



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Behold, how good and how pleasant [it is] for brethren to [work] together in unity! Psalms 133:1 - (A Song of degrees of David.)

This month's meeting will be an important one...you should attend if you want your voice to be heard! At our last business meeting, I explained where we are with our Budget. In summary, after a lot of hard work by many, we had fantastic results from our fireworks sales, crab feed, and fish fry dinners; and we have a surplus in our budget of a couple of thousand dollars (after all of our committed donations are made). Based upon these results, there were a couple of changes proposed to our approved budget.

Brother Ed Fernandes' son, Steve, is involved with a "bike-A-thon" type of fundraiser for cancer research. A proposal was made, seconded, and briefly discussed to donate \$1000, from our excess funds, from "Miscellaneous Contributions," toward this worthy cause, which goes to leukemia research. This proposal will be voted on at our May 1 meeting.

Our current budget dictates that we donate \$3000 from our "General Fund" to our Scholarship Fund. At our last meeting, I stated that there might be modifications to our budget, on behalf of requests from several Broth-

ers, that we increase this contribution by \$1000 to \$4000. This also will be voted on at our May 1 meeting.

Election of next year's officers will be held at our June 5th meeting, but the slate of proposed officers will be nominated this month. Your input as to nominations for next year's officers will be solicited at the business meeting and will remain open until the elections in June. So, if you are interested in being an officer or if you know of any interested Brother, please let Larry Kjelberg or me know.

Scholarships for post-high school education are now available and are due NO LATER THAN May 18. These scholarships are available to Knights (in good standing), their wives, kids or grandkids. An application can be found on-line (<http://www.kofc10644.com/resources--photos.html>). Thank you all who helped out at the Special Olympics Regional Games on Saturday, April 21st). All had a fun time and help was truly appreciated by the athletes and the Special Olympics organization.

Also thank you to Rick Dinubilo, his cooks, and all who helped with set-up, clean-up, and ticket sales and especially to Josey Samson, who chaired the April 28th Pasta Dinner to benefit Special Olympics.

How are you doing on that New Year's Resolution? A re-commitment to your Knights,

get active, get involved. Don't just pay your dues and call yourself a Knight. Be a Knight!

For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Vivat Jesus

Al Toschi, Grand Knight



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on May 1st at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Meeting, 7 PM, Father O'Hare Hall	2	3	4	5 Parish Blessings Breakfast 7 AM, Father O'Hare Hall
6	7 Officers' Meeting, Vatican Council Room, St. JP2 Center	8	9	10	11	12
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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

John Molloy 5/5
 Norman Andrews 5/9
 Michael Glendon 5/6
 Richard Goeken 5/10
 Donald Dedini 5/11
 Ted Hartman 5/11
 Ruben Sanchez 5/12
 Erik Jimenez 5/13
 Jesus Perez 5/14
 Roy Gordon 5/15
 Owen Kummerle 5/16
 Francisco Payanes 5/18
 David Contreras 5/19
 Joe Furtado 5/19
 John Marsella 5/21
 Miguel Villalobos 5/21
 Jimi Netniss 5/22
 Jeff Fultz 5/24
 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

Lucy Munoz 5/1
 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
 Dominick & Mary Guidice 5/3
 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
 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

Since I snookered you into reading my article, here's a reminder – you can pay your dues online! Yes, it's May, but some of you have yet to turn in your dues. <http://www.kofc10644.com/resources--photos.html> Brother Richard Braun, our resident editor and webmaster, passed along a book published in 1936, "Knights of Columbus Historical Review," telling the story of the Knights in California up to that point.

The Knights were established in California in 1902 through the efforts of James J. Gorman, who came from Connecticut. He got assistance from Neal Power and Andrew Corrigan in San Francisco. In Los Angeles, Mr. Gorman was supported by Bishop George Montgomery. Initially, two councils were formed, one in San Francisco and the other in Los Angeles. The Denver degree team, led by John H. Reddin, exemplified the first and second degrees in both councils. Brother Reddin put on the third degree in San Francisco in January 1902 and Brother Richard Hayden of Topeka, Kansas put on the third degree in Los Angeles the following Sunday.

The Supreme Knight paid a visit to California in and wanted to appoint a Territorial Deputy, Joseph Scott was named to that position after Andrew Corrigan turned it down due to demands of his business. The first aim of Brother Scott was to form a third council as before a state council could be formed, there had to be at least three councils. He chose Oxnard; he received an invitation from Rev. Fr. Laubacher. Oxnard Council No. 750 was formed on March 22, 1903 with 41 charter members.

The book contains many council histories, when they first started and their initial officers. It also includes a lot of advertisements that made me go through the book a few times to see what stood out or familiar names.

Recently, the state deputy had a forum at the Father Heslen Council No. 2557 in Turlock. C. K. Westlake wrote of their beginnings on December 14, 1924 in this 1936 book. Fr. Wm. J. Quirke was their first chaplain. The council roster grew to 125, but "...there was not sufficient care exercised in selecting members, and by the time the undesirables were eliminated, the membership dropped to 65." The depression saw further reductions to 38. But from 1935 to 1936, they regained momentum and had a roster of 80 members and were proud to say that at the end of each year, they owed no one and no one owed them. Mr. Westlake also mentioned that at their last "Annual Communion", 85 percent of their members were at the Communion Rail.

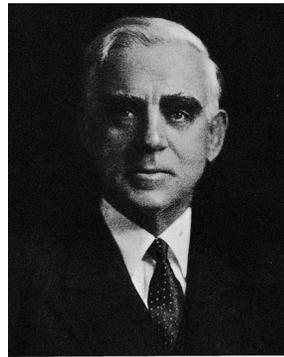
The first California State Deputy was the Honorable Joseph Scott. In the book's dedication, it mentions the Order grew from the one council in San Francisco to more than 100 councils by 1936. His motto was "Courage Brothers, Courage," when they faced adversity. I will leave you with the last verse of this poem and then a few advertisements from that 1936 book, it is 200 pages.

You're Out

By John J. Burke

Excerpt from "Knights of Columbus Historical Review", pg. 196

When at last the catcher gets you,
and you're through this early slide,
And the pitcher's box has turned
into the one that you're inside
When the undertaker tags you and
he puts you out for keeps,
And they write upon your coffin
just an epitaph, "He Sleeps",
Your old soul will travel upward
like a pitcher in a hole,
And you'll face the champion
Batter for the saving of your soul,
Will the grim old Umpire Peter,
fin his vantage turn and shout
That same old stern decision,
those awful words, "YOU'RE OUT."



Hon. Joseph Scott

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FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,
We have come to the end of the long season of Lent, and to the end of a long season of successful fish dinners! I hope that we are now prepared to focus our minds and our hearts on the real "reason for the season" which is Holy Week of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. I hope that all of you will be able to join us for all of the special Masses and liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. The reason why we spent forty days fasting and praying and frying fish was because Jesus gave himself over for our salvation. He gave us his Body and Blood at the last supper, and then on the Cross. Then he rose to give new hope to mortal flesh. The three holiest days of the year are called the Easter Triduum. We will begin by gathering on Holy Thursday night at 7:00 PM when we remember the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the Eucharist and the priesthood. Then afterwards we try to stay awake a little longer and pray while we recall how Jesus suffered his agony in the garden and was arrested on that same night. Then on Friday, we will gather outside the church at high noon to see our youth reenact the Way of the Cross. We then enter the church at 1:30 PM for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion during which we will kiss the wood of the saving cross. The following day is the day Jesus rested in the tomb, Holy Saturday. There are not Masses until after dark when we will light the Easter Fire at 8:30 PM to signal the beginning of the greatest Celebration of the Year, the Easter Vigil. Then we enter the church with the blessed fire and

begin hearing the readings of the history of Salvation. Then water is blessed and twenty-four new Catholics will be baptized and Confirmed and receive First Holy Communion. This longest Mass of the year will end around 11:30 PM. In order to persevere in following these Holy Week events we must imitate the Immaculate Virgin Mary who followed her Son on road to Calvary and persevered with him at the foot of his Cross. She had no sin. We who are sinners should do as much. By our sins, we caused her Son to die for us. Let us ask her for the grace to never abandon him. Last month I wrote about the wondrous events of the apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette in 1858. I would like to write a little more about something that happened during the first apparition. When Bernadette arrived for the first time at the grotto of Lourdes on February 11, 1858, she was gathering firewood with her sister Toinette and another girl named Jeanne. The other two girls waded across a stream in search of more firewood, leaving Bernadette alone since she suffered from asthma and was afraid to go through the icy water. Suddenly Bernadette heard a strange sound like a gust of wind, but she noticed that the leaves of the trees were not moving. Then she looked up at a hole in the rock above the grotto. Within this niche in the rock, Bernadette saw a "beautiful lady" smiling at her. The Lady wore a silky white dress with a blue sash and had yellow roses on each of her feet. She had beautiful rosary beads draped over her arm but did not speak. Bernadette

rubbed her eyes and looked again and still she saw the woman. She was not particularly afraid of this beautiful woman, even though she did not know who she was. However, instinctively she felt in her pocket for her own rosary. She tried to pull it out of her pocket so that she could make the sign of the Cross with it. Nevertheless, her arm would not move. This was strange and she began to feel a mysterious fear. Then the Lady herself began to move her rosary up to her head and made the sign of the Cross on herself. It was only after the Lady had finished making the sign of the Cross on herself that Bernadette was again able to move her arm again. Bernadette then made the sign of the Cross and all of her fear vanished again. Bernadette then proceeded to pray an entire rosary in the presence of the Lady. The Lady remained silent but only moved her rosary beads between her fingers with each Hail Mary that Bernadette recited. Although Mary said nothing during this first apparition, her gestures spoke volumes. In the first apparition, she subtly hinted at the message that she had come to teach the world at Lourdes. For centuries, the Church had debated and volumes were written about the question of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Popular belief had



JOHN'S JOKES

An Arabian Sheik was admitted to hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose. As the gentleman had an extremely rare type of blood that couldn't be found locally, the call went out around the world. Finally a man was located in Scotland who had the same rare blood type. After some coaxing, the man donated his blood for the Sheik. After the surgery the Sheik sent the Scotsman a new BMW, a diamond necklace for his wife, and \$100,000 in appreciation.

A few months later, the same Sheik had to undergo a corrective surgery procedure. Once again, his doctor telephoned the same man who this time was more than happy to donate his blood.

After the second surgery, the Sheik sent the man a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates. The man was shocked that the Sheik did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He then phoned the Sheik and asked him: "I thought you would be more generous than that. Last time, you sent me a BMW, diamonds and money. This time, you only sent me a lousy thank-you card and a cheap box of chocolates!" To this the Sheik replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins."

We never were able to find out my grandfather's blood group to save him, but he gave good advice right to the end. He kept saying "Be positive! Be positive!"

LECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome, all my beautiful brothers and sisters in Christ to a beautiful rainy spring. Yes, I am talking to anyone that picks this newsletter up off the coffee table and reads it, or reads it in an email. What is that saying? April showers bring May flowers. If your name is May, you may very well receive flowers soon. That is just a prediction from a novice profit.

Here we are in the middle of the 50 days of Easter as I write this. I woke up the other morning to what sounded like a mess of bacon cooking. I thought, "Who is cooking bacon?" It was like a vegan nightmare. I opened my sliding glass door. Water was running off my roof and gutters like a fountain! Thank you, God, for no leaks. That storm could have washed ducks down a drain. It is amazing how things look after a good rain: a good spring-cleaning.

I thought about the time I told my co-worker that I was going to a Catholic retreat. He said to me, "Let the brain washing begin." It was one of the only times that my quick response served God with humility, without offending him. The Holy Spirit gave me words immediately that were something like this: "Amen, brother, I concur. Let me be the first to have my brain washed. While we are at it, how about my heart and my soul also?"

Spring is so beautiful that the ancient aliens on the History Channel created seasons. It is a beautiful time according to our better halves to do that honey-do list. It is also a great time to rejoice in our Catholic faith to submerge and cleanse ourselves in the sacraments, starting with reconciliation. Let us not forget that this incredible sacrament is available daily by our wonderful parish priests, who work so hard to be available for us. There is that other sacrament called daily mass, which contains the holy Eucharist. Even spell check requires that Eucharist be capitalized. How is that for recognition? Please, come to daily mass when you can, even if once a month, week or day. Do not forget about the anointing of the sick for yourselves and loved ones. This sacrament has been a personal lifesaver for my family. Do not forget it is there and available. Continue to pray for our parish priest and thank God that we are so blessed.

I think of Peter who said to Lord Jesus Christ, "You will never wash my feet." After Christ correction to him, Peter said, "If you are to wash my feet, then wash my head and hands also." If God is doing the washing, he only needs to wash our feet, but I recommend if you are doing the washing, go ahead and do a thorough job by human standards. Relevant Radio touches on the Gospels every day

and really got me thinking about how the disciples were all hiding, including Peter, behind locked doors. When the Lord appeared to them behind lock doors, in flesh and blood, and challenged them to touch him. "For a ghost does not have flesh and bones." Then he ate broiled fish before them. They were immediately refreshed renewed and went out teaching the Gospel, healing the sick etc. The Romans incredibly, cruel example was a real warning of what was in store. The disciples no longer feared, and many of them were martyred. Who would die for a lie? They were willing to die for their faith, for they had seen and truly believed. What did Christ say to Thomas?

Relevant Radio also has had great discussions about how the world requires us to always be attached to our blue screens and devices. We demand to be entertained and even baby sit our children with a phone or some other device. Many of our youth suffer from the ability to engage in the mass, because it seems boring and can become all about them, not about Christ. By early teens or young adulthood, they are walking away from the first Christian faith. I say, "NO!" Allow the mass to be a family celebration of joy. Our example should always guide them. It starts with a response! That is right. Respond to the mass! Let's teach or children to engage and respond to the mass. Our pews are filled with misalettes; encourage them to pick them up and follow along. We need to teach them the responses and be an example to all. Besides, it is a good read. You do not have to be a good vocalist; just sing. Let the Our Father be heard at Orchard Supply. Take a note pad and make one note about what struck you the most about the mass. Then, discuss it with your family. The Dollar Store sells pocket size notebooks cheap. Get the rest of the family involved and talking. Our response to the mass brings us into communion with the mass. Let's leave our devices at home and get outside to enjoy these beautiful, rainy landscapes painted in the sky by our creator. Want to be entertained? Shut off the TV set and listen to Relevant Radio. Go see the movie, "The Apostle Paul." I also recommend "I can only imagine." Love, encourage and forgive everyone. I love you all so much. Continue in your greatness.

**Stephen Michael
Lector**



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