



Knight Light Newsletter

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights;
I trust this message finds you well. What a fantastic Crab Feed we had last month. I would like to give a shout out to the Brother Knights that stepped up and worked the event. An extra double shout out goes to those Brothers that showed up Saturday morning to help set up and them

showed up that night to help and a triple shout out goes to those Knights that showed up Friday night and Saturday Morning and night to help. Thanks to all of you that helped at this event. We will have numbers at next council meeting.

Fish Fry's have just began and we can always use help. It takes 3 days to serve 550 guests. Beginning with preparation on Thursdays, serving on Fridays and clean up on Saturdays.

Also, it is never too early to start thinking of becoming part of the leadership of this council. If you are interested in taking up a leadership role let me know.

God bless you Brother and God bless your family. Hope to see you at our Fish Fry's both serving and enjoying a delicious meal

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March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Fish Fry Set up 5:00pm	3 2nd Fish Fry 5pm Set up 4:30pm	4 Fish Fry Clean up 5:30am
5 2nd Sun- day of Lent	6	7	8	9 Fish Fry Set up 5:00pm	10 3rd Fish Fry	11 Fish Fry Clean up 7:30am
12 3rd Sun- day of Lent	13	14	15	16 Fish Fry Set up 5:00pm	17 4th Fish Fry	18 Fish Fry Clean Up 7:30am
19 4th Sun- day of Lent	20 St. Joseph Spouse of Mary	21	22	23 Fish Fry Set Up 5:00pm	24 Last Fish Fry	25 Fish Fry Clean The Annuncia- tion of The Lord
26 5th Sun- day of Lent	27	28	29	30	31	1

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Members' Birthdays

Benjamin
Laura 3/2
Alonzo Cas-tillo 3/4
Michael Callahan 3/7
Bryan Healey 3/9
William Willette 3/10
Ron Mar-torana 3/12
Leonardo Del Carmen 3/16
Kent Harker 3/16



Wives' Birth-days

Camile Iorns 3/4
Annette Dedini 3/6
Maria Dequei-roz 3/8
Mara Mullins 3/10

Edith Awuah 3/13



Anniversaries

Victor & Marga-ret Mayoral 3/21
Patrick & Linda Laubacher 3/6
Rick & Grace Guajardo 3/7
Daniel & Suny Di Rienzo 3/10
William & Michelle Frey 3/11
Owen & Marietta Kummerle 3/25
Jose & Sara Ba-rajass 3/26
Daniel & Rosario Hernandez 3/31



COUNCIL #10644 JOKES



1) Making peace with his penance

A Catholic priest spied a parishioner enjoying some tasty smoked sausage on Friday during Lent -- a strict no-no in the church. The priest, being a pragmatic soul, told the man for his penance he was to bring a load of lumber to the church to help repair the roof.

The man grumbled, but went off to do his penance.

He arrived at the church on the next Friday and proceeded to dump a huge load of sawdust into the parking lot.

"What's this?" the priest wanted to know. "I told you your penance was a load of lumber, not sawdust."

The man replied coolly, "Well, if that sausage I ate was meat, then this sawdust is lumber."

2)The first Friday of Lent

John Smith was the only Protestant to move into a large Catholic neighborhood. On the first Friday of Lent, John was outside grilling a big juicy steak on 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 about John; he was tempting them to eat meat each Friday of Lent, and they couldn't take it anymore.

They decided to try and convert John to be a 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 priest sprinkled some water over him, and said, "You were born a Baptist, you were raised a Baptist, and now you are a Catholic."

The men were so relieved, now their biggest Lenten temptation was resolved.

The next year's Lenten season rolled around. The first Friday of Lent came, and just at supper time, when the neighbor were sitting down to their tuna fish dinner, there came the wafting smell of steak cooking on a grill.

The neighborhood men could not believe their noses! What was going on? They called each other up and decided to meet over in John's yard to see if he had forgotten it was the first 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 his steak on the grill, saying, "You were born a cow, you were raised a cow, and now you are a fish."

3)Just have a beer

A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?"

His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor."

Later in the game, the beer man came by, and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!"

His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer."

To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."

MARCH PRAYER MESSAGE



**-Pope Francis Prayer Request for
March 2023**

**-For victims of abuse-
We pray for those who have suffered harm
from members of the Church; may they
find within the Church herself a concrete
response to their pain and suffering.**

**Brothers and Family;
Did you receive the email sent requesting
your attendance for our Prayer Group?
Since we sent it out, we have added more
Brothers to our prayer group and God
willing we will soon have our first meet-
ing. I want to thank our Brother Ed Ibarra
for reaching out to me and talk about the
importance of prayer for our council.
Prayer is Powerful and to make sure our
Council continues to get stronger we need
a prayer group.
In our time and not to far from us, we
have seen what can happen to an active
council. Sadly, this council in Riverbank
had to close it's doors and the few Broth-
ers they had went to other active councils
in our area including ours.
That is why I encourage all of you to pray
for our Council, Parish and Community.
Our prayer group will be praying not only
for our council but all the issues that are
against God's Commandments. EG: Abor-
tion, Deceased Brother Knights, Purgato-
ry, World Peace...
We plan on getting together once a month
and also leave "homework" to pray at
home.
Please consider Brothers in joining our
Important Group!**

**Don't forget Brothers if you or a family
member have fallen ill in the hospital, a
care home, or your own home, we encour-
age 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 with your
name, phone number and your prayer re-
quest. Or you may call Brother Everardo
@ (209)303-3380.**

**If you need any assistance or know of an
elderly person needing assistance don't
hesitate to let your Officers know by re-
plying to this newsletter or
at prayers@kofc10644.com.**

Don't forget we are here for you!

Prayer Requests:

**Brother Alfonso Chavez, Kay Elson, Broth-
er Angel's Wife and Sister, Past Chaplain
Father Rolly, PGK Jim Ortman's Wife Bar-
bara, Simon, GK Taide Zamora, People in
Rehabilitation Centers, Our Council and
all our older brothers and family, living
and deceased. Those affected by Earth-
quake in Turkey & Syria.**

**Thank you for your prayers Brothers.
May you and your family continue to stay
safe and healthy.**

**God bless YOU always.
Vivat Jesus!**

Praying for you

Everardo Ramirez, Editor

**If you have or know of any updates or other
prayer requests, please let me know at [pray-
ers@kofc10644.com](mailto:pray-
ers@kofc10644.com) or Cell @ (209)303-3380**



MARCH'S LECTURER REPORT



Greetings Brothers;

March is already here, everything seems to be moving so quickly, even the calendar. We all need to take a deep breath and thank God for getting us all here.

We have so much to be thankful for so far this year. The Blue Mass was a great celebration of our communities First Responders, mass was beautiful and lunch was amazing.

The Crab Feed was great fun for all who feasted and even more fun for all who feasted and served. The more often the more of us get together the better off will be serving our Lord. So I hope to see you all at the Fish Fry's for the next 4 Fridays. Make sure you get your tickets on time for your family and together join us and help out. We have work for everyone. The first Fish Fry the parents brought their children and asked where they can help. And instead of the parents just dropping the kids off, they stayed and both helped selling the 50/50 tickets. Many families are helping in most if not all of our events. If you are that family, Thank You and God continue to Bless You and your wonderful family.



On another note, His Feast Day is on the 19th of March and the entire month is dedicated to Him. You guessed it! St. Joseph and why shouldn't the month of March be dedicated to him? St. Joseph is amazing! Next to Mary we see Joseph, next to Jesus we see Joseph. As we walk in to our Church in the left side of the entrance we can see the statue of St. Joseph with Baby Jesus in his arms. He is Patron Saint for many of us and a great Saint that guides us and shows us the way to his Son and the Holy Family.

Many of us were consecrated to St. Joseph in a wonderful celebration by Bishop Myron Cotta and we were all called to be "Little Joseph's" and serve Jesus. Just like St. Joseph carried Jesus on his shoulders, we are all called to lift up the Church on our shoulders. Being a Knight of Columbus gives so many great opportunities to be "Little Joseph's"

During March, let's all get together and be like Joseph and lift up Jesus (The Church) on our shoulders and carry him around.

May Saint Joseph help us to help our Families, Council, Parish and Community.

See you all on Friday for some great fish and great fun and also see you on Sunday for something even greater.



Your Brother in Christ
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights;



CRAB FEED 2023

Our Crab Feed was a success and it was a FUN NIGHT!
This event was a team of Brother Knights coming together to make this event a good time for our guests. I personally want to thank our Deputy Grand Knight Richard Goeken for his leadership in making sure we had more than plenty raffle and auction items and making the whole night entertaining.



FISH FRY'S

The Fish Fry's will be ongoing by the time you read this newsletter. This year we are hosting 5 events and we need help from Brother Knights each Friday in serving 550 guests. Please step up and give a few hours of your time to prepare the food (Thursday evening in the kitchen), cook, serve and cleanup process. Help can be by family members, friends and students- it takes an Army every Friday during Lent to get things done.

DUES



Please pay you 2023 Dues, second notice was mailed on February 21,2023, if you have not received the notice by now, please let me know. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your dues call me via cell or email underneath. Ready to pay now? Click on image to the left.

Being a Brother Knight is something I have truly enjoyed. Just need to share this joy with more Brothers at our meetings and events.

God Bless You Brothers along with your Family.



Yours in Christ;
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DEACON'S MARCH MESSAGE

Greetings, brother!

If any of you remember your first degree, you will recall the words in the image close to this paragraph, "Memento Mori." Even if you never knew a word of Latin, that is a phrase that you should know, "remember death." Death is always before us (we are all going to die), but it is not something that we tend to want to think about let alone talk about. Recently, I was able to do a lot more than think or talk about it, as I came face to face with it with the passing of my wife's aunt, Alfa Broderick.



Many might recall that I used to work for the Knights as a Field Agent selling life insurance. So, I have had lots of experience talking about death with people. I was even able to be at probably more 1st degree exemplification than most people, as I was connected with six different councils at the time. Talking about it death or at least the possibility of it is one thing. Seeing, touching, smelling the body of a loved one that you have known for over 40 years (the vast majority of my life) is a totally different experience. I have to say that there are very distinct differences about the experiencing those moments within a family that practices their faith and realizes that death is not the end compared to experiencing it within a family whose faith is weak at best.



As a deacon and as a Field Agent for the Knights, I was around families that were not very strong in their faith. I saw family members wailing at the top of their lungs in front of others that they barely knew. I saw others arguing about some insignificant item. I saw individuals who had no idea what to do with themselves, and, so, began drinking or smoking to drown out or hide from their feelings. Consolation, togetherness, and prayer were conspicuously absent from each of those families.

Within the last death that I was blessed enough to experience, the most recent one, I experienced something very different from being inside of a family very grounded in their faith. I saw large groups of people filing into a small apartment at Samaritan Village during the weeks before the death to accompany my wife's aunt. There were family members, friends from many years earlier, neighbors who barely knew the names, work acquaintances, clergy, and many more. At the time of the passing my wife, her mother, and her two sisters were at the side of the deceased, their sister and aunt. They were praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together, caressing her, and talking with her in her last moments. They ended up using 21st century technology to allow an uncle from across the country to say his last goodbyes, as he was not scheduled to land in California until two days later. The prayers were extended even further as other family members (the husband, sons, and grandsons) and friends arrived to console and hug each other. Instead of the acrimony of the other families I had seen earlier, we were all crying and taking care of each other at the same time. Some went for food, others helped make the necessary phone calls, others helped put together all of the different needs for what was to come: the Mass of Christian burial. And all of us started sharing fond experiences that we had had over the course of many years spent with the deceased. There were tears yes, and laughter, and joy, and lots and lots of prayer.

Some might argue that different people grieve in different ways. Some react to stress in a negative manner, whereas others find a positive manner to work their way through the difficult time. There is truth to that. I would argue, however, that what I experienced was something more. There was more than just every single person there dealing so positively with a difficult situation, the loss of a loved one. No, there was something much deeper. It was the faith of all of there present that made the difference. Our faith grounded us and reminded us that death is not the end of our journey. We were able to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary together, because that is what we do as Catholics. Those actions help to remind us that Jesus Christ saved us and opened up the gates of heaven for us for when we complete our Earthly pilgrimage.



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Having a strong faith life isn't about being able to contribute more to the parish, even though that is a side effect. It isn't about making us better people, even though that tends to happen as well. Having a strong faith life, being close to Christ and His Church, helps us to make it through those difficult times when something not so positive is happening, as it will happen to all of us. We tend to think that we can do everything all on our own, but in stressful times, especially with the loss of a loved one, we see that we can't do anything really without God. Our faith gives us a way to continue on our journey, to do what we need to do.

So, I will end this brief reflections asking you to continue to pray for the soul of my wife's aunt, Alfa Broderick. By praying you are also uniting your prayers to help her final journey up into heaven. As is stated in the most common Eucharistic prayer, we unite our prayers "with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased Him throughout the ages."

May He welcome Alfa into the light of His face.

And may we all have a strong enough faith that when we die, our family and friends are there present to pray for us and for each other, as they hug and console one another in having lost us.

God bless!
Deacon Richard Braun
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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHTS MARCH MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Brother Knights;

I want to begin with the successful Crab Feed we had on February 4, 2023.



Also, I would like to commend all the Brothers that helped as well as their lovely wives who brought us desserts to auction off. And I want to send a special shout out to Brother Cameron Menezes who did our first ever live auction and would also like to thank Brother Steve Junqueiro and his wife Teresa for the donation of their mountain home in Lake Tahoe.



We did the best we thus far because of their donation they allowed us to sell the trip twice and we got the highest donation ever and we also got the highest donation ever for our VIP table. So along with these record numbers I want to send and additional Shout Out to everyone that donated to our event. Because of everyone's generosity, we are able to help even more to our Parish and Community



Cameron worked very well playing off his cousin Lonnie Avila who was our MC. I am sure our numbers are greater than ever before from our Crab Feed.



I encourage all Brother Knights to attend our next council meeting on March 7, 2023 and we will also have the total numbers for you.



In addition, I am asking all Brothers to sign up and help at our Fish Fry's. This year we have 5 Fish Fry's and we need you to help as much as possible.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who came and helped at our successful Crab Feed.

God Bless Brothers and Family

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
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