



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This month's business meeting falls on ELECTION DAY. Do your patriotic duty and VOTE! Your vote, even though small by its' self, is the best way to help stop some of the current insanity in our neighborhoods! But enough with the soap box!

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY DISABLED:

We had quite a few brother Knights and their families help out with the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. (We could have used quite a few more! Were you there to help out this worthy cause?) Again it was some of "the same ol' guys" doing the work of many!

THANK YOU to all who did help! We were VERY successful and raised **over \$3,000** which blew away the last few years' efforts by over \$1,000! We could have done even better if we had the manpower to cover the Lakes shopping center site which would have put us closer to \$3,500!

I want to thank all who helped out, especially **Gary and Rita Humphreys** and the site captains **Ed Gamboa** and **Chris Powers**, and a very special thank you to **Jo-**

sey Samson who worked very hard to make this an excellent event!

All of the net proceeds will be given to Local programs that directly help the mentally disabled.

INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT AFTER THE MASSES:

On that same weekend, we re-introduced ourselves to the parish-at-large. If you attended any of the masses you heard the announcements by some of our well-spoken brothers: **Michael Loschke, Ed Ibarra, Richard Braun, Ed Gamboa, and Kent Harker**. Thank you, guys, for making a very nice, classy presentation that drew in 8 new Candidates who will hopefully join in and become active Knights.

WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD START!

Let's keep the ball rolling right into our next event: the **Adopt-A-Family** coming up in just about a month. **Ruben Sanchez** will be chairing that event and, again, will be looking for help with set-up, take-down, clean-up, kids' activities, music, Santa, etc.

Will you be there to help him make this a fun, family, charitable event? Give him a call to **volunteer: 209-605-5623**. I

know that it is a way off (1/20/18), but our single biggest fund raising event of the year is our annual **Crab Feed**. We need to start now! Especially with gathering **Auction Items!** Please contact any of us officers (or the Chairman, Tim Matalone @ MATA-DOR1960@COMCAST.NET) and see what you can volunteer to help with. AND, remember: Offer to chair or co-chair an event! Any event can use your help.

Vivat Jesus!

Al Toschi, Grand Knight



PS. There are only 3 marbles left for the marble game this month. You have a good chance of winning the proceeds if you attend the business meeting.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 6:30 PM Officers' Meeting in Vatican Room of St. JP2 Center	7 7 PM Business Meet- ing in Father O'Hare Hall	8	9	10 5:45 PM Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of the Council Parish Festival	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Josue Jimenez Magana 11/4
 Everardo Ramirez 11/4
 John Rodriguez 11/4
 Josey Samson 11/4
 Alfred Sierras 11/5
 Ronald Uyeshiro 11/6
 Roger Duke 11/9
 Robert Selover 11/9
 Marty Reis 11/13
 Michael Lamanet 11/14
 Daniel Spengler 11/14
 Gary Nelson 11/15
 Rick Guajardo 11/16
 Mason Trevillyan 11/16
 Gary Moya 11/17
 Edward Tobias 11/17
 Joey Rodriguez 11/18
 Dominick Guidice 11/19
 Sam Satariano 11/21
 Eugene Thiel 11/21
 Leonard Churilla 11/25
 Adam Harker 11/25
 Orlando Castillo 11/26
 Jose Barajas 11/27
 Geraldo DeQueiroz 11/27
 Daniel Hernandez 11/27
 Hector Morales-Arana 11/27
 John Wee 11/27
 Dr. Virgilio Ereso 11/28
 Fr. Francis Joseph 11/28

Ladies' Birthdays

Lorna Sichak 11/10
 Patricia Chavarria 11/11
 Lisa Ringer 11/16
 Elaine Beaumont 11/17
 Kim McCarthy 11/17
 Amanda Towne 11/17
 Alejandra Fausto 11/18
 Jacqueline Nunez 11/21
 Kathleen Harker 11/26
 Kim Ringer 11/26
 Dalilah Rodriguez 11/26
 Cathy Hartman 11/27
 Wendy Morton 11/27
 Michele Nielsen 11/27
 Maricela Sanchez 11/28

Anniversaries

William & Linda Black 11/1
 Steven & Beka Wunschel 11/4
 James & Barbara Brady 11/8
 Joseph & Rosalie Gardella 11/9
 David & Trina Malsom 11/9
 David & Maria Sally Evans 11/10
 Sean & Mara Mullins 11/11
 Pat & Lela Seefeldt 11/11
 Terence & Kristine Rocca 11/17
 Geraldo & Maria DeQueiroz 11/24
 James & Theresa Galuppi 11/24
 Robert & Diana Poncini 11/27



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Can a Knight help on one Night for One Event?

We saw a few at the Parish Festival...



The Knights are much more than our monthly business meetings. That's where we plan ahead for upcoming events. Here's what's coming the rest of 2017 and into 2018. One Knight. One Event. Pick a date. See you there!

2017

Dec 2 — Adopt-A-Family Dinner (Sat)
Dec 10 — Special Olympics Bowling Event (Sun)

2018

Jan 13 — Blue Mass and Brunch (Sat)
Jan 20 — Crab Feed and Auction (Sat)
Feb 16 — Lenten Fish Fry Dinner (Fri)
Feb 23 — Lenten Fish Fry Dinner (Fri)
Mar 2 — Lenten Fish Fry Dinner (Fri)
Mar 9 — Lenten Fish Fry Dinner (Fri)
Mar 16 — Lenten Fish Fry Dinner (Fri)
Mar 23 — Lenten Soup Dinner (Fri)
Mar 31 — RCIA Reception (Sat)
Apr 15 — Parish Omelet Breakfast (Sun)
Apr 28 — Special Olympics Pasta Dinner (Fri)
May 5 — Blessings Breakfast (Sat)
May 11 — Parish Blood Drive (Fri)

Lending a hand does not mean you have to be there the whole time. There are many ways to help – choose your comfort level. Setup. Kitchen help. Serving drinks. Serving food. Organizing the youth volunteers. Selling tickets. Clean-up. It is a fun way for brothers to get to know brothers and have a bit of fun while serving our parish community!

Also, for our Brothers who are still First Degree. Our council will host a 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremony on Saturday February 17, 2018.

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,
It's hard to believe time flies so fast. We are already coming up to that very special and most important holiday that we all love: Halloween!!!!????? Actually no. I am actually not referring to Halloween. Halloween has unfortunately become a very important holiday for many people. Unfortunately there are many people who love things that are dark and evil. It seems that some people consider Halloween is more important than Christmas and Easter. Perhaps it is because of the "culture of death," which causes people to be fascinated with death. We should think about life and eternal life rather than death and the things of hell. We could actually say that Halloween is an important holiday, because actually it is a word which means: "All Hallow's Eve." It is the eve of All Saints' Day, which is the ultimate Feast of Life! It is the celebration of all of the blessed souls who have already made it to heaven. The goal of life is to become one of the saints in heaven. We must try to join the ranks of "All Saints." In that sense we could say that it is one of the most important holidays! Instead of focusing on darkness and death, we should choose life and thank God for the gift of life. That is why Thanksgiving is the holiday that I am thinking of when I refer to "that very special and

most important holiday." One of the most important things that we can do is to give thanks to God, which is what we do on Thanksgiving Day. It is also what we do when we gather together and celebrate the Eucharist. The word Eucharist means: "thanksgiving." The most important thing we do is thank God for all his gifts, especially his gift of salvation.

The first "thanks-giving" happened when Jesus took bread and wine and thanked his Father for his saving plan for the world. So yes, we are coming up on some important holidays. As Catholic men, let us try to live these holidays in an exemplary way. We should show that we are excited and enthusiastic about these special days. We should show that we love and honor "All Saints" and rejoice on their special day. We should encourage those around us to be grateful to God not only on Thanksgiving day but always. In fact we should live every day as if it were "All Saints Day", or "Thanksgiving Day."

I am thankful that we have the Knights of Columbus in my parish, because of all the good work you do. The most important work of all is producing saints! Our fraternity is above all a seedbed for growing saints! By working and praying and socializing together, we support each other on the way to our

ultimate goal which is to be with all the saints in heaven. Our work is not complete until we are all saints!

I am grateful for the gift of health that many of us enjoy. Our hearts go out to our fellow Knights and loved ones, like Michael Glendon, who are not so fortunate as to currently enjoy good health. I am grateful to see the courage with which they carry the cross. They give us a good example of how to endure suffering, illness and old age gracefully and peacefully. They are becoming saints by enduring their sufferings along with Christ, offering up their pain with prayer for the rest of us. We will remember them in a special way during the holiday season.

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



JOHN'S JOKES

Albert Einstein was set to speak at yet another science conference. On the way there, he tells his driver that looks a bit like him: "I'm sick of all these conferences. I always say the same things over and over!"

The driver agrees: "You're right. As your driver, I attended all of them, and even though I don't know anything about science, I could give the conference in your place."

"That's a great idea!" says Einstein. "Let's switch places then!"

So they switch clothes; and as soon as they arrive, the driver dressed as Einstein goes on stage and starts giving the usual speech,

while the real Einstein, dressed as the car driver, attends it. But in the crowd, there is one scientist who wants to impress everyone and thinks of a very difficult question to ask Einstein, hoping he won't be able to respond. So this guy stands up and interrupts the conference by posing his very difficult question. The whole room goes silent, holding their breath, waiting for the response. The driver looks at him, dead in the eye, and says: "Sir, your question is so easy to answer that I'm going to let my driver reply to it for me."



LECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome, Brothers, and may the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you! I understand from talking to Josie Samson, that our tootsie roll drive was a great success. Thanks to all you brother Knights that pitched in to make this event successful, and also Josie for chairing the event and donating countless hours. He truly is a great Knight. I did the 5:30 mass Saturday and Sunday and saw many of you. I even saw big Jim Ortman who gladly donated \$20 for me NOT to give him any tootsie rolls. Maybe he was exercising humility and will power, or maybe he washed one once and ruined a good shirt or pair of trousers. Some parishioners tried politely to dodge me, but when I explained that tootsie rolls were part of the 4 major food groups, made completely out of vegetables, and was good for their teeth, abdominal muscles, fights memory loss, helps regrow hair and fight hair loss and by eating them all your loved ones and children that are lukewarm in their faith or have walked away from there Catholic faith would immediately come home, they started stampede to grab them. They just about mowed me down with their donations.

I'll tell you the truth: the tootsie roll drive is easy, fun, and good fellowship with not only your Brother Knights, but all the parishioners you run into at the grocery store, strangers who give for the first time, and also people who were once strangers that give year after year. More importantly, it is for an incredibly great cause that has a wonderful effect. Besides you get the humility of wearing those bright yellow vest. I wish I had a turtle neck sweater in that color, don't you? I know I could hear father John Fosters' voice right now "Stephen, don't be so vain!" So don't be afraid to volunteer or sign up to help or chair an event. Some of our members are not as cute as the Girl Scouts, but they are just as much fun to be around and giggles just like a few of them I have met.

If you're a Knight of Columbus, and you see one of these events, and think: "Man I've got to get to a meeting and get back involved." Don't worry! You're right! And we're here for you. If you've been away for a while or signed up and haven't done many events, you're not alone. We have all been there. Please, all you older Knights (people my age and older), if you haven't been to a

Knights' meeting in a couple months or a couple years, please come home. By the grace of God, we're still having them. And for all you younger members, please, please, come to the business meetings. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you, so the zeal for Christ through your youth can collide with the wisdom and experience our council has gained over the years. Yes, we have members that served in World War II, and you need to meet them. They won't always be here. Also our council can only survive with new younger members and their families and our many works are a great benefit to our parish and our community alike. Just recently, Brother Rick Dinubilo, pointed out that the Knights of Columbus is a family and has always been about family. The business meetings are closed to Knights attendees only, but most events that I can think of can be volunteered and worked by your whole family. That makes it that much more fun. For us older Knights, our children have grown. Some still work events; some have moved away, but will always remember the fun and work them or pitch in when they can. Many hands doing God's work. We're ready for the new, younger families to continue cycling through. It's all pretty easy when we work together.

Business meetings for all Knights, all degrees, young and old. First Tuesday of every month at 7 PM, unless otherwise notified. Show up, bring a brother Knight. Invite, remind, encourage, and please come.

I love you all so very much. God bless you all and your families.

**Stephen Edward Michael
Lector**



INSURANCE REPORT

What Happens If You Live?

The Security of Long-Term Care Insurance

Thanks to marvelous innovations in medical technology and advances in living and working conditions, many of us will enjoy long, prosperous lives. With average life expectancies on the rise, there's a lot to be grateful for and look forward to. But living longer also comes with added responsibilities that we must take seriously.

Typically, when thinking about insurance products, we think about "what ifs." For life insurance, we think: What if we die? For auto insurance, we think: What if we get into an accident? For medical insurance, we think: What if we get sick? For disability insurance, we think: What if we get injured? But for long-term care, the question is different. It's not just what happens if something happens to us, but what if something *doesn't* happen? What happens if we live?

"So what?" you say. "I won't need long-term care." But the statistics tell a different story. 70% of individuals over the age of 65 will need some type of long-term care services during their lifetime. And, just as you would imagine, paying out-of-pocket for long-term care is neither brief nor cheap. The average duration of long-term care needed per individual is three years, at an annual cost of \$83,000 for private nursing home

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care and \$60,000 for at-home nursing care.

Traditional and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help, either. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, Medicare only pays for long-term care services for a maximum of 100 days, and that's only if you meet certain criteria. MediCal does pay for long-term care, but only if your income is below a certain level and you meet state requirements. As for employer-sponsored or private health insurance plans, they typically cover a limited range of services, similar to that provided by Medicare.¹

Subsequently, many of us are left drawing from our own resources or our family's resources to cover long-term care costs. It can be an expensive proposition just when cash resources need to be preserved for retirement.

That's why long-term care insurance should be considered part of an overall sound insurance protection strategy, and that's why the Knights of Columbus is proud to offer long-term care insurance to our members and their eligible family members. Simply put, long-term care insurance is designed to help cover the cost of your long-term medical needs.

Available in 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year benefit periods, our flexible plans come with a number of different options and ways for you to customize your long-term care coverage to help fit your unique needs and budget.

You choose a daily benefit amount that the policy provides, as well as specify whether you want to be covered for care in an assisted-living facility or at home.

You may also elect to purchase a Compound Inflation Rider, which will increase your maximum lifetime benefit by 3 or 5 percent each year.

And, should you choose to apply for long-term care insurance with your spouse, each of you will receive a **30% discount** through our Spousal Discount program.

There are many other factors and considerations that go into the crafting of a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy. I can help explain your options. Contact me today to help ensure that your family and your assets are protected from the unexpected and substantial cost of long-term care. After all, you have always taken care of your family. You don't want to worry about what would happen to them if you could no longer take care of yourself.

¹U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Clearinghouse for LTC Information, March 3, 2014.

Call today to make an appointment with an agent to go over your policies and make any needed updates. (559) 840-3295.

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