



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GIROUD–HEIMANN COUNCIL  
APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:**

Brothers, I would like to comment on three subjects this month..... recruitment, the 80/20 theory, and KofC insurance. But first, I want to thank all those that came out to help with the “Feeding of the Athletes on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wow.....we did good!! Approximately 25 brothers came to help cook, prepare, assemble and serve 700 BBQ chicken sandwiches with all the fixings. Below is a thank you email we received from the local Special Olympics Director:

**Hi Everyone,**

**Just want to thank you so much for donating such a “great” lunch to the Special Olympics Basketball Invitational Tournament in Chico. Comments from all the athletes, coaches, and volunteers (from seven counties) were amazing on how they enjoyed the lunch. It was certainly the “best” lunch we have ever had at any of our tournaments. The Knights of Columbus are such an efficient and hard-working group and it was a pleasure working with your organization.**

**Once again, we thank you and appreciate everything you did for us. Looking forward to working with you next year!**

Regards,

**Suzanne Barlow**  
**Area Director**  
**Special Olympics Butte County**



**Two Photos of our support!**

Again.....my thanks to all who came out to help!!

As previously mentioned, I want to talk about Recruitment. In order for our council to be vibrant and active, we need to bring in new members. As some of us are getting a bit grey around the muzzle, we just can't keep up the pace that we used to and unfortunately (or fortunately depending on your point of view) some of us pass on to well-earned afterlife. My philosophy to date has been to recruit by example, meaning when non-members see what we are doing, they will want to join the Knights. So far, that principle has worked well and I am happy to say we are at 75% of goal. To make sure we reach our goal this year, we have scheduled a recruitment Sunday on March 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a committee of volunteers who have already signed up to be speakers and ambassadors, and our council has been selected to try a new approach to recruitment referred to as the Delta Church Drive. I will send out more

info shortly but this is a different style of recruiting....no longer do we stand out in front of Mass and try and Shanghai some new prospects, but rather this is a softer more subtle approach. My goal is to have an open house the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> and invite the new prospects to question and answer evening, and if they like what they hear, hopefully they will attend the Admission Degree scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. We can use some extra help on March 31<sup>st</sup> so please lend a hand!!

And as mentioned in my introduction, I also want to discuss the 80/20 theory. In my past career, this theory stated that 80 percent of your business comes from only 20 percent of your available customers. In our case, I think that 80 percent of the charitable works as Knights is being done by 20 percent of the brothers. It's really not that hard to come to a meeting or give up a few hours for a charitable cause. Just a few hours here or there can help you get to that well-earned afterlife. I hoping my charitable works are accruing interest with the Good Lord and I hope your good works are too!!!

And finally, I did want to mention that we do have a new (though temporary) insurance field agent by the name of John Mueller. Brother John came to our last general meeting and I was impressed with his character and approach. He seemed quite genuine and willing to help. So, if you are a younger Knight who needs life insurance or are someone looking for a retirement annuity, why not get coverage from an organization with like values versus some conglomerate like Mutual of Omaha (if they still exist). John is based out of Rocklin and his phone number is (916) 860-9505 and his email is [john.mueller@kofc.org](mailto:john.mueller@kofc.org).

Upcoming Events:

March 31<sup>st</sup> – Church Recruitment Drive

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Cinco de Mayo

God Bless you and your families! And do not forget we are “Knights of Faith – Knights of Charity – Knights of Action”

Ed Grens

## **SPIRITUAL ADVISORS CORNER:**

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Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song. (Psalm 100:1-2)

Every weekend, hundreds of millions of Catholics around the world gather to celebrate Mass. They come from different backgrounds and ages, and they bring countless gifts, burdens, hopes, and needs with them. Together they form the body of Christ the call to worship contained in today's psalm. Sing joyfully to the Lord. The psalm starts out as the people gather in joy and gladness. Everyone is invited to sing and celebrate. When you're at Mass, and you see the cross coming down the aisle, be sure to sing that opening hymn! Imagine yourself joining brothers and sisters of every race in praising and glorifying the Lord. Know that the Lord is God. What better way to know the Lord is God than through the Liturgy of the Word? Listen as God reveals himself through the Old and New Testaments. Imagine that Jesus is saying these words to you, and let the message of his goodness and faithfulness lift your heart up to heaven. Give thanks to him; bless his name. You aren't entering the Temple in Jerusalem, but you are entering the courts of heaven itself. From the offertory procession through the Eucharistic prayer, imagine that the angels are coming down to accept your gifts and prayers and to give you God's choicest blessings in return. For he is good. The psalm ends by proclaiming how good, faithful, and kind God is. It's this goodness that you are receiving in Communion, and it's this goodness that you can now take with you as you leave church. Hold onto that goodness. Savor it, and let it change your heart. Mass is never meant to be routine. How can it be when the body of Christ gathers and the angels and saints join in worship? With a little bit of imagination and a lively faith, you can be caught up in this beautiful prayer. You can be caught up to heaven, where

Jesus, your great high priest, is offering himself to you. “Thank you, Lord, for drawing us together as one body to worship you!” As we leave Mass filled with much joy may we find ourselves men who joyfully serve others in our community and the Brother Knights.

Deacon James Burkett

Spiritual Advisor

### **LECTORS CORNER:**

Brothers: Ms. Alice Camille, in her notes to Exploring the Sunday Readings...Vol.26/ Number 6 for the month of March, 2016, offers the following meditation for Palm Sunday of that year.

Sometimes it's better not to know. For Jesus, knowing translated into a special kind of anguish. He'd long recognized in Isaiah's description of the suffering faithful servant the image of his destiny. He'd played political chess with the religious leaders long enough to know that they were increasingly determined to eliminate him. Jesus knew that the Roman Empire wasn't given to justice or mercy. Jesus was aware that coming to Jerusalem during the Passover festival increased the danger to his person a hundredfold.

And those were the impersonal elements. Jesus also knew Judas had already agreed to betray him, and Peter would swear he didn't know him before the night was over. The others would run, and his mother would watch it all. The hearing would be rigged, and the trial would be a farce. Execution would be painful, and then there would be death. With a garden of agonies ahead of him, Jesus did not turn back, did not shield his face. Jesus knew, above all, that these events would set the world right.

## **KNIGHTS INSURANCE**

### ***We Stand Strong on Ethical Ground***

You're Catholic and you're ethical. So is the Knights of Columbus Insurance program! Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful, and we are!

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to ensure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it.

"We exclude any company engaged in activity that conflicts with Catholic moral teaching: companies directly involved in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of these, or pornography," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "There are many companies in the pharmaceutical and communications industries that would undoubtedly provide excellent returns for us, but which are not in our portfolio because they engage in research and development or programming in ways that violate the sanctity or dignity of human life."

In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets

and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

Discover the Catholic difference of doing business with the Knights of Columbus. Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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### **EDITORS COMMENTS:**

Brother Knights,

You Should have received a major message from Supreme about Planned Parenthood, part of which I have included here. However, the other two attachments are too large for this Newsletter, but I recommend that you look them over at your own convenience. I feel strongly about what's presently occurring in regard to abortion and only hope that feel the same way also. If you have deleted the message, please look in your trash folder and look it over. It's important because of what is happening in regard to abortion lately.

The message is:

This month, the Knights have a tremendous weapon to use against the Abortion Industry and **especially Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion mill in the USA!**

That weapon is the movie **UNPLANNED** being released this March 29th which depicts the horrors of the abortion industry and especially that of Planned Parenthood which uses our tax dollars to slaughter millions of the unborn children!

How can the Knights use this movie to fight Planned Parenthood and Abortion? Knights are asked to:

1. educate your council members, families and community on the horrors of abortion and Planned Parenthood by forwarding the attached materials **TODAY** to all your members and community (material was mailed to all Grand Knights)

2. promote the upcoming movie **Unplanned** opening on March 29th in your community by distributing this link: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/> which will provide you with movie clips and a listing of theaters in your community where you can purchase the tickets in advance of March 29th.

**This is one of the most powerful movies depicting the horrors and crimes of the abortion industry.**

As a Knight, it is imperative that you take up action:

1. Distribute this email to all members & your community
2. Promote the movie by emailing this link to all your Knights, families, parishioners and community: <https://www.unplannedfilm.com/>
3. **Encourage everyone to see this movie - You will never have to explain to those seeing this movie the horrors of abortion or the right to life of the unborn!**

**Time is short - Act Now!**

Blessings on you and your Family-

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Brother Knights,

Today we're happy to announce a one-of-kind partnership to help your council inform and inspire parishioners in their pro-life efforts!

Enclosed you will find the mini-magazine entitled The Truth Behind Planned Parenthood. It's a compelling combination of essays from national pro-life leaders.

In the U.S. Planned Parenthood performs more abortions than any other organization. At least 881 per day. Their “reproductive healthcare” strategies lead our young people to embrace many life-offending abuses.

We’ve enclosed a few samples for your council to review. Please consider how you could share this magazine with people in your parish. Human Life Alliance (HLA) has committed to providing any quantity you need free of charge.

This and other HLA resources will help in your pro-life efforts. You might hand out copies after Mass, use them as a resource for 40 Days for Life teams, give to March for Life bus riders, share with youth ministers you know, or have copies available for the “Unplanned” screenings.

With this comprehensive pro-life information, you can protect your family, lead with faith, and defend the most vulnerable among us.

We hope you take advantage of this special opportunity. Please contact Human Life Alliance at (651) 484-1040 or visit the website at [humanlife.org](http://humanlife.org) to request copies.

In Life,

Richard Marciniak, PGK, PCP Joe Langfeld Knights of Columbus, State of California Human Life Alliance Culture of Life & Walks for Life Chair  
Executive Director & Brother Knight

## **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIED OR ARE IN DISTRESS.**

### **Our Beloved Deceased**

Janet Grens                                      Rev. Fr. Ned O'Hara

James Chen                                      Andy Bertagna

Pat Ahern                                      George Farrugia

Mark Westerlube

### **And Those who are ill or in distress:**

Fr. Francis Stevenson                      Carolyn Mormann

Carmen Farrugia                              Janie Montgomery

William Wong (Knight)                      Margaret Brown

Jame Chen (Knight)                              Tammy Prior

Mike Conquesto (Knight)                      Richard Reinero (Knight)

Jerry Schele (Knight)                              Melanie O'Conner

Victims of the Camp Fire                      Derrick Bailey

Mary Lancaster                                      Janet Davis

Leon Riley                                      Mary Nichols

Mary Lancaster                                      Nick Callas

Victims of the Camp Fire

### **In addition, the RCIA Candidates for Baptism on Holy Saturday.**

Essie Romero                                      Dana Nichol-Smith

Daniel Rodriques                                      Cynthia Semisen

**Prayer:** Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into His all-embracing love.

Guide these Catechumens and Candidates in the days and weeks ahead: strengthen them in their vocation, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your promise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***And don't forget a prayer of one Hail Mary each night as per the request of our beloved Pope Francis and Fr. Renier Silva.***

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:**

William Ahern	04-04	Pat Conroy	04-07
Dannie Hatcher	04-20	David Kennedy	04-04
Brian Patrick Mohs	04-11	Douglas Myers	04-08
Mark Priano	04-10	Jeff Ross	04-19
Zachary Stine	04-23	Daniel Victorino	04-25

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# APRIL 2019 COUNCIL CALENDAR

Recruitment.	1 Knights Open House	2	3	4	5	6
7 No Knights Brkfst. Lent	8	9 Knights Mtg. 6pm. Admissions Degree.	10	11	12 Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 No Donuts. Lent	22	23 Officer Mtg. 6:30pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				