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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Thank You

Dear Brother Knights, Daughters of Isabella, Staff of Presentation Church, Friends, and Associates,

I wish to send all of you a very big THANK YOU for your prayers, masses, good thoughts, and good intentions which were essential to me not only surviving COVID-19, but also enabling me to have a better than normal recovery. I was surprised and thankful when Linda told me about the huge amount of you praying, sponsoring prayer circles, and calling her to see how we both were doing. While I thank all of you, I especially would like to thank Bob and Sharon McKay, Roger and Sharon Roman, Naomi Cisper, and PGK Bill and Marji Nahorn. Your calls kept Linda from sinking into the depths of despair, especially when I was close to death with sepsis. True friends are those who are willing to accompany

you in dangerous and difficult situations, and I am happy to count all of you among my true friends.

For those of you who didn't know what happened to me, I was rushed by ambulance to St. Joseph's Medical Center here in Stockton on August 13 with difficulty breathing, nausea, and bouts of diarrhea. I spent 11 days on the ventilator, and developed sepsis while on it. Thankfully, they successfully treated me, and I pulled through. When I came off the ventilator, I didn't know where I was, what day it was, and I couldn't remember any passwords or passcodes. I couldn't even remember my correct phone number, let alone unlock my phone. I thought that I was in heaven and it was Thanksgiving!

In early September I was discharged from St. Joseph's to Fortune Gardens Acute Care, where I spent two weeks learning how to breathe, stand, and walk with a walker. Finally, I was allowed to come home on September 16, where I was put under the care of Focus Home Health Services, as I was still weak, a fall risk, and had pneumonia in my lungs.

For the remainder of September and all of October I was visited every week by a physical therapist, occupational therapist, and a home nurse. Right before Halloween the nurse could not detect any signs of pneumonia in my lungs, and I was discharged from Focus.

While I'm much stronger since leaving the medical facilities, I still have problems with balancing and breathing. While I can get around the house without support, I need to take the walker when I'm outside or in a store. And I still tire easily, especially when covering large stores like Walmart.

But these problems are insignificant to the joy being alive, and knowing how much you all have cared for Linda and me.

Linda and I wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Better 2021!

We miss you all!

GK Freddie Vidrio

GRAND KNIGHT'S COLUMN

By Freddie Vidrio



My Fellow Brother Knights and Families,

It has been a while since we provided a newsletter. First off, thank you **Timothy Yun** for continuing the newsletter. Thank God that you are well from your sickness and back assisting us. You are a valuable member of our organization.

I am sad to inform you that **Deacon Ben** will no longer be our Chaplain due to being assigned to another parish (St. Bernadette's). He did an awesome job teaching God's Word to our members. Ben, you will be missed by all of us. God bless you on your future endeavors!

We had a successful garage sale of Christmas items thanks to the families of Mike De Toro and Susan Sherman. We raised money for the Knights and the Presentation Food Pantry. **Gracious Bill and Marji** hosted the event on their spacious front lawn. Thanks to the fellow Knights who helped out.

Due to the recent Coronavirus restrictions in San Joaquin County, we had to modify our **Memorial Mass** for our Brother Knights resting with God. **Father Mark and Katherine Andrews** did a great job accommodating for the situation. Thanks to **Rosemary Ponte and Erin** for setting up and preparing for the Liturgy of the Word. It is great that we have a strong support system. Despite some audio difficulties, we had a beautiful Mass on Zoom honoring our loved ones.

This year has been difficult for all of us. The virus has halted all of our activities. We changed our meetings from in person to Zoom to avoid passing the sickness to others. We lost our dinners and fundraisers. Even though we cannot gather with each other, we can still socially bond together through technology. I encourage all of you fellow Knights to join our meetings through Zoom. Our **next meeting** will be on **Wednesday December 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The **Zoom Meeting ID** is **778 4177 0853** and the **Passcode** is **i4AEQU.**

SPIRITUAL ADVISER'S COLUMN

By Deacon Dr. Benjamin Joe, PharmD



Dear Brothers,

This is my last Column for the Newsletter. It is with a bittersweet heart that I am letting you know that I will be leaving Presentation Parish. As you may (or may not) know, upon my ordination in 2013, Bishop Blaire assigned me to serve at Presentation and at St. Bernadette's parishes. Most of my time had been here but, on occasion, I have helped out at St. Bernadette's. Bishop Cotta has re-assigned me to serve at St. Bernadette's on a permanent basis. I am saddened to leave this parish as this is where I "grew up" after my arrival to Stockton. This is where my conversion of faith journey began. Over the years, I have met and gotten to know so many wonderful people, many of whom have become friends, including many of you Fellow Knights. I even met my wife here at church and we were married here. My kids were baptized here and my older kids went to school here. This is home and will always be. It is not a goodbye, but a so long for now. Even though I live in Elk Grove and will be at another parish, Presentation will always be in my heart. I intend to swing by from time to time and see how things are going. If you need anything or just want to say hello, you have my phone number and address. Please feel free to contact me for anything.

In closing, I would like to ask for your prayers as my family and I embark on this journey in service to the Lord. May God continue to always bless each one of you and the parish.

Thank you.
Deacon Ben

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Harry W Olson	9/2
Peter J Avila	9/3
José E Tarango	9/6
Rev. George Eberle Okoro	9/7

Donald E Ulery	9/7
Rosendo De Anda	9/9
Deacon Mike D Navarec Sr.	9/16
Msgr. Lawrence J McGovern STL	9/17
Alfred V Espinor	9/20
Allen M Quigley	9/20
Darren S Sandoval	9/22
Dennis E Deanda	9/23
Thomas T Morris	9/24
Kenneth V Ogella	9/26
Vladimir F Kozina	9/27
Thomas O Gruzaz	9/28
Edward Hendrickson	9/29
Michael F Dougherty	9/30

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Scott A Johnson	10/3
Brent K Skelton	10/3
Ian M Mcginnis	10/4
Alejandro (Alex) F Ramirez	10/4
Edward A Ziller	10/7
Luis Lopez	10/9
Frank M Ramalho	10/9
Ed P Sullivan	10/9
Alfredo Saucedo	10/10
Leo A Gutterres	10/14
Heriberto J Bonilla	10/15
Robert A Gallagher	10/15
Robert W Melrose	10/16
Eduardo Perez	10/22
George E Sadek	10/24
Freddie Vidrio	10/28
Shawn R Armstrong	10/29
Edward C Wanket	10/30

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Louis G Dawang	11/1
John Olive	11/2
Mark A Wall	11/4
Angel E Bustamante	11/6
Craig S Garfola	11/7
Thomas A Kiley	11/7
William C Mar	11/7
John Rayray	11/7
Robert S Lee	11/11
Joe L Carranza	11/12
Joseph T Rishwain	11/12

Cesar M Gabriela	11/18
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gil A Garcia	12/4
Manuel B Chaparro	12/6
Patrick G Lugo	12/8
Elvin Tyler	12/9
Bruce P Couturier	12/12
Samuel S Somera	12/12
Robert N Umeda	12/12
John R Quigley	12/17
John P Mendonca	12/20
Steve T Sanchez	12/23
Frank X Souza	12/24
Kenneth T McCann	12/26
Rev. Jesu Hilton Velichore	12/31

IN MEMORIAM

Since I was ill we lost **Kevin Dobson** and **Edward Garcia**. I'll try to get more information on their deaths by next month's Newsletter.



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EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2020

Day	Date	Place	Time
General Meeting			
Wednesday	9	Zoom	7:00 PM
Meeting ID: 778 4177 0853			
Passcode: i4AEQU			
NO MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23			

All Other Activities are Cancelled