



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you are continuing to enjoy a wonderful Christmas season. We had some fantastic events in December:

Many of you attended the annual Adopt-a-Family Dinner on December 3rd, which also happened to be a celebration of our council's 25th anniversary. We had two State Officers and their wives in attendance, and I was pleased to honor all the Charter Members and Past Grand Knights present, including our Charter Grand Knight Herb Saska. I was also very honored, on behalf of the council, to present a new award, the Norman F. Boucher Service Award, named after our second Grand Knight, to a very deserving Brother, Rick Dinubilo.

As for the Adopt-a-Family program, we adopted a total of ten families this year and brought in record-setting donations of food and cash, all of which were duly distributed through the generous efforts of our Brother Knights and their families. Thanks to all who participated.

On December 11th, several Brother Knights and their families helped at the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at McHenry Bowl. I had a great time with the athletes and can hardly wait until the next event.

Coming up soon is the 13th Annual Blue Mass to be held at St. Joseph's on Saturday, January 14th at 10a.m. Please, plan on attending with your loved ones. After that, the Crab Feed and Auction on February 25th.

Here's a special concept that I want to introduce to all of you this year, it's called **One Knight, One Event**. Who is that One Knight? You. What is that One Event? It's any event you choose. This year, I challenge you to pick that one event, a Fish Fry, the Crab Feed, a Blood Drive, and get involved. Get involved as a chair, vice chair or key volunteer. It's your year to do it; and you won't be sorry, I promise. You can talk to me or Deputy Grand Knight, Al Toschi, and we'll get you going.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on January 2nd at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend. Don't forget the Blue Mass as well this month on the 14th!

January 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting Vatican Council Room, St. JP2 Center	3 7 PM Business Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 5:45pm Me- morial Mass, Rosary and Respect Life Holy Hour	14 10 AM Blue Mass
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	NOTES: Let Grand Knight, Tim Keating, know how you can help with the Blue Mass. The 2017 Crab Feed will be on February 25th, start asking for donations now for the auction.			

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Troy Cazares 1/1
 Jason Sablan 1/2
 Mark Jeffords 1/3
 Eduardo Torres 1/3
 Kyle Kemper 1/5
 Belmiro Goulart 1/6
 Cliff Judd 1/9
 Efrain Ortega 1/9
 Samuel Moraca 1/10
 Michael Ringer 1/14
 Ralph Curtis 1/16
 Patrick Ryan 1/16
 Vito Baccellieri 1/17
 Michael Staud 1/17
 Wayne Sousa 1/19
 Guadalupe Valdovinos 1/20
 Timothy Matalone 1/21
 Ramiro Morales 1/21
 Leo Alvarez 1/24
 Joseph Lucas 1/24
 Robert Luna 1/24
 Thomas Hogan 1/26
 Brian Archuleta 1/28
 Matthew Loretelli 1/28
 Ronald Lamont 1/30
 Msr John Foster 1/31
 Kenneth Kramer 1/31
 Jim McDoal 1/31

Ladies' Birthdays

Joanna Ibarra 1/9
 Jill Martinez 1/11
 Lupe Perez 1/13
 Michelle Nunes 1/14
 Rosalie Gardella 1/18
 Anita Mendoza 1/18
 Rosemary Davison 1/20
 Christi Wharton 1/21
 Judy Shannon 1/26
 Carol Luna 1/31
 Helen Moya 1/31

Anniversaries

Matt & Wendy Bettencourt 1/15
 Jeff & Kim McCarthy 1/16
 Gary & Rosemary Davison 1/18
 Michael & Aninya Lamanet 1/19
 John & Karen McCave 1/19
 Eugene & Lynn Thiel 1/27
 Kenneth & Ann Kramer 1/28





Our worthy Financial Secretary posing at the Bowling Tournament for Stanislaus County Special Olympics

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Fellow brothers, 2017 is upon us. Do you have the resolve to make a knight-like resolution for the year? And who was that guy known for the “three dot lounge?”

Back in Indiana, I went to the Pancake Breakfast put on by St. Pope John Paul II Council 16008 at the St. James the Lesser Parish in Highland, IN. Electronic signs catch your eye! I met with Grand Knight, Bob Hornsback, and learned one of their fund-raising events that got me thinking: a chili cook-off! They had 11 contestants and had special guests to do the official judging as well as the “people’s choice” award. Hmm.

How many of you remember those meals your mom cooked using those old iron skillets? I had fun using mom’s skillets to make some of her favorite recipes. Much to the chagrin of my sisters, I got a thumbs up from mom! During Thanksgiving week, I got to be with mom as she celebrated her 92nd birthday. Then, the fun I had looking at old family photos including one before my sisters were born.

I returned to Modesto and my wife and I went out and celebrated her birthday a bit later than normal. Saturday, December 3, was quite a day. I had the privilege of taking two of our newest members, Doug Beaumont and Josey Samson to Angels Camp for their 2nd and 3rd degree. I had never driven Route 4 or been to Angels Camp before. What beautiful scenery! I told them about our council and our events and encouraged them to attend the dinner that evening. They did! Too bad we can’t celebrate a 25th anniversary of our council every year like we did in December. What a night! There were charter members in attendance. Many of the past Grand Knights, including our very first one, Herb Saska. His wife told me he was unhappy to find that there was no Knights Council when they moved to Modesto way back when from San Jose. His wife Dorothy

indicated that in May they would be celebrating their 67th anniversary! Herb, thanks to the efforts of you and the charter members for our council!

The Knights adopted ten families at the dinner and hope to bring a smile and cheer to their adopted families over the holiday season.

My wife is in the adult choir and they were one of six choirs to perform at the Gallo Center for the Arts on December 17th. Kudos to Svetlana, our Director of Liturgy and Music, for the recognition brought to our choir. A shout out to John Rodriguez and his wife on their anniversary in December. John noted it was not in the newsletter, but that was because our database did not have that info. Keep us up to date, folks, so we can announce important dates!

I had the pleasure as well of helping out at McHenry Bowl on December 11 for the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament. What a great experience!

I have a 2017 challenge for a few members. You joined our fraternity in the past five years or so, but have not yet taken the steps to achieve 2nd and 3rd degrees. I challenge you to resolve to do so in 2017. Immerse yourself in the family you joined.

With the end of the year comes my task of sending out the annual dues letters for 2017. And you probably noticed all these in this article. Do you know which local journalist was known for using that saying at the beginning of this article? It was Herb Caen of the San Francisco Chronicle.

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JOHN'S JOKES

A married couple had been out shopping for most of the day. Suddenly the wife realized that her husband had “disappeared”. Somewhat irate she called her husband’s mobile and demanded, “Where are you?”

Husband: “Darling, do you remember that little jewelry shop where you saw that beautiful diamond necklace and totally fell in love with it but I didn’t have the money at that time; and I said, ‘Darling it’ll be yours one day.’”

Wife, tremulously, “Yes, I do remember that my love.”

Husband, “Well I’m in the pub next to that shop.”

As in many homes on New Year’s Day, Janet and Nigel, a happily married couple, faced the annual conflict of which was more important: the football match on television, or lunch with the family.

Hoping to keep the peace, Nigel ate lunch with the rest of the family, and even lingered for some pleasant after-lunch chat before retiring to the lounge to turn on the television.

Nigel told her it was half time and that the score was still 0-0.

“See?” Janet said happily, “You didn’t miss a thing.”

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

NEW YEAR’S GREETINGS to all. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year and I hope you all had a very nice Christmas Season!! We’ve had a busy December with our:

Adopt-A-Family / 25th Anniversary / Christmas Party, which was well attended. Our special guests of the evening were several Past Grand Knights and Charter members (especially Charter GK, **Herb Saska** & Charter Member/Past Treasurer, **Dave Tacchini**), State Officers (Advocate, Secretary & their wives), Special “Norm Boucher Memorial Award” recipient, **Rick Dinubilo** and Santa (**Warner Norleen**). Thanks to the “many hands” that helped put this catered dinner together: **Tim & Janice Keating, Tim Matalone, Ed & Sue Gamboa, Gary Nelson & his band, Ron Martarona, Richard Braun**, and at least a dozen more! The result was a very good event and a sizeable pot of donations that will really help out our 10 “Adopted Families” have a special Christmas.

Second annual Council support of the Special Olympics end of season Bowling Tournament. We had over 20 Brothers and their family members help out with the tournament and a good community deed was done and fun was had by all!

Future Fund Raiser: Save the date, **April 29, 2017** for our 2nd Annual “**Pasta Feed**” to help generate fund

for the Special Olympics.

Upcoming in January:

Our 13th annual **Blue Mass** will be held on **January 14th @ 10 AM**. Please, contact Tim Keating to volunteer to help out ushering and/or with serving lunch to our Public Service “First Responders.”

The Crab Feed, which was originally scheduled for January, has been moved to **February 25th**. We are in desperate need of a Chairman for this event, as well as donations for the silent auction. Brothers, we need a chairman. Thanks to **Mike Loschke**, who has built this event up for the past few years but now has to take a step back this year. He will be there to help the new chairman. Who of you is up for this task? There will be lots of help, but we need a leader to organize this event, **our Council’s biggest single fund raiser**. Please volunteer. Call me (601-5039), Tim Keating (765-1480) or Mike Loschke (988-2000) ASAP! Start the New Year with a re-commitment to your Knights. I will see you at the next Business Meeting on Tuesday, the 3rd of January @ 7 PM.

Al Toschi

Deputy Grand Knight



LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I just returned from Modesto Bowl where I was helping with the Special Olympians. I received an incredible compliment from our fellow Knight and resident photographer, Ron Martorana, while I was helping. It came at a time I needed it most! You see, we are all broken and damaged goods; and we need to love, encourage, and lift each other up. A fellow parishioner once before described me as the guy who is always smiling before he knew my name. Our first impression or our current impression may not always be what's inside. We are all in a battle because of original sin.

I run to the Mass daily in thanksgiving and retreat from this world. This is not a weakness in my character, but something that is available to all of us to strengthen our families, relationships at work and in the world, and our community. I am in love with the mass and pray in thanksgiving for all parishioners who set foot upon our door step and all Catholic churches. So many of you enrich my life, lectures, greeters, altar servers, sacristans, extraordinary administrators of the Holy Eucharist, Priests. I also cry in thanksgiving almost every mass. There is a certain feeling that I am truly unworthy of the graces I receive. Though I always try to contain myself and, most times feel very foolish, the tears still come.

Ron told me, "Stephen, I really enjoyed your speech at the last Knights' meeting! It was so relevant with current affairs and a reminder again of the blessed sacrament chapel and daily mass and upcoming Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday, the Solemnity of the Mother of God." (FYI: I spoke primarily about one of the priests from St. Stanislaus who was attacked while walking from the new church to the old chapel on 6th street, who had come into my shop to get his car fixed.)

It was a simple statement but so helpful to me. You see, today I woke up knowing I have a deadline to meet with this article, and I was reminded of my last speech of which Ron spoke. I was feeling discouraged. 1) Am I qualified to write for you? No! 2) Am I relevant? You see, there is a certain Knight who I've always looked up to. He greets me at every meeting and tells me to keep my talk short. At the end of each meeting, let's just say his words to me are never very encouraging. Don't get me wrong, I believe I have pretty thick skin, and there is always a bit of bantering we share together, but that day, for some reason, I was really feeling like asking,

"Why?" You know what I mean: "Why write? Why speak? Why give?" Yes, I've written about this before, but this morning was a real "me" festival. I immediately realized that person's impression of me did not dictate who I am! We all sometimes wonder what legacy we will leave behind. Father Mark constantly reminds us that we are all called to be saints. So what will they say about each of us when we have gone? Hopefully, they'll say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Time flies, remember death! It's funny how God sets us back on our feet, if we let him.

I have a confession to make: I didn't want to go to Modesto Bowl and help. Once I got there, I found they had more than enough help and I easily could have left, gone home, and started this article. No! Too see the faces of those special and incredible athletes, to see how good each one was especially with what may look like to some an awkward technique. Well, it put me in my place again. The fool's tears fell, and I was ashamed. Then, Ron came up to me with his kind words of encouragement. The Lord works in mysteries ways, my friends we must let him in, and allow his grace to cover us.

The bowling was just wonderful. Michael Loschke (an incredible bowling coach, but who knew?) and I treated our team to pizza and chocolate chip cookies. It was probably the best 20 bucks I've spent all year.

Please join us in prayer on any given daily mass you can. Take an open holy hour per week in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Prayer is always a deterrent for evil, and, sometimes, just our presence as men will discourage a would-be assailant. Most of all, be aware! Let us never forget those Knights we loved so much that have went to the Lord!

I love you all so very much special thanks to Ron, for all his time donated time to photography for us.

Your friend in the Holy Trinity,

**Stephen E Michael,
Lecturer**



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

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

Pray for the Church and the whole world as we begin this year of Mercy! 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

**Mike Glendon,
PGK**



FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Protecting Your Family ... Business?

You already know that the Knight of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to

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solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies
- Disposition of a business owner’s interest upon death or other separation from the business

If you’ve worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term care and disability coverage, the Knight of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

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

God bless!

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NEW MEMBER IN OUR COUNCIL

DR. DOUGLAS BEAUMONT

Doug is the Director of Religious Education at St. Joseph's. He and his wife moved back to California after living in North Carolina for several years. I received word he was interviewed for EWTN on “The Journey Home” show. It was quite interesting (you can search for it on the “Journey Home’s” YouTube channel). He earned a PhD in theology. He is a published author (*Evangelical Exodus* about the large number of Evangelicals who become Catholic), professor, speaker and blogger. Doug is married to Elaine; and they have four children: Michael, Ember, Dante and Jacob.



NEW MEMBER IN OUR COUNCIL

JOSEY SAMSON

Josey is a native of India. He is a retired chemical engineer from Silicon Valley. He worked at Seagate, where they made hard drives. His background came to use, because computer technology is not just about electronics. Chemicals are used in those manufacturing processes as well. We also discussed a bit about the Catholic Church in India on our drive to Angels Camp for the 2nd and 3rd degree exemplifications. Josey is married to Selvina; they have two children, Suri and Shiri.

I also invited them to the Adopt-A-Family dinner that same night, so they could see what one of our events was like as to me, that is the best place for new Knights to get to know members of the council. The Fish Fry events were where I got to know many of the Knights when I first joined.

Welcome, Doug, Josey and their families to our Council.



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