

# KNIGHT LIGHT NEWSLETTER

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Brother Knights,  
Here we go: landing in September. This is an in between month for me, as it marks the ending of what I call a mild summer for us and the beginning of the fall season. This month we celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> annual parish festival September 11-13<sup>th</sup>, which means we need Brothers to step up and lend a hand at our food booth or help with the Italian dinner on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to get to know Brothers that can't always make our meetings. I fell into this category my first 10 years as a Knight. When I was working, it was difficult for me to make the meetings. I did however mark every event on my calendar and made sure I showed up. This is how I inserted myself into our brotherhood and introduced myself and met all the Brothers I now call friends. It also a great opportunity to invite gentleman throughout the parish to join us.

The festival also marks our 8<sup>th</sup> year as a stewardship parish. Just so you know, the time you spend in other ministries also counts as service time being a Knight. It's a win-win for the Knights and St. Joseph's you can count your hours of service, and you do goodwill within our parish community. I see many Knights in all the ministries, as it should be, we are not only defenders of our faith we should be seen as leading by example. This is also a segue to another opportunity for us as gentlemen of faith. We have a new program being offered to men of the parish it's called TMIY (That Man Is You). I was a little apprehensive when approach after Mass, but figured, "What the heck, I'm the Grand Knight and trying to be a good leader." I believe that leaders should never stop learning. I'm sure that most will think this isn't for everyone, but I think you would be wrong.



Even though my children are older and sometimes drift from our faith, I think it is important to be knowledgeable enough to perhaps teach future generations and have a strong spiritual presence in our homes to continue our faith. The sad facts is there aren't that many priests these days.

I'll now climb off the soapbox to more pressing matters as our Tootsie Roll drive is just around the corner. This is something the whole family can participate in and for Brothers with youth group members this is a good way to receive service hours as well. It's an easy event, and how can it not be? You're giving away free candy.

In closing I want you all to continue to pray the rosary for Catholics being persecuted around the world. Also, please include our priests in your prayers as well.

God bless you and your families!

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Send your letters, stories, ideas, typed with your name and phone # no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please, note, all submissions are subject to editing and space availability.

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### Next Meeting

Date: 9/1/2015

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.

Dear Knights,

The other day while exercising on my exercise machine I became depressed, because I watched the recent video which was secretly taken by pro-life advocates. The video shows the Director of Research for Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Melissa Farrell, at an elegant restaurant talking causally over lunch about the fact that her the Texas Planned Parenthood does what is illegal: selling fetal parts and causing abortion procedures on women to take longer (and be more painful!) in order to procure intact fetuses, which would generate more funds for the organization.

That particular branch's track record of fetal tissue sales, including its ability to deliver fully intact fetuses is well known as they are one of the largest Planned Parenthood centers in the country.

Seeing the words that Bishop Blaire and other Bishops wrote recently about the videos has given me hope again. Please, read our Bishop's message regarding this which is below. You can also read Bishop Jaime Soto's words (he is the Bishop of Sacramento), which were published in the Sacramento Bee at the link below:

<http://www.sacbee.com/opinion/op-ed/soapbox/article31443332.html>

## CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

If you are interested in watching any of the videos themselves, you can watch them at the link below.

<http://www.centerformedicalprogress.org/>

In an early letter of the Church attributed to the Apostle Barnabas, it is written that anyone "who is bent on reaching his (her) appointed goal must be very careful in all he (she) does....Love your creator....Love your neighbor more than your own life. Do not kill an unborn child through abortion, nor destroy it after birth.....Accept as a blessing whatever comes your way in the knowledge that nothing ever happens without God's concurrence."

All human life comes into being with the concurrence of God. To throw away that human life through abortion or to traffic in fetal organs or tissues through abortion not only fails to respect the humanity and dignity of human life but is a direct affront to God.

Pope Francis in the "Joy of the Gospel" says that "among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us." "A human being," he says "is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development."

I ask the people of our diocese to contact their state and federal

representatives through the Catholic Legislative Network at <http://cacatholic.org> to ask them not to fund Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has received an average of \$536 million dollars a year for the past four years, and some of that money goes specifically to pay for abortions. I also encourage you to support the pro-life pregnancy resource centers in our Diocese. You can get a list of the centers at <http://stocktondiocese.org/community-of-caring>.

Knowing the pain, hurt and trauma that the Planned Parenthood news coverage can bring to those who were involved in an abortion, it is important for us all to know and lift up God's mercy. Any and all persons will be welcomed with compassion and assistance through the Church's post-abortion healing ministry, PROJECT RACHEL. If you or someone you know, would like confidential, nonjudgmental help, please visit

[www.projectrachel.com](http://www.projectrachel.com) or call Kim Fuentes at the Diocese of Stockton, 209-465-5433.

Sincerely,

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



## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Prayers are requested for Brothers: Jack Adams; Matt Bettencourt and his wife Wendy; Robert de Villiers; Dan Dwyer; Leonard Churilla and his wife, Belen; Ed Fernandes and his wife Beverly; Mike Glendon; John Gorman; Matt Iorns and his family; John Karaz; the Keating family; Steve Loschke; Tony Lee; David Malsom; Mike Miranda & his wife, Nicky; Jerry Oftring & his wife, Ruth; Don Reed;

Loy Sagrado; and Dave Tacchinni. Please pray also for: Kathy Anderson; Carlos Chavez, brother of Alfonso Chavez; Collen Tuers, sister of Marty Reis; Patricia Dinubilo, mother of Rick Dinubilo; Stephen Harker, son of Kent Harker; Phyllis Edwards, niece of Frank Holmes; the family of John Gorman; 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; and Maryann Powers, mother of Chris Powers.

Pray for the repose of the soul of Carol-Lynne Moraca, wife of Sam Moraca who passed away August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)



~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Business Meeting 7 PM O'Hare Hall	2	3	4	5 <i>Blessed Teresa of Calcutta</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11 Memorial Mass for deceased members of our Council 5:45 PM mass Parish Festival	12 <b>Parish Festival</b>
13 <b>Parish Festival</b>	14 <i>Triumph of the Holy Cross</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	28	29	30	Notes:		

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Stephen Guzman 9/1  
 Thomas Oliman Jr 9/3  
 Raphell Taylor 9/3  
 Allen Toschi 9/3  
 Victor Mayoral 9/4  
 John Perrone 9/5  
 Gary Koblentz 9/8  
 Kenneth Minjares 9/10  
 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  
 Joseph Gardella 9/26  
 Charles Cunningham 9/27  
 Donald Hancock 9/27  
 Victor Lopez Jr 9/27  
 Pat Seefeldt PGK 9/27  
 Michael Miranda 9/28  
 William Smith 9/28

### LADIES' BIRTHDAYS

Giovanna Truncali 9/4  
 Rosario Hernandez 9/12  
 Toni Burkdall 9/13  
 Bev Fernandes 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

### 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  
 John & Kristi Marsella 9/19  
 Carlos & Rosemary Torres 9/22  
 Dennis & Judy Murphy 9/24  
 Jimi & Susey Netniss 9/25  
 Robert & Rosa Marina Perry 9/28



## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers,

Each month we publish birthdays and anniversaries. But do you know what anniversary all Knights have in common on August 14? Read on.

It's Sunday night. Or is it early Monday morning. I'm writing in the night light for the Knight Light.

We are in a typical August heat wave - 102 on Sunday and predicted to hit 106 on Monday. But it did not seem like that when I went to the farm stand on Claratina to get some tomatoes and peaches. And then camping out on the computer to iron out the details in preparation for our upcoming audit. Being an auditor in the day time, I want to audit myself before our Brothers do our audit and save them time and questions.

It was a Saturday night a week ago, I was surfing the channels. I happened upon RFD-TV and the Bill Gaither Hour. He was interviewing one of the legends of Gospel music, George Beverly Shea who was a long time singer at the Rev. Billy Graham's crusades. He was talking about a song that he became associated with, "How Great Thou Art," which was the English translation by Rev. Stuart K. Hine of the Swedish song "O Store Gud," which was

written in 1886 by the Rev. Carl Boberg. Up to that point, I have to admit, I have never heard Mr. Shea sing. The show included video of him singing this tune from the late 1950s and into the modern era. To me, his voice held your attention and held up over the years. You would never know he was over 90 years old in the one video. He lived to be 104. It is also one of my favorite hymns. Once in a while, it shows up in our list of hymns at our masses. And it is one of the songs that I know well enough to sing. My wife commented the last time that she was surprised to hear me singing. I told her, "It is just a timeless hymn." I have played it often on my Dobro and Hawaiian steel guitar. And have gotten goose bumps from hearing other singers do this tune.

The show also spoke of Mr. Shea's other songs he was known for such as "I'd Rather Have Jesus." I enjoyed the walk through history the show provided, as well as the musical aspect. It was time well spent and took your mind away from the August heat.

The parish festival is fast approaching and I am looking forward to participating. This year I signed up to help at the Italian dinner on Saturday night. And, I know I'll be at the Knight's booth as well during the weekend. A

couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of helping out at the booth where hamburgers and hot dogs were sold. I remember starting at noon and working non-stop through 7pm. I enjoy the BBQ grill and it was a good feeling to keep serving those customers at our festival. With the festival, we begin to tip toe into more activity and events for the Knights into the last part of the year. Look up our calendar of events on our web site, and start making plans or thinking of how you can lend a hand in the events we will take on in the coming months.

Dear Brothers, on August 14, 2015, it was the 125th anniversary of the death of our founding father, Fr. McGivney.

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A nice lady, who was a little old fashioned. She was planning a week's vacation in California at a Yosemite campground, but she wanted to make sure of the accommodations first. Uppermost in her mind were bathroom facilities, but she couldn't bring herself to write "toilet" in a letter. After considerable deliberation, she settled on "bathroom commode," but when she wrote that down, it still sounded too forward, so, after the first page of her letter, she referred to the bathroom commode as "BC." "Does the cabin where I will be staying have its own 'BC'? If not, where is the 'BC' located?" is what she actually wrote. The campground owner took the first

## JOHN'S JOKES

page of the letter and the lady's check and gave it to his secretary. He put the remainder of the letter on the desk of the senior member of his staff without noticing that the staffer would have no way of knowing what "BC" meant. Then the owner went off to town to run some errands. The staff member came in after lunch, found the letter, and was baffled by the euphemism, so he showed the letter around to several counselors, but they couldn't decipher it either. The staff member's wife, who knew that the lady was the widow of a famous Baptist preacher, was sure that it must be a question

about the local Baptist Church. "Of course," the first staffer exclaimed, "BC' stands for 'Baptist Church.'" And he sat down and wrote:

Dear Madam,

I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take the pleasure in informing you that the BC is located nine miles north of the campground and is capable of seating 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly, but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late.

## LECTURER'S NOTES

Brother Knights,  
Today is the day I finally returned to daily mass: September 3, 2015. Wow, what a long 2 weeks!

The first reading was from the Book of Numbers, chapter 11, verse 4. It states: "Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving; and the people of Israel also wept again and said, 'Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish that we ate when we were in Egypt for nothing the cucumbers the, the melons, the leeks, the onions and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'"

Immediately, I was hungry and reminded of all for which we have to be thankful. Moses really had his work cut out for him and felt overburdened, as one could imagine. But the Lord said, "Gather me seventy of the men of the elders of Israel and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there. And I will take some of the spirit that is upon you and will put it on them. And they shall bear the burden of the people with you." Is that not what we do in union as Knights? We share the load. So please, Brothers, let us come to our meetings and share the load of our charitable events with those who chair them, and maybe even step up and chair an event.

I feel sometimes the world is so removed from the Word, and, like the tired Israelites, my hope sometimes wears thin. But there is hope in Jesus Christ. While Father Edwin Musico, our new associate

pastor shared the Gospel yesterday at daily mass, there were little feet behind me in the pew jumping fidgeting, and playing with his sister. At one point, he and his sister had a blanket over them and making a tent, just a little distracting at the moment we offered each other the sign of peace. I shook his hand and asked him "Can I talk to you after mass?" He said, "Yes."

Soon after that he asked his mom, "Hey mom, how am I doing?" She was incredibly patient and tried to politely to quite them.

After communion, he came and sat in my pew next to me. Without a word spoken we finished the Mass in great humility. He even did his best to sing the closing song with me. After mass, I learned his name was Alex and his sister's name was Carmen. Alex was about 6-7 years old. I asked him if he wanted to become a Knights of Columbus and of our work feeding the poor, helping other ministries, and our great love, devotion and protection of the mass and the priesthood. He said, "Cool! Yes, I would!" I told him when he turned 18, he would be a Catholic gentlemen, and could be a Knights of Columbus with me then. God willing, I'm still alive. He said "Aw! That's gonna take a long time!"

I told him, "Nope, it all happens quicker than you think." I was reminded of when Marty Reis who invited me to be a Knight. No, I wasn't 6 at the time, and he wasn't 7. Alex gave me a great big hug said he would see me the next day. If we could bottle his enthusiasm, we would all be

rich. Never too soon to get that ball rolling.

It was nice seeing Father Dan from Russia. That second offering kind of snuck up on me, I never carry my wallet to church. Hopefully, you all got a chance to help him out with new church and the organ.

John Sablan had an announcement about signups for a Wednesday morning gathering of fellowship for men from 6:30 to 7:30 AM starting in September on how to be a Catholic gentleMAN. I look forward to seeing you all there, Just like a new first degree, I can always use a refresher course on what we should be doing. Again, Brothers, stay close to the Word, I encourage you to read the daily readings, attend, and enjoy daily mass with your loved ones when you can. Make it a date with your spouse and with the Lord, I often see husbands and wives meeting after work and reuniting with a kiss before mass. It warms my heart. Yes, there is hope. Let it be a romantic getaway.

God bless you, Brothers. I love you all!

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## CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,  
Your Officers have set a few goals for this Columbian Year that we need every Brother to consider helping with. Being a Brother in a group of over 300 great men, I am looking for a few willing volunteers to help meet these goals. 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 will enhance your membership and how fulfilling and fun it is to help keep our Council as one of the best in the state! Over the upcoming Columbian Year, I promised to challenge you to get involved in an activity that you might find quite rewarding and usually enjoyable. Last month (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 start-up of a **Special Olympics** support committee. Myself, Keith Kicher, & John Rodriguez have committed to being involved with this start-up, but we need your

help to make it successful. Our Commitment is to raise and donate a designated amount of money and a total of 200 man hours. That's 12 guys donating 2 days each (over the whole year!). We need coaches, assistants, event helpers, etc. More to follow as this unfolds...get involved now.

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

**Al Toschi,**  
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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We all learned during our first degree that the first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity. Among other important works such as support for the clergy, for the military and strong efforts to promote a culture of life, charity remains our foremost principle. And, while charity begins at home, the Knight's charitable activities include local, national and international partnerships that range from the Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects as well as purely local charities. The opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless and our council plays a vital role.

Here's something to consider; during the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated \$1.5 billion to charity and provided more than 673 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives. You as a Knight are part of that and, as our own budget for this year reflects, we do our part by

raising and spending tens of thousands of dollars for charitable causes and programs that benefit the parish.

Elsewhere in this edition of The Knight Light, you will find our Worthy Chancellor, Al Toschi, challenging you to get involved in a couple of worthwhile ventures, including the council's First Degree Team. You'll remember the team as those men who conducted your very first ceremony as a new Knight, your initiation, as it were.

The First Degree Team in particular, is vital to the strength and survival of our council as it is how we grow our ranks. Our council has always had a strong degree team and has inducted many hundreds of Knights, not just for our council but for many of the surrounding councils as well. Let's keep up the tradition and get the team back up to full strength!

On to upcoming events, which include the Parish Festival on September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>, where we will be manning the food booth. This is an especially important event

for us this year as the usual "carnie fare" will not be offered. Then we are on to the Tootsie Roll Drive from October 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

Sincerely yours,

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD AGENT

### **Insurance Check-Up for the year**

Where did the summer go? It is strange to see children walking to and from the schools and the night air filled with sounds of football teams and marching bands.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. I have already found more than one family that was over insured and others that were under insured.

Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge?

When was the last time you received something

for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? And I still have copies of those workbooks that I mentioned last month. Call or email me today.

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