



## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As you know a number of our Brother Knights who fought in World War II are still with us, though their numbers get smaller every year. But did you know that the Knights of Columbus also played a fairly significant roll in World War I? On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's entry into the First World War, Joseph Pronchen, a staff writer for EWTN, recently wrote in *Columbia Magazine* that overseas personnel included some 100,000 members of the Knights of Columbus from the U.S. and Canada, including hundreds of clergy and war relief workers. In addition, the Knights assisted in war relief in the states, keeping up morale at military camps and raising funds. At the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Connecticut, a special exhibit is now on display.

Called "World War I: Beyond the Front Lines," the exhibit presents examples of soldiers' lives during the long months of war, including how the Knights provided them with support. One significant contribution was the organization of relief centers, called "huts". These centers provided needed physical and spiritual respite for the troops overseas, including access to the Sacraments. Through the generosity of the Order, the huts welcomed everyone and everything was provided for free. Among the 176,000 American and Canadian men that died in the war were over 1,500 members of the Knights of Columbus. Both the first and the last U.S. officers to die in the war were Knights. The Knight's contribution to the war effort had such an impact that Gen. John Joseph Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces, stat-

ed that "of all the organizations that took part in the winning of the war, with the exception of the military itself, there was none so efficiently and ably administered as the Knights of Columbus." That's pretty high praise. Today, the Knights of Columbus continue to be strong supporters of our military and your support directly helps these efforts. On to recent events at our local level: our council provided cooks for the parish's annual blessings breakfast on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all the brother Knights who spent the morning in the kitchen including Angel Martinez, Daniel Hernandez, Al Toschi, Josey Sampson, Tim Matalone, Andy Gonzales, Ed Gamboa, Rick Dinubilo and Dave Sichak. I'm sure I left someone out so thanks to them too. Thanks, also, to Brother Andy for recruiting two new members at the event!

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend.

## June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 <b>6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Council Room of St. JP2 Center</b>	6 <b>7 PM Business Meeting in Father O'Hare Hall</b>	7	8	9 <b>5:45 pm Memorial Mass and Rosary for Deceased members</b>	10 <b>10 AM Installation of Officers and Scholarship presentations Father O'Hare Hall</b>
11	12	13 <b>Anniversary of Establishment of our Council</b>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Anthony Lee 6/1  
 Robert Wildt 6/1  
 Dennis Murphy 6/3  
 Jonathan White 6/5  
 Richard Volonte 6/6  
 Salvador Becerra 6/9  
 Lovinio Casiano 6/11  
 Merno Stalder Jr. 6/11  
 Joel Svendsen 6/11  
 William Black 6/12  
 Vince Galas 6/13  
 John McCave PGK 6/15  
 Daniel Mejia 6/17  
 Amado Valencia Jr 6/17  
 Neil Corbeil 6/18  
 Daniel Nieto 6/18  
 Duarte Bento 6/20  
 Galen Wildeman 6/20  
 Nicholas Reggiani 6/21  
 Ferdinand Gonzaga 6/22  
 Michael Loschke 6/23  
 Warner Norleen 6/23  
 David L. Piper 6/24  
 Michael Karsner 6/25  
 Jose Nunez 6/26  
 Michael Perine 6/29  
 Fr. John Peter 6/29  
 Richard Dwyer 6/30

### Ladies' Birthdays

Gigi Pongase 6/1  
 Judy Tuss 6/1  
 Joan Tacchini 6/5  
 Margaret Mayoral 6/6  
 Judy Murphy 6/9  
 Janet Baker 6/16  
 Rita Humphreys 6/17  
 Trina Malsom 6/17  
 Rosemary Torres 6/19  
 Lisa Gonzales 6/20  
 Karen Henriquez 6/22  
 Linda Spengler 6/22  
 Aninya Lamanet 6/24  
 Michelle Frey 6/27  
 Maria Evena Cristerna 6/30  
 Nicole Miranda 6/30  
 Priscilla Pino 6/30

### Anniversaries

Anthony & Tamara Butera 6/1  
 Anthony & Wilma Lee 6/2  
 Brandon & Kathleen Harker 6/4  
 Mel & Lucy Mattos PGK 6/5  
 Pat & Kim Ringer 6/9  
 Donald & Marilyn Hancock 6/11  
 Dave & Christi Wharton 6/12  
 Kent & Mary Marlett 6/13  
 Reuben & Teresa Peterson 6/14  
 Michael & Nicole Miranda 6/15  
 Robert & Lita Selover 6/15  
 Robert & Mona Wildt 6/15  
 Robert & Andrea Hemsley FDD 6/18  
 David & Anita Racher 6/19  
 Ralph & Cheryl Driggs 6/20  
 Ronald & Rose Lamont 6/20  
 Don & Marti Reed 6/21  
 Michael & Kathleen Glendon 6/22  
 Ruben & Maricela Sanchez 6/22  
 Roy & Melinda Gordon 6/23  
 Roger & Rosalinda Farias 6/24  
 Raul & Soledad Raya 6/26  
 Michael & Piedy Callahan 6/27  
 Jason & Brownwyn Jackson 6/27  
 Derrick & Joanne Serpa 6/27  
 Raphell & Susan Taylor 6/28  
 Richard & Pam Dinubilo 6/30



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

On April 20, several members of your council attended the annual Bishop's Seminarian Dinner hosted by the San Joaquin chapter at the Elks Lodge in Modesto.



Each council was escorted up to the dais to present a donation to Bishop Blair. Our council's donation of over \$1,600 was presented by Grand Knight Tim Keating.



On April 29, the Knights held a pasta dinner fund raiser for our local Special Olympics athletes in Stanislaus County.



Over 150 of our parishioners, supporters and Special Olympics athletes attended.



On May 6, the Knights helped serve breakfast to St. Joseph's parishioners as part of the "Blessings Breakfast".



**Financial Secretary,  
Dave Sichak**  
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# DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of June, we can reflect on this last year's accomplishments. **WE HAVE HAD AN OUTSTANDING YEAR!** Events, beginning with our 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks sales and continuing through the year with the Parish Festival, Tootsie Roll Drive, Adopt-A-Family, Special Olympics Bowling, the Blue Mass, Crab Feed, 5 Fish Frys and a Soup Dinner, a Special Olympics Pasta Feed and culminating in a parish Blood Drive: **WE HAVE BEEN BUSY!** Thanks to ALL who helped out. Are you one who helped? This Council is one of the most active and successful Councils in the state thanks to the hard work of many, however, we have many who have been called, but have decided not to get involved.

Which are you? We have donated over \$25K to various local charitable organizations in the name of the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph's Parish (including the Bishop's Seminarian Fund, Special Olympics of Stanislaus, Family Promise, St. Vincent de Paul, Foster Kids of Stanislaus Co., Howard Training Center, Boy Scouts Troop 49, Community Continuum College, St. Joseph's Parish Youth Groups, Adopt-A-Family, Right to Life, RCIA Bibles, the Center for Disabilities, College Scholarships, etc.) Did you participate or are you one who is along for the free ride? Let's make this upcoming year even more successful and more rewarding by getting some of our less active brothers more involved, be-

cause the more involved you are, the more rewarding and fun this group is. **THANKS TO ALL** who helped out for a VERY successful year! We look forward to the new year beginning, again, with one of our single biggest events: our **Fireworks Sales**. **We need at least 24 brothers** to help out a between June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>, even for a few hours! (The more the merrier, as it does get quite warm.) Sign up, to help out for even a few hours, by attending our next Business Meeting on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM or by calling me at 601-5039, Ed Gamboa at 497-7814, or Tim Keating at 765-1480.

**Al Toschi**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**



## JOHN'S JOKES

### Hot Mail



A couple going on vacation but his wife was on a business trip so he went to the destination first and his wife would meet him the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he mistyped a letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

# LECTURER'S MESSAGE

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Lady of Fatima, I'm reminded on the incredible story of the Mother of God appearing to three small shepherd children in Portugal. This year is also our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish, which means we were established on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her appearance. If you don't know the story it is an incredible, true tale that you need to know about.

In short, the Portuguese government had been overthrown and taken over by socialist that wanted to outlaw religion. All churches were shut down and religious priest and nuns were told if they wore their religious garb in public, they would be arrested and imprisoned. Many were. Fatima was remote, and they were still attending mass discreetly caring on their lives. The three children were saying the rosary while tending sheep when the Blessed Mother appeared in a cloud above a bush and warned them of things they could not know about. She warned them if the world did not turn away from its sinful ways, repent and return to Jesus that we would be punished with terrible wars and that Russia would continue to spread its errors around the world.

Okay; stop right there! I wonder what her warning would be today 100 years later. How many times in the bible were warnings given by the prophets and ignored? And then the prophecies came true. Do we even recognize sin today? Okay, let's go on.

The children were asked by Mary to continue to pray the rosary every day. How are we all doing on that? Mary appeared to the children several times and promised them a

miracle. She even told them the specific time and dates she would appear next. The children faced skepticism and finally even torture and imprisonment. They were forbidden by their parents and the new government to return to the sacred spot. They were also strongly urged by their parish priest not to go back, because their story had spread. Many people came to the children's home wanting to see them and hear their story. They longed to follow to get a glimpse of the Virgin Mother. The priest was not convinced of the children's story and was concerned about the people traveling from far away to see something that could just be a child's story and bring unwanted attention to the parish at a critical time of persecution.

The children had told of things they did not have knowledge of and could not have fabricated. At the final apparition, 70,000 people, including skeptics and reporters witnessed and documented the miracle promised. The miracle of the sun or "the day the sun danced." On that day it was pouring down rain. The skeptics scoffed, while the faithful complained and lost hope. But then, the sun came out and moved on its axis back on forth. An eye witness account by a scientist stated that he could feel the heat of the sun but was able to look directly at it without hurting his retinas or losing his vision. Suddenly, there were a blanket of screams from the crowd of witnesses. The sun turned red grew in size, and raced as if it would land where they all stood. It then went back to normal in the sky. The people immediately noticed that the mud they had been wading in was dry ground, as was

their dry clothing.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of May, St Joseph's had a beautiful mass honoring Our Lady's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event, which was followed by Portuguese sweet bread, cheese and grapes, a short film about the event and a candle light procession that took us around the church. Most of those helping carry the image of Our Lady of Fatima and the torches around her were members of our Council! The turnout was very good, but it should have been great. There wasn't anywhere close to the 70,000 that were in Fatima 100 years ago. Can you just imagine? We were all Portuguese in spirit that Friday night in spite of our different cultural upbringings. God bless you and your families. I love you all very much.

**Stephen E Michael,**  
**Lecturer**



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers:

Tomas Mesta, Jim Galuppi, David Perez, Roy Gordon, Merno Stalder, John Karan, Dave Tachini, Fred Ibarra, Tony Lee, David Malcom, Michael Staud, Dick Elson, Steven Harper, Jeremy Hensley, Don Reed, Gary Humphreys, and for me, as I continue to deal with cancer treatments and other complications.

Prayers are also requested for the families of the following Brothers: Doug Rider; Daniel Hamilton; Leonard Churilla; John Gorman; Mike Miranda; Al Toschi; Alfonso Chavez; Gary Moya; Chris Powers; Frank Holmes; Ed Hough; Ana de Villiers, wife of deceased brother Roberto Gutierrez; Craig Trevelyan, brother-in-law to Dave Wharton; Teresa Davis, wife of former District Deputy Eugene Davis Jr.; the wife of former District Deputy, Dave Roberts; Bob Selover's wife, Lita; Marty Reis' mother, Elsie, aunt, Lucretia Brant, and brother-in-law, Jim and finally for the repose of the soul of Christopher Bengochea's mother-in-law, Raquel Rubalcava.

Brothers, please be aware, for your prayers to be included to our list you must email me or phone me no later than the 14th of the

month, as I need to get the information to the editor of this newsletter on time for it to be published.

Please continue to pray for our priests, our parish and the whole world as we continue in our 50th anniversary year. Lord, Grant us your blessing 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](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com).

**Mike Glendon,  
PGK**



# INSURANCE REPORT

## ***The Value of Life Insurance for Children***

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future. Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage? If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

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Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and we don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health. But did you know that right now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to “profit” from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children. God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact Steve Hudec, General Agent, today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10- and 20-Pay life insurance.



## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

On May 13<sup>th</sup> our council hosted a Red Cross blood drive at St. Joseph's in cooperation with the parish health ministry. Turnout was very good and I saw a number of brother Knights donating along with family members. This is an event that our council has handled in the past, so it is good to see it back on the calendar as an annual event. Do you have any interest in coordinating next year's blood drive? It's a rewarding experience and doesn't take a great deal of time and effort so I encourage you to get involved.

As this will be my final column as your Grand Knight, I want to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who helped me this year. I truly enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to staying involved under the incoming leadership.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

**Tim Keating, Grand Knight**



## NOMINATIONS FOR 2017-18 COLUMBIAN YEAR

The following slate of officers has been put forth by the nominating committee for the 2017-2018 Columbian year and will be included in the balloting to take place during our June business meeting. Keep in mind that any brother Knight in good standing may nominate qualified candidates for office in accordance with the Council bylaws.

Grand Knight	Al Toschi
Deputy Grand Knight	Larry Kjelberg
Chancellor	Tim Matalone
Warden	Josie Sampson
Recorder	Steven Tubbs
Treasurer	Cliff Judd
Advocate	Rick Dinubilo
Inside Guard	Charles Cunningham
Outside Guard	Mark Serpa
Trustee 3 Year	Tim Keating
Trustee 2 Year	Mike Glendon
Trustee 1 Year	Mike Miranda

Please plan to attend this important meeting and take an active role electing our future leaders.

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