



# Knightly Newsletter

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## Chaplain's Column

Brother Knights,  
I look forward to seeing some of you at the Mother Teresa film this Monday, October 3. The prayer that she and her sisters prayed every day was from Cardinal John Newman. It's a great prayer. Here it is:

*Make me preach to you without preaching...  
Stay with me, and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.  
The light, O Jesus will be all from you. It will be you who shines through me upon others.*

*Give light to them as well as to me; light them with me, through me.*

*Make me preach to you without preaching  
-not by words, but by my example and by the sympathetic influence, of what I do  
-by my visible resemblance to Your saints, and the evident fulness of the love which my heart bears to you.*

Brother Knights, thanks for letting your light shine!  
Bless you,  
Fr. Matthew

## KNIGHTS CORNER



October is the month of the Rosary. The feast on Oct 7 originally commemorated the victory at Lepanto in 1571 when the fleet of the Holy League, won a decisive victory over the formidable Ottoman navy. At the time,

Pope Pius V had called for all of Europe to pray the rosary, to pray for victory. Catholic Europe at the time was so weakened after the Protestant revolt, and here it was on the verge of being overrun by the Muslims. Pope Pius V attributed the victory to the Blessed Mother and so instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory. Over time it has become known as Our Lady of the Rosary.

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## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Brothers,  
Last month after the queen died, I couldn't help to notice in the news how so many of *her subjects* came out to show their high respects for *her majesty*. Now I am grateful to those patriots and founding fathers who revolted and broke away, but I do admit, there is something impressive about all that pomp. And then I realize... *We DO have a queen!* She sits *enthroned in heaven!* So naturally we've got to ask ourselves: Would anyone be impressed by how we venerate our queen? If not, maybe we make this the October that we dedicate ourselves to Our Lady of the Rosary.  
*Vivat Jesus!*

Joe Lilly, Grand Knight

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct 2 Special Olympics (Ripon)
- Oct 3 Movie Night Mother Teresa, 7pm
- Oct 8 Men's Breakfast; That Man is You!
- Oct 11 Council Meeting  
6pm Rosary, Meal, Meeting @7pm
- Oct 15 Rosary  
12pm, Fatima Shrine
- Oct 15 BINGO!
- Oct 22 Men's Breakfast; That Man is You!
- Oct 22 Wine & Cheese after the Sat Mass
- Oct 23 Doughnuts after Sunday Masses
- Oct 27 [Fraternal Benefits Night](#)
- Oct 28 [2nd Harvest Food Distribution](#)
- Jan 21 [Walk for Life West Coast](#)

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Royce Flores 11<sup>th</sup>                      Don Costa 21<sup>st</sup>  
Gabriel De Lariva 17<sup>th</sup>                Fr Cesar Martinez 26<sup>th</sup>

## CHANCELLOR'S COLUMN

Please pray for brothers Ed Lucas, Bob Neathery and Richard De Antonio.

For additions, deletions, corrections or current status, please call your Chancellor, Danny Costello.

**Faith** (Dea. Dan Paulus)

For our men's breakfast, we've started the series "That Man is You! – Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart". Next time will be Sat, Oct 8 at 7:30 AM at the Parish Center. Come yourself and invite another man -your neighbor, your son-in-law, Catholic, Fallen-away Catholic, Non-Catholic, Atheist... This is a very Catholic program, but *all men* are welcome.

**Family** (Pete Simoncini)

Family: Three issues pertaining to the topic of families have come to the forefront this month.

Firstly, on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, Council 5303 supported the annual parish family picnic following the 5:00 pm Mass. Brother knights prepared and served a delicious dinner of hot dogs, chips, water and popsicles while other knights monitored a games area for what turned out to be children of all ages. Our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters sponsored a highlight of the evening with a water balloon toss won by our pastor/chaplain, Father Matthew and his partner.

Secondly, we are encouraging brothers and their families to attend a group Living Rosary, sponsored by our parish's Legion of Mary and Junior Legion of Mary, on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon at the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima. A Living Rosary is a very powerful form of prayer in which various people in attendance are asked to lead one (or possibly more) Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory Be. From the parish bulletin: "At this crucial historical moment, the intentions for our Rosary Crusade are to ask GOD and OUR BLESSED MOTHER to save America from today's chaos, immorality and social upheaval." This will be a national-level Rosary, as across our nation numerous groups will be simultaneously praying the Rosary for the aforementioned intentions. This can be an incredible prayer event and your attendance and participation would be greatly appreciated.

Thirdly, at our next monthly meeting, we shall be presenting information about two national, as well as local, level Knights of Columbus contests for young people: a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for children ages 5-14, broken into 3 different groups, and an essay contest for young adults in the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The poster contest is very doable this year but, while we shall discuss the essay contest, given parameters set by Supreme, there is serious doubt that we should attempt it. The poster contest, however, can be worked through our CCD and pre-Confirmation groups. We shall be asking for brothers to volunteer to serve on a small committee to help plan, organize, and judge the contest.

**Community** (Gabriel DeLariva & Louie Rodriguez)

Thank you to everyone who's come out to support the 2nd Harvest Food Distribution. We are truly blessed to be a part of this community willing to give up their time and help with this beautiful cause. Brothers, please come out on Oct 28 and be there by 8:30 wearing your badge.

Note the movie night on Mon, Oct 3. I'm hoping you'll join us to see the Movie about Mother Teresa. It's only showing for 2 nights and we've chosen the 7pm to see it together. We will continue to put together Knights and parish community movie nights. Thank you all for helping us support catholic movies.

We have reached out to Modesto Pregnancy Center, and there are several ways for us to help: We could SERVE, PARTICIPATE, DONATE, AND, MOST OF ALL, PRAY FOR THESE MOTHERS! More info to follow.

All councils and assemblies are urged to participate in the new KC program, Aid and Support After Pregnancy, or ASAP. Click [here](#) to learn all about this exciting program and how our council can get started.

**Knight Life** (Robert Poncini)

During the October leadup to the elections, let's all work to defend, promote and protect life! With the overturning of Roe V. Wade, the abortion activists are even more energized to push the culture of death. So, we need to double-down our efforts to evangelize and bring forth the Gospel of Life. This November, we the people will be put to the test on one of the most heinous measures: Proposition 1. Proposition 1 seeks to enshrine abortion at any stage of pregnancy as a fundamental right within the California Constitution.

Let's make sure our families and parishioners, know the danger of Prop. 1 and KNOW to vote NO on Prop. 1. For more information please visit the California Catholic Bishop's site by [clicking here](#).

Let's all start promoting the bus to SF on Jan 21 for the Walk for Life. You can reserve your seat now at this link [here](#). If you can't go yourself, consider making a donation to support this event. Let's spread the word now and let's fill this bus!

To get involved with any of your council programs, please contact the Program Director or Mark Tomlinson.