



## Knight Light Newsletter

### GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE

HELLO BROTHER KNIGHTS;  
Our Crab Feed was a success with 408 guests supporting this fundraiser. I cannot say thank you enough to all the Brother Knights who helped to set up, arrange the auction/ raffle area, managed the bar, sold tickets for the raffle and the team in the kitchen for the great food. Thanks to Dave Sichak for providing his leadership also. I appreciate the Crab Feed committee also for giving their time in both January and February during the evenings at my house to organize the Crab Feed.

The Fish Fry's were moving along with record numbers for takeout and overall guests and we had a bump in the road due to the coronavirus. I cannot be more proud of the March 13th Fish Fry and the way all of the youth, Brother Knights and members of our parish helped

us to serve over 500 guests in the parking lot. I know there was a lot of frustration, but we should be proud that we provided for our guests. We are waiting to see if we can continue the Fish Fry's, hopefully God provides the calmness for all of us soon. Again , Big thank you to Brother Knights and Youth at the parish.

Notes for April 2020:  
(2 months left in this Columbian Year)  
As of now all April events are cancelled. (Officers, General and The Exemplification Ceremony)

We pray and hope to get together by the end of April and God willing have better news for the month of May.

Please mark down June 5, 2020 for the installation of our new 2020-2021 Officer's. We have started asking Brother Knights who are able to provide leadership to step up and be a part of the Officer's Team for the Columbian Year 2020-2021.

Please be safe and we will keep you updated on future meetings and events.  
If you need anything, please let us know.



God  
Bless YOU and  
YOUR Family  
Yours In Christ;  
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## April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	6 <i>Officers Meeting (Cancelled)</i>	7 <i>Council Meeting/ Exemplification (Cancelled)</i>	8	9 Holy Thursday	10 <i>Good Friday</i>	11 Holy Saturday
12 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	13 Easter Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	27	28	29	30		

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Angel Martinez 4/2  
 David Evans 4/4  
 Scott Fernandez 4/4  
 Octavo Lopez 4/6  
 Tom Lucas III 4/12  
 Robert Spengler 4/13  
 Steven A. Junqueiro 4/15  
 Daniel Ryan 4/15  
 Pino Truncali 4/15  
 Tom Cabrera 4/16  
 Imad EL Gada 4/17  
 Daniel Di Rienzo 4/23  
 Fr. Benny Kottarathil 4/24  
 Sean Mullins 4/24  
 James Standart 4/25  
 Nicholas Giardina 4/27

### Ladies' Birthdays

Carol Ward 4/4  
 Rita Menezes 4/5  
 Sharilyn Nelson 4/8  
 Maria F Delgado-Braun 4/10  
 Wendy Bettencourt 4/11  
 Wilma Lee 4/11  
 Shaundra Lopez 4/12  
 Kim McDoal 4/12  
 Suny Di Rienzo 4/15  
 Soledad Raya 4/15  
 Debbie Ryan 4/16  
 Martha Fernandez 4/17  
 Kelly Valencia 4/17  
 Piedy Callahan 4/18  
 Amanda Pearson 4/20  
 Darlene Tobias 4/20  
 Debbie Cavagnaro 4/21  
 Theresa Junqueiro 4/23

Melissa Hoffman 4/24  
 Sue Gamboa 4/27

### Anniversaries

Angel & Jill Martinez 4/4  
 Jesus & Lupe Perez 4/10  
 Brian & Lisa Porta 4/11  
 Steven & Theresa Junqueiro 4/12  
 Jason & Melissa Hoffman 4/14  
 David & Charlyn Piper 4/18  
 Michael & Carlene Pardina 4/19  
 Norbert & Heidi Mendonca 4/29



# FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

*"Dressing Properly in Church"*  
(Editorial by Leonard E. Churilla)



Every year the weather gets warmer, we go through the exasperating drama of watching how young people dress properly/improperly in church and for special occasions. It should not be a problem--if young people learned respect at home and at school. Of course, as teenagers we all have experienced the growing pains of trying to "find ourselves" and becoming independent entities from our parents. We form our own ideas of what is right and wrong, proper and improper, and we want others to notice our differences. We rebel by wanting to be "different," which is understandable, but there are limits that we should observe.

When I was growing up it was fashionable for boys to get the best-looking Elvis haircuts, including the longest sideburns. It was also a contest to see who wore the pointiest shoes. Later it became the Beatles haircuts and later the Michael Jackson look. Still, I find it disgusting to see boys with cockscomb spiked haircuts or hair looking like actual bird nests. And young ladies with strands of hair dyed every color of the rainbow--guess they were not pleased with the hair they were born with. And then there are the "ladies" who seem to want to advertise their developing appendages with tight spaghetti-strap blouses that would make a TV comedian blush, or as one celebrity described it--"a wardrobe malfunction."

I still have difficulty trying to understand why anyone would pay money for a pair of "air-conditioned" jeans or Levi's that make a young man or woman look like they just came from a dog fight and were accidentally mauled by one of the canine participants. No one expects young people to look like nuns or monks from the Middle Ages, with every part of their body covered except their faces. But, others should not have to see every exposed part of their body unless they are at a beach, and even then, there should be some discretion.

Decent-looking sandals should be OK at church, (they wore them in Jesus time), but wearing "flip-flops" like one is about to take a shower, or a dip in the pool? Ear rings, even those that look like key rings, are one thing, but nose rings, lip rings and tongue rings make one look like a farm animal headed for the county fair, a rodeo or the slaughter house. And who thinks that nipple rings and belly-button rings are glamorous?

Another form of disgusting one's self is by means of a tattoo. A lot of young people (and even some older ones) like to display their artistic sense. Tattoos are a sign of recognition. Aboriginal Ainu women of Japan used to decorate the area around their lips with indigo blue, as was the custom, to indicate that they were married. Centuries later body tattoos became a badge of distinction for members of the "Yakuza" (Japanese Gangsters). The general populace stayed clear of them out of fear, and still do. In Samoa, and other South Sea Islands, including New Zealand, aboriginal tribes like the Mainers wore tattoos as a badge of courage, much like they did among Native American tribes and various tribes in Africa.

During my 23 years in the navy, I have seen tattoos on sailors in unmentionable places. The story was almost always the same. They got super drunk one night in an overseas port and somehow stumbled into a tattoo parlor. If you ask me, they must have been super drunk to have undergone the painful needle injections with ink. Some of these same guys could even faint when a hospital corpsman gave them a vaccination!

Besides the possibility of infection, if a sailor happened to get a tattoo with the name of his current sweetheart and later changed sweethearts, he was in big trouble. Modern methods can do a better job of removing tattoos, but still, it is a long and painful process and a bit expensive. Knowing all of this, why would one still want to get a tattoo?

# PRAYER MESSAGE

## Pope Francis Prayer Request For April 2020:



### Pope Francis Prayer Request For Lent 2020:

*"In these days of trial, as humanity trembles at the threat of the [coronavirus] pandemic, I would propose that all Christians join their voices together to heaven," Pope Francis said.*

Brothers and Family;

God willing you are staying safe and healthy during this pandemic. It is a truly sad time, not only for the people being infected but for the closures of the Church buildings. (Remember we are the Church) But thanks be to God we can now use social media and continue our spiritual life.

I continue to pray for all of my Brothers and Family and that God may grant our request in defeating this terrible Virus.

**(please don't forget to scroll down for this months prayer request)**

***(As I am sure we all know, our Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice. But as soon as it is opened again we will continue our schedule as always)***

Have you been to the Adoration Chapel lately? Remember you can join us on Monday mornings from 11-12 PM or Thursdays from 8-9 PM. All are welcomed to join us at either or both these times. Please, wear your Knight Gear so we can let parishioners know that we are also about praying and not just charity.

Don't forget Brothers if you or a family member have fallen ill in the hospital, a care home, or your own home, we encourage you to contact our Knights Prayer Group and we will gladly visit you to bring comfort, support and prayer. Or if you just need a prayer, or an email "blast". Please do not hesitate to contact us at [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com) with your name, phone number and your prayer request. Or you may call Brother Everardo cell phone at (661)421-6712.(at this time I am out of the Country and cannot get phone calls. The best way to reach me is via email.)

***(If you need any assistance or know of an elderly person needing assistance don't hesitate to let your Officers know by replying to this email or at [prayers@kofc10644.com](mailto:prayers@kofc10644.com)***

God willing you will not need our services soon, but when the time does come, do not hesitate to contact your Knights Prayer Group. If you hear God's calling and would like to join our Prayer Group, you are welcomed and encouraged to do so. We are open to all our Brother Knights from Council #10644. Please spread the word to our fellow Brothers and family members. Don't forget to pick up a business card with our information to keep in your wallet. The cards are located in the cash box with Brother Cliff or Brother Everardo has them on hand.

### April Prayer Requests:

Brother Cliff Judd, Brother Jim Galuppi, Brother Roy Gordon's Wife (RIP) Melinda, Brother Adrian Pino's Wife (RIP) Priscilla, Brother Daniel Golling's Daughter in Law Jessica, Brother Leonard Churilla and all our older Brothers and Family living and deceased.

Thank You Brothers, may you and your family continue to be safe and healthy.

God Bless YOU Always.  
Vivat Jesus!

Yours In Christ;  
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# DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

**My Brother Knights;**

We are in the Lenten Season which is marred by the COVID-19 Pandemic. While I am writing this article, Churches are being closed throughout the world including our St. Joseph's Church. For us, Prayer and Adoration was allowed in limited hours while Adoration Chapel remains closed.

Reaching to the level of Pandemic, COVID-19 continues to its Havoc all over the world causing lock down of communities and shelter in place in several counties close to where we live to limit the spread of the Virus.

Physical Celebration of Mass has stopped, celebration of Mass is allowed without the congregation in certain areas and can be observed only online.

In effect, Catholics are prohibited or forbidden by authority to confess our sins to a priest (available by special appointment only) and to receive the Holy Eucharist.

To me, this denial of the Bread of Life, causes our body and soul to miss the ultimate nourishment it needs and is the Utmost Suffering to a Catholic Soul, Higher than the suffering caused by the Virus.

Brothers;

Let us all offer, this utmost suffering of ours and the suffering of the people who are already infected and their families all over the world to Our Lord Jesus Christ. Binding it to His Suffering and Death at the Cross.

(After all, this evil is allowed by the Lord Himself for a purpose we don't fully understand.)

As all of our events and the Parish's events for this season stand cancelled at this time. Let us continue to observe Lent as we all traditionally do with Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence and Alms Giving. But do stay home as much as possible and avoid all gatherings. Watch over the elderly because as we know they are the most vulnerable to catch the virus.

Please Brothers, take care of yourselves first and your family. Observe the health guidelines as strictly as possible to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. By now we all know the simple things to follow. I personally do The Five Step as published by the World Health Organization (WHO) On-Page 7.

Yours in Christ;

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## DGK REPORT CONT.



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# DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 FEET** Stay more than 3ft apart
- 5 FEEL** sick? Stay home

# JOHNS JOKES

John Smith was the only protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the 1st Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak in his grill. Meanwhile all of his neighbors were eating cold tuna fish for supper. This went on each Friday of Lent. On the last Friday of Lent the neighborhood men got together and decided that something had to be done. They decided to try and convert John to be Catholic.

They went over and talked to him and were so happy that he decided to join all of his neighbors and become a Catholic. They took him to church and the Catholic Priest sprinkled holy water on John saying "you were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist and now you are Catholic!" The men were all relieved that their biggest Lenten temptation was now resolved.



Lenten season rolled around again next year. The 1st Friday of Lent came and just at suppertime when the neighbors were sitting down to their tuna fish dinner, there came the wafting smell of steak cooking on the grill. The neighborhood men could not believe it! They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the 1st Friday of Lent.



The group arrived just in time to see John standing over his grill with a small pitcher of water. He was sprinkling some water over the steak on the grill saying. "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you're a fish!"



## CHAPLAIN REPORT, CONTINUED

That comment hurt. It made me realize that I need to improve. We are truly blessed at St. Joseph with some fantastic priests, we always have been. Our liturgy is fantastic on a regular basis thanks to all the people that help make it happen. I see that when I visit other parishes. In spite of concentrating on the positive, I spend my time complaining? That's not what I should be doing. I'm going to complain just because an altar server forgot where he was supposed to stand for one second, a lector forgot that we don't sing alleluia during Lent, or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion wasn't sure where to go? None of those things are really important when you think that the Lord is present. He is giving us graces during all liturgies, even when everything is not followed to the T, even when some of the little things could be better. Yes, there is depth and beauty in every word, action, movement, and position in the liturgy. Yes, our minds might be better on Him if everyone were perfect and followed exactly what is prescribed. But, He is still there regardless. He still loves us regardless. He is still giving us the grace to love Him and His body (all of us) regardless.

In reality, it is the Evil One who wants us to complain. He is the "*diabolo*", which is Greek for "the divider". He wants us to see what others are "doing wrong." That way, we will separate ourselves from them. We are the good ones that do liturgy "right" (or vote the "right" way, or like the "right" team), not "them". Yes, it might "feel" good to point out what someone else is doing wrong, but for how long does that feeling last? And what good have we done in spreading the love of God by complaining about them?

The question that WE need to ask ourselves is: what are we going to do about it? I know that I am focusing on limiting my complaining this Lent. I am trying to focus on the positive things instead of what I think is "bad" or at least could use improvement. What are you doing, brother? Do you find yourself complaining about things? Are you spending more times focusing on the negative than the positive? What can you do to be more like Christ during what is left of Lent? See if you find a way to make this world, or at least your household, a better place.



God bless!  
**Richard Braun**  
Installed Acolyte,  
Wannabe Deacon, and  
Composer of  
Chaplain's Message



# CHANCELLOR REPORT

Leonard Churilla  
Editorial

Puff, puff, puff that cigarette! I am not a fan of smoking, and I'll tell you why. During caveman days the smell of smoke usually meant that humans were lighting a fire to keep warm, or roasting some meat for their meals. The aroma, with herbs, could be very attractive, even today at a neighborhood barbecue. But, where there is smoke, there is fire. Sometimes the fire means that a building, equipment or automobile is burning. And, as California residents well know, it could mean that trees are on fire, endangering human as well as animal life.

Native Americans introduced European settlers to tobacco, starting with a "peace pipe". Gradually some colonials became very attracted to tobacco and saw it as a lucrative source of income. Sir Walter Raleigh, and others, introduced it to Europeans, just as spices were introduced from South East Asia. Eventually, tobacco became very popular and in demand. Tobacco plantations sprung up in the South and help was needed to cultivate the leaves. Slaves were brought in to farm tobacco, just as they were for cotton.

Down through the ages many people got "hooked" on this new substance, and it grew to a billion-dollar industry. I have to admit that as a kid I liked the smell of pipe tobacco when my dad and some of my uncles smoked. Cigars, however, wreaked a nasty smell. Since cigarettes were cheaper, they became popular for most people. One of my aunts used to fuss about visitors wreaking from smoke and how it lingered in the curtains. Another aunt however was very addicted to smoking, insisting that it calmed her nerves and eased her back pain. When she passed away my cousin Lisa put a pack of cigarettes in her casket. One of my uncles died when his house caught on fire after he fell asleep smoking a cigarette.

When I was growing up in Detroit it seemed like teacher's lounges were designed mainly for those teachers who smoked. When smoking was eventually banned from inside the school building some teachers would go outside, even in the cold, to light up. Students got the idea that smoking was "cool" and that it was a rite of passage to become an adult. Young ladies were convinced that smoking was glamorous as they popped lipstick-stained cigarettes into their mouths. Most of the students waiting in the principal's office were there to explain why they were caught smoking in the restroom.

Navy boot camp was a bit nightmarish for those of us who did not smoke. It was bad enough going through fire-fighting training in a building full of smoke with a mask, trying to see and breathe. On top of that, non-smokers had to contend with those who smoked. There was a designated room and time when the "smoking lamp was lit" so those who imbibed could do their thing. Ironically, those who did not smoke, were forced to endure the smoke in the same room, standing guard to make sure no fires were started.

While training at Camp Pendleton as a platoon leader before going to Vietnam I had to sleep in a large tent with a dozen guys, some of whom smoked. The smokers protested loudly when I told them to put out their cigarettes. Later, while stationed in Danang I worked in the Photo Lab. We slept in a small bunk room in the back of the lab. Since the chief was in Hong Kong buying some more camera equipment I was left in charge. One evening while I was washing and drying some prints, two younger sailors came in after a binge at the Enlisted Men's Club. About half an hour ago after the guys came in, I started smelling smoke and wondered where it was coming from. I entered the bunk room to ask the guys to help me find the problem and was aghast at what I saw! One of the guys, who wore a beard, had fallen asleep in a drunken stupor with a lit cigarette in his mouth. His beard and his pillow were on fire! I had to awaken both of the guys to get out while I put out the fire. Days later, they and the chief who was back from Hong Kong, thought it was funny, but I did not. What if they had gotten burned or died?

Over time, doctors came to the conclusion that smoking was bad for one's general health. Wasn't it ironic seeing doctors and nurses smoking in the hospitals? Campaigns were started to get people to stop smoking. Thankfully, many people who were hooked were able to wean themselves from it. Still, smoking remains a problem because once you are addicted it is difficult to quit. Compounding the problem, some "entrepreneurs" in recent years are cashing in on this, creating a new industry called "vaping". They entice youngsters by getting them to try various fruit flavors. As we are seeing in the media, these vapors can be more dangerous and deadly than tobacco, causing permanent lung damage, and even death.

So, "Put that in your pipe and smoke it," as mom used to say.



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