



# Knights' News

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## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

Introduction: Our Brother Knight, Deacon James Burkett of Our Divine Savior Parish, has volunteered to be our council's Spiritual Advisor until we find a new Chaplain. He offers some spiritual words of wisdom below.

### Penitential Rite:

"Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life."

How much time do we spend in our day looking at our lives? Are we spending enough time with God or do we just try to slip Him into our day when it is convenient? Do we really put God first in our life or is He just an afterthought?

As I look back into my past, which by the way, I do not spend much time in there, mostly because living there does not serve much purpose for my Eternal reward. In my past I have missed many opportunities to spend time with the Lord and sometimes missed spending time with family and others because I was looking only to the future.

Which brings me to the next point: living in the future. If I am living thinking about all the things I need or want to get done or have to do so I can be happy, I miss out on the Lord who is standing along side of me. Now this brings me to the third point: the God who is of the present, the God who lives and is alive right now and right here with us every day. Do we recognize Him?

If we spend too much time on our past and our future, we are not looking at the importance of forgiveness. To have forgiveness, we have to live in the here and now. To know Jesus' love for us, we need to be present to Him in our daily life. Just as we eat every day, so must we spend time with the Lord every day. It is like breathing.

As we breathe in the fresh air, we need to breathe in Jesus; as we exhale, we need to release carbon monoxide, used-up air. As we fill up our lungs, we are filling up our life with God's goodness. When we do this, then we are living in the present and living with a forgiven heart, mind, soul and spirit.

Lord Jesus, I ask that You forgive this person (a sinner) so as to live in the presence of a living God.

Deacon James Burkett, Spiritual Advisor

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

I would like to thank those who attended the 5:00 mass and helped at the potluck on April 28. Thanks also to those who supported Our Divine Savior's Cinco de Mayo Dinner and helped in the kitchen and at the bar. I especially thank those who attended the May 9 special meeting to plan our budget and calendar. We have a great head start for next year because of your suggestions. We had an amazing turnout at the Bishop's mass on May 19, our first mass back in Paradise since the Camp Fire. The shirts designed by Greg Kidder were a big hit showing the solidarity of hundreds of parishioners in our return. Greg DeCristofaro purchased new coffee pots, and coffee and donuts for the crowd. The size of the crowd impressed Bishop Soto and surprised our Brother Knights who worked hard until the coffee and donuts ran out. Thanks go out to our Knights who helped at the Paradise Cemetery to put out flags on Veterans' graves and took them down a few days later.

Our District Deputy, Lou Gervais and his wife, Lois showed my wife, Barbara, and I the ropes for our first State Convention. Barbara snapped a picture of us as we planned our first day in San Diego.



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There were more than 800 attendees and we heard many fine speeches and stories from state officials, supreme directors, chairmen, and leaders from other councils that presented information about their challenges and accomplishments. As the convention was ending, I was shocked to receive the California Knight of the Year award. I consider it an honor for all of our Council 7773 Brother Knights, how we banded together to survive the Camp Fire, even adding new members and moving back up the hill for our first meeting in Paradise. I took a picture of my Brother Knights of the Year in front of our new banner at our first meeting.



Now we are leading the charge back up the hill for our Brother Knights, our parishioners, and our community. That charge will be led by a new slate of officers.

After two opportunities to make nominations at the last two business meetings, please review the list of those who have been nominated and have accepted the nomination to serve as officers in our council.

Be prepared for the final nominations and election of our 2019 - 2020 officers at our next business meeting on June 12. Our new officers will be installed on June 26 and will assume their positions on July 1.

Please attend the June 12 meeting to cast your votes and the June 26 mass, offered by our Brother Knight Fr. Godwin, to pray for our new officers and for the Lord's blessing on our council. All council members are welcome to celebrate at the potluck following the mass and installation.

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**Calendar of Events***June / July 2019*

June 2	Potluck at Our Divine Savior (Chico) after 1:00 mass
June 9	Formation and Knighthood Degrees Marysville 10:00 am
June 12	6:30 pm Rosary, 7:00 Business meeting, Nominations, Election
June 13	St. John's Chico Admission Degree 6:00 pm
June 26	5:00 pm Mass, Installation of Officers and Potluck
June 30	12:30 pm: 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary; 1:00 pm: Bishop's Mass with honor guard; Barbecue
July 4	July 4th
July 6	10:00 am: Prayer service; 12:00 pm Potluck (lasagna with chaffing pots)
July 13	ODS: State Deputy, Dave Abbott, and State Officers installation

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

Kenneth Keesling—1<sup>st</sup>  
Steve Neeley—20<sup>th</sup>

Charles Riley—10<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Kelly—24<sup>th</sup>

Rev. Goodwin Xavier—14<sup>th</sup>  
Richard Pompati—24<sup>th</sup>

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please pray for: Gary Behne, Primo and Marilyn Incerty, Greg Wright, Russ Cangialosi, Greg Foreman, Bernadette Sanchez, Tom deBettencourt, Leon Riley, Leo Benedetti, Alphonse Sperske, Ron Martin, Dave Porter, Greg DeCristofaro's grand nephew, Duncan Barnard and grandson Noah, Roy Stanton, Michael Potthast, Michael Doyle, Tom and Peggy Schaub, Dave Lemire and his mother Haruko, Greg Kidder, John Tompkinsen, Linda Shores and Steve Macy's nephew Matt.

Please remember in your prayers the victims killed in Virginia and continue to pray for all those on our prayer list. Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters. For additions, deletions, corrections, or current status, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

**INSURANCE INFO****Long-Term Care Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle**

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 17 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today. Contact me today to learn more about our products.

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (con't)

Grand Knight:	Dave Porter, Ken Marshall	Lecturer	To be appointed
Deputy Grand Knight:	John Courtney	1 Year Trustee	Dave Young
Chancellor:	Greg DeCristofaro	2 Year Trustee	John Thomas
Financial Secretary:	To be recommended to	3 Year Trustee	Dave Lemire
	Supreme: Jim Collins	Advocate	To be appointed
Recorder:	Greg Wright	Inside Guard	Leo Benedetti
Warden:	Chuck Knechtel	Outside Guard	Ron Galla
Treasurer	Mark Fowler		

We will also be celebrating the advancement of several Brother Knights to the Formation and Knighthood Degrees on June 9 in Marysville and the addition of at least one new Knight who will receive the Admission Degree in Chico on June 13.

Our council has been affirmed by recent donations from one assembly and two other councils. Council 4593 of Carmel mailed us a \$1,500 check. Sir Knight Robert Strawn of Assembly 1979 (Oakland) flew to the Chico airport where he presented a \$5,000 check to Greg Kidder (I was attending a Chapter meeting in Roseville).



A few days later I met Brother Knight, Steve Milo, from Council 9202 (Lincoln). He drove from Lincoln to join me for dinner at the Italian Cottage in Chico to present our council with a check for \$10,737.00. Steve had challenged his council to donate \$10,000. Later on, his Brother Knights passed the hat for an additional \$737.00.

We have been honored with the support of Knights throughout the United States. We are challenged now to step up to the plate and continue our commitment to our council, our parish, and our community. We need to commit ourselves to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism of our Order, helping our Brothers in need and keeping our council alive and well.

With limited space, some of our traditional events and activities will be reduced in number. This reduction needs to be replaced by a daily commitment to help others. I was recently asked by a parishioner if our Knights could help with the move back to Paradise. This will be our challenge in the next few years: to help our Brother Knights, our parishioners, and our community members to return to Paradise. If we meet this challenge, our council will be remembered as those brave Knights who led the charge back up the hill.

**In His service and yours, Jim Collins, Council 7773 GK**

## KNIGHT'S CORNER

Thanks to all the Knights who helped with the ODS Cinco de Mayo dinner, especially Greg Wright, Ron Martin and Greg DeCristofaro. We had a great turnout for our calendar and budget meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Greg Kidder for organizing the STM workdays getting the church ready for our Bishop, all the Knights who helped with the Sunday coffee and donuts after our Mass with Bishop Soto, and to those Knights who helped out at the Paradise Cemetery putting out the flags for Memorial Day.

Dave Young and Greg DeCristofaro have been helping out at the Paradise Hope Recovery Center and could use more Knight volunteers. Don't forget to bring your canned goods to Mass for the Hope Recovery Center.

June 30<sup>th</sup> will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month so we will be able to say the Rosary before Bishop Soto welcomes us back to our Church, St. Thomas More, in Paradise. Let us continue to help one another and our community to recover from the Camp Fire.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY'S DISCOURSE

It's great to be back in Paradise. We held our first meeting at STM on May 22, in the Multi-Purpose room and we are going back to our regularly scheduled meeting date on the second Wednesday of each month taking July off this year. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12 at STM. This meeting is the most important meeting of the Fraternal Year as we will be electing our new officers for 2019-2020. Come and make a difference as this will be my last meeting as your DD.

Our GK, Jim Collins was recognized at our State Convention receiving the highest award given to any brother bestowing the "STATE KNIGHT OF THE YEAR" upon him. Congratulations Worthy Grand Knight Jim as you truly earned and deserve this honor. May God continue to guide, protect, and keep you healthy.

I personally want to thank each and everyone of you as our council, especially Greg Kidder, Greg DeCristofaro, and Dave Lemire, who have gone through so much and all our lives have been changed forever. With God's help and guidance, we have come through all this stronger and better than ever.

We were awarded STAR COUNCIL status by Supreme back in 2017 and again in 2018. We are still a STAR COUNCIL, and I am asking all brothers to continue and help us to get across that finish line established by Supreme on June 30, 2019 as the STAR COUNCIL that we are. All that is needed is a little help and prayers. We have one new member that was read at our last meeting and we need two more. We also need three insured members, and our GA and FA are onboard to help us get there.

This council has come together and has done an outstanding job in stepping up to server your priest, church, parishioners, and community. We have banded together and helped one another the best we could and made a real difference to our members, priest, parishioners, and community. You have exceeded all your goals for our Faith in Action program and currently at 57% and soon to be 71% of meeting your membership quota. Now all that is left is to get two additional members. We also need three new insurance members. This option is open to any brother knight that is currently not insured.

I challenge each of you to get onboard and help us achieve our membership and insurance goals and let's "MAKE IT HAPPEN". If you need any special help with this, call me anytime.

As your District Deputy I have tried my best to get all the info needed and find the best options that are opened and available to each of you. One of those items is information about insurance. To become an insured member does not require the purchase of insurance as our insurance agents are trained, certified, and licensed to offer a variety of products that also includes investment options with a guarantee of a minimum amount of return on your investment.

I urge each of you to available yourself and meet with your filed agent to find out what is being offered and how it can make a real difference to you and your family. The Knights of Columbus has held one of the highest ratings in the industry for many decades, and one of the best parts of all of this is the fact that NONE of the money that is received and invested on your behalf is ever invested in anything that does not support all of our Catholic values.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
Lou Gervais, District 2 Deputy



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