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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



With the ending of the 2019/2020 Columbian Year, brothers, please take the time to reflect on the past year. The past few months have been difficult because of the limitations imposed on our country as a result of the coronavirus mitigation and “sheltering-in-place” restrictions confronting all of us. As we begin our gradual return to “normal,” will we spend more time on responding to the call of Christ in reverent service? How will we respond? Brothers, let us recommit ourselves to the promise we made, as Knights, to address the needs of the parish, community and our brothers. May we focus more personal energy in building a stronger relationship with our Savior and with our fellow Knights of Columbus Brothers!

May the Lord, bless you, your family and loved ones. Vivat Jesus!

GK Alonso Jimenez

MEMORIAL DAY 2020

With the limitations on social gatherings due to Covid-19, the usual celebration of the Memorial Mass at Calvary Catholic Cemetery was not held this year. But, as a means of remembrance and honor of our deceased brothers and their wives, several council members and family members joined together on Memorial Day to recite the rosary which included reading the names of our faithfully departed Brothers and wives. Light refreshments were served after prayer.



VOCATIONS—2020/2021

The Knights have a strong and dedicated commitment in supporting vocations—the formation of men and women preparing themselves for **priesthood and religious life**. The level of financial and personal support each seminarian, novice or postulant receives varies from council to council depending on available resources and the number of young men and women

who are enrolled in the various formation programs. The Knights provide financial support—members write letters to the seminarians and postulants, sponsor dinners for them, invite them to join the council and most importantly, the Knights pray for vocations. When possible, seminarians are invited to come to the sponsoring church to be introduced to the parish community. The council, through the Refund Support

Vocations Program (RSVP), provides a seminarian being sponsored a yearly stipend of \$500 to assist in payment of their formation expenses. Each council that provides \$500 is eligible to receive a \$100 refund from Supreme for use in their vocations program.

The Council, in coordination with the Diocesan Office of Vocations, will provide assistance to Edgar Y. Lozano Cuevas for the upcoming academic year. Edgar will be

enrolled in Theology I at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon. Additionally, the council purchases a table for \$300 for the Annual Diocesan Vocations Benefit Dinner to raise funds to defray emergency and extraordinary expenses not covered by the Diocese, seminarian or their parents.

Past Grand Knight, James Stroh, serves as Chair of the Council's Vocations Ministry.

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays

- 1 - Thomas Smith
- 5 - Michael Schiele
- 6 - Ronald Mulin
- 8 - Randolph Garcia
- 9 - Alonso Jimenez
- 10 - Ernest Stoute
- 20 - Kelly Henderson
- 20 - Mike Monk
- 20 - Oscar Roman-Molina
- 20 - Chris Wall
- 21 - Brian Hill
- 21 - Daniel Marjudio
- 22 - Kevin S. Scott
- 25 - James Stroh
- 26 - Dwight Tenette

July Anniversaries

- 4 - Dan & Luisa Merjudio
- 7 - Ron & Susie Harrison
- 12 - Paul & Linda Stubbs

August Birthdays

- 2 - Fr. Joe Ternullo
- 4 - David Celio-Jasso
- 15 - John Volz
- 17 - Gregory Franchi
- 19 - Agapito Manansaid
- 23 - Tarmat Girma

August Anniversaries

- 11 - Lawrence & Dotty Eyre
- 11 - Jet & Catherine Towns
- 22 - Mike & Susan Monk

September Birthdays

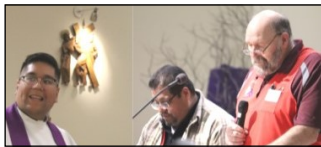
- 2 - Phillip Phelps
- 4 - Arturo Aguilar
- 7 - Jubal Catlin
- 7 - Frank Fernandez
- 13 - Mark Bashe
- 18 - Gerald Kenner
- 19 - Willis Barrett
- 22 - Jack Haig
- 26 - Steven Freitas



In Service



Youth Activity



In Prayer



Fellowship

RETENTION—WHERE ARE THEY?

One of the four primary principles of the Knights of Columbus is Fraternity—a brotherhood committed to the well being, care and relationship with fellow Brothers-in-Christ. The Council has made and will continue to “Leave No Neighbor Behind.” The Council is dedicated to reaching out to brothers who are ill, in need, behind in their dues or absent from Council activities.

The Council wants to be present to its members and, as such, efforts have been made to reach out to members who have not had communication with the Council. These contacts are not intended to harass or be troublesome to our members, but to learn why a member is not participating. Outreach through phone calls and sometimes home visits are made. Sadly, we have learned that some members have health problems, have

moved, are no longer practicing Catholics and others no longer want any relationship with the Knights.

One of the most disturbing outcomes of our efforts to contact members is their failure to respond to our requests, failure to return calls and failure to follow through on agreed decisions. Regrettably, we encounter hostility in our goodwill efforts. We learn that some of the members no longer want to be part of the Knights. A member who does not want to continue with the Knight of Columbus MUST submit handwritten request directly to Supreme to inform them that they no longer desire to be a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Council cannot terminate a member; this request can only be made by the Knight himself! We pray that this is not a decision that is chosen, but

we recognize that some members may take this step.

The Council asks that if you change your contact information, move, or wish to transfer to another Council, please notify Council 4996. By not making a decision or failure to pay your annual dues is costly to the Council as the Council is required to pay dues for all members on the Council Roster to Supreme and the State Council. These precious and limited resources could be used for charity, to help Brothers experiencing financial distress, or funding other important Council activities.

We hope that you continue your active membership with the Council. Stay in contact with our Msgr. Gabrielli Council and let us know how you are doing. If you have questions or need help, we are happy to assist You! In Christ.

IN MEMORIAM

Let us Pray for our Brothers who have taken leave to be with our Father since 2018.

- Roy O. Desmangles
- Joseph M. Garcia
- Luis E. Luna
- Robert A. Marcello
- Donald Melin
- Donald E. Muston
- Peter S. Pile
- Wayne C. Todd

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND REPORT

Donations

St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church	\$2,500
North Highlands Food Ministry	1,100
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services	1,200
St. Vincent de Paul	330
Loaves & Fishes	200
Christian Refugee Relief Fund	2,840
Totals	\$8,170

Miscellaneous Faith Activities

Family Activities (where applicable)

Elderly / Widow(er) Care	69
Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Members & Families	20
Total Hours	409

of Hours

320

IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVITIES

Parish Activities

June 28 to July 4 **Sale of Fireworks Fundraiser** St. Lawrence Hall Parking Lot

Upcoming Special Dates

Aug 10 **Feast Day of St. Lawrence**

Council Activities

July 1	Officer's Meeting	Gabrielli Hall	7:30pm
July 15	Membership Meeting	Gabrielli Hall	7:30pm
Aug 5	Officer's Meeting	Gabrielli Hall	7:30pm
Aug 19	Membership Meeting	Gabrielli Hall	7:30pm

NEW PARISH LEADERSHIP

Council 4991 welcomes Father Alvaro Perez, Father Adam Tokashiki, and Father Juan Carlos Villavicencio. The three ordained will take on their new assignment at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church on July 1, 2020.



FR. ALVARO PEREZ, PES
Pastor

Father Alvaro Perez was born in Lima, Peru, and he is the youngest of four. He comes from a devout Catholic family. Most of his family still lives in Peru. Right after graduation from college, where he studied to become an industrial engineer, he joined his religious community Pro Ecclesia Sancta at the age of twenty-three. In 2009, he was sent to Minnesota to finish his theological training at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity. He was ordained a priest in St. Paul on May 30, 2015. Father Alvaro moved to the Diocese of Sacramento in 2018 to become a pastor of the Churches of St. Anthony in Walnut Grove and St. Therese in Isleton. He is very excited and happy to begin this new adventure at the helm of beautiful St. Lawrence Parish in North Highlands. He is excited about getting to know all of you and celebrating the Eucharist with the parish community.



FR. ADAM TOKASHIKI, PES
Parochial Vicar & Chaplain at Newman Center / Sacramento

Father Adam Tokashiki was born in Lima, Peru in 1986. He has three older brothers; two live in Peru and the other in Canada. Father Adam studied at the National Conservatory of Music in Lima for a short period before God called him to the religious life. He joined Pro Ecclesia Sancta (PES) in 2006. He was sent to Saint Paul, Minnesota in 2009 to start a new PES foundation along with two other members, one of which was Fr. Alvaro Perez, your new pastor! In 2012, Fr. Adam earned his B.A. degree from the University of St. Thomas, majoring in Philosophy and Catholic Studies. During his studies, he also helped in different ministries at St. Mark's Parish in St. Paul and St. Thomas University, such as music, liturgy, youth, and young adults, sacramental prep, etc. He finished his theological training at the St. Paul Seminary School of Divinity and was ordained a priest in the spring of 2016. After ordination, Fr. Adam served as chaplain at Chesterton Academy, a Catholic high school in the Twin Cities, and as Parochial Vicar at St. Mark's Parish. He is very excited about the new mission God is giving him in Sunny California!



FR. JUAN CARLOS VILLAVICENCIO
Priest-in-Residence

Father Juan Carlos Villavicencio was born in Lima, Peru, and he is the youngest of four. He comes from a devout Catholic family. Right after graduation from college, where he studied to become a system engineer, he joined his religious community Pro Ecclesia Sancta at the age of twenty-seven. He did all his studies in Peru, three years of philosophy in Lima, and four years of Theology in Arequipa where he got his degree. He was ordained a priest in Peru on March 17, 2018. Father Juan Carlos was assigned to the Diocese of Sacramento 8 days after his ordination. His first assignment was at Saint Joseph Parish in Vacaville as Parochial Vicar. He is very happy to be part of this new family and looks forward to serving and put all his talents and dedication into this new assignment.

Over the next few weeks, please take the time to introduce yourself or drop them a brief note of welcome. We are blessed, as a parish, for their assignment to serve the parish community and to continue building the Kingdom of God at our church

Novena for National Unity & an End to Racism-Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity

Heavenly Father, you so loved the world that you sent us your only begotten Son as our Redeemer. The Holy Spirit rested upon your Beloved Son as he preached the Good News, cured the sick, and gave his life to break down each sinful barrier that separates us from you and from one another.

With your Son, O Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church that she might extend your saving truth and love to every race and nation. So it is that we praise you, O Glorious Trinity, One God in Three Persons, united in one Divine Nature yet distinct in each Person—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As you are united in one Divine Nature, we ask you to bring together in your love all whom hatred and racism have separated. Pour your love into our hearts, that we may speak the truth boldly and in a spirit of charity, and labor unceasingly for justice, peace and reconciliation in our divided nation and world.

O Father, source of every blessing, O Son, Radiant Truth, O Spirit of Love, enable us to respect and love those who are different from ourselves and remove from our hearts, our homes, our Church, and our society every trace of racism. Grant us, in your mercy, renewed and lasting resolve "to mend our ways, to encourage one another, to agree with one another, and to live in peace." (cf. 2 Cor 13:11)

Grant us the wisdom to create a civilization of truth, justice and love, worthy of your Kingdom. Then we shall know that you truly are with us, O God of life, truth and love, living and reigning forever and ever.

Amen

OUR COMMITMENT REMAINS STRONG!

The mission of the Knights of Columbus today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: **to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.**

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face today are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crisis such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the great depression, and the financial crisis in 2008.

Just as we stood together in those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care insurance and disability income insurance. As your Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent, I am fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate affects your personal finances and how our products can help.

I can meet with you in person (when appropriate), talk to you over the phone or through a virtual meeting using Skype. I am ready to answer questions, assist with service related issues and show you how we can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it's an appropriate moment to thank our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, for his foresight in founding the order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Fraternally,

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La misión de los Caballeros de Colon se ha mantenido igual desde su fundación en 1882: **Proteger financieramente a las familias católicas y fortalecer la fe católica de sus miembros.**

Mientras la crisis médica, social y económica actuales es muy alarmante, no es la primera vez que hemos hecho frente a este tipo de desafío. Nuestra Orden se ha mantenido muy fuerte ante muchas crisis anteriores como lo fue la pandemia de influenza en 1918, la gran depresión económica y la crisis financiera del 2008.

Así como nos mantuvimos unidos en esos tiempos difíciles, nos encontramos listos ante la situación actual para proveer Seguro de Vida, Anualidades (programas de ahorro), Seguro para cuidados de largo plazo y seguros de incapacidad. Como su Agente de seguro fraternal de los Caballeros de Colon, estoy a su disposición y listo para ayudarles a entender como el clima actual afecta sus finanzas personales y como nuestros productos le pueden ayudar.

Estoy accesible para reunirnos personalmente (cuando sea permitido), hablar por teléfono o a través de una videoconferencia usando Skype. Estoy listo para contestar sus preguntas, asistirlos cuando requieran servicio en sus pólizas de seguros y enseñarles como reducir su riesgo financiero.

Ahora que cumplimos 138 años de fundados, es un buen momento para agradecer nuestro fundador, el Padre Michael J. McGivney, por la visión de fundar una Orden Católica que consistentemente provee una protección financiera confiable para familias católicas.

Usted no enfrenta los retos actuales solo. Nuestro compromiso de ayudar a usted y su familia permanece sólido.

Fraternalmente,

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WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU DEBUNKING COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT LIFE INSURANCE.

MYTH #1
I am single. I do not need any coverage.

Fact: Even a single person will leave expenses, including funeral costs and any unpaid debts, which would be passed to other family members.

MYTH #2
Buy life insurance equal to five times your salary.

Fact: The amount of life insurance you should buy is based on your family's immediate needs, ongoing obligations and future plans. Immediate needs and obligations include funeral costs, mortgage payments, food, utilities and taxes, while future plans may include children's educational

costs. Try our life insurance calculator at kofc.org to help you.

MYTH #3
My employer provides all the insurance I need.

Fact: Having some employer coverage is nice, but it is likely not enough for your needs. And if something happens to your job, or the company changes it's policy, could be left with inadequate coverage. Supplementing this with a personally owned plan will keep your finances protected.

MYTH #4
Only breadwinners need life insurance coverage.
Fact: While the breadwinner brings monetary income to

the family, consider the financial value a stay-at-home parent provides. Costs of childcare, household management and other domestic duties can be expensive to replace. Even if a person does not have a paying "job," it does not mean that he or she is not contributing tremendous and actual value.

MYTH #5
My spouse has a policy, so I do not need one.

Fact: What happens if you die before your spouse? You may leave him or her with financial burdens that are too expensive to handle. If you each have a policy, both of you are covered when the need arises.

MYTH #6
Buy "term" insurance and invest the difference.

Fact: A whole life policy is guaranteed to increase in value as you pay your premiums. Also, term policies can increase in cost as you age, and may become uninsurable over time.

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