



Knights' News

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CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Please pray for those on our prayer list: Gary Behne, Primo and Marilyn Incerty, Greg Wright, Russ Cangi-alsi, 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 Sri Lanka and Sunnyvale.

Also 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.

GRAND KNIGHT’S NOTATIONS

A special welcome to our newest Brother, Mike Shores. Mike will be working with Lou Gervais to keep our Council’s website up to date.

Our thanks go out to Russ Neal who has put together this newsletter while he is still recovering from surgery. Thanks, Russ, for years of dedication to assembling and publishing our newsletter.

Thanks to all those who attended Jim Stark’s vigil, funeral, and burial. Thanks, also, to those who gathered in Sterling City for the burial service for Joe Serembe. See picture below:



Greg DeCristofaro, Dave Lemire, Chuck Knechtel, Jim Collins

Thanks to our Emergency Fund Committee (GK, Treasurer, Trustees) for meeting and deciding on expenditure of funds. Based on special needs submitted, checks ranging from \$300 to \$5,000 were sent to ten Knights. Submit any ongoing or new request to any committee member in the next two weeks. Thanks go out to those who helped at the Our Divine Savior work Day and to all those who joined the group from St. Bonaventure’s in prayer and at lunch at St. Thomas More. This was the first opportunity for most of us to return to our parish grounds.

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At that time the ruins of the parish hall and rectories were dramatic. Now those ruins are gone leaving bare ground and welcoming new buildings to replace the old. Our special thanks to the Christian Brothers students, with the leadership of our Brother Greg Kidder, who spruced up the parish landscape and discarded trash from the Table of Plenty building.

In the coming months each of us will be challenged to help with the return to our parish. On May 9 (Our Divine Savior Hall, 6:30 pm) I invite every member of our Council to join in planning our budget and calendar focusing on our return. We need to brainstorm ways to make our Council and Parish strong again establishing a firm foundation for future growth.

As part of that effort, I invite each of you to attend the first mass back at St. Thomas More. Bishop Jaime Soto will celebrate mass with us at 8:00 am on May 19. He will return later, on June 30 at 1:00 pm, for a special solemn mass which will be our official ceremony to invoke the Lord’s blessing on our return to our church and our parish.

To prepare for this return, on May 23rd we will hold an Admission Degree for new members followed by our business meeting and election of new officers for the 2019 – 2020 year. I am including (below) the list of those who have been nominated and have accepted the nomination to serve as officers in our council:

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

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*Calendar of Events**May 2019*

May 4 Cinco de Mayo Fiesta Dinner (ODS Council for Columbus Charities) 6:00 pm
 May 9 Budget and Calendar meeting, ODS, Officers and members 6:30 pm
 May 14 Registration Deadline for Formation and Knighthood Degrees
 May 19 Bishop's Mass at STM: 8:00 am; informal
 May 23 Admission Degree (ODS) hosted by STM Council 6:00 pm; Rosary 6:45; Business Meeting 7:00 pm
 May 25 Formation and Knighthood Degrees (Susanville)

June 20 At STM: Rosary 6:30; 7:00 pm: Business Meeting
 June 27 At STM: Installation of New Officers, 5:30 pm, followed by potluck (tentative)
 June 30 Bishop's Mass at STM: 1:00 pm; 4th Degree Honor Guard; Special Mass

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Michael Gerspacher—1 st	Primo Incerty—5 th	Russ Neal—10 th
Edward Jimenez—13 th	Matthew Gerspacher—16 th	Nick Mastromatteo—17 th
Alfred Potthast—19 th	Ezra Downer—22 nd	Gregory Foreman—25 th

INSURANCE INFO

Dear Brother Knights, I would like to bring to your attention an outstanding product offered by the Knights of Columbus. The Survivorship Universal Life (SUL) plan is a second to die life insurance program that covers two individuals, and the death benefit is paid upon the second death of the two insureds. Issue age for both insureds is 20 to 80. How does the SUL work? Well, two individuals apply for the policy and each of the applicants is underwritten on a stand-alone basis. One of the applicants can be "uninsurable" as long as the second applicant is not rated below standard for the health rating. This is key because for some married couples, rather young or old, one may be uninsurable. With this policy, that is not a problem to get approved for it.

Main uses for the plan include. 1) Estate Planning Needs: Estate taxes can reduce the value of an estate and the SUL product can be purchased to preserve the overall estate value. The SUL product ensures money is there to meet taxes and other estate settlement costs. This will help to pass the entire estate value to heirs instead of it being reduced by taxes. 2) Charitable giving purposes: An owner may endow a charity or charitable institution using an SUL. Properly structured this can benefit the charitable organization at the second death and benefit the donor currently by providing a tax deduction on their income taxes.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (con't)

Nominations will remain open until our May 23 meeting where the nomination process will continue. At the close of the nomination an election of officers will take place.

I invite all (First Degree) members to advance to the Formation and Knighthood Degrees (Second and Third Degrees) in Susanville on May 25. This will enable them to serve as officers to bring their talents and leadership to help our Council. Contact me if you wish to join this opportunity for advancement.

A special thank you goes out to Greg DeCristofaro and all our brother Knights who did the setup, cooking and clean-up for the Tri-Tip potluck on Divine Mercy Sunday after Mass. Thanks also to Brother Knight Dan Rodrigues from the ODS council for leading the barbecue effort.

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

NOTES FROM THE WEBMASTER

Dear Brother Knights, Our entire website has been redesigned and is now hosted on the Knights of Columbus California District 2's website. Our Council has its dedicated home page and it is now located at: <http://kofc-ca-d2.org/Council-7773/>. This new site was launched on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2019 and a new Newsletter Selector has been designed and implemented on April 18, 2019. Our new Newsletter Selector now has support for all of our newsletters that have been published since January 2010. Additionally, all the other councils and our Assembly from our district that have newsletters are also available to each of you. Our K of C District 2's website is located at: be KofC-CA-D2.org

We now have a new webmaster for our council. Please welcome and support our Brother Mike Shores who comes to us with much experience and fresh ideas that I am sure will greatly support and enhance our web presence as we evolve.

Mike is here and willing to help in whatever way he can. He is open to and encourages your feedback, inputs, changes, or corrections. Please be advised that this is our website, and it is open and available to support all our council's needs as we continue to evolve.

Just FYI, for those of you that have already bookmarked our council's home page that was located on the ST. Thomas More's website that was located at: <http://www.stmparadise.org/kofc-ca-district-2/>, be advised that you will be automatically redirect to the new and correct landing place on our very own website.

It's been truly a pleasure to have had the opportunity to design, develop, implement, and support our website, and I leave you in very capable hands as Mike will now be your contact person for our electronic content. I will remain in support for this website for the next three years and help as needed.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Lou Gervais, Past Webmaster

KNIGHTS' CORNER

I would like to say thank you to my brother Knights who helped with the workday at ODS on April 6th. On April 13th Knights and parishioners welcomed St. Bonaventure from Concord in visiting STM and sharing a sack lunch and tour of the Church with Greg Kidder. They also made a generous donation to the church to help rebuild.

The next day we welcomed the students from Christian Brothers High School of Sacramento with a parish potluck. On Monday they cleaned up the table-of-plenty garage and the Franciscan Garden. On Wednesday they invited the Knights to join them in presenting their personal reflections of their experience with us in their presentation of the Stations of The Cross.

April 25th four of our brother Knights attended the burial services for Brother Joe Serembe in Sterling City.

I would like to thank my brother Knights including Brother Dan Rodrigues from ODS council in preparing our Tri-Tip potluck for Divine Mercy Sunday after Mass. We had a great turnout and thank you to all the Knights who helped with set up and clean up. Let us continue to help one another and our community to recover from the Camp Fire.

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Owners should consult their tax professional for advice for this option. 3) Legacy Planning: Parents or grandparents can use an SUL to leave tax-free funds for their children or grandchildren. 4) Special Needs Planning: The SUL product is an excellent tool to ensure that a special needs child is properly cared for by funding the child's continued care with proceeds from the policy when the second caregiver passes away. 5) Dependent Support Planning: The SUL product can provide funds to a designated legal guardian to provide care of children if both parents are deceased. This can help with food, clothing, housing, and education costs.

In closing, it should be noted that the insureds do not have to be spouses. If the insureds are not husband and wife, both insureds must be eligible to obtain insurance from the Knights of Columbus. Insureds could be a father and son, or even two brothers. To learn more about the value of this plan for your family, or how it can benefit your favorite charity, please call me today.

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