



# Knight Light Newsletter

## GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

We just had several celebrations of Holy Mother in this month of May. If we look, we can see several blessings we have received in our family and in the community by the intercession of our Blessed Mother. Let us continue praying the Rosary in our family always for perpetual protection from the works of the Devil.

**End of Columbian Year:** Current Columbian year ends on June 30th 2021. It means that the tenure as a Grand Knight ends and a new year starts on July 1st 2021 with a new realm of Officers.

Even though my duties and responsibilities ceases, I intend and commit to be visibly present in our council meetings and events, God willing, with His grace, as it is always the case.

**My Heartfelt Gratitude:** Thank you all for the confidence in you, selecting me as your Grand Knight last year. I express my whole hearted gratitude to all my Brother Knights who supported me at all the events where I was a volunteer or a Chairman. We all learned that none of us is as good as all of us. Unity is second nature to Knights of Columbus.

**Evidence as follows:** Several years ago on 4th of July weekend, I was a vo-

lunteer in Fireworks booth where we were discussing closing the booth early, since all the shift schedule of volunteers was blank. Going home early and called our Brother Knights who are familiar faces from the membership lists. More Knights agreed to volunteer in the booth for the rest of the days.

In any events, whenever asked, where ever weakness, Brother Knights showed up in unity. Thank you Brothers.

New officers and Directors I urge all the Officers and Directors to go through the training materials available in the Knights of Columbus website [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Just sign up and create an account.

**By Catholic Faith:** We know Jesus is our Lord and Savior who loves us by Divine Grace, in human nature he is our Leader and Servant which He demonstrated through the Bible. Let our Officers and Directors, nevertheless all Brother Knights learn from Jesus how we can volunteer leaders and volunteer servants and serve the community simultaneously.

**Congratulations to all Candidates:** Who were exemplified to 4th Degree Order of the Knights and became Sir Knights on May 15th, 2021. Another In Person Live exemplification is being planned on June 18, 2021 in Fr. Henslin Council Hall in Turlock. Contact me for

more details.

### Upcoming Events:

1. New Officers will be elected and confirmed on first Tuesday of the month of June.
2. On June 11 after Holy Eucharistic Procession new officers are planning a Mexican Drive through dinner, pending approval of the Church- Chairman Ruben Sanchez
3. Fireworks booth operates from June 28 to July 5, 2021 - Chairman Josey Samson.

Volunteers are needed for the Drive Up Dinner as well as for the Fireworks Booth. Please contact Chair Persons.

Since my tenure as Grand Knight ends, my newsletter message in this column will also cease. New Grand Knight Ruben Sanchez may fill this column.

Best wishes to all incoming Officers.

God Bless Us All.

Grand Knight

Josey Samson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	1	2	3	4	5
6 <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	7	8 <b>COUNCIL MEETING 7PM AT FATHER O'HARE HALL</b>	9	10	11 <b>MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	12 <b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>
13 <b>2ND APPARITION OF OUR LADY FATIMA</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <b>1ST DAY OF SUMMER</b>	22	23	24 <b>NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### Members' Birthdays

Robert Wildt 6/1  
 Anthony Lee 6/1  
 Dennis Murphy 6/3  
 Jonathan White 6/5  
 Richard Volonte 6/6  
 Salvador Becerra 6/9  
 Lovinio Casiano 6/11  
 Merno Stadler 6/11  
 Joel Svendsen 6/11  
 William Black 6/12  
 Vince Galas 6/13  
 John McCave 6/15  
 Daniel Mejia 6/17

Amado Valencia 6/17  
 Duarte Bento 6/20  
 Eddie Muñoz 6/22  
 Michael Loschke 6/23  
 Warner Norleen 6/23  
 David Piper 6/24  
 Michael Perine 6/29  
 John Peter Soosai-Pragasam 6/29  
 Richard Dwyer 6/30



### Wives' Birthdays

Gigi Pongase 6/1  
 Joan Tacchini 6/5  
 Margaret Mayoral 6/6  
 Sandra Bengochea 6/8  
 Judy Murphy 6/9  
 Nancy Andrews 6/11  
 Janet Baker 6/16  
 Trina Malsom 6/17  
 Rosemary Torres 6/19  
 Lisa Gonzales 6/20  
 Michelle Prado 6/21

Eddie Scoto 6/21

Karen Henriquez 6/22

Linda Spengler 6/22

Aninya Lamanet 6/24

Michelle Frey 6/27

Maria Cristerina 6/30  
 Nicole Miranda 6/30

Priscilla Pino 6/30



### Anniversaries

Anthony & Tamara Butera 6/1  
 Christopher & Sandra Bengochea 6/2  
 Anthony & Wilma Lee 6/2  
 Brandon & Kathleen Harker 6/4  
 Melvin & Lucille Mattos 6/5  
 Donald & Marilyn Hancock 6/11  
 Roger & Anne Missall 6/12  
 Dave & Christi Wharton 6/12  
 Kent & Mary Marlett 6/13  
 Reuben & Teresa Peterson 6/14  
 Michael & Nicole Miranda 6/15  
 Robert & Lita Selover 6/15  
 Robert & Mona Wildt 6/15  
 Robert & Andrea Hemsley 6/18  
 Cameron & Rita Menezes 6/18  
 David & Anita Racher 6/19

Ralph Cheryl Driggs 6/20  
 Ronald & Rose Lamont 6/20  
 Daniel & Linda Spengler 6/20  
 Don & Marti Reed 6/21  
 Ruben & Maricela Sanchez 6/22

Roger & Rosalinda Farias 6/24  
 Raul & Soledad Raya 6/26

Michael Piedy Callahan 6/27  
 Jason & Bronwyn Jackson 6/27  
 Richard & Pamela Dinubilo 6/30



# JOHN'S JOKES



It's probably my age that tricks people into thinking I'm and adult.

I ate a kid's meal at McDonald's yesterday. His mom was furious.

When is a door, not a door?  
When it's a jar.

You matter!  
Unless you multiply yourself by the speed of light squared, then You energy!

When you're dead, yo don't know you're dead. The pain is felt by others. It's the same when you're stupid.

Don't sing in the shower. Singing leads to dancing, dancing leads to slipping and slipping leads to the paramedic seen you naked. So remember....don't sing!

I see advertisements on TV where people my age are doing mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I'm at that age will my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggest that I'm 12, and my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S JUNE MESSAGE

Hello Brother Knights;

As we approach the final month of the Columbian Year 2020-2021, we have to thank all of you for staying with us over the past year.

I do not have a lot to share this month, but watch out Columbian Year 2021-2022. We have a new slate of Officers starting on July 2021 after they are elected at our June Council Meeting. What can you do? Step UP!, we need more sharing of ideas and help to make changes for the better to serve our Council #10644.

We have a BIG FUNDRAISER beginning on June 28th to 4th of July 2021. Get your family, friends, neighbors and cousins to buy at the KofC Fireworks Stand at Ace Hardware Store Parking Lot on 1800 Oakdale Dr.

If you haven't already we encourage you to get your shots to continue to help us while we stay safe and healthy.

God Bless you Brothers and Family, enjoy the summer months and let us prepare for our new Columbian Year 2021-2022.

*Yours in Christ;*  
*Tim Matalone*  
*Financial Secretary*



# JUNE'S PRAYER MESSAGE



**Pope Francis Prayer Request  
for June 2021:**

**The Beauty of Marriage:  
Let us pray for young people  
who are preparing for marriage  
with the support of a Christian  
Community: May they grow in love, with gener-  
osity, faithfulness and patience.**

**Happy Day of Corpus Christi!**

**Let us Pray;**

**Anima Christi (Soul of Christ):**

**Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save  
me.**

**Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from  
Christ's side, wash me. Passion of Christ,  
strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within thy wounds hide me.**

**Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From  
the malicious enemy defend me.**

**In the hour of my death call me and bid me  
come unto thee,**

**that I may praise thee with thy saints and with  
thy angels,**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

**June's Prayer Requests:**

**Pope Francis, Bishops, Priest, Israel, New Ad-  
ministration, our Persecuted Brothers, Our Of-  
ficers and First Responders, Peace on Earth, the  
Unborn, Families, Marriages.**

**And Our Council #10644. Crisis at the Border,**

**Brother Alfonso Chavez, Brother Cliff Judd,  
Brother Steven Tubbs, Brother Leonard and His  
Wife Belen Churilla.**

**(As I am sure we all know, our Adoration Chap-  
el is open during the morning for parishion-  
ers that have the code. If you have the code  
please join our Brother Knights on Monday's  
11am-12pm)**

**Please, wear your Knight Gear so we can let pa-  
rishioners know that we are also about praying  
and not just charity.**

**Do not forget Brothers if you or a family mem-  
ber 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 (209)  
303-3380.**

**(If you need any assistance or know of an elder-  
ly 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 for-  
get to pick up a business card with our infor-  
mation to keep in your wallet. The cards are in  
the cash box with Brother Cliff or Brother Ever-  
ardo has them on hand.**

**God Bless You Brothers and Family may you  
have a Blessed and Happy Corpus Christi Day!**

**Remember Don't hesitate to send me an email if  
you have an Emergency Prayer request.**

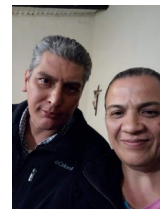
**Prayer is Powerful!**

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



# CHAPLAIN'S JUNE MESSAGE

For a healthy Christian life,  
we need spiritual exercise.

Brothers,  
Where are we spiritually? I pose that question

knowing that the majority of men who read it will most likely not even bother to continue. We tend to want to shy away from anything and everything that has to do with our faith or anything "spiritual." As a Deacon, I know that. I know that as a man as well. I did the same for many years. Luckily, something happened to change that in me when I began to realize that I had this longing or ache that the things of the world just couldn't fill. I watched sports and television in general, I played games (board, sports, and video), I hung out with others. There was something always missing, however. I would be happy for a while, but never seemed to have the "JOY" that Father Sam keeps talking about. I had no idea how to find it.

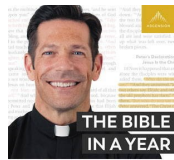


I can't put my finger on the moment that I began to realize, kind of like St. Augustine so

many years ago, that what was lacking in me was God. St. Augustine put it like this, "Our souls are restless until they rest in you, Lord." I have found over the years that is true. When I get myself and my pride out of the way of attempting to control things they seem to work out, I have less frustration, and I have more joy. I would hope by now that you have all seen my mask, unless you live far away and aren't able to see me in person. It says, "I have a smile under this mask." The image that you see here with this paragraph is the one that I usually have on for Zoom meetings. The mask shares how I feel the majority of the time (even when things aren't going well or stress is high). The picture shows how I feel the majority of the time (even when I am working long hours or struggling with something else). Why? I'm confident that it is because I have worked through things spiritually to realize that I am not in control, these things I am stressing about don't really matter in the big picture, and all is going to work out for the best in the end re-

gardless of what I think or do. And I have only come to realize all of that because I have worked on my spiritual life, have done spiritual exercise, have grown in my faith. Without all of that I would be lost.

So, I pose the question again that I posed at the beginning. By this



point, those of you that are still reading have at least worked a little on your spiritual life. I mean we promised when we became Knights of Columbus that we would be PRACTICING Catholics and would pray the rosary as often as possible, right? Are we doing that? Are we doing other things to strengthen our faith? Are we reading spiritual books (the Bible, books on the lives of the saints, or other books). If we are like many and we don't read as often as we should (and we all do have time to read even if we choose not to), are we watching videos or listening to podcast that are helping us with our faith? Fr. Mike Spitz' videos or his podcast The Bible in a Year have gotten an awful lot of people excited about listening to the Bible being read and explain by an engaging and enthusiast priest. Are we going on spiritual retreats or conferences. COVID-19 has made that more difficult over the course of the past year, but I have found how much more rewarding a retreat is than just going to some tourist trap for an extended weekend.



There are great hermits that are able to go out into the desert and work on their spiritual lives

by themselves. The vast majority of us cannot do it alone, however. I've found that having a good group of men around me, reminding me of what is right and calling me out when I am not doing it helps. In a wonderful program for men to

grow deeper in the faith called Exodus90, we have what we call anchor. It refers to mountain climbers, who need someone to stable them as they climb. That way if they fall, they have someone to help them out. My anchor is a brother Knight, a former Grand Knight. I call him my anchorman. I send him texts of photos of Will Ferrell from his silly movie, Anchorman. It is by thinking of my anchor that I continue to get up 30 minutes earlier to do what I need to do every morning, even when the "getting up" is not easy.

So, brother, do you have an anchor? Do you have an accountability buddy who will help you when you are getting lazy or doing something you shouldn't? I know that for most of us, our wives would love that role but that doesn't work. It comes across like nagging, and we tend to become defensive and/or ignore. Right? We need a good, faithful male friend, who isn't afraid to push and encourage us to do the right thing. If you do have one yet, why not? Do you want to get to heaven? Are you afraid to do what it takes to get there? I know that we are comfortable in what we are doing, but God is really calling us to more. An accountability buddy is what being a BROTHER Knight should be. Or is that not what a brother should be doing?

What do you think? Send me an email to let me know by clicking here or emailing directly to [richard@worldablaze.org](mailto:richard@worldablaze.org)

God bless!  
Deacon Richard Braun  
and Composer of the Chaplain's  
Message



## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S JUNE MESSAGE



**Brothers;**

I hope and pray all are doing well during these hard times. This month we have a lot of things happening.

On our next Council Meeting on June 1, 2021 at Father O'Hare Hall. We will be voting for our new Officers for the Columbian Year 2021-2022.

And on June 11, 2021 we will be having our first ever Taco (Truck Style) Sale. Purchase your tickets at the Church Plaza beginning on May 22, 2021 or through PayPal. You should have received the information via email. If not you can find it at our website, Facebook page or Parish Page. We hope you can come out and support our Council.

God Bless You Brothers and Family, may our Lord guide us and watch over us.



*Yours in Christ*  
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LET US REMEMBER OUR FALLEN HEROES



**THANK YOU !**

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