

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Gentleman Knights & Happy New Years!

I hope your Christmas was filled with joy and happiness and spent with family and friends. While I know this is not the beginning of our Columbian year I wish you a new year of good health, happiness, joy within yourself and commitment. Last month, we were blessed with the birth of our Lord and the commitment of four gentlemen from our parish joining us as Knights. I would also like to thank and acknowledge all the Brothers who helped continue our service to the community with our Adopt-a-Family dinner.

As we begin our New Year, I would challenge all my Brother Knights to recommit yourself to our ceremonials

beginning with CHARITY. As a Council, we must all remember our second degree: UNITY. While I know it's not possible to attend all meetings throughout the year, it is possible to read your Knight Light and keep up on upcoming events. All that is asked of you is to spend two or more hours helping continue our good works throughout the community. The more hands that show up make it easier on the group; and you also meet new Knights and form friendships and relationships for life. We have several events this month starting on January 10th with our Blue mass recognizing our first responders of Stanislaus County. This is a beautiful day recognizing the past and



the present responders who put themselves on the line for our community everyday. It's our way as Knights to thank them. Second and most importantly is our annual Crab Feed. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and is the driving force to our charity thought the community. Any donations or help to this event will greatly be appreciated. Please contact Michael Loschke at mloschke@imc-1.net or 572-2271. Also our coat drive continues; please donate gently used or new coats in the barrels at the church. As the sun rises, so begins a new day: let it be joyful! Happy New Years to you and your families!

**Grand Knight
Mike Glendon**



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

Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space availability.

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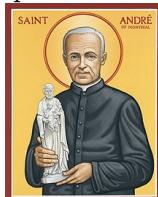
Next Meeting

Date: 1/6/2015

Location: Father O'Hare Hall

Don't forget the Blue Mass on the 10th and the Crab Feed on the 31st. We need you to make both of these events successful!

A Merry Christmas to all of my brother Knights and their families! May the Baby Jesus, His Immaculate Mother and St. Joseph smile upon you and yours at Christmastide! The Christmas season continues into January with the Feasts of the Holy Family and the Epiphany. January 6 was the traditional day of the Epiphany but now it is the feast of a wonderful new saint: Saint Andre Bessette, who was canonized in 2010. He was an sickly, uneducated orphan who became a Holy Cross Brother who was famous for miraculous cures and for building the largest shrine to St. Joseph in the world in Montreal, Canada. He is a great example of holiness for the men, and especially for the Knights, of our St. Joseph's Parish.



When he was born on August 9, 1845 he was given the name Alfred Bessette. He was a sickly baby and was baptized immediately for fear that he would die. When he was six years old, his father was killed in a lumbering accident, and his mother raised their twelve children until she herself died of tuberculosis when Alfred was twelve years old. During his early years Alfred went from one job to

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another in Canada and also in New York, working as a cobbler, as a baker and as a factory worker. But he was always too sickly and clumsy to keep any job for long. The one thing he was good at was praying, and doing penance. His sister said that "on Sunday he passed the greater part of the afternoon in the church." A holy priest named Father Provençal, who had prepared little Alfred for his first Holy Communion had also inspired Alfred with a great devotion to Saint Joseph. He encouraged Alfred to enter the Congregation of the Holy Cross. He wrote a letter of recommendation for Alfred which said: "I am sending you a saint." Alfred took vows and was given the name "Brother Andre". He remained a lay brother all his life and never became a priest because he was illiterate and unskilled. He was given the job of doorkeeper at the Holy Cross Boarding School in Montreal. This job suited him well because soon many people came to the door asking for his advice and for his prayers. He always told people to pray to St. Joseph and soon miracles of healing began to happen.

Eventually there were so many sick people coming to see Brother André at the boarding school because of the many miracles and curings going on around him that parents began to worry that the students would become infected by contagious diseases. The priests ordered Brother Andre to go to the train station and meet the crowds of

sick people who arrived from different parts of Canada and the United States. Brother Andre was also responsible for thousands of conversions. His miracles and his saintly example of a life of prayer and penance, and also his gentle words convinced many lapsed and lukewarm Catholics, as well as Protestants, Freemasons and Jews to practice the Catholic faith.

Br. Andre became so famous that many people donated money to fulfill his dream of building the huge shrine called the Oratory of Saint Joseph which now sits on a hill overlooking Montreal.

When Brother André died in 1937 at the age of 91 more than one million people came to the funeral and streamed past his poor little coffin. To be eligible for sainthood, you need to have performed only two miracles. Brother André has been credited with more than 125,000 miracles, before and after his death. He was made a saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

Sincerely,

Father

Mark Wagner

Chaplain and Pastor

**St. Joseph's
Catholic Church**



SUNRISE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for our Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; Matt Iorns, his family, and the health of his unborn son; John Karaz; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Loy Sagrado; Richard Braun; and Dave Tacchinni.

Please pray for the repose of

the soul of Brother Nick Cupini who passed away this October.

Pray also for: Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

And keep our Holy Father and all the Bishops of the Church in your prayers, as they gather to discuss leading all the faithful in the years ahead.

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



~ January 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mary, Mother of God	2	3
4	5 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	6 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall Epiphany	7	8	9	10 Blue Mass 10 AM Reception in O'Hare Hall
11	12	13 Baptism of the Lord	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Conversion of St. Paul	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Crab Feed</i> 5:30 PM Social 7 PM Dinner O'Hare Hall

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS		LADIES' BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Troy A. Cazares	1/1	Joanna Ibarra	1/9	John & Arlene Wee	1/2
Eduardo Torres	1/3	Jill Martinez	1/11	Donald & Toni Burkdale	1/9
Mark D. Jeffords	1/3	Lupe Perez	1/13	Clinton & Melissa Bartlett	1/15
Belmiro P. Goulart	1/6	Michelle Nunes	1/14	Matt & Wendy Bettencourt	1/15
Cliff J Judd	1/9	Rosalie Gardella	1/18	Jeff & Kim McCarthy	1/16
Samuel A. Moraca	1/10	Rosa Marina Perry	1/19	Gary & Rosemary Davison	1/18
Michael J. Ringer	1/14	Rosemary Davison	1/20	John & Karen McCave	1/19
Patrick J. Ryan PGK	1/16	Christi Wharton	1/21	Michael & Aninya Lamanet	1/19
Ralph S. Curtis	1/16	Judy Shannon	1/26	Doug & Gail Keller	1/20
Joseph L. Castagna	1/17	Carol Luna	1/31	Eugene & Lynn Thiel	1/27
Michael H. Staud	1/17	Helen Moya	1/31	Kenneth & Ann Kramer	1/28
Vito F. Baccellieri	1/17	Susan Taylor	1/31		
Doug P Keller	1/19				
Wayne V. Sousa	1/19				
Guadalupe Valdovinos	1/20				
Rev Camilo Garcia	1/23				
Joseph A. Lucas	1/24				
Leo M Alvarez	1/24				
Monte J. Bauer	1/24				
Robert E. Luna	1/24				
Thomas P. Hogan	1/26				
Brian V Archuleta	1/28				
Ronald O. Lamont	1/30				
Jim A. McDoal	1/31				
Kenneth E. Kramer	1/31				
Rev John J. Foster	1/31				



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers,
It's hard to write about the New Year when, as I write this article, the first of the Filipino Dawn Masses at 5 AM that are held each morning December 16-24 begin tomorrow morning bright and early. I actually got to them all one year! But the deadline approaches and I must write something.

In 2015, our parish theme is "All are Called". And I think we can borrow that theme as Council as well. We joined, because we felt a call to serve. Are you making a New Year's Resolution? Then, I would suggest something along the lines of "I resolve to serve with my Brothers more in 2015." We have a strong Council with a bit of a reputation - a good one. That did not come about because we stayed at home. It takes many hands

and minds, each taking on a role or a simple task when we find the opportunity to do so. If you are unsure how you can help out - reach out to one of the Officers or Event Chairs and ask. We have a good team, but it always seems like we could use an extra pair of hands or feet to help ease the load a bit. I know from past experience of putting together a team to publish a computer society's monthly newsletter that there are different ways that people can contribute their time and talents.

The New Year also means we start seeing some of our fun events show up on the calendar. Take a look at the Council's [calendar](#) (click on the word [calendar](#) to see it), and see how you can lend a hand at one or all of them. When I joined, to me, the fun way to get to know my Brother Knights was at those Fish Fry dinner events -

helping out, the swapping of stories around the table, as we took a break between getting things prepared. And just meeting our "customers" serving up their dinners. Something tells me I should tell you the annual membership renewal will be out about the same time you get the newsletter. We've put 2014 into the history books. Let's make 2015 a memorable one. Remember - we are a stewardship parish and in 2015, "All are Called". Take a few minutes and think about how you will answer the call.

**Financial Secretary,
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A Dog's New Year's Resolution List

10. Leave a special "present" for the guy next door with the water hose.
9. This year, catch that stupid cat!
8. Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.

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7. Find new place to sleep where they can't find me.
6. Bite that freak who gives me that shot every year.
5. Break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is "too much".
4. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.

3. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
 2. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
- AND the Number 1 New Year's Resolutions Made by Pets...
1. I will NOT chase the stick until I see it LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My dear Brother Knights,
A new year is here already.
With the start of the year,
we begin to ramp up our
activities with the Blue
Mass and the Crab Feed
during the month of
January and the Lenten
Dinners not that far off. I
think Father Mark and the
rest of the leadership of the
parish were very wise in
choosing the parish theme
for 2015: "All Are Called."
It is true for our faith and
for our Council.

Father Mark will be much
better at explaining how
that theme applies to our
faith: to how we need to
follow God's lead in our life
and not to try and control
things on our own. You've
heard what the best way to
make God laugh, no? It's
simple; just tell Him your
plans. It is difficult to
know what His will is in
our life, but if the past six
months have taught me
anything, it is that we need
to be VERY patient to be
able to truly discern it.
As far as the Council is
concerned, we are ALL to
put our time in helping to
continue the efforts of our
Council. Over the past few
years, we have talked
about 5 hours per year,
whether in helping with
one event or at the
monthly Business
Meetings. I've noticed that

our Grand Knight this year
has mentioned giving 2
hours. Either way, I don't
think that is much to ask of
any of us: find from 2-5
hours every year to give back
to our Council.

There are many different
ways to help out the Council,
and most don't involve a lot
of effort. Some of those
things are visible, like
helping with serving,
preparing, or talking at one
of the many events during
the year. But, not everyone
is up to speaking on a mic or
even helping in the kitchen
during a Lenten Fish Fry
Dinner. That's OK, as there
are many of other ways to
help out.

For all of our events, we need
muscles to help set up before
or take down at the end.
But, again, not all of our
bodies are up to lifting
tables, chairs, or mops
anymore. That's OK, as
there are still more ways that
you can help.

We always need help making
phone calls, and all that
requires is having a list of
numbers and a phone. I
don't think there are many that
can say they can't make 8-
12 phone calls.

We also need technical help.
Each month, a lot of work
goes into collecting articles
for this newsletter,
transferring them to the
website and the paper

version, mailing out the
paper version and then
putting together and
sending out the email.
There are also, emails that
go out to our previous
customers letting them
know about upcoming
events. None of this is
difficult or requires too
many hours, but someone
has to do it. I can teach
you how in less than 30
minutes.

So, the question still
remains for you, dear
reader: you are called to
help your Council; how are
you going to respond?
Send me or any of the
other Officers an email,
stop us when you run into
us at a meeting or mass, or
give us a call to let us
know how you plan to give
back your 2-5 hours
during this upcoming year.

We need you, just like God
needs you!

God bless,

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