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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

It's been an exciting and encouraging time to be a Catholic American lately, what with a new president and changes coming to the highest court. No doubt changes for the good will be fought hard by forces in opposition. So it's a good time to reflect on religious liberty and the Knights of Columbus' role in protecting it. The sanctity of religious liberty in our nation and around the world is a major focus of our Supreme Council and is summed up as follows:

"As both Catholics and Americans, we celebrate the essential relationship shared between religion and liberty, a relationship which has uniquely defined our country's identity and has fostered our country's development."

St. John Paul II once said that when a society "attempts to close the door to religion, it inevitably falls prey to a totalitarian reading of

the human person that recognizes only the state as the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong."

We cannot let this happen. It is our duty as men of both Catholic faith and patriotism to defend religious liberty at the national, state, and local levels. We do this by voting and by supporting causes that we consider just. We do this by writing letters to the local paper, as several of our brother Knights do regularly. Finally, we do this by promoting these values in our own families and households; to our children and our grandchildren.

The Lenten season is an active time for our council, and it's very fulfilling to be part of an active and vibrant Catholic community. Did you know we purchase Bibles for all the RCIA candidates at St. Joseph's Church?

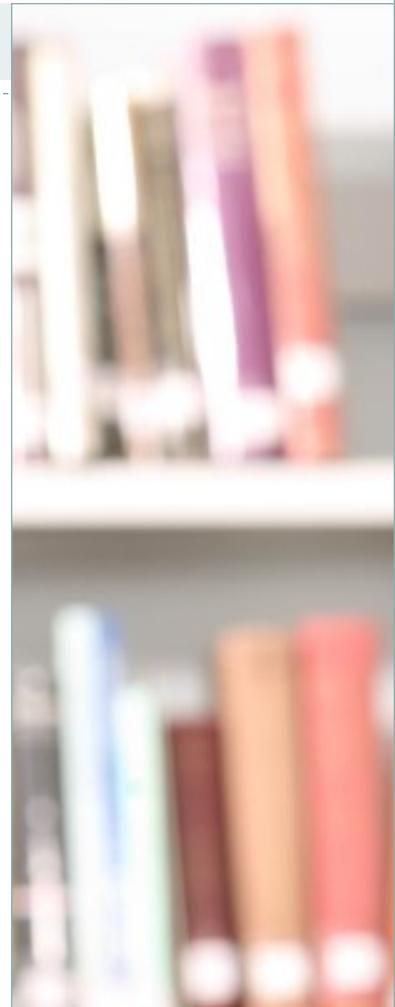
Did you also know we hold a reception for the newly Baptized and Confirmed Catholics after the Easter Vigil Mass? We do, and it's

usually quite late when they get out of a long service. They are excited, but also tired and hungry. If you want to help with this year's reception, let me know.

And don't forget my **One Knight, One Event** challenge. It was good to see so many of you at the Crab Feed and Auction working hard to make our council and parish a success. Thank you all, especially the new members and those we haven't seen for a while. If you haven't picked an event, there are still plenty of Fish Fry dinners. Later this year, we'll have a parish blood drive as well.

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 February 7th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend. Don't forget the Crab Feed as well this month on the 25th!

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2	3 5 pm Fish Fry Dinner	4
5	6 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Council Room of St. JP2 Center	7 7 PM Business Meeting in Father O'Hare Hall	8	9	10 5 pm Fish Fry Dinner 5:45 pm Memorial Mass and Rosary for Deceased members	11
12	13	14	15	26	17 5 pm Fish Fry Dinner	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 5 pm Fish Fry Dinner	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	NOTES: Let Grand Knight, Tim Keating, or DGK Al Toschi know how you can help with the fish fry dinners.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Ben Laura 3/2
 Alonzo Castillo 3/4
 Michael Callahan 3/7
 William P. Willette 3/10
 Ron Martorana 3/12
 Derrick Serpa 3/13
 Kent Harker PGK 3/16
 James Wilson 3/20
 Benito Ramirez 3/21
 Larry Kjellberg 3/81
 Chris Powers 3/25
 Roger Farias 3/28
 John Mullins 3/28
 Everett Hough 3/30
 Richard Ward 3/31

Ladies' Birthdays

Kristine Rocca 3/2
 Camille Iorns 3/4
 Annette Dedini 3/6
 Maria DeQueiroz 3/8
 Mara Mullins 3/10
 Edith Awuah 3/13
 Susie Dickert 3/18
 Mona Wildt 3/18
 Adelina Oliman 3/20
 Cathy Ochinero 3/26

Anniversaries

Patrick & Linda Laubacher 3/6
 Daniel & Suny Di Rienzo 3/10
 William & Michelle Frey 3/11
 Victor & Margaret Mayoral 3/21
 Owen & Marietta Kummerle 3/25
 Jose & Sara Barajas 3/26
 Tim & Gloria Benavidez 3/26
 Kurt & Sonita Saalfeld 3/28
 Daniel & Rosario Hernandez 3/31





*The end of 2016 and the start of 2017 were somber for our council as we lost four of our brothers to that Knight's council in heaven.
Thomas Fitzsimmons, Henry Ficken, Herb Saska (first Grand Knight of our Council), and Robert Hibl, rest in peace!*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

You might say this month's article is about hours and dollars. Raise your hand if you know the answer or click as you may. Oh, shucks, let's commence with the formalities and get right to this month's musical tidbit. This tune I think is kind of appropriate considering that starting with our Crab Feed on February 25 through the Fish Fry events and the soup night – what better advice can I give to my fellow brothers than - **Y'all Come.**

Y'all Come
Written by Arlie Duff
Lyrics Altered by Dave Sichak

*When you're in the Knights,
Everyone is your brother.
On this one thing you can rely:
They'll all come to help you.
And never, ever disappoint you.
Sayin' you all come to help us
by and by*

Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Oh you all come to help us now
and then
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Well, you all come to serve your
parish when you can

*Local folks a-comin'
They'll be coming by the dozen
Eatin' all the fish we can fry*

*And right after dinner
They ain't looking any thinner
And here's what you'll hear
them say*

*Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Well, you all come to help us
serve our friends
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Y'all Come (Y'all Come)
Oh, you all come to help your
brothers when you can!*

*Porter Wagoner's Version:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahBWll-Zx6g>*



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KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES

Oh Brother, Where Art Thy Dues? I wish we were a fraternal family that was self-supporting, but the truth of the matter is we, through our dues, support the parent organization that Fr. McGivney founded, we support the California State Council and finally, the local San Joaquin chapter as we are billed once or twice a year as the case may be for "Per Capita." If everyone pays their dues, then we do not have to dip into the proceeds from our fund raising events to pay those fees – we can donate more to the charities our council supports. Yes, I know that life deals some of us curve balls and make it hard to pay those annual bills. But there are options. Dear Brothers, we want to keep you in our family. If you are experiencing financial hardships – let me know. If you have a disability – let me know. Even if you have not paid your dues, we will still welcome you to help at our fund raising events. There is no better way to get to know your brothers.

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



NOW IS OUR BUSIEST TIME OF YEAR. YOUR VOLUNTEER HELP IS NECESSARY!

Greetings to all. As February comes to a close we find ourselves at our Council's busiest time of the year!

February 25th: Our biggest fund raiser of the year is the **CRAB FEED**. We plan to feed between 350 & 400! Many hands are needed. Call the **Grand Knight Tim Keating, Warden Tim Matalone** or me to help out or to donate to the silent auction.

Immediately following the Crab Feed on **March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31**, we will be doing our annual **LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS**. These weekly Friday dinners in Lent usually draw between 400 & 500 people every week. Please contact the Chairmen of these events to volunteer: **Carlos Torres, Ed Gamboa, Dave Sichak, Chris Powers, and Angel Martinez**. You can also contact Rick Dinubilo to help in the kitchen or me to help with Saturday clean-ups. It takes a

small army to make these events happen. Your participation, in even the smallest of chores, is crucial.

April 7 will be our annual Soup Dinner. This is a very simple event but there is a great need for help with the usual things: set-up, take-down, or just general help during the event.

Later on **April 29**, we will host the Special Olympics participants with a Pasta Dinner. Come help out with this very rewarding event. Contact me to help out with coaching at their tournament and/or helping at the dinner.

After this event we will slow down a bit for the remainder of the year, so let's give it a good run over the next few weeks!

Lastly, **THANK YOU** to all who do volunteer! It does allow us to be a recognized charitable organization, not only in our own parish, but citywide, by donating own time and talent (1000's of man-hours) and financial contributions (over \$25,000 annually) to the following: The St. Joseph's Parish Festival, fellow

knights in need, local mentally disabled adult programs through the Tootsie Roll Drive, Special Olympics bowling and track programs, the Blue Mass for First Responders (including the luncheon), college scholarships for Knights' family members, the RCIA Reception, Bibles for RCIA, St. Joseph's St. Vincent De-Paul, Winter Coat Drive, Foster Kids Christmas Dinner, Adopt-a-Family for Christmas (ten families), Church kitchen equipment and supplies, the Bishop's Seminarian Fund, Family Promise, Central Valley Catholic Men's Conference, Walk for Life /Right to Life, the electric sign for in front of the parish, World Youth Day, St. Joseph's Youth group, and more all benefit from what we are able to do!!

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT THE WORK" ...VOLUNTEER!

Besides...It's enjoyable & rewarding!

Al Toschi
Deputy Grand Knight



JOHN'S JOKES

A Navy SEAL was attending some college courses between assignments. He had completed missions in Iraq and Afghanistan. One of the courses had a professor who was an avowed atheist. One day, he shocked the class when he came in, looked to the ceiling, and flatly stated, "God, if you are real, then I want you to knock me off this platform. I'll give you exactly 15 minutes."

The lecture room fell silent. You could hear a pin drop. Ten minutes went by and the professor proclaimed, "Here I am God. I'm still waiting."

It got down to the last couple of minutes when the SEAL got out of his chair, went up to the professor, and hit him, knocking him off the platform. The professor was out cold. The SEAL went back to his seat and sat there, silently. The other students were

shocked and stunned and sat there looking on in silence.

The professor eventually came to, noticeably shaken, looked at the SEAL and asked, "What is the matter with you? Why did you do that?" The SEAL calmly replied, "God was too busy today protecting America's soldiers who are protecting your right to say stupid things, so He sent me."



Why the long face?

A horse walks into a bar, goes up to the bartender and the bartender says "Why the long face?"

LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Yes, the Lord does work in mysterious ways. I went to a beautiful Marian retreat at our Father O'Hare Hall a couple Saturdays ago. What a beautiful day with incredible company, including a beautiful parishioner named Laura whom I met for the first time. She sat with me, and I learned she was a beautician, helps out in the welcoming booth, works out, loves her Catholic faith, and her fellow parishioners. She actually recognized me from another retreat. How cool! But, most important of all, she let me in on a secret: morning daily mass 7 AM at the convent. I have attended several times since then, and Laura was right: what a great way to start the day! The masses I attended were graced by Father Mariam. One of those masses was in Spanish, so it was a good thing that I knew my parts in English. A warm beautiful Friday night in January at 7:40 PM, Modesto experienced its first homicide of the year. The scary thing is that it was 5 doors down from my house. Even scarier is that I was on the street walking my dogs when it happened. I had just placed some food in the oven, leashed up my dogs, and let them know it was going to be 5 minute short run, which means we go left as we stepped out my front door. The other dog walks a 15 minute path, and we go right. The murder was 5 doors right of my front door. When I came around the block, there were police, SWAT, ambulance, and then the news team came rolling in. I didn't even hear a siren or shot fired; but, still, a man lost his life, while someone else ruined their own. Whoever pulled that trigger wasted two lives. The Sunday night following I was heading to the late 7:30 PM mass at around 7:00. I noticed a crowd gathering on the corner with candles. Remember, the young man lost his life at 7:40 on Friday. So, I felt that I had to drive down to take a look. Rumor had spread that the man killed was a drug dealer who was frequenting a rental across the street from where he was killed. The nice family that just bought this house recently, not only had this horrific experi-

ence, but at their house was his memorial. As I drove by, I noticed how some of the kids were dressed, and I immediately judged them as all gang members. I even said something like, "They don't know the first thing about faith and prayer," as they held Jesus and Mary candles and gathered with signs, balloons etc. Here is the real story. I immediately bad by the time I completed that 1 minute drive from my house to St. Joseph's. The Lord spoke these words to me. "All of us need prayer! Every sinner has a mother and father and perhaps some brothers and sisters too! A good steward of our faith would not love or miss their daughter or son any less because they have followed this path. You, Stephen, had an opportunity to amend your life, an opportunity for clarity, sobriety, and strength in your faith. Yes, Stephen, he had this opportunity also, but now that time is gone. Who was with the man who was killed that night as he died alone? And who is with him this night? Even if this is the first time those youth have prayed in their lives, then his death brings them to me." I was in tears by the time I walked through the church doors. I imagined what my face looked like when I spoke those words. I must have looked like the parishioner that sits on the end seat of an open pew at a packed mass ignoring the family trying to squeeze by them and then snarling like the end of the world has come. True Christian charity? I think not! I was ashamed. It had been quite a crowd gathered on that corner. I wondered how many would gather for this hypocrite if the Lord had called me home on that street corner that night. As luck would have it, they picked up two young men captured by a local business camera fleeing the scene and are now holding them for this murder. The scarier part for me is that SWAT came with a search warrant looking for evidence at the house directly across the street from me while I was at work a couple days later. Looking at it on the internet, they were filming from MY front yard! Yes,

the two young men have been staying across the street from me for a month. The Lord directed me out of the path of danger and spared me that night.

Let us continue to pray for our neighborhoods, for the American family, for the lost sheep, for the victims of violent crimes and their families, for the criminals that live with such deep sins without reconciliation and for their conversion. Let us be slow to speak, judge; and let us be quicker to listen intently for the word of God for He is always speaking to us. I repeat: He is always speaking to us! Are we listening?

I love you my Brothers—each and every one of you. God bless you and your beautiful families
Sincerely,

**Stephen E Michael,
Lecturer**

With help from Maximillian Kolbe (my pug) and Suzie (my Belgian Schipperke)



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for the following Brothers:

For the repose of the soul of Past Grand Knight, Herb Saska, and for his wife, Dorothy and their family; the repose of the soul of Brother Tom Fitzsimmons and for his wife, Barbara and their family; the repose of the soul of Brother Robert Hibl and for his family; Tomas Mesta: Jim Galuppi; David Perez; Roy Gordon; Merno Stadler; John Karaz 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; the repose of the soul of Dan Dwyer; John Gorman and his family; Fred Ibarra; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda and his wife, Nicky; Stephen Harker; Jeremy Hemsley; and Don Reed.

Prayers are also request for: Marty Reis' mother, Eloise Reis, and his aunt, Lucretia Brant; Lita Selover, wife of Bob Selover; Roger Mittall; Monica Woods; Al Toschi's brother-in-law, Charles; Elizabeth Homann, recently deceased sister of Gary Moya; Robert de Villiers; the Keating family; Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; Mary Kitcher, wife of Keith Kitcher; Mary, the mother of Ed Hough; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

Pray for the Church and the whole world as we begin our 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

Mike Glendon, PGK



INSURANCE REPORT

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 wellbeing.

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

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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.

FULL KNIGHTS IN OUR COUNCIL

Five members from our Council became full Knights by taking part in the Formation and Knighthood Degree Exemplifications. (That is what we used to call the 2nd and 3rd Degrees.) Pictured below are John Perrone, Joel Svendsen, Ken Kramer, Dodge Hendee, and Richard Volonte, who were knighted on February 9th, at St. Anthony's parish in Hughson. Congratulations and welcome, Brothers!



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