben Sanchez at (209)605-5623

The Blue Mass is coming up on January 18, 2020, Chaired by PGK Kent Harker. And we are having the Crab Feed on February 15, 2020 chaired by our GK Tim Matalone. We are already preparing for these events and of course we cannot do them without your help. Please consider volunteering your time so we may continue to have our successful events. It's time to give the same Brothers a break and give them a hand. They are willing to work with us and show us the ropes on how to set up an event and help with the contact information.

On another note, I want to share what I have discovered on an important issue of Abortion. Some of us have participated in the March for Life and also supported our Modesto Pregnancy Center. We recently just had the 40 Days for Life praying the Rosary and walking with signs in front of the Abortion Clinic on 2030 Coffee Rd. It helps but we have a long way to go to say that we are loving each other as Our Lord has commanded us even when our society and sometimes even Catholics are killing babies in their mothers womb.

The percentage of Catholic Women participating on Abortion is almost the same percentage as the general population. One of the reasons maybe that 23% of Catholic Women attend mass at least once a month and 73% of them say they attend mass once or twice a year but attend weddings and funerals more often. Only 3% go to confession once a month and 38% say they never go to confession. This is one big reason that the Abortion Statistics are alarming.

Current United States Data:

- ◇ Total number of abortions in the U.S. 1973-2013: 56.5 million +
- ◇ 219 abortions per 1,000 live births (according to Center for Disease Control) for 2014 without counting California and New York (they do not report data on CDC)

Continue on page 7

CHAPLAIN REPORT, WAIT WHAT?

What happened to Father Sam? He was promised last month and now this article is written by someone else. What's up with that?

Don't worry. There is no chance that I want to take anything away from Fr. Sam and his ability to be Chaplain. But Father Sam is pastor at a very large and very active parish. He has to write multiple different things, attend multiple different meetings and events, and be present for multiple different families. He realized that he probably wasn't going to have time to write a Knight Light article each and every month. That's why he called me into the Sacristy after daily mass and asked if I might be interested in helping him out by writing for him. I always want to help our council, but because of my work schedule, I can't make it on time to meetings or events to be able to help. So, I told Fr. Sam that I would help.

We all have times in which we have to figure something out. Fr. Sam wanted to help the Council, but had to figure out how to still have an article. My decision about helping to write these articles was much easier. The Church has a different way of calling what "figuring out" something out. It's called "discernment."

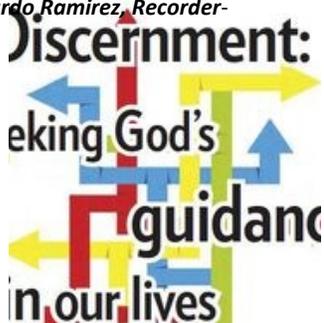
There is a subtle difference, however, in "figuring out" and "discerning". And the difference is something that we tend to forget about. Especially as men, we get caught up in life and think that we have control of things. We think it is all about us and what we do. In reality, it isn't about us, but rather about God. We aren't in charge at all. The old joke asks, "Do you know how to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans."

How many times in your life have you had something in mind, and it doesn't work out? There are times when that not working out actually ends up leading up to something better. That's proof that God is really in charge. My story of formation for the diaconate is a good example.

When I began my formation, it was advertised as a four year process, which was really five. Part of the way through those five years, another year was added. Even with six years of formation, I look back and see that I began eleven years ago and still have one year left!

If you do the math, you would say I am a failure. But looking back, I would not have been ready to be a good deacon if I had been ordained with my classmates. God knew what He was doing by allowing me to change jobs to allow me to concentrate on different things, so as to grow more in my faith before being ordained. Even at this point, it is possible that I am not being called to be a deacon. In the upcoming 10 months that remain before ordination, it is possible that something will come up to change my path. I will still be able to use what I have learned over the past eleven years. That said, I feel at peace when I serve the altar or imagine the Bishop's hands being laid on my head. I feel called to be a deacon, but again, I am not in charge, He is. My point in sharing my story is to get you to focus on your own story. What is God calling you to do? Have you taken the time to discern or even think about that? He might not be calling you to be a deacon, but He does have something in mind for you. Have you taken it to prayer or are you trying to control your life yourself? Will you let go and let God? -Richard Braun-

(Brothers Father Sam will not be available to be our Chaplain because of his very busy schedule with other ministries. However your officers are looking into who we can get as our next Chaplain. Please continue to pray that we get our much needed Chaplain soon. We will keep you updated.) -Everardo Ramirez, Recorder-



Yours in Christ;
Richard Braun
Wanabee Deacon, and
Composer of Chaplin's Message



DGK REPORT CONT.

- ◇ Abortions per year 1,058 million
 - ◇ Abortions per day 2,899.
 - ◇ Abortions per hour 120.
 - ◇ 1 Abortion every 30 seconds.
 - ◇ In addition pharmacy experts project that about 14 million chemical abortions occur in the United States each year.
- As you can see Abortion is still a big issue even though it has reduced in recent years. But one child is too much.



I invite you this Christmas Season to pray to end Abortion. Here is a beautiful prayer we can use.



Redeemer in The Womb

Lord Jesus Chirst, you took our human nature upon yourself. You sharedd our life and death, our childhood and adulthood.

You also shared our time in the Womb. While still God, while worshipped and adored by angels, while Almighty and filling every part of the universe, You dwelt for nine months in the Womb of Mary. You were our Redeemer in the womb, our God who was a preborn child.

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless and protect the children who today are in their Mothers Womb. Save them from the danger of Abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother or a sister saved by You ,Our Redeemer in the Womb. Amen!

Thank You Brothers and Family. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and

Happy New Year 2020.

May All your dreams come true and God continue to fill You with His Blessings

Yours in Christ;

DGK Josey Samson

dgk@kofc10644



JOHNS JOKES

Merry Christmas!

1) Three buildings in town overrun by squirrels—the town hall, the hardware store and the church. The town hall brought in some cats.

But after they tore up all the files, the Mayor got rid of the predators and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town. But three days later, the squirrels climbed back in.

Only the church came up with an affective solution. They baptized the squirrels and made them members.

Now they see them only on Christmas and Easter!



2) A woman goes to the post office and asks for 50 Hanukkah stamps.

“what denomination?” asks the clerk.

The woman answered, “Six Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform”

3) A customer walked into our store looking for Christmas Lights. I showed her our top brand, but—wanting to make sure each bulb worked she asked me to take them out of the box and plug them in. I did, and each one lit up.

“Great,” She said

I carefully placed the string of lights back in the box. But as I handed them to her, she looked alarmed.

“I don’t want this box it’s been opened.”



4) We were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one.

“No problem,” I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

“you can’t do that,” argued my four-year-old.

“Don’t worry. Santa will never know.”

He shot me a look.

“So he knows if I’ve been bad or good, but he doesn’t know the cookie fell on the floor?”



Knight Light
Knights of Columbus, Council #10644
PO Box 576959
Modesto, CA 95357-6959