



# Knights' News

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## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

*Luke 2:36-38 "There was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."*

If you want to see an example of the vital role that senior women can play in the family of God, just look at Anna! Her story is so short, yet very compelling. A prayerful widow, she spent all her days in the Temple. Imagine Anna's faithfulness and devotion, which encouraged the young men still learning their priestly duties. Her hope and anticipation of the Messiah invigorated the older priests who were beginning to grow weary of offering daily sacrifices.

Surely her prayerful attitude drew others into worship as well. Anna probably worked also to bring reconciliation, she may have discreetly prayed for God to help them forgive one another.

So, when she came to the Temple on this special day, Anna's years of prayerful waiting had sharpened her awareness so that she recognized Jesus as her long-awaited Messiah--with the boldness that comes from prayer.

My brother Knights, we can probably identify some seasoned parishioners like Anna in our church. Their stories remind us of God's goodness and faithfulness. They listen attentively to our concerns. They intercede and help lift the burdens of the people around them.

So, keep our eyes open for the "Anna's (women/men)" out there. Take the time to thank them for all the ways they act as a positive influence on their surroundings—and on us. Brothers, we too are to be that light, hope and encouragement to those who enter the door of the Church.

**Deacon James Burkett, Spiritual Advisor, Council 7773**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Council 7773 Knights,  
Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve the Council to the extent that I have.

It was important to me last June that the Knights of Columbus at St Thomas More Parish continued to be available to the Church and the community.

I also believed that, after the life changing experience we had all been going through, I wanted and needed to be available to help and support my Brother Knights in any way I could. So important to me it was, that I took the position of Grand Knight!

I knew our challenges were great. I knew that our demographics had drastically changed, and we were dealing with the challenge of separation.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> Masses at St. John's Church, I felt the desire and appreciation of our parishioners to be reunited. That is what I feel for my Brother Knights.

I have come to realize over the Months that my desire to be available to my Brothers and to connect with them in ways that may benefit them, was driven more by my need for support and my desire to stay connected.

Life's challenges have been great. I have seen a lot of Brothers I care about struggle in ways none of us could have imagined.

In some ways I feel stronger. Through powerlessness, I am more reliant on God for support and direction. And, at the same time, I realize more, my weaknesses. I can feel doubt, discouragement, depression and other feelings

Pulling at me constantly.

It is my faith in God and my feelings of connectedness to others, especially to my Brother Knights and their faith in God that keeps my path to the future illuminated with the light of Christ and direction from the Holy Spirit.

It is my intent that in sharing this with you, that I am exposing my feelings for what they are, feelings. They are not necessarily who I am but, are just my experiences.

Sometimes I feel others may struggle and think it is a reflection of weakness. I believe it is a part of being human. I do not think I should hold myself to standards that are above being human.

I believe God does not expect perfection from us.

I do strive for greater Faith. I desire to be more accepting of God's love and the love from others. I do seek to be more understanding and loving to others.

I want most to see God in others. I want to withhold judgement. I want to appreciate others for who they are. I also want these things for myself.

Thank you for the many gifts I have received through this fellowship. The comradery with my Brother Knights has benefitted me tremendously.

God Bless us all,

Dave Porter, GK

***Calendar of Events******February / March***

February 1 -- Franciscans Game Day 11am-3pm  
February 8 -- Annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking  
February 12 -- No Admissions Degree, Rosary 6:30pm, Business meeting 7pm  
February 16 -- Valentine potluck luncheon after 1 pm. Mass  
February 26 -- Ash Wednesday

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March 1 -- Special Olympics, Chico  
March 11 -- Rosary 6:30pm; Business meeting, 7:00pm  
March 15 -- St. Patrick's Day Luncheon/Dinner

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

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| John Courtney—1 <sup>st</sup>     | Kevin Dixon—1 <sup>st</sup>       | William Courtney—8 <sup>th</sup> |
| William J Lawson—25 <sup>th</sup> | Dea Ray Helgeson—26 <sup>th</sup> |                                  |

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please pray for those on our prayer list: Primo Incerty, Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Bernadette Sanchez, Tom deBettencourt, Leon Riley, Leo Benedetti , Alphonse Sperske , Ron Martin, Dave Lemire, Dan Young, Chris Mulqueeney, Tom Kelly, John Thomas, Chris Rehmann, Zooba Zwicker, Jim and Nancy Barnes, John Tompkinson, Ken Keesling, Ameer Sampson , Miles and Margaret Pustejovski.

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.

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## **KNIGHT'S CORNER**

Thank you for being the glue that helps hold our faith community together. We look forward to working with the St. Thomas More Ladies Society in the future.

Thanks, is in order to the many Knights and their wives who have helped in recent weeks. Thanks to John Thomas and K of C crew for putting on a fantastic ham dinner to celebrate the New Year. Our Knights stepped up and helped with clean up.

On Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> brother Knights Greg Kidder, Dave Porter, Dave Lamire, Jim Collins, John Thomas and Greg DC pitched in and rearranged and added shelving in the kitchen. Come in and check it out.

Reminder: you can come in every Wednesday and help GK David Porter with what needs to be done (except our meeting Wednesday, from 10am – 12noon)

Also, thanks to Greg Kidder and all our fellow Knights who helped with the Knights of Malta presentation. We had our first opportunity to work with the St. Thomas More Ladies Society in jointly putting on a lasagna dinner. Everyone pitched in to help clean up.

Let us continue to help one another, our parish and our community to recover from the Camp Fire and build for our future.

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