

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brother Knights,
Happy fall to you and your families. Time to commence with a little early morning chill in the air and hopefully some rain to help our state get some relief from the fires. By the time this newsletter gets to you we will have had our 45th annual parish festival. I think all who attended had a good time. I would like to thank the chairs: Pino Scarpinati, Ed Gamboa and also Tim Keating, who was there also overseeing our booth. I would also like to thank all the Brothers who came out to help. The list is long and I wouldn't want to miss someone by sharing the names. The Italian dinner was also prepared by Brother Knights who usually like to remain anonymous. They and all who attend know who they are. Next year, we will go back to the sausages with onions and peppers with new items as well. I heard enough feedback and disappointment. I am sorry I interrupted a long standing tradition. That leads me to my next plea to all the Brothers in the Council we have a long

standing tradition with our connection to the "People with Intellectual Disabilities" drive. For all you new Brothers to our Council, every mid-October we distribute free Tootsie Rolls to the public at large and parishioners after the masses (this year on the weekend of Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th). This is a family friendly event; and I strongly recommend involving your children, as it's a good way to show them about one of our charitable events. It's a good base for our future generations of young people. Children do watch what their parents do, and saying and leading by example is a perfect way to expose them to charity. You do remember our 1st Degree it is based on "Charity." What better way to get started than giving away FREE TOOTIE ROLLS! One more tradition we have had is an Oktoberfest Dinner, which was a way to kick off our Tootsie Roll drive. I, regretfully, have postponed this dinner this year as it has been poorly attended the past



few years. It has been a Knights-only event and maybe should be opened up to the parish. I would love to hear feedback if we are to bring back this event. It's a lot of hard work for the Brothers in the kitchen and frustrating when 30-40 people show up. I would like to think that our Council is stronger than that as this is a family event.

I would like all the Brothers to look ahead to future events and find a way to either help out in some small way or just attend. I would love to see more interaction among us, so we all know either other better. It's one way we as Brothers can help one another in our times of need.

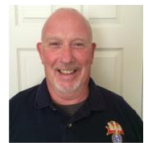
In closing, we have a Memorial Mass for deceased Knights on the 9th of this month at 5:45 PM. Please, continue to pray the rosary as often as possible and keep our priest and Christians being prosecuted throughout the world in your prayers.

God bless you and your families!

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Next Meeting

Date: 10/5/2015

Location: **Father O'Hare Hall**

Don't forget to bring another Brother Knight. We need you and your ideas. Your presence is also needed to help in our booth during the Parish Festival.

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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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Hello Brother Knights! God bless you for being lights in our darkening world, beginning with your families! As men you are naturally meant to be leaders. This is what we are learning in our wonderful men's program called "That Man is You." (It's not too late to start joining us every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 AM!) And of course, the Knights of Columbus teaches us that we must be "defenders of life and of the church." We learn from Pope Francis' participation in the World meeting of Families in Philadelphia that the family is the place we must begin in order to bring light into our world. October is a time of less daylight, longer nights, lengthening shadows and dark Halloween specters. We hope and pray that it will be a time of dark clouds and rain

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

storms! But in the church, October is when we celebrate the Feast Days of some of the most wonderful saints who truly brought light into our dark world: St. Therese of Lisieux (Oct 1), St. Francis of Assisi (Oct 4), St. Faustina Kowalska (Oct 5), and St. Teresa of Avila (Oct 15), St. Margaret Mary (Oct 17). All of these October saints were dedicated to a deep interior life of prayer and to spreading the Good News of God's mercy and love. This is also the way each of us must spread light in our homes, neighborhoods and workplaces: we begin with prayer and the Eucharist; so that God's love us within us so that we can share it with others. October is also Respect Life Month. In our parish, we have a Respect Life Committee which works locally to shed light on the darkest things in our society: abortion, euthanasia and physic-

cian assisted suicide. We need more members for our Respect Life Committee, so perhaps some of our Knights would be willing to help with this vital work!

May Our Lord, Our Lady and St. Joseph help the Knights to be "Knight Lights": spiritual lights for our families and our world! Sincerely,

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



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Matt Bettencourt and his wife, Wendy; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Ed Fernandes and his wife, Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family; Daniel Hernandez and his family; John Karaz; the Keating Family; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Sam Moraca and the soul of his wife, Carol-Lynn Moraca;

Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed; Loy Sagrado; and Dave Tacchinni. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Jeremy, son of Robert Hemsley; Mary, mother of Ed Hough; Sharon Iorns, mother of Matt Iorns; Wayne Michael, father of Stephen Michael; Helen Moya, wife of Gary Moya; Darlene

Nielsen; Dawn Powers, wife of Chris Powers; Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers; and Collen Tuers sister of Marty Reis.

Remember our Holy Father Pope Francis that he continues to reflect a true Christian heart to the world.

**Sunshine Committee Chair
John McCave PGK**

If you have or know of any updates or other prayer requests, please let me know at 209-551-9534 or prayers@kofc10644.com



~ October 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Father Mark's Birthday St. Therese de Lisieux	2 Holy Guardian Angels	3
4 St. Francis of Assisi	5 Officers' Meeting 6:30 PM Meeting Room in Main Office	6 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	7	8	9 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 <i>Tootsie Roll Drive</i>
18 <i>Tootsie Roll Drive</i>	19	20	21	22 St. John Paul the Great	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Fr. Mark Wagner 10/1
 Darryl Morais 10/5
 Don Reed 10/8
 David Tacchini 10/9
 Brian Weber 10/9
 Patrick Lonowski 10/10
 Robert Shannon 10/10
 John Schaper 10/12
 Terence Rocca 10/17
 Stephen Laura 10/18
 David Sichak 10/18
 Ernie Ramirez 10/22
 John W. Adams 10/23
 Manuel Baioa 10/23
 Andrew Lee 10/25
 Herbert A Saska PGK 10/26
 Matt Bettencourt 10/29
 Don Baker 10/30
 Alfonso Chavez 10/30
 Edward G Fernandes 10/30
 Steve Loschke PGK 10/30
 Richard Braun 10/31

LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Offermann 10/1
 Linda Laubacher 10/2
 Rosey Toschi 10/2
 Eleanor Karaz 10/3
 Carlene Pardina 10/3
 Lisa Porta 10/4
 Colette Perine 10/5
 Joanne Serpa 10/5
 Peggy Dwyer 10/7
 Patricia Moon 10/8
 Dorothy Saska 10/8
 Rose Lamont 10/9
 Maria Lopez 10/13
 Jeannie Castillo 10/14
 Angie Castro 10/15
 Erin Webster 10/16
 Bronwyn Jackson 10/17
 Elvera Alvarez 10/20
 Eva Furtado 10/25
 Elaine Varnell 10/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Debbie Ryan 10/3
 Ed & Joanna Ibarra 10/5
 Michael & Cindy Bartikoski 10/8
 Andrew & Lisa Gonzales 10/8
 Benito & Angelina Ramirez 10/8
 Michael & Colette Perine 10/10
 James & Linda Standart 10/11
 Richard & Kay Elson 10/14
 Nelson & Karen Henriquez 10/14
 Al & Rosey Toschi 10/17
 Daniel & Peggy Dwyer 10/18
 Eugene & Edith Awuah 10/20
 Gary & Rita Humphreys 10/20
 Kenneth & Cathy Ochinerro 10/22
 Tom & Janet Cabrera 10/24
 Robert & Betty Nunes 10/28



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers,
California has been discussing building a bullet train that would take people from Los Angeles to the Bay Area in less time than it takes to fly now. I grew up in Northwest Indiana not far from where there was a giant train switching yard and would often fall asleep to sound of those trains moving through the area. But did you know there is already a "railway," already "built" and has one "destination?" Read on my Brothers...

An old traditional country song comes to mind this month. I've heard it on an old steel guitar album. I have heard another version on an album that Roy Clark did with his family and friends. You remember Roy Clark? He and Buck Owens hosted "Hee! Haw!"

"Life is like a mountain railway, With an engineer that's brave. We must make the run successful From the cradle to the grave Watch for curves and hills and valleys Never falter never fail And keep your hands upon the throttle And your eye upon the rail"
I talked with my wife tonight -

she was in her home in the Philippines. To me, she lives the faith that we try to live by as Knights. She told me that for the past several years, she has attended a gathering at the SM Mall Aura. It's meant to be a way for the Catholic community to reach out to the "unchurched." That's why they hold their services in a public mall, not a church. They have their Sunday services. They would have an hour or so of prayers. The idea, if I recall that discussion. was to reach out to those who did not know Jesus as we do.

"Blessed Savior, Thou wilt guide us Till we reach that blissful shore When the angels wait to join us

In God's praise evermore."
I was helping her with tech support - she had some troubles with her browser losing functionality due to an operating system security update. But before we got into the technical support discussion, I got to hear what she has been participating in the past many years. I am glad to be a Knight, but I am humbled by what my wife does in her own

heartfelt way both here and across the ocean. I knew she was special when I met her and I am glad to have had the patience to wait and finally marry her.

"You will roll up grades of trial You will cross the bridge of strife See that Christ is your conductor Of this lightning train of life

Always mindful of obstructions, Do your duty, never fail, Keep your hand upon the throttle, And your eyes upon the rail"

My brothers, are you ready for the conductor's call "All Aboard?" Have you secured your ticket on Life's Railway To Heaven?

**Financial Secretary,
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JOHN'S JOKES

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one

Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

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A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns

LECTURER'S NOTES

Brother Knights,
Well, my Brothers, first and foremost my hat's off to all of you who participated in the second annual parish clean-up day. The parish bulletin stated all projects finished and all volunteers thanked and fed. With an added note at the bottom "Expressions of gratitude to our wonderful Knights of Columbus for the delicious hamburger lunch." The Parish Festival was next big event. Hopefully, our booth was a great success. I got my mail today; and there was St Joseph's Catholic Church Faith Magazine with the beautiful smiling faces of volunteers from last year's festival. The simple things that bring incredible instant joy to my heart. I haven't read it yet, but their smiles were just enough for me. Enough to remind me of my Catholic family of seven: my father, Wayne; and my mother, Iris; oldest daughter, Diana Gail; my oldest brother, Gregory Wayne; my younger brother, James Patrick; my youngest, sister, Mary Frances; my sister, Teresa (God Bless her and may she rest in peace with Jesus, Mary and Joseph); and myself, Stephen Edward. We were the Michael family. And we loved our parish. I was reminded of 45 years of parish festivals. At one point we had this really groovy pastor, from our generation, Father Mark and/or Father Illo. With his hair that was long for the time and his cool side burns. He was our spiritual encourager and youth rallyer. He also talked funny: kinda had that accent like that lucky charm guy, only not so

much. The fact that he was Irish with that strong last name and my father was Irish man. He really was cool. He showed us all dignity and respect and related to us. So many years later, he would save my life through the simple sacrament of reconciliation. If any of you think we don't need that? Well, think again. His voice still rings in my ear so many years later. "Stephen, you have God given gifts and talents. Jesus has a plan, but it is in his time." Similarly, Father Illo's voice comes to mind, "Stephen do not despair. The Lord will provide." In the same way Father Frances' voice, "Do not lose hope. Forgive yourself and be comforted that our father in heaven is a gracious all loving father." Father Mark's comforting words were, "We must all strive for sainthood. When we fall, get back up and do the next right thing." Father Hamilton's words were, "Do you pray every day? Do you do the rosary? Did you do your last penance? What great questions especially to be able to answer 'yes!' to, what great guidance also? I could go on about Father Larry, Father Camillo, Father Jesu, or Father Tony! Those smiling faces are a reminder of what we truly have in Jesus Christ, our Pope Frances, our Bishop Stephen Blair, and our wonderful parish priests. Not to mention all the wonderful branches of ministries, including you Brothers. My prayer is that the whole world could have and share in what we have here at St Joseph's. Like St. Paul said to his beloved Thessalonians, "Let us continue to encourage one another!"

One last, vivid memory of the festival: in its humble beginnings, Father O'Hara's junk car smash, where they would take an old wreck, take all the glass out of it, and we would take turns with a sledge hammer, one at a time, of course, and you would get three whacks for a dollar. I think me and my brothers spent all our lawn mowing money on that one. Thinking back, that was just darn crazy. It's a wonder we all lived and no one got hurt. I am looking forward to spending time with all of you at the "That Man Is You" morning teachings about true male leadership!

I love you all! May God bless all of you and your beautiful families!

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,
As you know from past newsletters, your Officers have set a few goals for this Columbian Year with which we need EVERY Brother to consider helping. Being a Brother in a group of about 300 great men, I am sure that you were proud of the fine job that we Knights did at the Parish Festival. Were you there? You all have special talents that we need you to donate in order to keep our Council strong. You will be surprised at how your involvement makes us all a bit more proud to be a Knight. I promised to challenge you over the upcoming Columbian Year to get involved in an activity that you might find quite rewarding and usually enjoyable. For the last 3 months (and until filled) I am searching for "a few good men" to become First Degree Team members.

First Degree Team:

Over the last couple of years, we have lost several of our key team members. In order to make a good "first impression" as to the excellence of our Council to new members (from our parish, as well as others), we need a long term commitment of First Degree Team members and backups. This will challenge you to memorize a short part (that is really not hard) and to attend 4 – 6 exemplifications per year, which are usually conducted at a regular business meeting. That is a total of only about 12 hours per year! Come put your best foot forward and make your Council's First Degree Team one of the best, again!

This month, I am challenging you to get involved in the Tootsie Roll Drive. Yes, it can be intimidating and yes, you will express your involvement in the Knights, a Catholic men's organization to the community and will

probably see people you know, but this IS what we do. I challenge you to venture outside of the St. Joseph's Church campus to express your faith and to help the mentally retarded of our community.... Are you man enough?

For those who missed last month's meeting, you missed a great presentation about the local organization, here in Modesto, by their director, John Wray. More to follow on Special Olympics, as our project solidifies. Get involved and join in now.

I look forward to hearing your acceptance of these "Knightly" challenges!!

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Like a lot of us that record our television programs, I've gotten pretty good at fast-forwarding through the awful commercials. The other night, though, one caught my eye and I stopped to watch it. It was called "Christians at Risk" and briefly told a story of one Father Douglas Bazi, a Chaldean priest in Kurdistan who runs a refuge for victims of oppression by violent Islamists. Fr. Bazi himself was tortured and nearly killed as Christians were completely routed from Mosul, Iraq, a city they had inhabited for nearly 2000 years. Being fairly up to date on the state of affairs in the Middle East and the current persecution of Christians and other religious and ethnic minorities there, I found the commercial to be stirring and inspirational.

Just as inspiring was the video's final graphic, "A Message from the Knights of Columbus."

That got me to thinking, we all know the story of the founding of Knights, of how Fr. McGivney founded the order to protect Catholic priests in our own country in the late 1800's. The story to me has always seemed so long ago and distant and I wasn't surprised that things like that happened in the 19th century. The "Christians at Risk" commercial delivered a strong message that the

persecution of priests and Catholics continues today and that the Knights are still on the job; working hard to fight the forces of evil even if many of our own political leaders are reluctant to do anything. You, as a Knight, are part of that fight and you should be proud.

You can watch the video on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHegSk2omdE>.

It was good to see so many Brother Knights, their wives and families active at the Parish Fall Festival last month. A first-class Italian dinner was put on, all prepared by our Brothers in the kitchen. And the food booth was well staffed and fed many hungry festival goers. Thanks again to all who volunteered. I also noticed a good number of Knights and their wives and children handling other parts of the festival. From chairing the entire festival (Brother Ed Gamboa and his wife, Sue,) the volunteer booth, the beer and margarita booths, and finally to our own Richard Braun who cheerfully emceed the entertainment all weekend, we were well represented.

Right ahead of us now is the annual Tootsie Roll Drive from October 16th through the 18th. Our Warden, Larry Kjellberg, is chairing the event this year and if you haven't signed up for a shift, please contact him at warden@kofc10644.com. We have exciting new plans

for the proceeds this year so we were counting on strong collections which will come as long as we put in the effort.

Looking forward all the way to December now, to the Adopt-a-Family Dinner, on December 5th. This important annual event gives us the opportunity to provide direct support to local families in need during the Christmas Holidays. You'll learn more at the October and November business meetings but please put the dinner on your calendar now.

Vivat Jesus and see you all at the next business meeting.

Sincerely yours,

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

Ways to Pay for Whole Life

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the

potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent

life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call or email me today.

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