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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Brother Knights, I hope the beginning of 2016 finds you and your families well. The Christmas season is now in the rear view, and we move forward. I wanted thank all who came out and participated in the Adopt-A-Family event. Through the generosity of Brother Knights, both new and old, I consider this year's event to be a huge success. We had a few new first degree Brothers step up to take the challenge. Look forward to them sharing their experience with us at our January meeting. We had enough Brothers step forward so that we were able to include two more families for a total of twelve this year. The guys in the kitchen did a great job putting out a quality meal and the Gamboa and Miranda families did a great job setting up and providing entertainment for the children. We followed up the dinner with a community outreach the following day at McHenry Bowl. Brother Al Toschi paired us with the Special Olympics of Stanislaus County to help with their annual bowling tournament. We had a better than expected turnout and those who came looked like they were

having as good a time as the bowlers. This was the first time our Council was involved the bowling tournament. I think this will stay in our rotation as an annual event to reach out to our community. While this is a New Year for everyone as Knights, we are only halfway through our Columbian year. Now, the real work begins this month we have our annual Blue Mass on Saturday the 9th. This day commemorates the First Responders of Stanislaus County and those who have fallen in service to the community. It's a beautiful service open to the community. I hope you and your families can attend. There will be a luncheon to follow in Fr. O'Hare hall. The next event this month is our biggest fundraiser of the year it's our annual Crab Feed. This event helps fund all the good works we do throughout the year. Just as an example, we have been helping to fund the purchase of an electronic marquee for the front of the church property. This will be an all-hands-on-deck event, which doesn't mean we need 50-100 Brothers in the



kitchen, we will need help throughout the hall. My challenge to all the Brothers is to bring in at least one raffle item. If you know a business owner that can donate an auction item, that will be even better.

This year our Catholic community starts the "Jubilee Year of Mercy." I urge all brothers to take this to heart as this is what we are all about and who we are: charity. Talk to one another often and stay connected, so we can all be there for each other in times of need. I do have a request before closing. We are in need of a new Sunshine Chairman, as Brother John McCave has a full plate at this time and would like to retire from the position. He is willing to train and show you the ropes: it requires a couple of hours a month. I look forward to seeing all the Brothers at the upcoming events and plan on having a get together with pizza and beverages for new first degrees to give them an idea of what goes on throughout the year. Please continue to pray for Christians be persecuted throughout the world and our priests. God bless you and your families!

Mike Glendon
Grand Knight
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Next Meeting

Date: 1/5/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. Don't forget the Blue Mass, the Walk-For-Life, and the Crab Feed.

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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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Dear Knights of Columbus,
I pray that the profound peace of the Christmas Season and the joy of the Jubilee of Mercy has filled your hearts and the hearts of each member of your families! When Jesus came it was to give himself completely. He came to be the "Bread from Heaven." When he was born Mary "wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger." It is interesting that he was wrapped up like a Christmas gift, and that he was placed in a feeding trough for animals! During the Year of Mercy we are trying to practice at least one "work of mercy" each month. During December, we encouraged everyone to "Give food to the hungry" and "Give drink to the thirsty." It was a season of giving and I want to

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

especially thank the Knights who gave food and other gifts to the needy by participating in our "Adopt-A-Family Dinner" on December 5th. Many of you also did other things for those who are hungry and thirsty. The disabled are hungry and thirsty for love, but our Knights provided lots of loving support at the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament on December 6th. And of course, the Knights also try to spend quality time with the people in our own families at Christmastime, so that they can be fed both physically and spiritually. During the month of January, we will focus on another work of Mercy: "Give clothing to the naked." Again the Knights will take the lead in this work by providing "Coats for Kids." Thank God for the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph's

Parish. We come to serve and not to be served. We try to imitate our master who came to give himself completely. As a baby, He shivered in the cold in the poor manger for animals. Mary had to wrap him carefully in swaddling clothes. But later, He would be nourishment for the whole world and cloth his followers in glory of heaven!

I hope you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!
Sincerely,

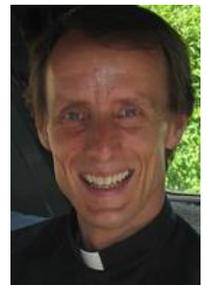
Father

Mark Wagner

Chaplain and Pastor

St. Joseph's

Catholic Church



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Mike Glendon; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; Keating family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Don Reed; and Loy Sagrado. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Stephen

Harker, son of Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Eleanor Karaz, wife of John Karaz; Deana Kitcher, wife of Keith Kitcher; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; Collen Tuers sister of Marty Reis; Lita Selove, 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.

**Sunshine Committee Chair
John McCave PGK**

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



~ January 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Mary, Mother of God	2
3	4 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	5 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	6 Epiphany	7	8 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass	9 Blue Mass 10 AM Reception in O'Hare Hall
10	11	12	13 Baptism of the Lord	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Walk for Life West Coast Busses leave for San Francisco after 8 AM mass
24	25 Conversion of St. Paul	26	27	28	29	30 Crab Feed 5:30 PM Social 7 PM Dinner O'Hare Hall
31	Notes:					

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Troy Cazares 1/1
 Mark Jeffords 1/3
 Eduardo Torres 1/3
 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 PGK 1/16
 Vito Baccellieri 1/17
 Joseph Castagna 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
 Monte Bauer 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

Donald & Toni Burkdale 1/9
 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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Does fixing a clogged garbage disposal in the kitchen sink unlock writer's block to meet my deadline for this newsletter? As I write this, it is less than ten days to Christmas. The Filipino dawn masses have started. Pot luck functions are cropping up at work. But it is also a season where I get to pull out some old CDs and listen to the favorite songs of the season. It is a time of year when it just seems to uplift you a bit, whether it be the time you spend with family or you are hopeful that the coming year will lift you up and give you that new start to pay off bills, a better job. I know that despair one can feel at this time of year. I've lived it. Dealt with it. When life seems at

its lowest, our faith and beliefs, not only in God, but ourselves kick in. By the time you read this, 2016 will already be upon us or very near on the horizon. The new year usually means we resolve to do better than we did last year in some way. We, as Knights, are no different. We start the year walking the talk – the West Coast Walk for Life and shortly thereafter, one of our biggest events, the annual Crab Feast. Is this the year you find a time to join your fellow Brothers in one of our events? You would be surprised how easy it is to contribute your time. Not every task we ask you to take part in is burdensome, but as we have seen with our local Giants and Warriors, teamwork rules. Start 2016 with an open mind and resolve to take part in something.

I leave you with some words from one of my favorite Christmas tunes that gives me a chill when I hear it. "The cattle grazing in the field could hear the shepherds pray. They turned and slowly came to find the stranger in the hay. They bowed their heads in silence there was no sign of fear. And all around the manger, they stood in Silent Prayer..."

**Financial Secretary,
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JOHN'S JOKES

Quasimodo was the famous hunch back of Notre Dame. After his death, the bishop of his Cathedral sent word through the streets of Paris that he needed a new bell ringer. The Bishop decided that he would conduct the interviews personally and so he went up into the belfry to begin the screening process. After observing several applicants demonstrate their skills, he shook his head - none were as good as Quasimodo. Just as the bishop was leaving, a man with no arms approached him and announced that he was there to apply for the bell ringer's job. The bishop was incredulous. "But, you have no arms!" "No matter," said the man. "Observe!" And he began striking the bells with his face, producing a beautiful melody on the bells. The bishop listened in astonishment; convinced he had finally found a replacement for Quasimodo

But suddenly, rushing forward to head the bell, the armless man tripped and plunged headlong out of the belfry window. Sadly, he died on the street below. The stunned bishop rushed to the armless man. When he reached the street, a crowd had gathered around the fallen figure, drawn by the beautiful music they had heard only moments before. As they silently parted to let the bishop through, one of them asked, "Bishop, who was this man?" "I don't know his name," the bishop sadly replied, "but his face rings a bell." The next day, despite the sadness of the unfortunate death of the armless campanologist, the bishop continued his interviews for the bell ringer of Notre Dame. The first man to approach him said, "Your Excellency, I am the brother of

the poor armless wretch that fell to his death from this very belfry yesterday. I pray that you will honor my brother's life by allowing me to replace him as your esteemed bell ringer." The bishop agreed to give the man an audition and, as the armless man's brother stooped to pick up a mallet to strike the first bell, he groaned, clutched at his chest, twirled around, and died on the spot. A monk, hearing the bishop's cries of grief at this second tragedy, rushed up the stairs to his side. "What has happened? Who is this man?" the monk asked breathlessly. "I don't know his name," sighed the distraught bishop, "buthe's was a dead ringer for his brother."

I went to daily mass the other day, and I saw my friend, Alex. For those of you who don't know Alex, he is the young boy I wrote about that I met at daily mass. He is maybe 6-7 years old. I had told him of the Knights and invited him to join with us when he becomes 18. This was after a fidget festival he and his sister were having in the pew behind me months ago. When he sees me now, he comes and sits with me during mass. Sometimes he sits with future Knight, Lalo, and enjoys the mass. Most of the time, he has a toy with him. He usually has to make at least one trip to the bathroom and has all kinds of questions, all valid and many about the mass. Many times those questions will come up while the priest is speaking, which can disrupt other parishioners especially during the gospel or homily. He doesn't seem to know any of the prayers or responses (maybe not in English, but he might know them in Spanish). One thing he does know is, as he stated, "I sure do wish I could have the bread," followed by "Where does it come from?" and "Is it really the Body of Christ?" This particular mass he had Darth Vader and Batman toys. I quietly put them in my pocket and told him I would give them back to him after mass. He barely frowned and was ok with it. I tried quietly to teach him the responses, answer his

LECTURER'S NOTES

questions when it was not interrupting, and try my best to joyfully engage in the mass. I must admit, when I see him coming, I sometimes sigh, "Oh boy!" I think you know what I mean! Then he shows that huge smile he has just for me and I realize, "God sent this kid to me. Who's really teaching who?" There's so many questions in there. I'm going to have to refer to Father, the catechism, or someone who knows more answers than I.

After mass I was asked by a fellow Knight if Alex was my son, grandson or nephew. I said, "No, that's Alex," and explained briefly how we met. He said something like "Man, I was wondering because that kid was all over the place." I think he might have been one of the parishioners that was disturbed by Alex's movements and questions. I told our Brother Knight, "You raised two children yourself. Don't worry; maybe Alex will sit with you next time."

He said, "Oh no! I don't have that kind of patience."

Well guess what folks, neither do I! It's another gift from the Holy Spirit. Again who's teaching who? It makes me think of the fourth sorrowful mystery, the carrying of the cross and the fruit of the mystery? Patience. We are all teachers, and we are all students of our faith. We all need to share the Word, share the mass. Alex's mom does speak English, and I learned

he does have a father. I can tell he's very fond of when he speaks of him, but I have not met him yet.

Many a child now a days grows up without a father. I was very fortunate to have Wayne Michael, my father. All children deserve to have an earthly father like Wayne Michael. On a closing note, I want to thank the Worthy Grand Knight and all you other Knights who ushered and attended my father's funeral mass last month.

Thank you!

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

As you know from past newsletters, your Officers have set a few goals for this Columbian Year. I promised to challenge you over the upcoming Columbian Year, to **get involved** in an activity that you might find quite rewarding and usually enjoyable.

First Degree Team...

We needed a long term commitment of First Degree Team members and backups. We are in special need of a **"music man"** to run the background CD music...quite a bit short of a DJ, but still your volunteerism will be very much appreciated.

Last month I am challenged you to get involved in the:

Special Olympics ... Challenge Answered!

We logged over 90 man-hours at the annual Special Olympics Bowling Tournament...were you there? I'll include a few pictures this month instead of words!



Later in the year, the 23rd of April, we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to, again, give you a chance to help out the Special Olympics...save that date. Will you be there??

Al Toschi,
Chancellor
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As 2015 draws to a close, I wanted to express my gratitude to all of you Brothers for the help and support over the last six months. Our council is strong and seems to be growing stronger these past months with more and more younger members stepping up. Recent events, such as the adopt-a-family dinner, were well attended and I feel we're in a great position going into the second half of our Columbian year with the Crab Feed and Fish Fry Dinners ahead of us. Please plan on being active at these events as well. A good number of you recently volunteered to help with the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in Modesto. I was one of the Brother Knights present and I have to tell you it was one of the most enjoyable events I can remember in a long time. I went

in to it with a little trepidation as I was not confident in my ability to deal with 'disabled people', if you can call them that. As it turns out, my fears were unfounded. The players, one and all, were gracious and joyful and thrilled with every ball they rolled. I was stuck by their unshakably positive attitudes and by their encouragement of each other. Not only that just about every one of them could out bowl me by a mile. Everyone seemed to be scoring in the high 100's to mid-200's and there was even a perfect came rolled! I am definitely looking forward to taking part in more events with this worthwhile group and can hardly wait for next year's tournament.



I'll close by wishing you all and your families a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus and see you at the January business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Tim Keating

Deputy Grand Knight

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

A Portfolio of Protection

Over the course of the last 133 years, the products and protection offered by the Knights of Columbus to members and their families have grown to meet changing needs. As we begin our 134th year of operation, we are proud to say that we offer a complete portfolio of protection to our members – a portfolio that we think is our best yet, with high quality, customizable products designed to fit your family's needs and budget.

Permanent Life Insurance – Insure Your Life for Life

Permanent Life Insurance is our signature product. Why? Because it provides *guaranteed* protection for your loved ones until the day you die. And, while you're still alive, it builds cash value. It's the total package.

Permanent Life Insurance is a great solution for many basic needs, such as final expenses, income replacement, and debt protection, and it can also serve specialized purposes such as estate planning and charitable giving.

Put simply: as long as you pay your premiums, when you die, *whenever you die*, your beneficiaries will receive the guaranteed death benefit (if not more) that you established for them.

Term Life Insurance – Affordable Protection for Temporary Needs

Sometimes in life, our financial obligations are temporary, and that's where term insurance brings the most value. Like permanent insurance, term insurance provides a death benefit to beneficiaries, but only within the specific term period. Maybe we have a 30-year mortgage. Maybe we have 10 years left until retirement. Maybe we have two children who are about to go through college.

In time, the mortgage will be paid off, retirement will arrive at last, and the kids will finish college. Once those days come, your insurance needs will change.

These types of temporary needs are what term insurance is made for. Term can provide extra protection at affordable rates that – if structured properly – will go away once the needs themselves go away.

Retirement Annuities – Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.

During our working lives, there are probably few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. We want to make sure that once we finally stop working, we don't have to stop living the way we want too.

Retirement income can be a tricky thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. But, with a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you *cannot* outlive, guaranteed.

It's peace of mind that most of us hope to achieve.

The Knights offers a variety of annuities to members and their families, including traditional IRAs, Roth IRAs, and non-qualified, which are available as both single premium and flexible premium annuities.

Long-Term Care Insurance – Protect your assets. Get quality care. Prepare for the future.

While life expectancies have been improving steadily, living longer may very well mean needing more care. Statistics show that nearly 70 percent of individuals over the age of 65 will require at least some type of long-term care services during their lifetime.* And those services are becoming more and more expensive.

On average, nursing home care can cost upwards of \$83,000 per year, while at-home care can cost more than \$60,000 per year.*

Yet most regular health insurance plans or government assistance programs do not provide sufficient coverage for long-term care needs.

Long-term care insurance from the Knights of Columbus helps mitigate that risk by helping you cover your costs.

Disability Income Insurance – Receive an income even when you can't work.

A lot of us know about disability insurance, and many of us even have it, and yet it's chronically misunderstood.

Many people receive disability coverage from their employer, yet they don't

know too much about the particulars. Is it short-term disability? Is it long-term disability? Is it both? Does it cover your entire salary? Or only part? How much? Yet despite the confusion, disability income insurance provides critical protection to families, especially those who rely on their paychecks to pay the bills.

Insurance by Brother Knights for Brother Knights

When structuring the best insurance plan for you and your family, there is a lot to consider, but keep two things in mind.

First and foremost, remember that you have a dedicated, professional Knights of Columbus agent whose job it is to help you consider your current situation, evaluate the options, and put a plan in place to help protect you and your family according to your terms and your budget.

Second, whenever you do business with the Knights of Columbus, you get the added benefit of knowing that you're not doing business with any old insurance company, you're doing business with *your* insurance company, a *Catholic* insurance company, that is one of the most highly-rated life insurers in North America.****

So be sure to reach out to me today, and get the conversation started, so that you can take advantage of this exclusive portfolio of protection that's been assembled for you.

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