



KNIGHTLY NEWS

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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

- The Holidays are upon us, and our calendars are already beginning to be full! We begin the month with our annual **Spaghetti Feed on November 7th** from 3-7pm at St. Paul's Hall. Please pass the word and sell our tickets, dine-in or take-out. Tickets will be available at the door, but it would be great to have a healthy count before that day!
- Bring your wives & families to our **November 11th Potluck** where we can give thanks for our blessings together as families and friends.
- I hope to see all of you at our **November 19th Council Meeting** as we need to plan our upcoming events as well as get an **update on all your addresses, phone numbers and emails** by the end of the year. We would appreciate a call if you can't attend so our updated list will be correct.
- On **December 6th** we sponsor our Parish Appreciation Dinner, and we will need all the help you can give!
- Also mark your calendars now for **our Christmas Party Potluck December 9th!** We will have music and special treats to celebrate the birth of our Savior!
- All these events will be **discussed in detail at our November meeting**, so plan on attending to share your thoughts and ideas as we work together for Christ!
- I am most happy to announce that we have a **new member, Ed Dionne**, who came to join us all the way from Chicago! Please give him and his wife a hearty welcome when you meet them!

Our Rosary Rally turned out great, and I sincerely thank Gary Benevido and his crew, as well as all the Knights & wives there, for all their generous help! Our prayers for our country, our church and our families are certainly needed now, perhaps more than ever, with all the problems in our world and at home! The Christmas Season is a time for coming together to share and spread our beliefs. ***I ask you to support and help all our efforts as much as possible so we can all be examples of faith and hope for those around us.*** May your Thanksgiving be filled with His Blessings!

Yours in Christ, Mel Ormonde, Grand Knight (805) 556-0223

District Deputy Message

Brothers,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we need to remember what the feast is about. We have been given many blessings and need to thank those responsible especially God for what He has made, His mercy and forgiveness, and sending His Son for our redemption; for our church, our priests and laity, their guidance, their assistance, and their support.

But take a minute to thank our brothers and their families for their time, their commitment, and their support . . . for everything they do to further the brotherhood, provide for the many needs, and help our brothers and families. I thank each of you. May your life be blessed.

Vivat Jesus - Dan Anderson DD 58

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Don't forget about
our Dinner Social
the 2nd
Wednesday of the
month.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BROTHER ROBERT



CALENDAR

November	
7	Spaghetti Dinner *PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY (FRIENDS?? NEIGHBORS??) ALSO Contact Grand Knight ORMANDE (melnp0@yahoo.com) as help is always needed.
11	Potluck Dinner Social
14 & 15, 21 & 22	Advent <i>Magnificat</i> Sale
December	
6	Parish Appreciation Dinner
9	Christmas Dinner Potluck
January	
15-16	Marian Conference: St. Rose's Church, Paso Robles

Potluck" Social Schedule

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Dates may be changed to accommodate special events when required. Please come a little early to help set up and stay afterwards to help clean up.

POTLUCK SOCIAL SCHEDULE: November 11th (Feast of St. Martin of Tours)



If your birth month as listed . . .

Please bring:

January
February
March
April

May
June
July
August

September
October
November
December

an ENTRÉE
a DESSERT
an APPETITE
an APPETIZER

SPECIAL PLEA: Today, millions of Christians are being persecuted and displaced in Iraq, Syria, and the Ukraine. Thus far, Knights have distributed more than \$3 million to the suffering in the Middle East but the crisis continues to escalate. A special request has been sent to every Knight asking for any donation to ease the suffering of millions of fellow Christians. Please use the envelope provided or send your donation to: K of C Charities, Inc, PO Box 1966, New Haven CT 06509-1966.

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2014, Knights contributed \$174 million, up from \$155 in 2010.

Volunteer Hours: 2010 - 70 million

2014 - 71.6 million

Membership: 2010 - 1.82 million

2014 - 1.89 million (As of June 2015, membership growth is nearly 26% above June 2014)

Did you know there are 15,100 Councils worldwide?

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REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

The month of November in the Church is set aside as a special time to remember our loved ones who have continued beyond life into eternity. Let us remember to include those of our parish and those who have no one to pray for their souls. All Saints Day this year is celebrated on Sunday, November 1.

God of Love and Compassion, You look with the tenderness on Your beloved sons and daughters who have been saved by the death and resurrection of Jesus. We ask You to show that same embracing compassion and tender mercy on all our departed Brother Knights and their loved ones whom You have called from this life. May they enjoy the fullness of the risen life with Jesus and all the saints, bathed in your glory, light and tender mercy. AMEN

THANKSGIVING

"When He said this, He took bread, gave thanks to God in front of them all, broke it and began to eat." Acts 27:35

On November 26, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day as a Nation. Of course, we are full of thanksgiving every day for all the Lord has done for us. Let us not only gather together to remember the past year of our life and loved ones, but resolve to somehow also make the coming year a blessing for others.

Keep dreaming about living with joy. --Pope Francis

NEW SAINTS: In October, Pope Francis canonized two new Saints: Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower). It was the first canonization of a married couple by the Church and appropriately celebrated during the Synod of Bishops on the Family. They are outstanding examples of those who celebrate life.

Speaking of St. Therese, she is the patroness of the Missionary Church in Alaska (there are Knights there, too!)

COLUMBIA CORNER.....KNIGHTS DOING GOOD

The October issue is devoted to the 133rd Supreme Convention held this year in Philadelphia. Article after article, image after image connects us all in our local efforts to the worldwide impact Knights (and family and friends) make in our world. A stunning issue that can only make us proud...and prouder...to be lending our hearts and hands to God's work on earth. Just look at one picture on page 25 if you ever doubt that Knights Do VERY Good.

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE? Besides birthdays, please let the brothers know about other joyous events in your life! Contact us at kofcjac@gmail.com

Fourth Degree Knights



Recently, the 4th degree Knights of the J.J. Mitty Assembly (Knights in the County) donated \$2500 to the Knights of Columbus Military Chaplains. Funds for this were raised from the annual football program. Before next football season begins, we'll tell all how to participate in this pool to raise funds for the Fourth Degree Patriotic calling.

Be sure to calendar the following Parish events and support those who work diligently for us all.

Altar/Rosary Society

December 9: Christmas Luncheon

November 21 & 22: Thanksgiving Bake Sale

March 7 & 8: Boutique

March 28 & 29: Palm Sunday Bake Sale



On October 10, our Parish participated in the Public Square Rosary Crusade imploring the intercession of our Blessed Mother. In his address, Fr. Victor underscored that, if ever, America needs Fatima. An informative short book (120 pages) *Meet the Witnesses* recounts the spectacular, indeed miraculous, events of Fatima, especially October 17, 1917 with first-hand recollections of some there at the time. A must read for everyone.

Afterwards, Brother Gary Benevedo and fellow Knights prepared, served, and cleaned-up after a delicious lunch for all.

PRO-LIFE: The struggle for Life is everyone's responsibility. More and more are stepping forth to proclaim the gospel of life. There was quite a bit of activity supporting during October . . . and more to come. A great opportunity to stay in touch with local activities can be found at:

embracelifeinslo@aol.com

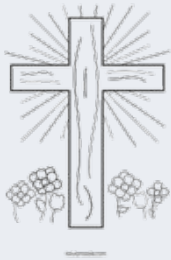
"Any society, any family, which cannot share or take seriously the pain of its children, and views that pain as something normal or to be expected," said Pope Francis, "is a society 'condemned' to remain a hostage to itself, prey to the very things which cause that pain." Also, "Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk. The family, whether we like it or not, is the foundation."

Encouraging news: In 2005 Planned Parenthood (PP) operated a total of 250 centers in three key states. At the end of 2014, that number was 208...almost a 20% decrease!

- New York went from 79 PP centers to 59;
- Texas went from 78 PP centers to 37;

HOWEVER . . . California went from 93 PP centers to 112, an increase of 20%.

The Sign of the Cross



SIGN OF THE CROSS

This simple act contains a powerful reflection of the Catholic life. In past issues, we have seen it as a mini-Apostle's Creed and as a Mark of Discipleship. This month, let's explore it as . . .

An Acceptance of Suffering

Jesus promised us that suffering would be a normal part of a disciple's life (see Lk 9:23). So, when we mark our bodies with the sign, we are embracing whatever pain comes as a consequence of our faith in Christ. Making the sign is our "taking up the cross and following" him (Lk 9:23).

However, at the same time, it comforts us with the realization that Jesus, who endured the crucifixion for us, now joins us in our suffering and supports us. Signing ourselves also announces another significant truth: With St. Paul, we are celebrating that our afflictions as members of the body of Christ contribute to the Lord's saving work of perfecting the Church in holiness (see Col 1:24).

Next Month: The Sign of the Cross as a Move Against the Devil



Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides - and the security that it offers - even while you're alive. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

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A FULL FALL



Fall certainly lives up to its name if you change the "a" to "u" and know how **Full Fall** can be with all the tasks of life: jobs, family, church, holidays, and the routines of maintaining a daily schedule.

Of course, the Church has the answer to all called **prayer**. Start with (and hear yourself) praying the Our Father and all that this simple plea tells us and then consider;

- attending an extra weekday Mass or two if possible: it is as nourishing and life-giving as the one on Sunday
- praying the Rosary every day . . . a decade is better than none
- planning some time to read God's Holy Word (how about the Gospel for next Sunday?)
- dedicating some time to help another. Knights know that "in giving we receive" and reap the benefits of being God's hands on earth.



The latest Newsletter from the **Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney Guild** (fathermcgivney.org) reports on the 125th anniversary of our founder's passing into eternal life. The Knight's Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, was sure to underscore Father McGivney's love for the priesthood and an abiding faith to help all others, especially widows, orphans, and outcasts. Part of the prayer for our founder's canonization as "an apostle of Christian family life" reminds us of his dedication to "lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor" and why we are Knights.

Physician-Assisted Suicide: End-of-Life Option Act

On October 5th, California Bishops issued a strong statement opposing this act.

For Catholics, wrote the Bishops, this law stands in direct contradiction to providing compassionate, quality care for those facing a terminal illness. It is "the wrong way to advance the human dignity for those facing a terminal illness."

"Pope Francis has warned us about our "throw away culture." Have we become so callous in protecting the sacredness of life that we easily approve of a physician handing over a lethal dose of drugs to someone to end their life at their most vulnerable moment when they most need to be cared for with love and attention? The option to offer the low-cost alternative of lethal drugs instead of proper medical care is a temptation not long resisted.

"For vulnerable people, this isn't compassion. There's nothing in this law that supports or promotes the common good. This bill does nothing to validate the lives of the vulnerable. If anything, this bill says just the opposite and only serves to increase their emotional burden. And it facilitates subtle but potent pressures on the elderly and the disabled to end their lives rather than become a financial or emotional burden on their children."

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