

# KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen Knights,

We start out our new Columbian year with yours truly at the helm again; a little more humble and greatly appreciative of all the brothers that help make our successes that this council achieved and enjoyed this past year. I would like to recognize the brothers that carried the canopy and participated in the Corpus Christi. They are: John Sablan, Steven Tubbs, John McCave, Keith Kitcher, Pino Truncali, Alfonso Chavez, Ed Ibarra, John Marsella, and Mike Miranda. Also in attendance were Carlos Torres and Daniel Hernandez as representatives of the Color Corps of the Fourth Degree. I was told by many that there was a crowd of 600 for the first time. That is phenomenal for our first annual and this event will grow in the next year as the word spreads. I also need to recognize Alan Saca, Joey and Lisa Rodriguez and two of my children: Aidan and Maggie for helping with the Fans for the Cure (prostate awareness), a nationwide day Knights nationwide participated in on the same day at stadiums across the country. This month is also the start of the Summer Special Olympics which the Knights of Columbus are heavily involved in. They are being held in the Southern California area and I'm proud to say our council will be represented in the torch run by Brothers John Rodriguez and Keith Kitcher. I'm very happy these two

brothers can attend and look forward to hearing about and seeing pictures of their time there. I'm hoping most of the Brothers that can will show up to help Ed Gamboa at this year's Fourth of July fireworks booth. The location will be in the Orchard Supply lot across the street from our church. This event is vital to our council as it helps fund scholarships and monies for travels of the World Youth Day pilgrims from our parish. I would also like to acknowledge our scholarship winners for 2015 they are Maria Delgado-Braun, Josue Jimenez-Magana, Danielle Mayoral, Brother Knight Victor Mayoral Jr., Jocelyn Nunez and Josef Nunez. Continued success to you all on your journeys! Also, special thanks to brother Don Cavagnaro of whom I never have to ask for anything as he just jumps in and takes care of scholarship and the church. I'm grateful to have him as a Brother Knight. I would like to also introduce our roster of Officers for 2015-16. They are: Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Keating; Chancellor, Alan Toschi; Warden, Larry Kjellberg; Chaplain, Fr. Mark Wagner; Financial Secretary, Dave Sichak; Treasurer, Cliff Judd; Recorder, Ed Gamboa; Advocate, Rick Dinubilo; Lector, Steven Michaels; Inside Guard, Steve Junquero; Outside Guard, Tim



Matalone; our 3-Year Trustee, Mike Miranda, 2-Year Trustee, Mike Vigil; and 1-Year Trustee, Mel Mattos. Congratulations to all and I look forward to working with you! In the upcoming month Tim Keating and I will be asking and leaning on some of our newer Knights to chair events and report happenings in our community. One of our biggest is the Crab Feed, which will require not just a chairperson but a committee. Michael Loschke did a fantastic job last year with the help of many Brothers. More minds and ideas truly helped in the achievement and great success this year. In closing, I would like all you, Brothers, to continue praying the rosary and include priests and Catholics that are persecuted worldwide in your prayers! God bless you and your families!

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## Next Meeting

Date: 7/7/2015

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. We need you and your ideas.

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

ENJOY INDEPENDENCE DAY!  
(It may be your last!)

Dear Brother Knights,  
The Fourth of July is Independence Day, the great celebration of the freedom from oppression and religious persecution that we enjoy in this country. We should try to enjoy this celebration this year, because any day now the Supreme Court could issue a ruling that would severely limit our religious freedom. For the time being, we enjoy the right to believe in the teachings of the Bible and the Catholic Church that marriage is only between a man and a woman. We are free to believe that children have a right to be raised by a father and a mother whenever possible. Catholic priests and Catholic laypersons who work in the marriage industry are free to limit their services to marriages between a man and a woman. Catholic adoption agencies are free to place children where they will have both a father and a mother. Parents are free to send their children to Catholic Schools that define marriage as a sacred bond between a man and a woman.

But by this time next year we may no longer enjoy some of these freedoms. Our faith might become illegal. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of the lawsuit "Obergefell v. Hodges", then the law of the land would be that every citizen of every state in the union would have to recognize a new definition of marriage. If you say that same-sex couples do not have the "right" to marriage, you would risk being accused and prosecuted for bigotry, discrimination, and a hate-crime. Let us pray that the Supreme Court Justices will not try to find something in the constitution which is simply not there. Let us pray that they will not have the audacity to "play god" and give a new definition to marriage. Let us hope that at least allow each state to use its democratic processes to create their own legislation on this issue which is not addressed in the constitution. Some states would be free to follow the wisdom of past ages. Other states would try social experimentation and we would all learn from their mistakes. Ryan Anderson, Ph.D., the William E. Simon of the Heritage Foundation says that the matter should be left up to the states which are the "laboratories of democracy," (words of the Supreme

Court.) If the states can define marriage through the democratic process, people can see first-hand the consequences of changing marriage and decide accordingly, rather than the Court deciding a legal right to "gay marriage" and forcing everyone to wait for the consequences. "The Supreme Court justices have no better ability than anyone in America to predict what the outcome will be. They're not a super-legislature... There's nothing in the Constitution that tells us which of those two arguments is the better argument... "The Court should respect the Constitutional authority of states to make marriage policy."

Sincerely,

**Father  
Mark Wagner  
Chaplain and Pastor  
St. Joseph's  
Catholic Church**



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: John Adams; Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family; John Karaz; Steve Loschke; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Bill McClure; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Loy Sagrado and Dave Tacchini. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez;

Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Mary Guidice, wife of Dominick Guidice; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Jeremy, the son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Monique Martinez and her baby, daughter of Angel Martinez; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael; Carol Lynne Moraca, wife of Sam Moraca; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers and

Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers. Pray also for a shield of protection over our Country as we celebrate the birth of the United States, **"One Nation, Under God!"**

If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know.

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~ July 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Blessed Junipero Serra <i>Fireworks Sales</i>	2 <i>Fireworks Sales</i>	3 <i>Fireworks Sales</i>	4 <i>Fireworks Sales</i>
5	6 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office St. Maria Goretti	7 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	8	9	10 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes: Ed Gamboa Fireworks Chair

## JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Michael E. Webster 07/01  
 Kenneth J. Ochinerro 07/03  
 David A. Racher 07/06  
 Ronald E. Varnell 07/06  
 Gerard O Oftring 07/09  
 Jason A. Hoffman 07/10  
 Michael C. Pardina 07/11  
 Antonio D. Valdez 07/11  
 David L. Malsom 07/13  
 David W. Barnes 07/14  
 Tim D. Benavidez 07/15  
 James E. Towne PGK 07/15  
 Ronald W. Perkins 07/16  
 Richard A. Rodriguez 07/16  
 Raymond Chavarria 07/18  
 Peter A. Espinosa 07/18  
 Mark L. Povio 07/18  
 Michael A. Nielsen 07/22  
 Stephen E. Michael 07/23  
 Richard N. Schultz 07/24  
 Eugene K. Awuah 07/27  
 Steven A. Junqueiro Jr. 07/27  
 Paul D. Williams 07/27  
 Roy M. McKenzie 07/28  
 William R. Frey 07/29  
 Kurt A. Saalfeld 07/31

### LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Kristin Archuleta 07/01  
 Ruth Oftring 07/01  
 Sandy Fitzgerald 07/05  
 Anita Racher 07/05  
 Charlyn Piper 07/08  
 Lori Ramirez 07/10  
 Linda Black 07/11  
 Melinda Gordon 07/11  
 Maria Sally Evans 07/17  
 Marietta Kummerle 07/18  
 Insa Duke 07/21  
 Lela Seefeldt 07/21  
 Glafira Villalobos 07/22  
 Linda Espinosa 07/26  
 Cynthia Matalone 07/30  
 Debora McKenzie 07/30

### ANNIVERSARIES

Ernie & Lori Ramirez 07/06  
 Alonzo & Jeannie Castillo 7/07  
 Ted & Cathy Hartman 07/07  
 Tom & Lisa Lucas III 07/07  
 Thomas & Wendy Morton 7/08  
 John & Beth Gorman III 7/09  
 Steven & Noemi Junqueiro Jr.  
 7/10  
 Tony & Grace DeCaro 07/12  
 Henry & Anita Mendoza 07/13  
 Pellegrino & Giovanna Truncali  
 07/19  
 Richard Braun &  
 Maria F Delgado- Braun 07/20  
 Everett & Karen Hough 07/22  
 Steve & Carrie Loschke 07/27  
 Gerald & Patricia Moon 07/28  
 David & Joan Tacchini 07/30



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers, did you take the time recently to walk with and for the Lord? Are you talking with the Lord? Yes, it's some thoughts from an old song but strikes a chord this evening as the heat of the setting sun finally disappears. Before going into the theme I mentioned, I thought I would share what I have observed as my wife decided she wanted to be a part of the adult choir that usually sings at the 10:30am mass. Over the years I have gotten to learn of her musical talents, playing the guitar and when we had her sister and mom over, how they would harmonize in old familiar holiday tunes. She takes her participation seriously and with a joy I have not seen in other efforts. She practices during the week, learning the hymns for the coming week by listening to YouTube videos, playing the melody she will sing as her part on our little electric piano and just learning the melody and tune. She attends the weekly practices and come Sunday, well, it's the highlight of the week for after the service her smile is ever present. Being in the audience, I can appreciate their efforts a little bit more from the personal angle. She recently attended a choir retreat at St. Patrick's in Sonora with the rest of her choir team

members and choirs from other parishes. The following day, she told me she was still hearing the beautiful music they made that day. So, when you attend mass and hear the choirs, give a listen and appreciate the effort they make to add to our experience during the mass.

Now as for that walking and talking. My wife and I joined over 600 faithful in the Corpus Christi procession June 7. It was a great experience in spite of the heat of the summer afternoon. I felt good that we had such a large turnout for this. And was thankful for the chair I spotted at the third station and that second bottle of water. But then, was not part of the sermon of the weekend that we would be provided for in serving our Lord? From what I can tell, we all made it - young and old alike.

Don't confuse 'talking' with the Lord with just prayer. Perhaps providing a verse from an old country gospel tune might be appropriate. I cannot sing and only play one of my guitars (dobro/Hawaiian guitar) at home as I never got to play with a group and play with that group rhythm. But over time, the music I enjoy and have been researching for many years has become a part of me and something I can draw upon at times.

Are You Walking?

By H. Williams

On your journey to the grave  
Would you stop and try to save?  
Are you walking and a-talking  
with the Lord?  
Would you lend a helping hand  
To some poor sinner man?  
Are you walking and a-talking  
with the Lord?

I see many of our brothers participating in various ministries in our parish and helping out as well in other ways. To those of you who I have not seen, I ask you to recall the feeling you had when you became a Knight and ask yourself today, "Are you walking and a-talking with the Lord?"

**Financial Secretary,**  
**Dave Sichak**

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## BOB'S JOKES

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PGK JOHN GORMAN'S RECOVERY



**A British passenger in a taxi in Dublin leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from the edge of the bridge over the Liffey River.**

**For a few moments everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking driver said, "Bejesus, I'm sorry, but you scared the devil out of me." The frightened Brit then apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten an Irishman so much.**

**The driver replied, "Will the Saints in Heaven forgive me,**

**it's entirely my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab..... I've been driving a hearse for the last 25 years."**



## LECTURER'S NOTES

Brother Knights,  
 Welcome to July! In June, we heard from the book of Tobit during the daily masses. As I was listening to the second reading at daily mass one afternoon, I turned to my friend and said, "This is an incredible story! Juan turned to me and said "This is your story." I probably looked a little puzzled and then quickly realized: he is right. It's the story about all of us. In Tobit's reading we hear that he is deprived of his sight for a while; and then, by the grace of God alone, receives his sight back. Is it not through God that we receive all good things. Though it is a question, I choose not punctuate the sentence with a question mark in fear of the Lord. Yes, it is through God that we receive all good things, and I pray you and your family members will continue to receive, through prayer, all good gifts from our Lord Jesus Christ. I was reminded of Saul on the road to Damascus, how Jesus struck him down and blinded him. Saul, one of the greatest sinners of the time: a murder, was given a second chance and blessed by our gracious Lord and given a new name. Paul made very good use of his time to say the least. I was also reminded of our last first degree and about the young men from our parish that we welcomed to our ranks. During that ceremony, they were deprived of their sight for a short time while they contemplated the words of our union with them. The first degree is always a refresher for us and always takes me back to that first night as a Knight. Father Mark's reuniting of Corpus Christi Procession with St. Joseph's church and the surrounding neighborhoods was a great success. I have only two suggestions for next year: more

water and more water. Those providing the water, God bless them, may not have anticipated how many would show up or how hot it would be. The oldest and the youngest suffered, but all completed. The walk also could have used another air conditioned van for those too exhausted to make it. There were two: we could have used three. Maybe this is something that the Knights could help out with next year. We followed our Lord through the streets with police escort first, then Knights of Columbus color guard, then different ministries, then the Priest with the Blessed Sacrament, covered with a canopy carried by Knights followed by other parishioners and a sound truck driven by Juan with Svetlana playing keyboards and singers in the back of the truck. We headed west on Lancey, twisting through the neighborhoods, stopping at the parish's rental home for a prayer or two. We made other stops at other parishioners' houses and got positive feedback from the neighbors and permission whenever possible to stand under their shade trees on the lawns while listening to the priests speaking.

We finally made it all the way to Coleman F. Brown Park. There was already no water. My house is only one block away, so I caught a quick ride home and grabbed every water I had in my fridge, which was only about ten. When I got back to the park, I looked for the oldest and the youngest and distributed the waters as best as I could. Sorry, if I missed you. When the procession got started up again, I noticed something: "They're going into my neighborhood! Cool!" People asked questions and I answered, evangelized, and invited. To the friendly and not so friendly I told them, "I'm your neighbor! Who are we? We're good

old St Joseph's, just up the street. Come check us out. What is this? This is the real body of the Lord Jesus Christ. The unbroken, consecrated host, one bread, one body, this is Corpus Christi. It's a celebration and you are part of that celebration."

It felt good, but why did I look at them different that day? Was it because my church family was with me? Was it because of the Holy Spirit? Does it take a procession for us to get the word out in our own neighborhoods? Maybe it does or just someone to have the vision. My hat's off to all the Knights who helped out, to the color guard who braved the heat in full dress, to all those who carried the canopy, and many other functions and Ed Ibarra who almost single handedly like a border collie kept people moving and groovin'. God bless you, Brothers. I love you all!

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings from your new Deputy Grand Knight. My name is Tim Keating. Most of you know me, as I've been a member of the Council almost from the beginning. Though I've been active on the degree teams, I'd never stepped up into the higher offices. I now look forward to the next two years, serving with my fellow officers and with you, my Brother Knights.

To start, I'd like to address those Brothers who read the newsletter and don't attend many or any of the business meetings. I'd like each and every one of you to take a moment to ask yourself why you can't or don't attend more. I'm asking you to recall that feeling you had when you first joined the Knights. I'm asking you to attend the next meeting.

Why? Three reasons; it's fun, it's fulfilling, and it serves God. Business meetings are where it all happens. Right now is the start of a new Columbian Year and, as you've read in the Grand Knight's message and elsewhere in the newsletter, it's the time when we plan all the events for the coming year. It's an exciting time and you should be a part of it. No one is expected to

attend all the business meetings, and certainly we can't take part in all the events; but surely many of us can do more. It's not enough to call yourself a Knight and pay your dues. God is calling on you to serve.

Maybe you attended a few meetings years back and found them boring. I can assure you that all the meetings I've been to in the last few years were far from boring. Grand Knight Mike Glendon runs the meetings at a brisk and businesslike pace, and meetings generally run under an hour. For my part, I've found the stirring and inspiring talks by our Lecturer (last year Brother Ed Ibarra and now Brother Stephen Michael) to be the highlight of the meeting.

So what do you say? I say attend the next meeting on July 7th and, if you happen to be busy on that holiday weekend, attend the August meeting on the 4th. You'll receive a warm welcome back and you won't regret it, I promise. And now on to upcoming events; July and August and not heavy months for the Council as we all enjoy some summer fun with our families, but there are a couple of important events and it's not too early to

mark your calendars for a couple of events in the early fall.

June 28th through July 4th - Fireworks Booth - Contact Ed Gamboa to volunteer for this important fundraising event.

Sunday August 9th - Church Breakfast - Attend the next meeting for more details.

Saturday, October 17th - Oktoberfest - A fun event for Knights and their families.

Saturday, October 17th & Sunday, October 18th - Tootsie Roll Drive - Sunday, October 18th - Sign up to hand out candy on the plaza after Mass to raise funds to help the intellectually disabled.

Sincerely yours,

**Tim Keating**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

My dear Brother Knights, Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care (LTC) insurance has provided the Knights of Columbus with an excellent opportunity to further serve members and their families. We haven't raised the prices on our policies since 2000. And, there is an added bonus! It's called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network includes discounts on products, such as hearing aids, diabetic supplies, personal emergency response systems, and durable medical equipment, as well as skilled nursing facilities, assisted living, and adult day care.

**LifePlans**  
PROVIDER PATHWAY™

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders AND their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you haven't yet spoken with me about long-term care insurance, you owe it to yourself to do so. There are a few decisions to make in choosing a "plan" — a comprehensive plan that covers care whether you're at home or in a facility, or one that covers facility only; daily benefit amounts and benefit durations (how much and how long it will last); and the length of the elimination period (waiting period) before benefits kick-in.

Having a professionally trained agent — and a brother Knight you can trust — to help guide you through the process is yet another valuable benefit that comes with your membership. Take advantage of it; contact me today.



God bless,

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