



KNIGHTLY NOTES



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NOTES FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Thank you, Lord, for another day to be alive. Let me be kind to someone today.

My Brothers and Sisters,

On Saturday, January 23rd, at Our Lady of Las Vegas Parish, 34 men received their Formation Degree and became 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus. One of these men, a Seminarian named Godwin Anyanwu became a member of our Council, and it was my privilege to welcome him to our Order.



This was my first experience with the new Degree configuration, and, while it may have lacked some of the emphases of the prior forms, it was nevertheless impressive. While it may blur the prior distinction of three separate degrees, the condensed format does offer an efficiency of time.

The point of my commentary to you, however, is that it would be well for all of us to consider anew the three tenets inculcated in the oath we all took upon our entry into the Order: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

We cannot escape the upheaval and raw irrational behavior of some of our fellow citizens following the National election this last November, and it is not my place nor intention to direct blame. It is appropriate, however, to suggest that an individual revisiting of our charge as Christian Catholics, and as Knights of Columbus, to virtues we profess to believe just might have a calming and reflective effect on how our personal behavior could serve to bring a little peace to this troubling and uncertain time.

Charity, the essential first principle of the Order, reminds us of our Christian duty to care for all those with whom we share this planet, not just those who may share our secular views. It isn't

intended to be an easy task, but this is precisely what we signed up for when we accepted God's invitation to share in His love. Love and kindness, especially in a time of great stress, can cool hot temperatures and soften divisive language.

Unity informs and commits us to finding common ground in the quest to resolve difficult issues. Unity reminds us that we are all in this boat together, and that progress is only attained when we work together and pull in an agreed overall direction. When we remember one another as fellow travelers striving to do our best to reach common goals, "My way or the highway" has no place in our Faith or our community, because the only way is God's way. Fraternity defines how we live with one another. Strong differences of opinion are fine as long as we realize that the search for common ground occurs through reasoned and respectful discussion and behavior. A difference of opinion is not a reason for anyone to be denied respect. Fraternity suggests that we realize, as Christian brothers and sisters, we are Family and, as Family, we recognize each person's worth and value to the whole.

It would seem, my dear Brothers and Sisters, that some personal reflection on our principles of the Order might help in calming tensions and help our society begin to heal deep differences. It might be useful to recall the old adage: "God loves you, and I'm trying."

Peace be with you.
Don Thompson
Grand Knight



In his Jan. 1, 2021 World Day of Peace message titled "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace", Pope Francis writes "These and other events that marked humanity's path this past year have taught us how important it is care for one another and creation in efforts to build a more fraternal society ... a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time."



Council Calendar of Events



***Presentation of the Lord
February 2***

***Ash Wednesday
February 17***



February Birthdays!



Steve	Escalona	2/1	John	Falzarano	2/9	Jeffrey	Mc Donough	2/23
Joseph	Anthony	2/2	Sean	Doak	2/10	Francis	Cichoski	2/26
Peter	Wagenleitner	2/2	John	Delibos	2/12	Ernest	Sandberg	2/26
Henry	Castro	2/7	Don	Thompson	2/14	Mark	Frasier	2/27
Rolando	Domdom	2/8	Michael	Castronova	2/15	Robert	Spiro	2/28
Jeremiah	Carroll	2/9	Frank	Fuoco	2/21			

From Membership Director

Brothers,

I hope everyone enjoyed our little snow fall recently. We are past the last week of January and I am sorry to say we are about 7 members short of meeting our yearly quota. We did have a Seminarian join our Council, Godwin Anyanwu, from Holy Spirit, who took his Degree on January 23rd at OLLV welcome Godwin.



We also have another Seminarian transferring in to our council, Magnus Labokwe a 1st Degree from Holy Family Catholic Church, here in town. If we had known sooner he also could have taken his Degree at the same time, so we need to keep recruiting, need I remind you? I hope in the next several months we can start having our own Formation Degrees at ST.J H o M, Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for my wife Dolores who is going through a health problem right now,

Thank you BE WELL,

Bob Zagby

Membership Chairman

1st Degree Team Leader

Vivat Jesus

My phone number is 702 379 3025 and my e mail is: rwz9917@aol.com .

RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

At this time contact me to request a form 100

Formation Degree Exemplification

Don't forget – Help recruit Members! The Formation Degree at SJHOM is held the last Saturday of the Month!

At this time all Formation Degrees are postponed until a future date.



Council Recognition



Knight of the Month - February 2021
Godwin Anyanwu

New member, Godwin Anyanwu, 4th Year Theology
Seminarian on Pastoral assignment, has been recommended
for Knight of the Month

Family of the Month - February 2021

No family of the Month was submitted for this month

Message from Financial Secretary

Worthy Brothers,

Welcome our New Members:

The Council received thank you notes for the 6 Seminararians that we supported in December. With those checks we included information on the Knights and a Form-100 inviting them to join the Knights. As a result:

We would like to Welcome Seminararian Manus Igbokwe who was doing a Partial year at Mother Seton and is now at Holy Family. He joined the Knights in California and transferred to 10442.

We also want to Welcome Seminararian Godwin Anyanwu who also responded with a nice thank you, but also became a Brother Knight last Saturday January 23rd and is already signed up to make his 4th degree on January 30th. Brother Godwin already has most of his theology studies completed so hopefully that will speed up his ordination.

Please remember all 9 Seminararians in your prayers, but especially the 3 seminararians that are members of our Council. Brother Simon Tran being the 3rd seminararian.

Dues Billing:

First, we would like to thank the 40 plus members who have already stepped up and paid more than what they were billed in an effort to help other members who because of the pandemic need help with their dues. Those who rounded up to \$50 or paid an extra \$42 really added up and allowed us to respond in a positive manner to those in need. THANK YOU!

Next, the second notices will be going out in February. In addition to emailed copies hard copies will be sent via US Mail asking for address corrections and e-Mail corrections. Please respond ASAP, this is a very time-consuming effort, and your cooperation is appreciated.

Like noted above, if you are able to round up to \$50 or pay for someone else, that extra help is most appreciated. Honorary Life Members, if you are able to help, please consider it.

Payments can still be made from the Council Website via Credit Card, or mailed to FS Ken Sawyer at 4404 Rosebank Cir, LV NV 89108

For any member that is truly having financial difficulties because of COVID, or other issues, please let me know. All information is kept confidential.

Storage Unit:

Please be advised that the Council will be moving out of the Storage unit on West Charleston on February 27th. Not being able to hold events at the Parish over the last several months, and it does not look promising in the next several months, we just cannot afford to keep paying that expense. We have worked out a temporary alternative. More information to come on the move requirements.

Prayer Requests:

We all receive requests for Prayers and on one hand we tend to overload the various emails systems to a point that members stop opening emails.

So, as a reminder, every member in a Council with UKnight can post Prayer requests, and when they do, that request flows to the State Website for 30 days.



When we have meetings and the GK asks if we know of anyone in need of prayers, I encourage you to refer to that list. You can highlight the list and copy the list and bring it to your meetings.

On the Council Website there is a button "For Prayer Requests" ANY MEMBER can log in with a member ID and DOB; type the person's name, in the box below tell why they need prayer. And submit, it that easy. Anyone with Admin ability can also manage that section.

Thanks,
Ken

Kenneth J Sawyer, PGK 10442, PFN 2820

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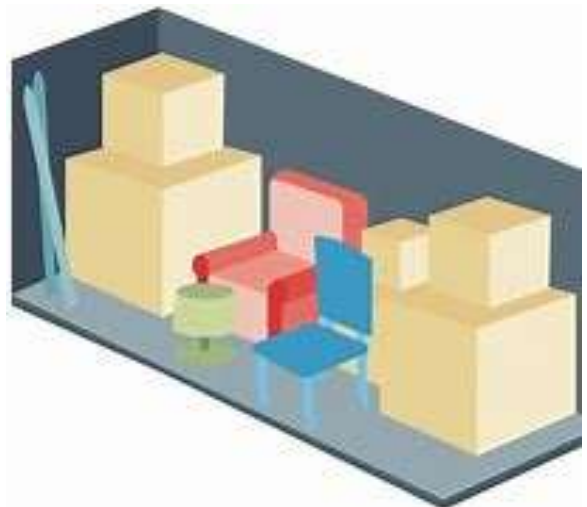


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As indicated in Financial Secretary Ken Sawyer's article we have to move out of the storage shed. Because we have not been able to hold any social or fundraising events, we are unable to pay the \$178.50 monthly fee for the storage shed. We are able to move out of the shed due to the generosity of our State Warden Tom Villardi who is allowing us to store all of our goods in his warehouse. He is going to supply us some help and the truck to help us move on February 27th. We will need our members to step up and help with this move. Keep an eye for more information on this move.

Again, we would like to thank Tom Villardi for his generosity for helping us in this unusual time of need. We will forever be grateful.

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Good of the Order

During these trying times of enduring the consequences of the pandemic and the ravages of unemployment and the hardship it has brought, we as knights are asked to come together in unity and charity. In spite of the fact that we can not meet in person we should all try to communicate with the officers of the council and do our part to be active in prayer and in each ones own ability to help either financially or by volunteering a little time to step up and choose a council office that you would like to fill next year.



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

- ❖ As most of you know Past Grand Knight Chuck McCloskey tested positive for covid-19. Chuck is doing much better but is still not back to where he would like to be and therefore still is in need of our prayers.
- ❖ Our excellent MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN BOB ZAGBY is in need for all of us to pray diligently for him and especially his wife Dee Zagby who had her gall bladder removed three weeks ago and on January 28th Dee had a tumor removed from her breast. They are waiting for the biopsy results to see what the next steps are. Please pray that Dee will recover completely and regain her health. We spoke to her today and she said she is feeling fine. Thanks for your prayers for the Zagby's son has he completely recovered from his bout with the covid virus.
- ❖ Arvilla Forbes continues to need our prayers for her recovery from covid -19 and also for her daughter RENEE who is recovering from covid-19 that she came down with after heart valve replacement surgery. Please pray that Renee' has a complete recovery.
- ❖ Please pray for the Mirandas, Ed and Maria that they recover from covid-19. Also, Maria had hip replacement surgery pray that she has a complete recovery.
- ❖ Prayers are also needed for Sandy who is having multiple surgeries this month.
- ❖ Continue praying for Nadine Stango who is recovering from a stroke and is in hospice care.

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Newsletter Editor



Council 10442 Insurance Field agent

Worthy Grand Knight and my brother Knights,

By the time you read this you and I have probably been working from home, sheltering in place or on lockdown for 11 months! Who would have thought it? I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.

Being at home so much over the past 11 months has been different...mostly in a good way, although I think most of us have "corona virus fatigue." We'll keep socially distant and do our part by wearing a mask, but we're tired of all the restrictions. On the home front we've had our troubles but being at home has helped me have more contact with my family and has taught me how precious time together is. It's taught me to slow down, consider the important people in my life and resolve to keep this attitude when the restrictions are lifted.



This is the month of Valentine's Day and being home makes me appreciate my wife even more. Whether or not you have children at home, our spouses don't get nearly enough credit for all they do. What would we do without them? In *Fiddler on the Roof*, Mama and Golde sing, "Who must know the way to make a proper home...Who must raise a family and run the home?" Of course, that song about "Tradition" is the old-fashioned way of looking at "the mama." That's one theme of the play; the changing roles in the family and in society. Many of our spouses have the role of breadwinner, professional, provider, business owner, etc.....and manage to also make a proper home, raise the family, and run the household. They are remarkable!

So, don't forget that dozen roses, the heart-shaped box of chocolates, the card, or the gift as a token of your love and letting her know how much she means to you. And if you want to really let her know how much you love her, take a few minutes with me, and take stock of where you are with your life insurance and disability insurance coverage. With so many spouses in the workplace, it would be neglectful to not make sure they are properly protected. Many households rely on two incomes to pay the bills and the loss of either one, to an untimely death or an illness or accident that means one is unable to work, can be devastating.

I've met with many of you over the past months and I can continue to meet virtually over the computer...everyone stays safe. The Order has equipped me to make sure I can properly meet and service all my assigned brother knights and their families.

Let's spend a few minutes together and make sure everything is in place for the ones you love.

Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!
 Stephen Melancon, PGK, FSCP
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Sending Mass August 18, 2020

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Michael Caster
Mt. Angel Seminary

Simon Tran
Mt. Angel Seminary

Ivan Lara
Pastoral Assignment

2nd Year Theology

Joseph ("AJ") Sales
Mundelein Seminary

Michael Williams
Mt. Angel Seminary

4th Year Theology

Mauricio Espino
Mundelein Seminary

Jacob Knee
Pastoral Provision

Godwin Anyanwu
Pastoral Assignment

Magnus Igbokwe
Pastoral Assignment



With great surprise and sadness that sharing the passing of Deacon Felipe Jimenez who had been a Seminarian and member of Council 10442 for years.

He was born November 11th, 1967 in Mexico and passed on March 20th, 2020 at Good Samaritan Hospital in LA at the age of 52. No cause is noted on the death certificate.

Deacon Felipe made his 1st Degree on May 13, 2008 and 2nd and 3rd degrees later that year. When Felipe first came to Las Vegas he spent several years living at the rectory as the full-time caregiver for the Pastor at St Bridget's. After the pastors passing Felipe deciding to explore the priesthood as a seminarian from LV. After his ordination as a Deacon on Wednesday, May 31, 2017, he returned for what was to be his final year of seminary studies, but ended up leaving the Seminary and relocating to Los Angeles and living with his sister until his passing.

Please keep him in your prayers.
SK Kenneth J Sawyer



URGENT URGENT URGENT

I AM ASKING EVERY BROTHER KNIGHT TO PRAYFULLY CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING YOUR USUAL AMOUNT AND EVEN A LITTLE MORE TO SUPPORT YOUR PARISH IN THIS UNUSUAL TIME OF NEED. Many expenses at the parish continue even as the pandemic rages on. Father Ameh has been forced to let go many employees in order to try and make ends meet. As of this writing the parish is receiving less than two thirds of the usual Sunday

collection. Because you may be unable to attend Mass does not mean you are relieved of your obligation to support your parish. The bills keep coming. As an example, it takes just as much electricity to illuminate the church with 250 people in attendance as it does to have 1400. The reality is the contribution of 250 parishioners is significantly less than if there were 1400 people attending each service. I am sure you all get the picture. The parish priests continue to serve the parish but with considerably less revenue. Please help Father Amah by continuing your financial support of the parish and keep praying for an end to this pandemic so we can again enjoy Mass together again.

Tony Donofrio, PGK
Newsletter Editor

There are several ways to make donations to our parish at this time. The first of course is to contribute if you are attending Masses. The following are two additional means:

- ✚ Send a check directly to our parish by placing your check in your regular envelopes if you get them (your parish Id is on them) which is then enclosed in a regular envelope addressed to:
St .Joseph, Husband of Mary RC Church
Attn: Deacon Vince Murone, Finance Dir.
7260 W. Sahara Ave.
Las Vegas, NV 89117



“Online Parish Giving”

- ✚ Another way to make your donations online:
Go to parish website at <http://www.stjosephhom.org/>.
At the bottom of the homepage is a block titled
Click this one and register with an email address and password you wish to use. You will see all the available categories for your donations shown on the left side of the screen. You can complete the process by using a credit card or debit card to complete the progress. You will receive a confirming email.
- ✚ To give via our online giving app: GivePlus Church is a mobile giving app that enables you to make one-time or recurring gifts from your smartphone. Visit your App Store and search for “GivePlus Church” to download the free app To give via Text: Text the dollar amount you would like to give to 702.935.1246 and follow the instructions.
- ✚ If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact the Finance Office at 702.363.1902.



**Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
Council #10442**

News from the Ladies Auxiliary

At this time the Ladies Auxiliary will not hold our meetings in person but will continue with a Zoom meeting on February 5th at 6:30p.m

Dear Sisters,

Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy Mardi Gras! Wish we could have parties to celebrate these two occasions. But if we are careful in 2021, we will be able to celebrate these two occasions with our family and friends for many years to come. So open a bottle of wine (or whatever you prefer) and think about the rest of us!

Please join us on Zoom for our monthly meeting on Friday, February 5th at 6:30. We don’t have much business to discuss, but it is nice to see and talk to each other. We’ve been averaging 10 members, but I hope to see many more faces at the February meeting. Paula will send out two links to the Zoom meeting the day before- the first link to start the meeting and the second link to start again in case we talk longer than 40 minutes. Because many households only have one computer and the Council’s meetings tend to take a bit longer, we will be having ours on Friday again.

Many of us are ill with the virus or other problems; some at home and some in the hospital or having surgery. I know all of us send our prayers for our members to get well soon.

Many of us have lost acquaintances, friends, family and loved ones to the Covid virus in 2020. I read on the internet that the following prayer was inscribed on a cemetery headstone. It touched my heart so I wanted to share it.

*You cannot see or touch me but I am standing next to you,
your tears can only hurt me, your sadness makes me blue.
Be brave and show a smiling face, let not your grief show through.
I love you from a different place, yet I’m standing next to you.*

February Birthdays:

5th BJ Buttell
8th Norma Davis
16th Karen Ruivivar
18th Luz Imperial

To end on a POSITIVE note; an Irish Blessing. I know it’s only February, but at the rate this year is flying past, it will soon be Spring.

May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.

May songbirds serenade you every step along the way.

May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that’s always blue.

And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through.

Be Safe and Happy,

Jackie Katrosits, President

