

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It's starting to look like spring has been sprung upon us earlier this year much like our Lenten season. It was good to see so many Brothers gather and come together for our first fish fry of the year. We can never have too much help, as we always continue to try and keep up with the volume of patrons that help support us. I want to thank Carlos and Angel who chaired the first fry and brought in some entertainment. It was also good to see so many of the young kids who need community service hours come support our dinners as well. Thank you Chris Powers for coordinating their efforts. In the upcoming month, I would like to have a pizza night/informal meeting to let the new first degree members know what goes on in our yearly calendar. This will be brief and will let new Brothers know months in advance what we do and where the proceeds of the events are directed.

This month of March is a busy one with the fish fries through March 11th and the soup dinner the following week. The next Friday after that lands us on Good Friday, and we will have no dinner that night. I want to remind all the new Brothers, if they are new parishioners, of our Good Friday Stations of the Cross. It is a beautifully done ceremony put on by the young members of the parish. The kids work hard, and I think all of the parishioners that can come to the event really enjoy it. Brother Knights also have an Easter Vigil reception the following evening, which that we host to welcome our new members into the Catholic community. Events to look forward to in the month of April will be our Tri-Tip in the Rain Dinner and a new event directly helping fund Special Olympics of Stanislaus County. Our newest event will be a spaghetti feed, and



I encourage all you Brother Knights to start a buzz for this event since this is a cause I think everyone in our community can get interested in and offer their support. I hope all of you Brothers preform some form of penance during this Lenten season and remember our Year of Mercy. He will rise again! Please, continue to pray for persecuted Catholics around the world and our priests. Happy Easter to you and your families and teach the young: it's not about bunnies and eggs!

God bless you and your families!

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PS. Please, note my last minute addition on page 7.



Next Meeting

Date: 3/1/2016

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. Don't forget the last fish fry, the soup dinner, and the Easter Vigil.

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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 brother Knights, I am very grateful to the Knights for all that you do in our parish. So many of the things you do are "Works of Mercy". As you know, at St. Joseph's for each month of this year of Mercy we are concentrating on one of the corporal or spiritual works of mercy. In February, we focused on "Admonish the sinner." This is very appropriate, since we have begun the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to spend forty days recognizing our own sins, going to confession, and doing extra prayer and extra little sacrifices, so that we can rid ourselves of our attachment to sin. We abstain sometimes from meats and sweets so that we can fill ourselves with God's graces instead. In the month of March, we will focus on two works of mercy which are also very appropriate for this season of Lent: "Forgive offenses willingly" and "Bear wrongs

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patiently." During the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent, we meditate on the fact that Jesus bore his unjust punishment patiently, and he died saying "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

On Sundays during March, we will also hear the Gospel readings about Prodigal Son and Woman Caught in Adultery, which reveal the great mercy of God for us sinners.

We have a great task in the Church to continually proclaim God's great mercy. And all of the things that the Knights do for men, for families, for the parish family, for the youth, and for the disabled. All these things help our parishioners to experience and to believe in mercy!

Of course in March, we will also celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph, our Holy Patron, on March 19th. St. Joseph was that righteous man who tirelessly dedicated himself to

guarding and serving the Holy Family. His constant efforts made it possible for the world to know the mercy of Jesus and of Mary, the Mother of Mercy. May he help us to never flag in our efforts to promote the church!

I am convinced that St. Joseph has preserved and guided me in a special way since I came to this parish. May St. Joseph continue to make all of us more faithful and strong men of love and tireless dedication to spreading the good news of the mercy of God!

Thanks for all you do!
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; Merno Stadler; Dan Dwyer; Mike Glendon; John Gorman and his family; Ed Hough; the Keating family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Don Reed; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Hemsley and Dave Tacchini.

Pray for the repose of the soul of our Brother Loy Sagrado, may he rest in the peace of our Lord forever. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Eleanor Karaz, wife of John Karaz; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

Pray that this Lenten Season we come to know and grant mercy to all we encounter in our lives, so that mercy will be granted us!

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

**John McCave,
PGK**



~ March 2016 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	2	3	4 Fish Fry Dinner 5 PM O'Hare Hall	5 Clean up Patio O'Hare Hall
6	7	8	9	10	11 Fish Fry Dinner 5 PM O'Hare Hall	12 Clean up Patio O'Hare Hall
13	14	15	16	17	18 Lenten Soup Dinner 5 PM O'Hare Hall	19
20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday Annunciation	26 Easter Vigil Reception for New Catholics
27 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	28	29 Founders' Day	30	31	Notes:	

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Ben Laura 03/02
 Alonzo Castillo 03/04
 Michael Callahan 03/07
 Henry Ficken 03/07
 William P. Willette 03/10
 Ron Martorana 03/12
 Derrick Serpa 03/13
 Kent Harker PGK 03/16
 James Wilson 03/20
 Benito Ramirez 03/21
 Larry Kjellberg 03/81
 Chris Powers 03/25
 Roger Farias 03/28
 John Mullins 03/28
 Everett Hough 03/30
 Richard Ward 03/31

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Kristine Rocca 03/02
 Camille Iorns 03/04
 Annette Dedini 03/06
 Maria DeQueiroz 03/08
 Mara Mullins 03/10
 Edith Awuah 03/13
 Susie Dickert 03/18/
 Mona Wildt 03/18
 Adelina Oliman 3/20
 Cathy Ochinero 03/26

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Linda Laubacher PGK
 03/06
 Daniel & Suny Di Rienzo 03/10
 William & Michelle Frey 03/11
 Victor & Margaret Mayoral
 03/21
 Owen & Marietta Kummerle
 03/25
 Jose & Sara Barajas 03/26
 Tim & Gloria Benavidez 03/26
 Kurt & Sonita Saalfeld 03/28
 Daniel & Rosario Hernandez
 03/31



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

How would you like two free tickets to the Soup Night on March 18? Yes, its trivia time again.

The Lent Fish Fry events on Friday evenings are underway; and it was fun to see our customers / supporters once again. It was even more satisfying to me to see some of our newer members show up and participate in the event in any way shape or form. I will tell our newer members helping out in these events are a great, fun way to get to know your fellow Knights and serve our parish. During the Lent Season, if you attend any of the weekend masses, join your Brothers on the plaza and help us sell tickets to the Fish Fry events. It is a great way to meet those who support us. It also helps show your parish members who are those "Men They Call Knights." Support the Fish Fry events through your participation. Help in the setup in the afternoon. Help in the kitchen preparation of the salads or cutting of the fish. Help in the preparation / cooking of the fish. Help in the serving of the folks that show up. There are many ways you

can help and be a part of our fraternal group.

One of favorite gospel songs is one that has a long history and the melody was used in several other songs. When I hear it, my memories are of seeing Roy Acuff perform it on the WSM Grand Ole Opry many times with the great Dobro player, Brother Oswald backing him up. The song is "The Great Speckled Bird" and he first recorded it way back in 1936. Seeing Roy in person on the Opry was always a treat. I would have my camera and I would move to the front of the Opry stage (yes, the Opry is one of the few fan friendly music shows that encourage picture taking). In doing some research, I found the song is based on a verse in the bible – Jeremiah 12:9.

Here's your trivia question – what other famous songs utilized the melody of this tune? You only need to name two of them.

Here's the first verse and the last couple verses:

The Great Speckled Bird

*What a beautiful thought I am thinking,
Concerning a great speckled bird*

*Remember her name is recorded
On the pages of God's Holy Word*

*I am glad I have learned of her meekness,
I am proud that my name is on her book,
For I want to be one never fearing,
The face of my Savior to look.*

*When He cometh descending
from heaven,
On the cloud that He writes in His Word,
I'll be joyfully carried to meet Him,
On the wings of that great speckled bird.*

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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JOHN'S JOKES

A rich Arab walks into a bar and is about to order a drink when he sees a guy close by wearing a Jewish cap, a prayer shawl, and traditional locks of hair. He doesn't have to be Einstein to know this guy is Jewish. So, he shouts over to the bartender so loudly everyone can hear: "Drinks for everyone in here, bartender, but not for the Jew over there."

After the drinks have been handed out, the Jew gives him a big smile, waves at him, and says: "Thank you," in an equally loud voice. This infuriates the Arab. He once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Jew. Again, this does not seem to bother the Jewish guy. He continues to smile, and again yells: "Thank you."

The Arab asks the bartender: "What's the matter with that Jew? I've ordered two rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar but him, and all he does is smile and thank me.

The bartender replies: "He owns the place."

Brother Knights, I know I said it before, so forgive me if I say it again; but I love the sound of children in the church! It reminds me of my own when they were just small. And it reminds me of when I was just small. Memories of my brothers and sisters playing, crying, fighting, listening and learning. Has it been 47 years, Brothers? Our parish is still going strong. I am so encouraged by our youth group, the numbers that assemble after the youth mass on Sunday night. I think we should thank our youth minister Nathan (who I leaving) and his team, I knew some day Nathan would move on, I just didn't look forward to that day. Well, we're all looking for a good presidential candidate: maybe that's the job for him. LOL He really is a superman. Speaking of youth, the other day at daily mass there was a beautiful young mother with a new son maybe 4-6 month old and a beautiful 2 year old (I'm guessing) daughter enjoying the mass. he mother held her baby while trying to watch the 2 year old. Do any of you remember watching a 2 year old? Ha-ha. And actively participate in the mass? It's fun, yes? The 2 year old daughter had removed all the envelopes, decorated the floor with them, and was walking on the pew in front of mom. I was freaking out, while mom had it all under control. I just didn't want that baby to fall. Soon she tested mom to see how far out of arm's length she could venture. But when

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calmly (this is important), when mom calmly asked her to come back, she would return with a smile. Did I mention I was freaking out? This continued until one point the two year old daughter looked at me smiled and headed towards my pew. I walked over to her and picked her up and walked her back to mom. I finished the mass holding her and told her mom, "This reminded me of how heavy a baby is after a while." I even carried her with me to receive Holy Communion. After the mass, I set her down and told her how good she was. I cleaned up the envelopes, and headed back to my pew to collect my coat and water. I kneeled in prayer and thanksgiving for the mass and the opportunity to help. When I looked up I saw the 2 year old daughter running to me. She jumped in my arms. I said, "I guess I'm helping to the car." When I looked around the church, there were so many smiling faces. I believe so many were lifted that day by the innocence of the child and the beauty of the young mother and the Catholic family that is St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Many parishioners walked up to say hello to the little girl and wanted to know if this was my niece or daughter? I stated, "No, just someone I just met. St. Joseph's future. Isn't she beautiful?" When I walked them to the car, the mother thanked me and stated that her husband was working. She just left OfficeMax, looked at her watch, and said, "I have just enough time to make daily mass." She

was just someone that needed a little support and help. Sometimes we just have to move. That reminded me of another young mother who ran to the foot of the cross. I also want to share that I helped a blind parishioner receive communion the other day at daily mass. I saw him in need of help, and I moved out of my pew to help. What I didn't notice is that there were two other people on the move to help also, I just happened to get there first. The two other people and I seemed to meet eyes at the same time. Those two other people were Knights of Columbus. They know who they are! Funny $2+1=3$ simple math always three's. I went back to my place and asked God for forgiveness for my lack of faith and hope, and then thanked him for helping me to see.

There is so much beauty in these moments that we can overlook. This is the year of Mercy, my Brothers, and we continue to move. I am continually up lifted by you all and who you are. See you at the fish fry dinners and Stations of the Cross God bless you! I love all of you!

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Time's a wastin' to get involved with our annual Lenten Fish Fry Dinners. My challenge to you for this month is to call or e-mail any of us officers and ask where your help is needed!! If you can't help out on Fridays, there is always a need for help on Saturday morning for cleanup. Let's make this year's Lenten Fish Fry Dinners even more fun than they always have been in the past. Will you be there? Get involved!!

Special Olympics Later in the year (4/23/16), I will be challenging you to help out hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to, again, help out the Special Olympics. Save that date. We are looking for some "Sports Celebrities" to come, give a little speech and to sign autographs. If you have any contacts or references who would be willing to donate an evening in exchange for a good meal and a fun event, let me know ASAP.



I am looking for help with this event. Will you answer this challenge? Get involved!!

Al Toschi,
Chancellor
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2016 LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS :
FEB. 12, 19, 26, MARCH 4 & 11

SOUP: MARCH 18
 Soup Dinner is \$5.00 Flat

ADULTS: \$10.00 CHILDREN (12 & under): \$5.00, SENIORS: \$8.00




DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Following along with Father Mark's lessons on the *Year of Mercy*, this past month the subject has been *Admonish the Sinners and Bear Wrongs Patiently*. Most of us, being sinners ourselves, may find it difficult to admonish others for their wrongs. As for myself, I was raised to consider my own shortcomings before criticizing others for theirs. I have no problem bearing wrongs patiently, but as for the first one, I was kind of at a loss, so I turned to the Bible for some guidance. In Jesus' own words:

"If your brother sins against you go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15)

It seems we're not necessarily called upon to run around finding fault with everyone and everything. Who wants to be that guy? Instead, we should deal with wrongs to ourselves, our family, friends, loved ones and Church. Throw in the poor and disadvantaged too and that covers a lot of ground. I also see the importance of not making things public, but to deal with wrongs in a discrete

and private manner. By doing so, I am not only displaying the grace of forgiveness but I am possibly winning over a friend an ally. As far as the Council goes, it was great to see a few new Knights turning out to work at the Crab Feed and the Fish Fry Dinners. Turnout was great and everybody had a great time. If you didn't get involved this year, consider our upcoming events this spring, dates and details can be found in this issue. Vivat Jesus and see you at the March business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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LAST MINUTE ADDITION FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT:

Brothers, it has come to my attention that several Brothers have fallen behind in their dues, not only with the Council, but also with the Assembly, which is the group for the 4th degree. In this higher degree when you pass away, you are entitled to the color corps showing up at your vigil and funeral mass in full regalia; and a chalice is presented to your family for a priest somewhere in the world. This only happens when the Brother is in good standing, meaning their dues are current. We will be forming a retention committee and would prefer never to drop a Brother Knight in the future. In this past year, I have had to deal with families who do not understand the regulations that we have to follow. When you fall behind in the 4th degree and get dropped from the Assembly, you forfeit your right to the 4th degree ceremonials, including the chalice. This not something related to St. Joseph's Council dues but rather the 4th Degree Assembly's dues. I would urge all caretakers, spouses and Brother Knights that read this newsletter to pass this information to the executors and trustees of older members. We would like to see all who are eligible to receive these great benefits.

MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Caring for Our Own

The Knights of Columbus isn't just an insurance company. It's a brotherhood, and so we do things differently.

If we were just another insurance company, you'd be nothing more than customers – or potential customers – who only add value based on the products you purchase. But you're not. You're brothers, and so are we. After all, Father McGivney founded the Knights 132 years ago so that we could help each other. So we offer you products and services unique to our industry because we care deeply about you and your families, and your well-being.

For starters, we extend to each of our members an Accidental Death benefit for free, just by virtue of their membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The program – which is only available in insurance jurisdictions – provides a benefit of \$1,000 - \$2,500 upon the accidental death of any member or his spouse (subject to certain age restrictions).

The program was launched at the 113th Supreme Council Meeting in 1994, and has continued to the present day, providing more than \$12.5 million in benefits.

In addition to the Accidental Death benefit, the Knights of Columbus offer a number of free services to our members and their families.

First and foremost, we agents are committed to providing survivor assistance to widows and families left behind after the loss of a loved one.

Most commercial agents would fill out the necessary paperwork and move on, but not Knights of Columbus agents. We will stand by you and help you contact your attorney to sort out the will, help you make funeral arrangements, help you notify and coordinate with the Council, help resolve any financial matters, help you file *any* claims (including claims with

companies other than the Knights of Columbus), and will help file for survivor benefits or Veteran's benefits, if necessary.

Secondarily, we offer two additional services to help Knights' families plan. The first is Profiles & Forecaster, a comprehensive and complimentary industry tool that helps you evaluate your family's financial situation, and to determine what insurance protection – if any – may be needed. The second, the Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook, will help you record your final wishes and important information (including accounts, passwords, funeral arrangements, etc.) for your survivors. Both of these services are free.

To our insurance members,* we offer two additional programs: the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. The Family Fraternal Benefit Program offers two distinct benefits. The first offers insurance eligibility to uninsurable children. Through the Program, a member can purchase a \$5,000 life insurance policy for an otherwise uninsurable child at *standard* rates before the child is 61 days old, or at a rated premium if before the child's 18th birthday. A member can also purchase a \$5,000 policy for a mentally impaired child at standard rates, between the ages of 3 and 18 years old.

The Program also offers death benefit coverage to members who have lost an infant child less than 61 days after birth, or who have lost an unborn child in a stillbirth, after the 20th week. (The Order affirms that life begins at conception. In this instance, the benefit requires a certified death certificate for the stillborn child, hence the 20-week rule.)

The second fraternal benefit program available to insured members is the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program. This extensive program also provides two benefits. The first is an \$80 monthly benefit for each eligible

orphan, until their 19th birthday. The second is a scholarship program, which grants eligible orphans up to \$1,750 per year for a four-year period.

In a letter addressing the programs, our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson noted that "These benefits augment the tradition of fraternity established by Father McGivney, namely, that *the Order cares for its own*; it expands upon a basic reason for which he founded the Order: 'of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families.'" They are part of what makes us unique.

So get to know all of our fraternal benefits, and the ways in which you may benefit from them.

Contact me today to learn more.

**To be eligible for both the Family Fraternal Benefit Program, and the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program, the member must be in good standing, and either he or his wife must be insured under a Knights of Columbus certificate requiring an annual premium of at least \$150, or providing at least \$5,000 in permanent life insurance coverage. Eligibility for the Orphan Fraternal Benefit Program is also contingent on the child being covered by an individual Knights of Columbus certificate.*

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