

KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recently delivered his annual report at the 134th Supreme Convention in Toronto and noted the Order's record levels of charity last year - over \$175 million in donations and over 73.5 million hours of volunteer service!

I'm proud to say that our Council did its part to reach that goal, and this year we intend to do even better.

The Supreme Knight also cited some of the major accomplishments of the Order: the further development of the Knights of Columbus' Building the Domestic Church initiative and continued support for Christians at risk, including those suffering genocide at the hands of ISIS.

At the opening of his report, the Supreme Knight officially announced the convention's theme: "A Light to the Nations." Present at the convention were

Tim Keating



nearly 95 archbishops and bishops, including 11 cardinals, scores of clergy and approximately 2,000 members of the Knights and their families from throughout North and Central America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia and Europe.

The Supreme Knight also informed the crowd that our membership grew for the 44th consecutive year to a record high of 1,918,122 brother Knights. Soon, we will number more than 2 million men.

Supreme Knight Anderson noted that the Knights are answering the call of Pope Francis to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them

in the work of raising children and to encourage the stability of the marriage bond.

"The strong right arm of the Catholic Church must also be the strong right arm of our parish church. Today, this is what it means to be a light to the nations," he stated.

In an effort to contribute to the success of the Order, we will be holding a First Degree Ceremony at our next business meeting.

For our new members, this is an opportunity to see the event from the "other side," and I think you will find it illuminating.

For our long-time members, this is a chance for you to meet our new Knights and show them your support.

Please attend and bring a prospective Knight with you; we'll sign them up on the spot.

Vivat Jesus and see you at the next business meeting.

Next Meeting

When: September 6

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Fr O'hair

Marble Game

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Last Month: No Winner
Starting Pot: \$20

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Dear brother Knights,

As we begin the month of September, we rejoice because on September 4 in Rome Pope Francis will canonize "Mother Teresa of Calcutta" as a saint of the Catholic Church.

We can be proud of the fact that she is "one of ours," and has been almost universally recognized by almost everyone in the world as an extraordinary force for peace. She even won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. On that occasion told the world that peace cannot come unless we abolish abortion. She was not afraid to speak candidly to the world leaders who were assembled there.

She said: "And I feel one thing I want to share with you all, the greatest destroyer of peace today is the cry of the innocent unborn child. For if a mother can murder her own child in her womb, what is left for you and for me to kill each other? ... Nobody speaks of the millions of little ones who have been conceived to the same life as you and I, to the life of God, and we say

nothing, we allow it. To me the nations who have legalized abortion, they are the poorest nations."

As Knights you are "defenders of life and of the church." Our task is to preserve peace for our families, for our church, for our city and for our country. The first line of defense is the pro-life movement. If we continue to let our guard down and allow our leaders and politicians to stamp on the rights of the poor unborn children and on the sanctity of marriage and family life, then there will not be peace. The tiny nun dressed in a white and blue sari was a courageous prophet. Will we be courageous? You must stand up and defend your wives and your daughters and your granddaughters from the lie of abortion, and prevent them from being stained by the filth of immodesty and pornography and perversion that floods our high-tech world.



*"Not all of us
can do great things. But
we can do small things
with great love."*

Mother Teresa

Another great prophet spoke to the world 100 years ago. Our Lady of Fatima appeared dressed in pure white and told the three shepherd children how the world could have peace. She warned of sin. She warned of a second world war.

She said "War is a punishment for sin." She also predicted that "Fashions will be introduced which will greatly offend our Lord." This was 1917, and in a few years the "roaring twenties" brought provocative dances and short skirts and immodest swimwear. We must be aware that fashions that now seem "normal" were not even worn by prostitutes a century ago. We must lovingly guide our young people so that our young people will not be objects of lust or

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CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE CONTINUE

addicts of lust. We must try to make sure that Our Lord is not offended at least in our own homes.

Immodest fashions began first in America during the "roaring twenties" and later it spread to other countries because everyone wanted to imitate what they saw in American movies. Unfortunately in Europe they took this "American" style to new extremes, so that now they are accustomed to semi-nudity on their beaches.

I am reading with amusement the news stories about "burkini prohibition" on the beaches of the French Riviera. Because of the recent attacks by Islamic terrorists, the police in France are now issues citations to Moslem women who refuse to wear bikinis on the beach but instead wear "burkinis," which are swimsuits which cover the woman's body completely except for her face and hands. French authorities are understandably trying to prevent social tension. For example, they have passed laws making it illegal to wear any "ostentatious" religious garb schools, such as burkas, hijabs and even large Christian crosses and Jewish kippas. Nevertheless, I think it is funny that they seem to

**Fr. Mark
Wagner**



be saying that it is more "virtuous" for a woman to wear a bikini than a burkini. One French woman says she was "shocked" to see women who cover themselves up. She said that women should wear bikinis "because we have to respect the society we live in." The mayor of one French town gave another strange explanation for the new law: he said that the burkinis could hamper the efforts of emergency rescue workers if they needed to try to save the woman's life.

I wonder if I would be kicked off of beach in France if I arrived in my big American swim trucks and refused to wear the tiny speedo bathing suits that men wear in Europe!

The controversies and tensions between Moslems and Christians in Europe is no laughing matter, however. The finger of blame certainly must go to those who commit those unthinkable terrorist acts. But perhaps part of the solution in the future might be for us to look at the way we have begun to tolerate

immorality in the western countries. The tension is exacerbated because Moslems are appalled by the way we tolerate pornography and allow our daughters to dress immodestly. Radical Moslem imams are able to convince people to hate Americans by telling them some things which are true. In many poor countries there are Moslems and others who hate Americans because we establish clinics in their neighborhoods which give free access to contraception and abortion. They are afraid that their daughters will be corrupted or harmed. This is another unfortunate example of how we are exporting some of the unsavory aspects of our American way of life.

Of course we don't want our daughters to have to cover themselves completely as do some Moslem women. Women can dress modestly and show their feminine beauty without going to either extreme.

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared beautifully arrayed in her apparitions at Guadalupe, Lourdes and Fatima. Let us pray that people of every land will come to respect the dignity our heavenly Queen of Peace and the dignity of all women.

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, to all. It is "Back to School" for many of us. Let's keep family and Church first in our priorities. These should go hand in hand, especially at this time of year.

As you start a new school year, think about making a commitment to be more involved with this Council's activities.

Join your brother Knights in Action; and remember that the more involved you are, the more gratification you will have!

This month, although it is our summer "off-season," we have been busy.

Quite a few of you and your brother Knights cooked and put on the Omelet Breakfast for the parish. A good time was had by all who participated. The goal of this event was not to make a big profit, but more to promote parish "networking" and general comradery. In this regard, it was a huge success!

It was co-chaired by Tim Matalone, Daniel Hernandez, and myself.

In working this event I was reminded of all those brothers who work quietly "behind the scenes" that make these events easier to chair and execute seamlessly: Don Reed, supplies; Jim Towne, kitchen training and supplies; Rick Dinubilo, kitchen/ hall organizer; Roy Gordon, pantry organizer; Richard Braun, e-promotion; Gary Humphreys, set-up; Ron Martorana, photos; and

**Al
Toschi**



others like Ed Fernandes, Mike Grodt, Chris Powers, etc. who are very seldom seen, but do much of the "heavy lifting" without any pomp. Thanks to all for making this a very nice social event!!!

Events coming up to keep in mind, save the dates, and volunteer. Join your brother Knights in Action

25th Council Anniversary, date to be determined

We need input on what we should do to commemorate this great councils history & its' founders. Contact Dave Sichak or any of us officers with your ideas and/or comments

Parish Festival. Sept. 9 to 11

The Knights will be back this year with our very popular Sausage Booth and Spaghetti Dinner. Contact Rick Dinubilo or Tim Keating for details and to volunteer to help with these events. Contact me if you have a "special" classic car or hot-rod that you would like to enter into the festival Car Show and/or contact Alfonzo Chavez or Ed Gamboa to help staff the other festival events/ booths. Many volunteers are needed to make this a

successful and enjoyable event/fund raiser for the parish. Come, volunteer and wear your Knights of Columbus attire to promote our Council!

Tootsie Roll Drive. October 15-16

"One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus ... for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the 'Tootsie Roll Drive.' This KOC Program Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities has become the State Councils largest program, raising over \$18M for hundreds of Intellectual Disabilities Program throughout California." (From the Columbian Foundation President 7/22/16). All of the funds that we receive from this effort go to LOCAL programs. It takes 40+ brother Knights and family members to make this program happen. Will you help out with this worthy cause?

Contact Doug Rider or Larry Kjellberg to volunteer to help the mentally disabled of our community.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The temperatures have been hovering near 100. Yet, a football event got me thinking about what is to be a Knight - as the head of your family, a father.

I happened to be channel surfing on a Saturday night and was able to see the Football Hall of Fame induction speech by an inductee. This guy played the game and wore his emotions on his sleeves. That just grabbed me and I felt like: "Yeah, that's the way I would enjoy it too."

In his speech, he saved his last tribute to his father and the important role he played in his life. Imagine, his dad was his football coach, and they would ride home together each night from high school after his dad had turned out the lights and locked everything up. He told a story he had never told before. After his last game in high school, he overheard his dad talking to other coaches and telling them that he would one day redeem himself and be better because he had it within in. His son remembered that quote and never told his dad he had heard it and hoped that his dad now felt like he had accomplished that dream he had for

**Dave
Sichak**



his son.

But this Hall of Fame inductee then took a time to thank his God and then to tell the fathers that they are important in their children's

lives. The time they have with their children is so short, life's pages turn quickly. Your love and support go a long way to helping them grow as a person. He spoke of the love he had for his father and how he had inspired him. And he hoped he was the same inspiration to his children and wanted other fathers to recognize that as well.

If I could have been a football player, son and father, I would have wanted to be Brett Favre. And I did wear number 4 in Little League.

We, as Knights, are usually heads of a family, which leads me to my little tidbit of music. You may think it odd that I mention a song written by Willie Nelson. But remember, faith and gospel music were a part of many classic country music artists. Willie wrote a tune I think that fits this family theme. Are you, Brother Knight, the "Dad" that reads to your family from the family Bible?

BOB'S JOKE

A child asked his father, "How were people born?"

So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Family Bible

Written by Willie Nelson

There's a family Bible on the table
Its pages worn and hard to read
But the family Bible on the table
Will ever be my key to memories
At the end of day when work was over
And when the evening meal was done
Dad would read to us from the family Bible
And we'd count our many blessings one by one
I can see us sittin' round the table
When from the family Bible dad would read
And I can hear my mother softly singing
Rock of ages, rock of ages cleft for me
Now this old world of ours is filled with trouble
This old world would also better be
If we'd found more Bibles on the tables
And mothers singing, rock of ages cleft for me

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

Stephen Guzman 9/1
 Thomas Oliman Jr 9/3
 Raphell Taylor 9/3
 Allen Toschi 9/3
 Victor E Mayoral 9/4
 John Perrone 9/5
 Gary Koblentz 9/8
 Daniel Hamilton 9/11
 Robert Offermann 9/13
 Daniel Fitzgerald 9/14
 Roque Maravilla 9/14
 Matthew Iorns PGK 9/16
 William McClure 9/17
 Marco Soto 9/19
 Reuben Peterson 9/20
 Adrian Pino 9/20
 Jason Jackson 9/23
 Tomas Mesta 9/23
 Joseph Gardella 9/26
 Charles Cunningham 9/27
 Donald Hancock 9/27
 Jeremy Hemsley 9/27
 Victor M Lopez Jr 9/27

Pat Seefeldt PGK 9/27
 Ramon Aguilar 9/28
 Michael Miranda 9/28
 William Smith 9/28

LADYS' BIRTHDAYS

Karen Hough 8/4
 Giovanna Truncali 9/4
 Rosario Hernandez 9/12
 Toni Burkdall 9/13
 Maryann Koblentz 9/13
 Lynn Thiel 9/13
 Susey Netniss 9/14
 Sylvia Ficken 9/19
 Evelyn Ereso 9/20
 Barbara Guzman 9/20
 Cindy Baccellieri 9/21
 Dawn Powers 9/21
 Sarah Bacay 9/22
 Darla Sierras 9/24
 Sara Barajas 9/27
 Gloria Benavidez 9/27
 Rosalinda Farias 9/27
 Janet Cabrera 9/28

Susan Hamilton 9/30
 Insa Duke 07/21
 Lela Seefeldt 07/21
 Glafira Villalobos 07/22
 Linda Espinosa 07/26
 Cynthia Matalone 07/30
 Debora McKenzie 07/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Donald & Alvera Baumgratz 9/1
 Donald & Annette Dedini 9/2
 John & Ileana Walsh 9/3
 Robert & Judy Shannon 9/4
 Richard & Carole Ward 9/6
 George & Rose Mary Law 9/12
 Vito & Cindy Baccellieri 9/16
 Cliff & Mary Judd 9/16
 Gary & Sharilyn Nelson 9/18
 John & Kristi Marsella 9/19
 Carlos & Rosemary Torres 9/22
 Dennis & Judy Murphy 9/24
 Jimi & Susey Netniss 9/25

SEPTEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Business Meeting	7	8	9 Fall Festival	10 Fall Festival
11 Fall Festival	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Think You Are Too Old for Coverage? Maybe Not

If you attended your council's last Business Meeting, you heard me share about my recent pilgrimage with young adults from my parish to World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland. Other than the amazing experiences of visiting one incredible church, basilica, cathedral or shrine after another and be close to the Vicar of Christ, Pope Francis, one of the things that most amazed me was the presence of the Knights there in Europe. We didn't see any Knights in Rome, but the façade of St. Peter's was redone thanks to the Knights. We watch the Pope here in the US, thanks to the Knights. Once we arrived in Poland, the Knights were visible. Helping with coordination of the large mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, they were there.

Renting the large arena where English speaking pilgrims gathered, they were there. (It was within this arena that Bishop Robert Barron said he had one of the most moving experiences of his life during adoration where over 20,000 youth and young adults went from a noisy, concert-like atmosphere to immediate quiet on their knees in tears because of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.)

It made by proud to be a Knight in seeing those things and even more proud to be working for the Knights, since it is our insurance policies that make all of those charitable endeavors possible.

Update Your Beneficiaries

Richard Braun



Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take, for example, the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and

issued several years ago, it may very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since married, your policies should be updated

to reflect your spouse as beneficiary. Maybe you've had children since, who are not named on the policies.

Most people list a primary beneficiary, who is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary, an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of my policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – that is, the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your family's needs.



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