

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brother Knights,

By the time this message reaches you we will have had the Tri-tip dinner, Tootsie roll drive and our Oktoberfest dinner. I would like to thank all of the Chairs listed in order of when the events occurred: Steven Michael, Jim Galuppi, Alfonso Chavez and his wife Judy. I would also like to thank all the Brother Knights that came out to help set up, cook and clean up after these events. I would like to point out that Alfonso and Judy work as a team decorating all or most our events. That's the family part of our organization that seems to have disappeared over the last few years. When we join as Knights, it is understood that our meetings and some, but not all, of our ceremonials are for Knights only. We should never exclude our most valuable resource for those aspects which aren't reserved just for Knights. What is our most valuable resource? Our family. Last year I chaired the Crab Feed and with some guidance from Brother Marty Reis and from my two co-chairs, Rick Dinubilo and my

wife Kathy. I like to think that it was very successful. Without my wife's help, this event could have had a different outcome; she was my backbone. In the past, I have also enlisted my children's help in the distribution of the Tootsie rolls. When we finished our time, we stayed a little longer, because my kid's were having fun handing out our tasty treats. I guess the point I'm trying to get across is that we can't always go our own way when trying to reach some of our goals. It's important to pull together as family, friends and Brother Knights to ensure our success as an organization. We will be heading into the holiday season soon and should not forget those less fortunate. We have our Adopt-A-Family Dinner that will be in need of food, gift cards, and items for raffle in order to raise funds to help families within our neighborhoods have Merry Christmas. We have our annual Coats for Kids Drive to remember as well. While these events are Knights events, please consider bringing someone you see as a

future Knight to see just what it is we do as Knights to help our community. As you are all well aware, this year's fire season has been devastating to many of California's communities. One in particular, the city of Weed, had a very heavy loss to the Catholic community, as their parish church, Holy Family, was burnt to the ground, leaving only the church bell. Our council voted and approved within the budget a donation of \$2,000 to help rebuild the church. We all know about insurance: it very seldom covers your entire loss. So, with the help of our donation, we hopefully close the gap for them. Holy Family's Pastor, Father Joseph, was very grateful for our donation.

In closing I wish you and all your family a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving.

**Grand Knight
Mike Glendon**



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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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Next Meeting

Date: 11/4/2014

Location: Father O'Hare Hall

Don't be late as we will have multiple candidates for the 1st Degree.

Dear brother Knights,
 How 'bout them Giants?! As I write this message I look forward to another World Series with our beloved San Francisco Giants! I was born in San Francisco so I can jump on the bandwagon when the team is doing well!
 In baseball, the games that really count are the games that are played at the end of the year, especially in October. Happily the Giants played good baseball when it really mattered!
 The same is true in life, when we get to the end of our lives, things become more serious. When we get older we know that time is precious and we had better be on our best game. In the autumn of life it there is a "World Series" for each of us which will determine whether we will be able to celebrate victory in heaven!
 There is a wonderful song called "This is October" by the band "Ceili Rain" (They performed several times here at St. Joseph's). The song is about a man who is getting older and realizes that "This is October". He realizes that there is a time later in life when we have to try to get serious and be a good man, a good husband, a good father. Just like a baseball player who must become a better player for the sake of the team, he must become a better father for the sake of his family:
*"That short, fat, bald guy's a fall baseball guy... He's a couch potato and it's been a sin...
 He wishes he were more... This is October. The kid stuff is over, It's time to deliver what the fans pay you to do! He's undefeated in his dreams, but at least he dreams. But when he wakes*

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

*up he drops the pop ups.
 He lets down his son and wife and team and they scream: 'You can do it, do it dad! We know that you're not so bad! So don't just lie about- Time is runnin' out...
 This is October. The kid stuff is over. Time to deliver what the family prays you can do!"*

As men, as Knights, as husbands, and fathers, as grandfathers, we are called to step up to the plate and give it our best! As we get older we know that time is running short. All of us are called to be saints. It is still possible for us to become saints. There is still time! With God's grace we can knock it out of the park! In the month of November we celebrate All Saints Day (Nov. 1) which reassures us that there are multitudes of men and women who have made it to the "All Star" team in heaven. On All Souls Day (Nov. 2) we think of all the souls in purgatory: They are "on deck," with hopes of soon stepping into the light of heavenly ball game!

It is possible to be a saint. Even Americans can become saints! Last month the church beatified an American nun who performed amazing miracles in New Jersey: Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich (1901-1927).

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/blessed-in-the-u.s.a/#ixzz3GKTrIAZ3>

There are three saintly American citizens whose feast days are celebrated in the month of November.

November 3 is the Feast Day of Venerable Solanus Casey (1870- 1957). He was a humble Franciscan priest in Detroit, Michigan who was too uneducated to

preach or hear confessions but became famous for healing the sick and giving spiritual counseling.

November 13 is the Feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917), the first United States Citizen to be canonized. She came from Italy to America where she founded 67 institutions: convents, schools, and hospitals.

November 18 is the Feast Day of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852), a French who did heroic work during the French Revolution and then at the age of 49 she travelled to Louisiana where she began a new life caring for Native American Indians in Missouri and Kansas. The Indians named her "Woman-Who-Prays-Always." Indian children sneaked behind her as she knelt and sprinkled bits of paper on her habit, and came back hours later to find them undisturbed.

So you see, gentlemen, it's still possible! It's time to deliver! Now is the time for us to become the men God created us to be. There are only saints in heaven. If we want to make the cut we had better begin the transformation now!

Sincerely,

**Father
 Mark Wagner
 Chaplain and Pastor
 St. Joseph's Catholic
 Church**



SUNRISE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for our Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; Matt Iorns, his family, and the health of his unborn son; John Karaz; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Loy Sagrado; Richard Braun; and Dave Tacchinni.
 Please pray for the repose of

the soul of Brother Nick Cupini who passed away this October.
 Pray also for: Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

And keep our Holy Father and all the Bishops of the Church in your prayers, as they gather to discuss leading all the faithful in the years ahead.

If you know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know.

Contact information is 209-551-9534 or prayers@kofc10644.com



							1 <i>All Saints' Day</i>
2 <i>All Souls' Day</i>	3 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	4 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	5	6	7		8
9	10	11	12	13	14		15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		22
23 <i>Bl. Miguel Pro</i>	24 <i>Christ the King</i>	25	26	27	28		29
30	Notes: There will be no Knights' Breakfast this month. What was previously published was due to a misunderstanding from the parish office.						

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Patrick W. Bradshaw 11/1
 Alfred Baroni 11/2
 Josue E. Jimenez 11/4
 Alfred M. Sierras 11/5
 Ronald Y. Uyeshiro 11/6
 Albert N. Badal 11/9
 Robert H. Selover 11/9
 Roger S. Duke 11/9
 Marty H. Reis 11/13
 Michael R. Lamanet 11/14
 Mason G. Trevillyan 11/16
 Rick Guajardo, PGK 11/16
 Edward E. Tobias 11/17
 Gary J. Moya 11/17
 Joey A. Rodriguez 11/18
 Eugene A. Thiel 11/21
 Sam P Satariano 11/21
 Adam J. Harker 11/25
 Leonard E Churilla 11/25
 Daniel B. Hernandez 11/27
 Geraldo T. DeQueiroz 11/27
 John A. Wee 11/27
 Jose C. Barajas 11/27
 Rev. Francis A. Joseph 11/28
 Virgilio C. Ereso 11/28

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Melissa Bartlett 11/3
 Jonnie Laura 11/4
 Lorna Sichak 11/10
 Patricia Chavarria 11/11
 Kathleen Irizarry 11/13
 Lisa Ringer 11/16
 Amanda Towne 11/17
 Kim McCarthy 11/17
 Alejandra Fausto 11/18
 Jacqueline Nunez 11/21
 Cathy Hartman 11/22
 Kathleen Harker 11/26
 Kim Ringer 11/26
 Michele Nielsen 11/27
 Wendy Morton 11/27
 Maricela Sanchez 11/28



ANNIVERSARIES

William & Linda Black 11/1
 Steven & Beka Wunschel MD 11/4
 James & Barbara Brady 11/8
 David & Trina Malsom 11/9
 Joseph & Rosalie Gardella 11/9
 Tim & Janice Landeros 11/9
 David & Maria Sally Evans 11/10
 Pat & Lela Seefeldt PGK 11/11
 Sean & Mara Mullins 11/11
 Terence & Kristine Rocca 11/17
 Gerard & Ruth Oftring 11/22
 Robert & Rosanne Yanko 11/23
 Geraldo & Maria DeQueiroz 11/24
 James & Theresa Galuppi 11/24
 Robert & Sharon Briar 11/26
 Robert & Diana Poncini 11/27



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

"O Brother, Where Art Thou?" No, it's not our editor asking me where my article is or even a movie review. It is a thought that comes to my mind, now in mid-October, as I write this article that will appear in the November newsletter. It also means I'm learning another new task, preparing the annual dues renewal notices that will go out before the end of November. Every month it seems I learn of some new task.

I happened to be going through my CD collection to find a tune for a few friends of mine related to some music research. I stumbled across the soundtrack to a movie - "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" I thought I would twist that a bit. Indeed, my fellow Brother Knights - where art thou? We, as officers, often wonder why we don't see more of our members at our monthly meetings. And it's not just that. We wonder why we are not able to get more of you to be a part of the events that we hold. I realize we all have our professional obligations, family / home obligations. At the same time, you joined the Knights, and one of the reasons was to serve. It does not mean you have to attend every meeting or be at every event. Can you make it a point to try to attend one meeting during the year? O help out at one of the

many events? Sometimes the service is as simple as setting up tables and chairs, putting on the table settings or preparing the salads and other foods in the kitchen. That only takes about an hour or so.

I enjoyed the Tri-Tip in the Rain event we had in early October, not for the setup or prep or serving those who attended. It was being with my fellow Brothers! We usually have lulls in these events, and often a group will gather outside the kitchen and relax and just chew the fat. This time I got to hear some stories of one of our older Knights who served in World War II and told of his experiences in Okinawa and elsewhere as there was a typhoon in the news. And of course, we also marveled at the success our local baseball team, the Giants, are having in their post season games. In addition to the fun at the events we need your insight during our monthly Business Meetings. We know you are out there in our community, our eyes and ears as to what is going on. We sometimes may need to go beyond the standard Knights' programs to help our community.

I read a story of an elderly lady who saw a need in East Porterville, California. The residents were feeling the pains of the drought in a very personal way. Water wells were drying up. Many residents did not even have drinking water. She started making the effort to donate

and deliver bottled water to those residents. And then, the effort snowballed where others began to take part and help her in her efforts. That's another way you can help as well - come to a meeting and let us know what you are seeing as a need in our community. We are Knights. We are here to serve. Read the story of this Grandmother's efforts: <http://www.cnn.com/2014/10/11/us/california-drought-homes-without-running-water/>

I am also in charge of apparel for our Council; and lately we have seen an uptick in interest and purchases. Stop by our meetings and take a look at the catalog of what the Knights offer. Don't be shy to show you are a member, there are hats, shirts, jackets, coffee mugs, and goodness knows what else. And I will ask you one more time, "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" - can you spare us your time at a meeting? Can you spare us your time at an event?

Financial Secretary,
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JOHN'S JOKES

Thanksgiving Divorce

A man in Phoenix calls his son in New York two days before Thanksgiving and says, "I hate to ruin your day, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce; forty-five years of misery is enough!"

"Pop, what are you talking about?" the son yells.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the father says. "We're sick of each other,

and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Chicago and tell her."

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone.

"Like heck they're getting divorced," she says, "I'll take care of this!"

She calls her dad in Phoenix immediately, and pleads with her father, "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my

brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man slowly hangs up the phone, turns to his wife and says, "I told you", he says, "Now they're coming for Thanksgiving" then he smiles, hugs his wife and says, "and they're paying their own way!"

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My dear Brother Knights, After a busy October with multiple events (Tri-Tip in the Rain, helping with the food for the Day for Life, the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, and the Oktoberfest), we actually have a month in which we do NOT have any events. Our next scheduled event isn't until early December, when under the leadership of the two Event Chairs, PGK Mike Miranda and Chancellor Ed Gamboa, we will have the Adopt-a-Family Dinner, where we will be raising funds to help out at least 10 needy families from our community. Make sure that you have your calendar marked already to either help work or help adopting the families on December 6th. Just because we don't have any events during the month of November, that doesn't mean that you should stop thinking about what the Knights of Columbus. This month full of football and family will be a great opportunity for planning. As Officers of your Council, we are always looking for ways to continue to meet the needs both of you, the members, and of the greater community. What ideas do you have to help us do what we do in better ways? As the Financial Secretary put in his article, you can always bring those ideas to the Business Meeting. But you don't have to have the loud voice to

make yourself heard in the hall.

You can send an email. With the use of our website, email address to the Officers are easy to remember. You can send an email to the Grand Knight by sending it to grandknight@kofc10644.com.

You can send one to me at dgk@kofc10644.com. You can send one to the Financial Secretary at finsec@kofc10644.com. You can send prayer requests to prayers@kofc10644.com. You can send something for the newsletter to newsletter@kofc10644.com.

You can't get much easier than that: the title of who you want to send it to followed by kofc for Knights of Columbus, then our Council number 10644, and finally with the ever present .com. If you prefer, you can always send questions, comments, ideas the old fashioned way. We have a PO Box, which is PO Box 576959, Modesto, CA 95357-6959.

Many of you might be wondering why I am taking the time to point out how to communicate with the Officers. Yes, I realize that you could easily have found out those emails (they are listed in each of the articles), the PO Box (it is printed on the back of the paper version of this newsletter and listed on the home page of the website), or asked someone.

My point is that we need your input. There are some that prefer to sit back and complain when things aren't going smoothly, but complaining is 1)

not a Christian response to problems and 2) not productive.



As Officers, we can trip over ourselves trying to figure out how things were done in the past (even when those things aren't successful anymore like the golf tournament). We can work to come up with new ideas that might or might not work. But really, what we need to do is know what our membership wants.

And we can't do that if we don't know you want. Take advantage of the technology (whether it is a piece of paper and pencil or an email) and let us know: what do we need to be doing to better meet your needs? How can we be more successful? Let us know.

God bless,

Richard Braun

Deputy Grand Knight

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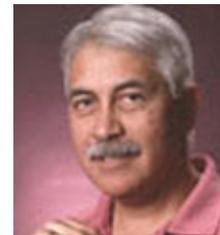
LECTURER'S NOTES

“We were living in trees when they met us.
They showed us each in turn
That Water would certainly
wet us,
as Fire would certainly burn:
But we found them lacking in
Uplift,
Vision and Breadth of Mind,
So we left them to teach the
Gorillas,
while we followed the March
of Mankind.
From: “The Gods of the
Copybook Headings,”
Rudyard Kipling 1919
I love this poem penned by
Rudyard Kipling almost 100
years ago. It’s a great poem
about mankind’s continued
abandonment of common
sense and right order in favor
of the shiny, sparkly things
that have no or bad
consequence. The full poem
and an explanation can be
found at
<http://www.johnderbyshire.com/Readings/gods.html>.
About a year and a half ago I
gave a talk at a Council
Business Meeting about
emergency preparedness. I
mentioned that we should all
prepare for an emergency or
natural disaster as if we were
preparing for a camping trip.
If you were there, you recall
that I had a sealed Mylar
container with a beef
stroganoff dinner for two and
a plastic bucket with enough
freeze dried food for two
persons for over a month,
just add water. I also
mentioned that, about a year
before, I had seen a
government (probably the

CDC) website that stated we
should prepare for the zombie
apocalypse. Now zombies
aren’t real, but if the
government is telling me that
something bad is going to
happen, then I should probably
listen. After all, they might
know something. Did you take
my advice? Did you prepare?
For the last two weeks the
headlines have been about
“EBOLA” in this country.
I spent today (Oct.18) at the
Day for Life conference here at
St. Joseph’s where we were
treated to some fabulous
presentations on “Life from
conception to natural death.” I
was seated behind a young lady
who I didn’t know, so I made
conversation with her and
found out that she was a nurse
who works at one of the largest
hospitals in the area. I asked
for her thoughts about Ebola to
which she replied, “We’re not
ready”. It was chilling, and it
was honest. She was candid
with me; and her answers
sounded like others I’ve heard
from the medical community
around the country.
I asked her how long till we see
it here? I was not surprised by
her answer; it was sobering and
frank. It was also indefinite.
There are some variables; but it
could be sooner, and it could be
later. I won’t bore you with
details, but I will tell you to
prepare to shelter in place.
Today is good day to prepare for
difficult times, and today is a
very good day to get serious
about our faith. Our Christian
faith is geared to times such as
these. Our Christian faith in

God is our source of hope in
the best and worst of times.
What a day this has been! I
have learned much and I
have been reassured that
much of what I already knew
was on target. Sure, we need
to have a healthy fear of
pandemic illness, but we
must have a greater reliance
on God, since he is far
bigger. Neither leprosy, nor
Ebola, contraception,
abortion, euthanasia, not
even a nuclear warhead can
hurt our God. The only thing
that hurts God is if we don’t
turn to him. Turn to him
today! Now is the time to
prepare for physical as well
as spiritual attack.
You can find long-term
storage food online. There are
several good sources, and it’s
a great investment. Bottled
water is everywhere
nowadays. Get some; get a
lot! These things will
preserve your body; but,
more importantly, you should
also run to the sacraments:
get to regular, frequent
confession and mass! Don’t
wait to the last possible
minute; that never works.

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