



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Most of you know about our patriotic degree, the fourth degree, and many of you have taken the degree and are part of the local assembly. One of the most visible and active elements of the fourth degree is the Color Corps. These Sir Knights don the full regalia; capes, chapeau and swords, as they attend funerals, memorials and a variety of patriotic and community gatherings in our community. But the Knight's commitment to patriotism extends beyond the activities of the local Color Corps. As an example, our Supreme Knight recently established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services to

help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. Fundraising for the project will be led by the Fourth Degree. Catholics in uniform can go weeks — and sometimes months — without being able to attend Mass or receive spiritual guidance from a priest.

"It can be very difficult for Catholic members of the armed forces when they're on forward deployments," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson was quoted as saying. "The U.S. military archdiocese, which supplies Catholic chaplains, estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today, but they are only able to supply 280 — barely a third of the number needed."

Please join me in thanking our fourth degree brothers and supporting them in this worthy effort.

On Saturday, April 15th, our council hosted a reception for our parishes newest young and adult Catholics, who received the first Sacraments during the Easter Vigil Mass. They were excited yet tired and hungry after the very long service and appreciated the hospitality and fellowship we were able to provide. Thanks to all the Knights who are involved in the RCIA program and to my wife Janice for helping with the reception. Some unfinished business to attend to: at our last meeting, our council voted to continue our support of a cure for cancer by sponsoring Brother Ed Fernandes' son, Steven, who will be cycling around Lake Tahoe to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You will recall that Ed's beautiful wife (and Steven's mom), Bev, passed from cancer in late 2015. Ed and Steven are honor-

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on May 2nd at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a friend.

May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Council Room of St. JP2 Center	2 7 PM Business Meeting in Father O'Hare Hall	3	4	5	6 6:30-noon Parish Blessings Breakfast 9-3PM Special Olympics
7	8	9	10	11	12 5:45 pm Memorial Mass and Rosary for Deceased members	13 Parish blood drive
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	NOTES: Let Grand Knight Tim Keating or Deputy Grand Knight Al Toschi know how you can help with any of the events listed above.			

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

John Molloy 5/5
 Michael Glendon 5/6
 Richard Goeken 5/10
 Donald Dedini 5/11
 Ted Hartman 5/11
 Ruben M Sanchez 5/12
 Erik Jimenez 5/13
 Jesus Perez 5/14
 Roy Gordon 5/15
 Owen Kummerle 5/16
 David Contreras 5/19
 Joe Furtado 5/19
 John Marsella 5/21
 Miguel Villalobos 5/21
 Jimi Netniss 5/22
 Gary Davison 5/25
 Gerald Moon 5/29
 Donald Baumgratz 5/30
 George Law 5/30
 Ralph Driggs 5/31
 Hugo Fausto 5/31

Ladies' Birthdays

Belen Churilla 5/5
 Lisa Lucas 5/8
 Jackie Spengler 5/11
 Janice Keating 5/12
 Diana Poncini 5/14
 Margaret Hunter 5/17
 Lita Selover 5/17
 Beverly Sousa 5/18
 Barbara Brady 5/19
 Heidi Mendonca 5/20
 Marti Reed 5/20
 Anne Kramer 5/23
 Mary Marlett 5/23
 Angelina Ramirez 5/29
 Tamara Butera 5/30



Anniversaries

Eddie & Rachel Marmol 5/1
 Gary & Helen Moya 5/1
 Marty & Kathy Reis 5/3
 Jesse & Maria Cristerna 5/6
 Robert & Carol Luna 5/6
 Alfred & Darla Sierras 5/8
 Octavio & Shaundra Lopez 5/10
 Alex & Jennifer Richmond 5/10
 Daniel & Susan Hamilton 5/11
 Brian & Kristin Archuleta 5/12
 Don & Janet Baker 5/15
 Wayne & Beverly Sousa 5/16
 Edward & Darlene Tobias 5/16
 Tim & Susie Dickert 5/17
 Roger & Insa Duke 5/18
 Leonard & Belen Churilla 5/19
 Peter & Linda Espinosa 5/20
 Michael & Lisa Ringer 5/22
 Ronald & Elaine Varnell 5/22
 Chris & Dawn Powers 5/26
 Robert & Jackie Spengler 5/27
 Tom & Martha Fedasz 5/28
 Dr. Douglas & Elaine Beaumont 5/29
 Daniel & Sandy Fitzgerald 5/31

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

What form of words gets your attention? A text message? An email? A robo-call? A postcard? Maybe the answer is just as simple as **looking at the graphic below** to see one answer.



Sometimes we do not need to use technology to get in touch with our brothers. It can be as simple as a “Words with Knights.” We see each other at mass, after mass, at events, around town, one-to-one, or face to face.

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



Now that Lent and Easter are behind us, I must congratulate our Council for the workout including a spectacular CRAB FEED, 6 FISH FRY DINNERS, and a SOUP DINNER where we served over 3400 dinners over the course of 8 weeks!!! THANKS TO ALL who helped. For all of those who did participate, I strongly suggest that you attend some of our regular business meetings and give us input as to where you would like to see the proceeds from these events donated. Upcoming We have our PASTA DINNER on Saturday, April 29th, which will help out with our donation

to the local Special Olympics organization. Also the local Special Olympics organization is hosting the Regional Games on Saturday, May 6th, at Kennedy School in Ceres. They are in need of "Coaches" to help out with this rather large event. We are committed to providing as many helpers as we can, so, come on down (and bring your wives, friends, kids, etc.) any time between 9 am and 3 pm to help out. Remember the Annual Parish Blood Drive anytime between 9 and 3 on Saturday, May 13th. Later in July, we will have our installation of new officers in

Fr. O'Hare Hall. This will be a Knights (and their families) only event. Details coming next month.

AND, don't forget to save some time to help out in our Fourth of July Fireworks Booth in the Orchard Supply parking lot. Many hours need to be filled. Please contact me at rce26654@hotmail.com (209-601-5039) to help out with any and all of these worthwhile events.

Al Toschi
Deputy Grand Knight



JOHN'S JOKES

20 Reasons Why the English Language is Hard if not Impossible to Learn

1. The bandage was wound around the wound.
2. The farm was used to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
4. He could lead if he would get the lead out.
5. The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
6. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present.
7. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.
8. When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
9. I did not object to the object.
10. There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
11. They were too close to the door to close it.
12. The buck does funny things when the does are present.
13. A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
14. To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
15. The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
16. After a number of injections my jaw got number.
17. Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
18. I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
19. How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?
20. You too can learn to dance in a size two tutu.

LECTURER'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter! What a beautiful Lenten season it was! What a beautiful Easter it is! I encourage you all to take Good Friday off next year. Make it part of your holiday schedule and spend the day with your wives and family at our wonderful parish. Father Mark states: "It's the holiest day of the year." I encourage you to enjoy all the festivities starting with the early morning Tenebrae service. Come on out and stretch your legs, breath some fresh air, and pray with your fellow brothers and parishioners during the celebration of life: The Walk for Life. You may even meet and make some new friends. Be a witness and example of our faith. Returning to St Joseph's after the walk, have some fresh fruit or other light snack on the parish lawn and then get yourself centered in your own faith and humility for the Live Stations of the Cross. The youth group and supporting adults don't practice and rehearse for a month just because they love Jesus, they love you also and look forward to sharing the word of God with YOU and all. Don't worry, there is a Eucharistic service afterwards (it's the only day of the year in which there are no masses per se) where we can all receive the most Holy Eucharist. Next, we begin the first day of the novena for Divine Mercy, and those who stay seem to be familiar faces at daily mass. I know that is a good thing. I was overwhelmed with joy Good Friday just experiencing the sheer number of parishioners for the Walk for Life and the Live Stations of the Cross. I remember thinking that each and every person took action to schedule, plan, and set this time aside for the Lord. He gave his life for us on that day and the least we could do is recognize it. To see complete families together was the best. I have been scheduling this day off now for 20

years and have left my excuses at the door. I was asked to help with crowd control during the Stations of the Cross, and, luckily, I didn't have to tackle anyone this year. Although there was one ruffian that continued to defy the yellow line and do the wiggle, slash, dance, crawl. He must have been the ripe old age of 2, so I was able to show him who is the boss!

On Saturday, I was asked to help construct the dressing rooms for the new Catholics for Easter Vigil Mass. The side for the females took up half of the chapel and for the males it was in the bride's room. We welcomed in 12 new Catholics: 3 men, 8 women, and one girl. Is there something wrong with those numbers, brothers? Only 3 men?

The English mass was held in the Church. while the Spanish mass was held in the hall. Both masses were packed. The English side saw 11 new Catholics, whereas the Spanish Mass saw one little girl. I think Christ was smiling regardless. The Spanish community was cooking pozole before, during, and after mass in the hall. I'm not sure how those parishioners made it through the mass or focused with that good smell filling up the hall. I was asked by Angel on Holy Saturday to help build the vigil fire with 2 old fence boards, because Father wanted a fast, 5-minute fire. I quickly realized that was going to be a dud fire. So my friend, Chris, and I ran to my house and grabbed enough wood for a huge fire. The kindling was made from old palms from Palm Sunday. The only fuel was blessed chrism oil. When they lit the fire that night, I looked at Chris and said, "Wow, we built it too big. Oops!" That's when Angel informed us that Father Mark looked at our fire and said, "It needs to be bigger." So Angel piled on all the wood we didn't use. I understand

someone called the fire department as well, and they showed up right after we all made it inside the church. Ha!

Angel also asked for help with the baptismal font to be installed next to the altar. I was joined by Ed Ibarra, Chris, Gary Nelson, and many others. We were also assisted by Mr. Quality-Control himself, Father Mark. The font was placed and filled. I enjoyed the reception after Vigil mass with Grand Knight Tim Keating and his lovely wife, Janice. I "accidentally" ate 7 tamales, a piece of ham, and some cake. That is not good for a vegan. Then, I went to the hall to clean dishes and again "accidentally" invited myself to a bowl of pozole, rice, and beans with our Spanish parishioners. I crawled in bed about 2:30 AM, and set my alarm for the 5 AM mass with Father Leo. I unfortunately missed that one. I did just barely make 6 AM, sunrise service. I had the pleasure of joining in with fellow parishioners in the sunrise service. It's wonderful to be called into service for the Lord, and I really enjoyed my time with all the priest and parishioners and my brother Knights.

Stephen E Michael, Lecturer

He has risen, hallelujah!
Indeed, he has, hallelujah!



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, Steven Harper, Jeremy Hensley, Don Reed, Gary Humphreys, and for me as I continue to deal with cancer treatments.

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 Trevillyan, 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 infor-

mation 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.

**Mike Glendon,
PGK**



INSURANCE REPORT

LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years. Members who wisely pur-

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chased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today as they were 17 years ago. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts!

If you have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio with an agent, take some time out of your schedule to meet with one. You can reach the General Agent, Steve Hudec, who can arrange for one to come and meet with you, by calling (559) 840-3295 or send him an email at steve.hudec@koc.org.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.



NEW KNIGHTS IN OUR COUNCIL



**Our new members: First Degree - April 4, 2017
L-R: Nicholas Giardini, Daniel Spengler, Tom Fedasz and Everardo Ramirez**

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

ing her memory with this effort again this year with Steven cycling one hundred miles. Last year, Ed and Steven raised over \$7,600. This year, our council voted to donate \$1,000 towards this worthy cause and, pursuant to our bylaws, the information here is publishing the proposal. We will hold a final vote at our next meeting.

Coming up on Saturday, May 6th we will be cooking for the Parish Blessings Breakfast. Please join in the fun, flipping pancakes and scrambling eggs and report to the kitchen between 6:30 and 7:30 that morning. We'll be done by noon. We also will be assisting the Special Olympics that day with their annual regional track and field competition at John F Kennedy School on Stonum (off of Hatch Road). They are in need of coaches to help the athletes from event to event. You can help out any time from 9 AM to 3 PM. Finally, we will be co-hosting with the Parish Health Ministry a Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, May 13th in JPPI Center, Room 11. I encourage you to spread the word about the event and to donate blood yourself. Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Tim Keating, Grand Knight



IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK TO MAKE OUR EVENTS HAPPEN

Our 2017 Friday Lenten Events & What It Takes

- 2,700 patrons were served at five fish fry dinners and one soup supper
- 6 weekly dinners
- 62 (at least) different Knights helped
- Setup the Hall - tables, chairs and themes
- Cut fish
- Wrap the potatoes
- Cook the Desserts
- Prepare the batter for the fish
- Order the food, ingredients and supplies
- Ensure security is on-site each event
- Prepare the coleslaw, lemonade, coffee
- Coordinate youth assistance
- Sell 50-50 Raffle tickets
- Sell tickets on the plaza each weekend
- Support parish office ticket sales
- Promote events at local O'Briens and Starbucks
- Promote events via website and Facebook
- Promote weekly themes
- Promote events in weekly Church bulletins
- Promote events in weekly mass announcements
- Promote events via Constant Contact web sales
- 5 youth/Knights serve the dinner to our patrons
- 2-3 Knights - serve refreshments
- 2-4 Knights and youth - serve To-Go Dinners
- 10-12 Knights to prepare and cook fish
- 3-4 Knights/youth to clean dishes
- 4-5 Knights to clean up fryers on Saturday morning
- Knights and youth - clean up hall after event

This has become one of our traditions. But it is the result of a lot of work, coordination and teamwork.

And the best part is the thanks and appreciation we receive after each event when our patrons leave.

Kudos to one and all who took part!

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