



Knigh Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

This year we have a very full year of activities and fund raisers. Your help is needed to pull these of successfully and profitably. Please see the Proposed Budget for 2017-18 and be prepared to comment and vote on at our next meeting, which will be on Tuesday, the 5th of September. In order to make this budget workable, we need volunteers to make the fund raisers happen! Please, come vote to modify the proposed budget if you are not willing to volunteer to make it happen.

Here are a couple of areas in which you can help:

- The First Degree Team. While we have a very good team right now, we need brothers to step up as backups and eventual replacements. In order to make a very good first impression on new members, we need a consistently good First Degree Team. Can you help?
- We are still in need of various chairmen and/or helpers to work with the Deputy Grand Knight (Programs Director) and the brothers who have stepped up already, to help out with the following Programs:
- Church – Brother Everardo Ramirez stepped up
- Community – Still in need of a volunteer

- Council – Still in need of a volunteer
- Culture of Life – Still in need of a volunteer
- Family – Still in need of a volunteer
- Youth – Brother Joel Svendsen stepped up
- Membership & Retention – Still in need of a volunteer
- Phone Tree – Still in need of a volunteer
- Scholarships – Brother Ed Gamboa stepped up
- Newsletter – Brother Richard Braun edits and Brother Bob Shannon distributes the paper version to those who do not have or prefer not to us email
- Robo-Calls – Brother John McCave has been in charge

Please, look the descriptions below over and see what appeals to you. AND don't forget, we also need you to offer to chair or co-chair one of this year's events.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Toschi,
Grand Knight



Community – Every community has its unique needs. For the Knights of Columbus, whose first principle is charity, finding ways to help those in need in their communities is a mission its members embrace. Through their

good works, whether it be bringing food to the hungry, warm coats to the cold, wheelchairs to those who can't walk, or any of the many programs conducted to help those in need, the Knights of Columbus practices a charity that evangelizes.

Council – As a fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus offers not only the opportunity for its member to serve others, but also to join together in other activities ranging from athletic activities, to cultural programs, to social events. Along with these fraternal activities are the programs councils regularly run to assist those of their members and their families who are in need. Additionally, councils should work to keep their members informed on current council initiatives and to let the parish and community know about the good works of the Order.

Family – Families are the foundation of society and are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. With this in mind, councils regularly sponsor activities that allow families to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives and social events. In addition, the Knights of Columbus regularly recognizes the importance of the family and outstanding families. In addition, since its beginnings, the Order has always stood ready to help protect the widows and orphans of its members.

Membership and Retention – Imagine you're trying to fill a bucket with water. Every drop you put in should increase its contents, but if there's a leak then you may end up losing more water than you gain. Think of the membership in your council in the same way – every new Knight you add won't help your membership increase and grow stronger if you lose existing members. For more information visit the national website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/membership/>

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- The Business meeting will be on September 4th at 7 PM in the parish hall. Don't miss it and bring a brother Knight.

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

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

Ladies' Birthdays

Giovanna Truncali 9/4
 Rosario Hernandez 9/12
 Maryann Koblentz 9/13
 Lynn Thiel 9/13
 Susey Netniss 9/14
 Sylvia Ficken 9/19
 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
 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



FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

It seems like we can always count on a couple of things happening at our parish as September rolls around.

1. Kids are back in school and
2. The parish festival occurs.



Of course, going back to school way back when also meant dressing up when you had those parent/teacher events. I have a recurring dream where I may not get to graduate because they discovered I missed one required course.

I can recall those days when the summer was coming to an end. The boys would all try to get as much sand lot baseball in as we could. I

think I wore out 2 or 3 pairs of sneakers every summer. We would play sun-up to sundown. We outgrew the park at the end of the block. We lost so many baseballs in that canal behind the park.

Coming up is the annual **Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities** (the public and many of us think of it as the Tootsie Roll Drive) in October. Did you know the iconic Tootsie Roll first

appeared on the scene in 1896? Did you know there is a Tootsie Roll cheesecake recipe? Might be something to try for the festival cake walk! But, make no mistake about it, the candy gets noticed, as well as letting the public see the Knights. Join the fun next month!



25 YEARS AGO – Council #10644

September 1992, as recorded by Don Dedini
Brother Norm Boucher reported on progress towards a possible tomb for the unborn children. The insurance agent pointed out the need for a retention process for the council. (Hmm, that sound familiar.)

A fourth degree exemplification was to be held at the Red Lion Inn on November 7, 1992

October 1992

An October social event was to be chaired by Brothers Richard Williamson and John Gorman. Brother Williamson also volunteered to chair the Tootsie Roll Drive.

An Activities Report was included with the minutes. The Pancake Breakfast on September 13, 1992 was served by 15 Knights and two prospective members. 186 breakfasts were served. Brother Norm Boucher headed up the kitchen crew while Brother Tim Keating led the set-up and serving crews. The breakfast netted \$444. Placemat ads were sold and generated receipts of \$1,280 from 39 paid advertisers.

Also included was an inventory of non-perishables and perishables.

November 1992

The council was putting together a first degree team. The Church Committee was to be chaired by Brother Don Cavagnaro.

The Family Committee was to be headed by Brother Gary Humphreys.

The Tootsie Roll Drive was held October 17 and 18. Many brothers, the youth group and Boy Scouts Troop 49 manned three sites and raised over \$1,300.

Brother Herb Saska informed the council that the social dinner to be at the parish hall on November 20 would be a ham dinner.

PS: There is still time to pay your dues for 2017. If you are behind in your dues and it hampers your desire to participate as a knight, contact me – we can work something out. Remember, we are brothers. We are family. See you at the festival!

**Financial Secretary,
Dave Sichak**

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FATHER MARK'S MESSAGE

Dear brother Knights,
I'll be back next month.

Father Mark Wagner
Chaplain and Pastor
St. Joseph's



JOHN'S JOKES

A man, late for an important meeting, was searching desperately for a parking spot in a crowded lot. Looking up to the sky he entreated "Lord if you find me a parking spot, I promise to start going to church again." The words were barely out of his mouth, when a spot opened up right in front of his car. The man looked back up, "Never mind I found one."

A religious woman upon waking up each morning would open her front door stand on the porch and scream, "Praise the Lord." This infuriated her atheist neighbor who would always make sure to counter back, "There is no Lord."

One morning the atheist neighbor overheard his neighbor praying for food, thinking it would be funny, he went and bought her all sorts of groceries and left them on her porch. The next morning the lady screamed, "Praise the Lord, who gave me this food." The neighbor laughing so hard he could barely get the words out screamed "It wasn't the Lord, it was me." The lady without missing a beat screamed "Praise the Lord for not only giving me food but making the atheist pay for it!!"

PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET

ST. JOSEPH'S COUNCIL 10644

PROPOSED COUNCIL BUDGET FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 2017/2018

Prepared 07/15/17 A.T.

Item	Change	Budget
Member Dues	(\$700)	\$6,300
Retention Committee - (NEW)-	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total Council Operating Revenue	\$800	\$7,800

Item	Change	Budget
Supreme per Capita	\$100	\$2,100
State per Capita	\$100	\$3,300
Chapier per Capita	\$0	\$200
Printing, Postage & Sunshine	\$0	\$1,500
Stationary & Supplies & Apparel	\$500	\$1,000
State Convention	\$0	\$1,000
Liability Insurance	\$0	\$400
Web Site Email	\$0	\$600
Technology	\$150	\$150
Total Council Operating Expenses	\$10,250	

Note that the once fixed operating expenses, such as per Capita charges, etc. are deducted from Member Dues, the Council must raise \$3450 just to break even!

This year, our council will contribute close to \$28,000 in direct charitable contributions, mainly to local charities & worthy groups.

Item	Change	Budget
Adopt-a-Family Dinner	\$200	\$600
365 Club with Dues + Canister	\$0	\$1,000
Parish/Council Breakfasts	(\$1,200)	\$1,200
Recognition Awards-Kick Out	\$0	\$0
Placemats/Newsletter Advertising	\$0	\$1,000
Fish Fry Dinners	\$500	\$25,500
4th of July Fireworks Booth	\$1,000	\$14,000
Crab Feed Dinner	\$500	\$25,500
Pasta Dinner	\$0	\$1,200
Council Apparel	\$0	\$400
Toolzie Roll Donations	\$0	\$200
K. Stedfield-Scholarship Fund	\$0	\$200
Total Program Revenue	(\$200)	\$70,800

The Council clears a net income of \$32,800 on the programs we all work so hard on. This is the money we use to pay council expenses, fund much-needed council and parish programs. What's left over goes to charity.

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Adopt-a-Family Dinner	\$200	\$1,000
365 Club	\$400	\$1,600
Parish/Council Breakfasts	(\$800)	\$400
Recognition Awards-Kick Out	\$0	\$1,000
Placemats/Newsletter Advertising	\$0	\$200
Fish Fry	\$1,500	\$14,500
4th of July Fireworks Booth (Taxes)	\$100	\$2,900
Crab Feed Dinner	\$4,500	\$14,500
Pasta Dinner	(\$300)	\$500
Council Apparel	\$0	\$400
Toolzie Roll Donations	\$0	\$500
K. Stedfield-Scholarship Fund	\$0	\$1,500
Sub-Total Council Program Expenses	\$0	\$39,000
Parish Festival Booth	\$0	\$1,000
Degree/Ming Refreshments	\$0	\$1,500
Sunshine Committee	\$0	\$1,000
Blue Mass	\$0	\$800
Facilitation Conference	(\$3,000)	\$0
Kitchen Supplies	\$0	\$1,200
Memorial Knights Mass	\$0	\$100
Total Council Program Expenses	\$0	\$5,600

Item	Change	Budget
Vocations	\$200	\$2,000
Right to Life	\$0	\$1,000
Clergy at Christmas	\$50	\$750
RCIA Bibles & Reception	\$100	\$2,000
World-Youth Day AHG/TLB	(\$700)	\$6,000
Adopt-a-Family	\$0	\$4,500
Miscellaneous Contributions	\$1,000	\$2,800
Boy Scout Troop	\$0	\$360
Foster Kids	\$0	\$800
St. Vincent de Paul Society	(\$400)	\$0
Youth Group Meals	(\$800)	\$0
Total Council Charitable Contributions	\$20,210	

Item	Change	Budget
Family Promise	\$0	\$1,000
Men's Conference	\$0	\$1,000
Special Olympian Sponsorship	\$0	\$1,500
B.B.Q. Trailer *	NEW	\$3,000
Total Council Charitable Contributions		\$6,500

*** THIS YEAR'S BUDGET ASSUMES THE FORMATION OF A SUCCESSFUL RETENTION COMMITTEE & SURPASSING LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS @ FISH FRIES, CRABFEED & FIREWORKS BOOTH.**

		\$78,600
		\$54,850
		\$26,710
		(\$2,960)

LECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome, beautiful brothers in Christ. This last month of August has been filled with parish activities, and I hope you had a chance to enjoy some of the special events. I can't tell you about parish picnic other than I wanted to be there. I had a friend whose wife died after a 10 month battle with pancreatic cancer, and her funeral conflicted with parish picnic. She was an incredible beautiful soul. I pray to her also for intercession, just as I pray for the resurrection of all our fellow Knights gone from our sight but never forgotten. Father Mark constantly reminds us we are to pray for all the souls in purgatory. Even with all our good works dedication to the poor, our faith and families, I have a feeling there's a place reserved for us in purgatory if we are not lucky but faithful. My feeling is there is a small few that go directly to heaven, though we've all probably known at least one in our lifetimes. Let's have great hope and strive for that sainthood like Father Mark reminds us.

If we fall, we must get back up and realize we cannot do anything on our own. The Sacrament of reconciliation is available. I know the confession times by heart for some reason. Is it because I'm a great sinner? I don't know about anyone else, but I have trouble making it two weeks without sinning and get discouraged when I only make it one day or one week. Where is my moral compass in that?

Father Leo reminds me to have a contrite heart and that my sin should not be pre-meditated based on the convenience of confession times. You may hear him say "Confession is not a car wash." Father Leo probably would have told Joan of Arc the same thing, but if she looked at him funny it would probably only be because they didn't have cars back then. I bet her humble heart, though a warrior, would also comply and nod with contrition. I always pray to make a good confession. Father Leo told me, "The best confessions are made outside of the confessional during penance." I have tickets to parish's 50th anniversary party at the Gallo Arts Center. Hopefully you got yours also. Maybe we'll bump into each other there and share a memory together. So many memories I cherish from this place over the last 50 years.

August 14th and August 15th, we celebrated Mary assumption. The mass turnout both days was very good. I wish daily mass looked like that every day. If you didn't realize that it was a Holy Day of Obligation and attend at least one of them, you must not have been at mass the day before, or left early, or haven't been reading the bulletins, or maybe you're guilty of sleeping in church. Our faithful Father Mark spoke about it after every mass.

Why was August so important? Well, our Blessed Mother promised the children of Fatima that she would return on the 13th and had done so until the month of August. August 13th the children were liter-

ally abducted by the communist and threatened with their lives to denounce their faith. They heroically refused and stated they would rather die. One by one they were hauled off to be supposedly boiled in oil. They did not get boiled, but were put in with general prison population. Upon their release they were found teaching prisoners to pray the rosary. Key point: THEY WERE CHILDREN!!!! What incredible dedication and faith! We sometimes act like children but that's not the same. They didn't know they weren't going to be boiled in oil. Still they did not give in. We know our fate in hell will be worse than being boiled in oil, yet we give in to sin daily. Do we recognize our sins and go to confession? Or do we state how holy and humble we are and recognize that we have not the need for reconciliation? On August 14th the children were released and forbidden from going to the place where Our Lady had been appearing every month on the 13th. The children did go and Our Lady appeared on August 15th. I listened to a speech last Wednesday in Turlock at ARMEE music ministry. This young lady that was filled with the Holy Spirit stated: "There are only two wills, one of God our creator and one of the enemy. Both want us to follow. Free will a gift from God is just a question of which will do we speak in our daily lives."

My brothers, let us light our lamps by the flame of the Holy Spirit and continue to shine it wherever our feet wander. Let us pick up our own crosses and follow Christ the king of kings the true light. God bless you all and your beautiful families continue to encourage everyone. I love you all very much.

**Stephen Michael
Lector**



INSURANCE REPORT

Update Your Beneficiaries

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.

Are the beneficiaries listed on your life insurance policies up to date?

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.

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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