



# The Knight Lamp

The Pro-Life Council

## Fr. Joseph Geary Council

Council #3523

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### Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

It's a common concern among many Brothers that they just don't have the time to participate in the Council's activities – we have over 100 members in our roster, but only about 20% of those volunteer. All of us have many commitments, from our duty to family to obligations to our workplace – there are constant calls on our time. I would like to propose how by just giving 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus you could make a positive difference in our community and Church:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the Knight Lamp, and *Columbia* magazine, and surfing the Council's and Supreme Council Web sites.
- Two hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities.
- Two hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council, family or youth project of your choice.
- Two hours a year attending one council business meeting.
- Two hours a year attending, with the family, two corporate Communion or Mass of Reparation.
- Four hours a year enjoying (again, with the entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, picnic, etc.

**That's only 24 hours a year**, which practically any man can fit into his schedule. Right now we can use some help on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, for preparing Breakfast for those joining the Church this Easter. We also have fundraising efforts to support seminarians, and wheelchair donations. We also would like to start a spaghetti dinner and/or pancake breakfast project that would fund a Relief Fund for members of our Parish who are facing financial crisis. Finally, we are in need of a new Financial Secretary.

I encourage all of you to find those 24 hours in a year and help us out, not out of obligation or duty, but truly as a reflection of appreciation for all the blessings we've got, and for the benefits we will obtain for our families and the Church. There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights less than 0.3% of those hours, we can become better Catholics, better fathers, better husbands, and better persons.

*Vivat Jesus!*

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK



*St. Patrick,  
Pray for the  
Church in  
Ireland.*



## Dates to Remember

### **Saturday, March 27 @ 6:00 PM**

Family Social gathering of Knights, friends, and family. In this event we will present the awards to the winners of the Essay Contest. We will also have a 10min. presentation on the Wheelchair Mission fundraiser. Br. Robert Carvalho (r5carvalho@yahoo.com) will be in charge of dinner. Please contact him if you can help/volunteer.

### **Saturday, April 3, 8:15 AM**

Breakfast for the Elect - We will be sponsoring again this year a Breakfast for those joining the Church this Easter. Br. Robert Carvalho (r5carvalho@yahoo.com) will be in charge of this event. Please contact him if you can help/volunteer.

### **Saturday, April 10, 9:00 AM**

Council Business Meeting; this meeting was moved from April 3rd to accommodate Breakfast of the Elect.

### **Sunday, April 11, 4:30 PM**

Second Degree Exemplification. Please contact our Field Agent, Br. Dave Vincent (skdave.vincent@gmail.com, 408-398-0399) for details.

### **Saturday, May 1, 9:00**

Council Business Meeting; Nomination of Officers.

### **May 13-16**

State Annual Convention, Double Tree Hotel, San Jose. See

[http://www.kofcca.org/?t=t\\_2010stateconvention](http://www.kofcca.org/?t=t_2010stateconvention).

## Council News

**In Search of a New Financial Secretary**  
Our Worthy Brother Dave Williams has served our council as Financial Secretary for over four years and has done an exemplary job. Now it's time to pass the torch. We are looking for a new Financial Secretary, please contact Rafael at [gk@kofc3523.org](mailto:gk@kofc3523.org) if you are interested.

### **Free Throw Contest News**

Our Worthy Brother Wayne helped to get students from St. Justin School to participate in the free throw contest and two of them are going to the State competition.

### **Essay Contest**

Our Worthy Brother Claude organized the essay contest and we now have some talent from St. Justin and St. Claire to recognize.

### **Membership Drive**

We had a membership drive on March 21. We expect to see new members.

### **New Sir Knight**

Our Worthy Brother and now Sir Knight Enrique Latoza, received his Fourth Degree on March 6.

### **Seminarian Support**

We finally received our funds from the last two Chevy's Dinner fundraiser, a total of \$179.54 going to the RSVP program.

## In God We Trust

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