



# Knights' News

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## SPIRITUAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

**God bless the people of Ukraine and their struggle against Russia.**

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS

Welcome to May 2022, worthy brothers. This upcoming Sunday we will be celebrating Mother's Day. It is worth noting that on that day we will recognize the importance of mothers and their contributions to not only our physical lives but spiritual, as well. The following are excerpts from an article written in 2012 in Today's Catholic magazine.

It is very fitting that we celebrate Mother's Day during the Marian month. As we honor the Mother of God, our spiritual mother, we also honor our earthly mothers. On Mother's Day, we remember with gratitude and affection our mothers, not only through material gifts, flowers, or cards, but also, and more importantly, by our prayers for them. We thank God for the gift of our mothers who conceived and gave birth to us, who cared for us, protected us, taught us, and loved us. Many passed on the precious gift of faith to us. We remember all our mothers, living and deceased. We thank them for their generosity and self-giving love.

Mary is a model for all of us on our earthly pilgrimage. She who was "full of grace" was "all holy." She represents the paradigm of the authentic holiness that is achieved through union with Christ. She is our model of faith who adhered to God's word throughout her life. She is our model of hope who stood firm at the foot of the cross. She is our model of charity who went in haste to visit and help her cousin Elizabeth. Her maternal love for her Son extends to us, her spiritual children. She is our sure guide to Gospel perfection. Pope Benedict XVI said that "Mary is the image and model of all mothers, of their great mission to be guardians of life, of their mission to be teachers of the art of living and of the art of loving."

On Mother's Day, let us pray for all our mothers. And let us remember that we have a Mother in heaven, the Blessed Virgin Mary. We continue to rejoice with her during this Easter season. May the Mother given to us by Christ on the cross be ever at our side!

Ron Martin, Grand Knight, Council #777

## 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. One of her manifestations, the "Pokrova", is particularly important given recent events in Ukraine. The "pokrova" in Ukrainian, or "cover", is a powerful icon of Our Lady and sign of Mary's protection. She is surrounded by angels and depicted holding her scarf or veil above people to serve as a shield – a prayer of many Ukrainians today. Please pray the senseless aggression and bloodshed will cease. Let us never forget the power and impact Our Lady, in Her many manifestations, has had on the world.

May is also the month of the State Annual Meeting – this year held May 20 and 21 at the DoubleTree Hilton in Sacramento. If you have not already done so, be sure and elect your council delegates and get them registered as soon as possible. Space is limited for in-person attendance, and a link for virtual participation will be released as the dates get closer. The essential business of the state council is conducted at the State Annual Meeting, including electing the state officers, delegates to the Supreme Convention and important resolutions effecting 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, council officers may request duplicates by emailing the State Office at [state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org).

May is also the month to make certain all the requirements for Star Council have been met. Have all the required forms and reports been sent to Supreme? Has your council met their Supreme membership goal? Have your council officers and directors completed the mandatory Safe Environment training available at [kofc.org/safe](http://kofc.org/safe)? A great way to wrap up the challenging years we have recently experienced would be to take home the Star Council award! Don't forget my challenge of dinner at the Sierra Nevada Taproom in Chico for the leadership of the council with the highest membership gain by year end.

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

May 1 -- Mother's Day  
May 4 -- Reconciliation 5pm  
May 5 -- Cinco de Mayo  
May 5 -- National Day of Prayer  
May 7 -- Secular Franciscans Game Day 11am till 3pm  
May 11 -- Knight's meeting, Rosary at 6:30pm, Business at 7 pm

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June 5 -- Pentecost Sunday  
June 8 -- Knights' Rosary at 6:30pm, Business meeting 7:pm

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

Michael Gerspacher—1<sup>st</sup>  
Ed Jimenez—13<sup>th</sup>  
Al Potthast—19<sup>th</sup>

Primo Incerty—5<sup>th</sup>  
Matt Gerspacher—16<sup>th</sup>  
Ezra Downer—22<sup>nd</sup>

Russ Neal—10<sup>th</sup>  
Nick Mastromatteo—17<sup>th</sup>  
Gregory Foreman—25<sup>th</sup>

**CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Dear Brothers, please continue to pray for those on our prayer list: Greg Wright, Greg Foreman, Leo Benedetti, Ron Martin, Dave Lemire, Dan Young, John Thomas, Jim and Lani McManus, Leo Bourgeois, Richard Reniero, Beverly Hegenbart, Duncan Barnard, Barbara Brown, Beth Porter, 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 care professionals, all our police and law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMT's and all who are trying to keep us safe.

Let us also pray for the people of Ukraine and 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 De-Cristofaro at 873-4132.

**KNIGHT HUMOR**

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

## KNIGHT'S CORNER

Here's hoping you all had a very blessed Easter.

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our last Stations of the Cross for this Easter season. Thanks to John and Jo Thomas, Ron and Sue Martin and Jim and Barbara Collins who helped with set up and take down with the help of our very own Greg Kidder. Also, many thanks to all of you on Devine Mercy Sunday who helped set up and clean up after our wonderful parish potluck. We would like to thank Dave Lemire and Greg DeCristofaro for helping put on a BBQ for all our parishioners who helped deliver trees to new homes on the Ridge. Thanks to all the Knights who helped distribute roses to our mothers at church.

There is still a need for helpers at the First Baptist Food Bank on Clark. We need help on Thursdays from 10am till noon and on Fridays from 10am till 4pm, Lunch included. If you can help for all or part of the time, please call Greg at 873-4132.

Let us all pray for America, our firefighters, police officers and healthcare workers. Let us continue to help one another, our parish, our community and our country to recover from the Camp Fire, the corona virus and civil unrest.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT (CON'T)

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A few of the councils in District 2 have yet to fully promote and participate in a Fraternal Benefits Night, which is also a requirement for Star Council. Another opportunity is coming up on May 16, 2022, with a statewide virtual fraternal benefit briefing featuring CPA Ed Slott, an expert financial planner, speaking on retirement planning. It is never too soon to plan for your financial future and that of your family. The seminar can be viewed on a computer, tablet, or smartphone and requires pre-registering at <https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay16> (or by scanning the QR Code included with this article). In order to meet the requirement for Star council, it is important to publicize this opportunity within your council and parish (all Catholic men and their families are welcome to attend). For further information, see the flyer included elsewhere in this month's newsletter.



**Thank you for your charity and service!**

May God bless, Dave Abbott, District Deputy 2 530-680-0401 -- [dabbott79@gmail.com](mailto:dabbott79@gmail.com)

## GRAND KNIGHT'S NOTATIONS (CON'T)

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**Ron Martin, Grand Knight, Council #777**

## **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.

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**Vivat Jesus!**

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