



Knights' News

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Claire Lemire—doing her share!

“Help people because they need help, and don't charge them because that is helping yourself.” –D.J. Lemire

(See Grand Knight's Notations)

GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

I wanted to brag a little about my daughter Claire (I call her "Claire Bear") because she doesn't get enough credit for the things she does for the community. Claire is the younger of my two children and a wonderful helper, volunteer and worker. You can find Claire where there's work to be done. I have a saying "Help people because they need help and don't charge them because that is helping yourself" and some will argue! Claire knows the saying.

We were splitting and stacking wood with a good friend Mike Iijima (74) of Paradise. Claire, Mike and I are a team to deal with. Together, the three of us have done many estate sales for the Paradise Host Lions to include clearing lots, splitting, stacking wood and yard sales to raise money for eyeglasses and hearing aids for the poor. The firewood that we split and stack we deliver it to the needy through the Paradise Host Lions Club who manages a list of people in need. Claire is quite a team member, doing her share of the work with no excuses and helping us deliver the wood throughout the Ridge, working in the rain and sometimes late at night.

Claire, does not complain about work, she is motivated to help others and doesn't let her phone, distract her from getting the job done, she is the first person to start working and there to finish and believes in "Service-minded people to serve their communities without financial gain". She has a Straight A Plus report card and is diligent in her studies.

Several weeks ago, I gave Claire money for helping me out. I usually do not, but thought it was a good reward for her continued efforts. While in Church, I watched her put the money into the basket, she smiled at me - I know what she was thinking...

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

May is the month of Mary - a month traditionally devoted to motherhood and especially the Holy Mother. Our Lady has manifested Herself in many ways in many cultures and is an endearing part of our Catholic faith. Let us never forget the impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the world, particularly Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Equally important, remember our own mothers who have had a profound impact on our lives. Let us be ever mindful of both the maternal and the divine and give thanks for the many blessings our Mothers have bestowed upon us. Be sure and celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 14.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting - this year May 18 through 20, 2023 at the Doubletree Hotel in Ontario. Attendance will be fully "in person" for the first time in three years. If you have not done so already, be sure and elect your council delegates and get the registration form in as soon as possible. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the new state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions affecting the way we conduct our affairs. Each council is entitled to two voting delegates. The Annual Meeting is also a reminder we are part of a much larger organization spanning the nation and world. Forms for delegate credentials were sent to council Financial Secretaries in March. If they have been lost or misplaced, they can be downloaded online from <https://www.californiaknights.org/sam2023> along with the full schedule of activities.

May is also the month to ensure all the requirements for Star Council have been met. Have all the required forms and reports been sent to Supreme? Have your council officers and directors completed the mandatory Safe Environment training available at kofc.org/safe? A great way to end the year would be to win the Star Council award!

Most of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in two Fraternal Benefit Presentations which is a requirement for Star Council.

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Calendar of Events***May / June***

May 7 Knights Dinner after Mass

May 10 Officers meeting at 9:00am

May 14 Mother's Day

May 17 Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

May 21 The Ascension of the Lord May 28 Pentecost Sunday

May 29 Memorial Day put out flags at 7am

June 10 Set up for Jubilee at Veterans Hall 10am

June 11 St. Thomas More 75th Anniversary potluck BBQ (help needed)

June 14 Officers meeting at 9:00am

June 21 Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7:00pm

MAY BIRTHDAYS:Michael Gerspacher—1stPrimo Incerty—5thRuss Neal—10thEd Jimenez—13thMatt Gerspacher—16thNick Mastromatteo—17thAl Potthast—19thEzra Downer—22ndGregory Foreman—25th**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Kathy De-Cristofaro (cancer), Gina and Duncan Barnard, Linda Shores, Israel Garcia, Barbara Brown, John Johnson, Karen Philips, Jerry Foster, Kim Keysling (K.O.'s daughter), Jeff Tolly, Steve Neeley and Pope Francis.

Please remember those who are serving our country in the armed forces and those who fell victim to the natural disasters and the Corona Virus. Pray for all the health professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe. Pray for our brothers and sisters and allies who were left behind in Afghanistan. Pray for America which stands for One Nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for ALL.

For additions, deletions, corrections, please call your Chancellor, Greg DeCristofaro at 873-4132.

KNIGHT HUMOR

TELL ME THIS WON'T HAPPEN TO US, PLEASE!!!!

An elderly Paradisian called 911 on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: "They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!" she cried.

The dispatcher said, "Stay calm, Ma'am, an officer is on the way."

A few minutes later, the officer radios in. "Disregard," he says. "She got in the back-seat by mistake."

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

I would encourage you to contact your Council Insurance Agent and schedule one or more Fraternal Benefit Presentations before the year end. Virtual presentations are also scheduled periodically by the State and Supreme Councils. Watch your email for announcements about upcoming opportunities. At least seven people must attend to receive credit for Star Council.

As always, I am so proud of what you do and all you do for your community, church, pastors and the faithful of your parish. Thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 - 530-680-0401 -- dabbott79@gmail.com

KNIGHT'S CORNER

May you continue to enjoy the Easter season with your friends and family. We are all looking forward to when we celebrate Pentecost Sunday together. Our brotherhood was busy this past April. Many thanks to all our brother Knights and friends: Greg Kidder, Greg DC, Chris Pena, Jim Cleary, Jim Collins, Isreal Garcia, Ed Boyd, Scott Kelly, Chris Rehmann, Kevin Kriebal, Michael and our Lady Knight Laura Krzanich who helped to set up the tents.

Our parking lot sales on Gold Nugget days was a big success thanks to Greg Kidder, Greg DC, Dave Porter, Dave Young, Ed Boyd, John Thomas, Jim Collins and Michael and Lady Knight Laura Krzanich for all their help. We will need your help on May 7th with our Knights dinner after Mass. Please contact Dave Lemier at (530) 762-9275 to help set up, cook, serve and clean up.

On Mother's Day, May 14th, the Knights will present our mothers with a rose. On Memorial Day we will be putting up flags on Skyway and helping the Veterans to place flags at the cemetery on May 29th at 7am. We will take signups at the May business meeting. Speaking of help, on June 11th, we will celebrate our 75th anniversary with a potluck BBQ. We will need help setting it up on June 10th at 10am at the Veterans Hall and clean up on June 11th. I will take sign ups at our meeting in May. There is still a need for helpers at the Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church on Clark Rd. See Greg DeCristofaro for details or call him at 873-4132.

INSURANCE INFO

LIFE INSURANCE • DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE • LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE • RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

We are pleased to have **Jeffrey A. Tolley** (License # OM31427) as our Knights of Columbus Fraternal Insurance Agent. He can be reached at: 530- 514-4395 or at: jeff.tolley@kofc.org

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