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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE DON HARMATA

Happy New Year 2009 Brothers, Families and Friends. As I noted last month we really hit the ground running these next few months. Make sure you check reports by my committee chairmen in this edition of the Paladin as well as the Calendar of Events on the back page.



CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER TED WROBLICKY ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ORDINATION

Our Council, in conjunction with Assembly 2797, will host a Program of Celebration for Chaplain Fr. Ted Wroblicky on the occasion of his 10th anniversary of his Ordination. All Council members and their families are invited and encouraged to the celebration of a Divine Liturgy (Mass) followed by a luncheon at Christ the King Retreat Center in the La Casa Room on Sunday, January 18th. Together with his son, Deacon Alex, Fr. Ted will officiate at the Ukrainian Liturgy at noon (luncheon at 1:30 pm). Attendance at the Mass will satisfy your Sunday obligation. The entree will be Chicken Marsala, and variety of wines will be enjoyed. The price of the luncheon is \$20 (with special pricing for your youngsters). If you would like to attend either, or both, the Mass or luncheon, please RSVP me at (916) 747-2920, or harmatalaw@aol.com.

Starting the month on January 6th will be a special planning meeting where our officers and chairmen involved in either January or February events are requested to attend. This meeting will be held in the St. Catherine room next to St. James Hall at St. John the Evangelist parish starting at 7:30 pm. We apologize to a number of our officers/chairmen that showed up at OLA last month for our December planning meeting. We didn't get the word out that due to all the Christmas activities it was being cancelled.

On January 11th we are sponsoring St. John's parish ministry outreach program for the month of January with a pancake breakfast in the Tralee Center. We need your help again in the kitchen and serving as well as joining parishioners enjoy our famous pancakes and the trimmings. On January 18th we are not only celebrating the Liturgy with Fr. Ted but also hosting our annual Free Throw Contest in the St. Ignatius Parish Center starting at 5:30 pm. Chairman Loren Wallin needs all hands on "court" to assist.

On January 20th is our annual Corporation meeting. For those of you that haven't sent in your proxy see Brother Jim Leet's article. On January 24th we will head to San Francisco to join in the Walk for Life. See Brother John Mizerak's article for details.

Due to an OLA parish program on February 10th, we will meet in Seton Hall, the room just behind St. John Hall. Our Religious Appreciation Dinner will be held at St. Ignatius Parish Center on Friday evening February 13th and our hosting of the 2nd and 3rd Exemplifications will be held at St. John's parish on February 21st.

Wow, and this just starts the New Year. Peace and Love to All

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RICHARD SCHULTZ

It was with some reservation but with full understanding that I accepted the resignation of Brother David Perry from the position of Chancellor. David recently accepted the position of Principal for St. James School in Davis. With family, a move, and other considerations, David found little time to fulfill his duties as Chancellor. After a year or so of knowing the job, I am assured that David will again consider an office in our Council. Our prayers go to you and your family. I have appointed Brother Ken Macdonald to fill the remaining term. I thank Ken for accepting my request in spite of his pastoral and ministry work at St. Johns.

I thank all brother Knights and their families who participated in our annual Christmas party, especially our Chairs, Loren and Aurora Wallin. I would also like to thank all of those with set up, our cooking crew, our bartender, Michael Langer, our clean up crew and last but not least Santa Claus (John Depiazza). Also, thank you for the donations of gifts and donations at the party and otherwise for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home (see Lady Knight Marty Condon's article). John and Marty Condon carried the heavy load (and joys) for the collection, distribution and organizing the endeavor to provide gifts to the Home and the women who were most in need.

Thanks to the cooks and all the crew who worked hard on the breakfast at OLA. It couldn't have been done without hard work. As you may know, our seminarian student, Nelson Usaga was in town from the seminary to visit, and we were able to wish him Feliz Navidad. Your prayers for him are greatly appreciated. Bless you both! Kim and I hope all of you had a very blessed Christmas and will enjoy a prosperous New Year. Happy Birthday, Jesus!! Vivat, Jesus!

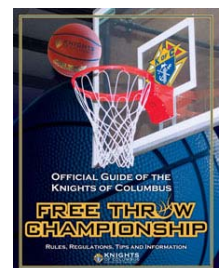
**MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT, CHUCK CUNY,**
RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN

We welcome two newest Knights to our Council, Brothers Tom Zipp and Joe Carter. Both received their First Degree in Auburn on December 13th. We thank the Auburn Council for hosting the Degree and give them a Knightly round of applause for the goodies and the beautiful ceremonial. Brother Tom is in real estate and a professional photographer. Brother Joe is a senior at Del Campo High School and is one of, if not the, youngest Knight to join our Council. Both are parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Parish. A note of thanks also to Brother Joe, Gene Gobbo and Rick Rillera who volunteered to assist OLA parish in it's parking duties at the 4 PM Christmas eve mass at the parish...in the rain!

We also congratulate Brother Gene Gobbo on sponsoring both Joe and Tom. Supreme Council had just honored Gene with a VIP (Very Important Proposer) Certificate for sponsoring 25 members into the Order, now its 27!!

YOUTH PROGRAMS - LOREN WALLIN

Our Free Throw Contest for 10 to 14 year olds in our schools will be held at St. Ignatius Parish Center on Sunday evening, January 18th with registration at 5:30 PM. Although you should work through your schools, walk-ins are allowable and encouraged. You must have proof of age with your child when registering. Our youth coloring contest is about to begin at a number of our parishes. Brother John Villanueva is taking over for Cliff Corrie as our Chairman. And finally, Brother Herb Holeman will again be chairing our Essay Contest concluding in February. Contact me at 723-2970 for details of our youth programs.



**GOOD OF THE ORDER
PRAYERS NEEDED
SICK AND/OR
IN DISTRESS**

Fr. Julius
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Fr. Bill Feeser
Jennifer Anderson
Rose Marie Anderson
Karen Banks
Dennis & Millie Condon
Ann Cottrell
Adolph and Gloria
De Crescenzo
Evelyn DeLuna
Peg De Piazza
Robert Eggers
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Jim Hagarty
Dorothy Hellmer
Joe Helwig
Pat Holeman
Marianne Jackson
John Kregelo
Gertrude Langer
Mandy Ludlow
Martin Lukoskie
Barbara Marenich
Robert Marenich
Marcelino Martinez
Sandy McGettigan
Lori Mondonsa (Schwartz)
Jeffrey Patton
Wilfred Redman
Lorena Salazar
Mary Schmidt
Norma Winters
Doug Wright
Priests and Religious
Aborted Children
Troops serving our country
(particularly Brothers Miguel
Sabral and Kevin Holeman)

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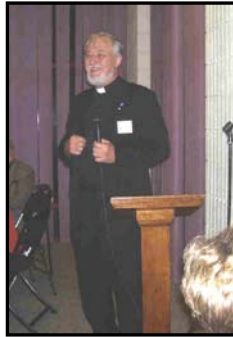
Liz Weeks (wife of Deacon
Jim Weeks)
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(Father in law of Brother
Michael Corcoran)
Rosa Martinez (Mother in law
of Brother Ponce Marquez)
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LADY KNIGHT PASSES: Lady Knight Liz Weeks went home to God on December 4, 2008 at her home in Carmichael, following a prolonged battle with progressive dementia. She was born November 19, 1920 in Solvay, NY. Nearly half of Liz's life was spent as a military wife of Brother (Deacon) Jim Weeks, her loving husband of 65 years. This wonderful lady will dwell in the hearts and minds of many for a long time, especially parishioners at St. John the Evangelist parish. Rest in Peace, Lady Knight.



Chaplain's Chat – Father Ted Wroblicky:

Theophany or Epiphany Customs in the East & West

January in the Church is a special month. It is the month in the midst of the "Winter Pasch," a term many Christians use to describe the three mid-Winter Feasts of Christmas on December 25th, the Theophany or Epiphany of Our Lord on January 6th and the Presentation of Our Lord to Holy Simeon on February 2nd. Most of you are well acquainted with the celebration of Christmas, but, unless your roots are from Central Europe, Eastern Europe or the Middle East, you may not be acquainted with the Church's celebration of Theophany, or if you prefer, Epiphany of Our Lord in January. I'll save comment on The Presentation for a later article and write about a few customs of the principal Feast in January.

In the cultures and nations with whose people I have worked, water is blessed and sanctified on Theophany or Epiphany in both the Latin Church and the Byzantine Church. All who attend the water blessing services are invited to drink of the newly blessed water for the "purification of their souls and bodies and cure of their weakness." Then they are typically invited to take the newly blessed Holy Water to their homes for continued blessings and protection against evil. This is a wonderful opportunity that many families take to continue, in their homes, the Feast's celebration. Usually, the Holy Water is placed in a revered place, maybe next to the family bible or in the family's icon corner, so that all in the family can use it when special blessings are needed or when difficulties/special challenges arise.



In the weeks that follow these special water blessings, the family home may be blessed by the parish priest. This practice is common in the Latin Church and in the Byzantine Churches. In Polish Latin churches, the priest blesses the house using the Holy Water blessed on Epiphany and then writes on the wall above the entry door "K+M+B + 2009." This is an abbreviation of the names of the Three Kings, Kaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and the year in which the house was blessed. All who enter or exit this home throughout the year then know that it was blessed. In the Byzantine Churches, we visit the homes of the parishioners to bless their homes with the Holy Water from Theophany, visit for a while and update our parish census. Many churches have special greetings which are specific to the Feast. An example of one is... "Christ is Baptized" to which the greeted person responds ... "In the Jordan."

My father, who was born on the border between Poland and Ukraine, reminisced with me how the Ukrainian Byzantine priest would visit the Polish Latin priest and they both would bless the water for the Latin parish. The Polish priest then would reciprocate and they both would bless the water for the Byzantine parish. Sometimes, they would bless the water outdoors in an ancient ritual. When this was done, typically, someone would build an altar of ice upon which a large cross made of ice would be placed for use in the blessing rite. What an excellent way for Catholics of both the Western and Eastern Traditions to get to know one another better, increase their love of each other and celebrate their common Catholic Faith.

Christ is Baptized!

In the Jordan

BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME - Christmas Project - Martha (Marty) Condon

On December 25, 2008, in his Christmas message, wearing a crimson mantle against a damp chill, Pope Benedict told tens of thousands of people that God's saving grace could "alone transform evil into good" and "change human hearts, making them the oases of peace."



We, the Knights, have done a wonderful job in creating our "oases of peace" in "the spirit of authentic solidarity" and have caused the Light of Christmas to shine forth and to encourage people to do their part. Our 2008 Christmas Stocking Project started with a request by our Council for me to chair the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home (BGMH) program to continue the great work of my predecessor, Lady Knight Dorothy Picanco.

It was late Fall when I began soliciting and collecting funds to meet the needs of the Home. In order to do this we in Council 4970 began a joint effort with other Councils, Assemblies and parishes.

Instrumental in this effort were our Council, Council 953, Bishop Manogue Assembly and Sacred Heart Parish. The Grand Total of donations with the late start was an astonishing \$2245. In addition we received a "Charitable Discount" from Big Lots where a number of items were purchased. This indeed was a very nice and blessed surprise!



The Christmas Project money bought a much needed new kitchen stove, a carpet shampooer, enough Corel Wear place settings and dishes for 24 folk. We even took care of the vacuum cleaner problem of the Home. For the current girls in residence we presented each with a \$50 gift certificate, and a very large stocking loaded with personal care items. We also bought Christmas gifts for the three toddler sibling staying with their mothers at the Home!

The Christmas Gifts were delivered on Monday the 22nd of December. There were just about as many Knights, their ladies and family members, some very young, as there were girls. Lenore Mullarkey greeted us with her usual eyes sparkling and a smile that animates her entire face. The girls were seated waiting for our visit, a very large, beautifully decorated tree stood near the entrance, and photographs of newborn babies current and otherwise were on doors and on the walls. There have been hundreds of girls that have passed through these very blessed premises. After our presentation, we were given a tour of the home and I thoroughly enjoyed playing with all the babies. My husband, Brother John, offered to auction me off as "grand ma" to the highest bidder. After our visit most of us then headed to the Home Town Buffet for our Christmas dinner celebration!

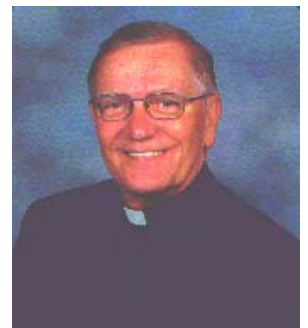


On behalf of Lenore, the young ladies and their children, I thank all of you for your financial and prayerful support of our program. You work hard for your money and I know your contributions made your hard work pay large dividends. I personally learned a lot, was emotionally uplifted this Christmas season, and if requested to chair this program, I would be willing to do it again next year. I promise not to micro-manage so much next year and seriously get as many of you, especially our Lady Knights involved. (You can contact me at (916) 483-1732, by email nicenures@gmail.com,

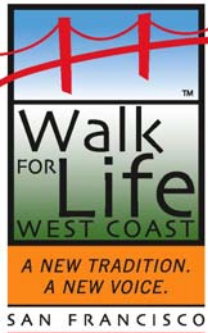
On Christmas a baby boy was born at the Home, maybe two, and it was not the three Wise Men knocking on the door...it was the Knights of Columbus.

DIOCESE APPOINTMENT: The Bishop has appointed Chaplain Tom Bland to the position of Vicar Episcopal for Priests. The Vicar Episcopal for Priests provides staff support to the Diocesan Bishop and to the Priests Personnel Board in the assignment of priests and other matters concerning priests. He also serves as Priests' Personnel Director.

Diocesan Statutes, # 21



ADVOCACY FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE, CHAIR JOHN MIZERAK



The 5th Annual Walk for Life. Join tens of thousands of pro-life women, men, families and friends as we take to the streets of San Francisco proclaiming that 'Abortion Hurts Women' and 'Women Deserve Better than Abortion®'. Walk with us on Saturday, January 24th and let the world know that there is an ever increasing voice for Life on the West Coast! Join us in ever greater numbers as we **challenge** the belief that abortion is a good choice for women. Walk to proclaim that *Life is a Choice —Life is the Best Choice!* **For details on transportation or other questions contact me at 332-5511 (cell at 916-505-5513) or Engrjimiz1@cs.com**



Thank YOU and your PRAYERS during the last three "40 Days for Life" campaigns, a sum total of over one thousand babies were saved from abortion across our nation, including several here in Sacramento! Also, more than 175,000 people, just like you, have participated in this peaceful, prayerful presence in 203 communities throughout the world, since the fall of 2007! Abortion workers have quit and nation-wide, three clinics have closed! Let us persevere in our efforts to restore a Culture of Life to our nation.

Since you are an important part of the 40 Days effort, you are encouraged to listen to exciting news and updates from the national leaders about what's going to happen as we prepare for the Springtime Lenten vigil, February 25th-April 5th compassionately helping women so that they are better able to choose LIFE for their unborn child.

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said: 'Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help! My baby is not even 1 yr. old and I'm pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together.' So the doctor said: 'Ok, and what do you want me to do?'

She said: 'I want you to end my pregnancy, and I'm counting on your help with this.' The doctor thought for a little, and after some silence he said to the lady: 'I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you too.' She smiled, thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request.

Then he continued: 'You see, in order for you not to have to take care of 2 babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. This way, you could rest some before the other one is born. If we're going to kill one of them, it doesn't matter which one it is. There would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms.'

The lady was horrified and said: 'No doctor! How terrible! It's a crime to kill a child!' 'I agree', the doctor replied. 'But you seemed to be ok with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution. The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point. He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born and one that's still in the womb. The crime is the same!'

HAPPY NEW YEAR Brother Knights - 2009! - JIM JORDAN, FIELD AGENT

As Catholics, our new year begins at Advent. We have our own special start then. As citizens we celebrate the annual festivities of a new calendar year. I would like to remind all my Brothers that the safest way to start the New Year is to protect all we own. Our loved ones cling on to our support and love, and when we leave they lose them both. We can show them as a Catholic Gentleman, the responsibility we have by leaving them with Catholic Protection. This will enable them to weather the storms of survival through your love and your intelligent management of your assets. One of the ways we can help our families is by saving Money verses Spending Money as our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states:



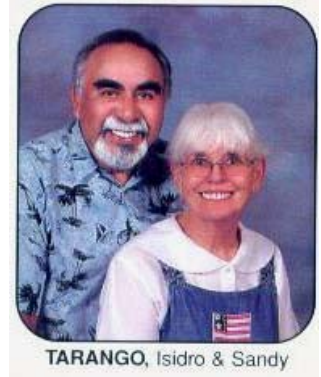
These are certainly difficult economic times, and everyone is very aware of the turmoil that surrounds us: credit issues, housing issues, banking issues. For the average consumer, and the average member of the K of C, the question is obvious: where do I turn? We suggest a conversation with your professionally trained K of C Insurance Agent about the ways to protect yourself and your family. While some might say "I can't think about spending money right now," the goal is not spending money, but saving money. Saving money through permanent life insurance with guaranteed cash values, and/or saving money through a retirement plan with guaranteed interest rates are excellent ways to prepare for your retirement. Both products can offer you a guaranteed monthly income for life. Let your Order help you.

I am here for you my Brothers and you only. Start the New Year off right Brothers by contacting me to discuss ways you might add Catholic Protection from Knights of Columbus to your family's protection plan.

Wishing you and yours a responsible start to the New Year, Your Brother and Field Agent, Jim Jordan, FICF
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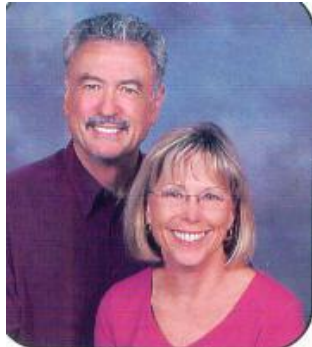
FAMILY OF THE MONTH.....TODD WILSON AND JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRMEN

First we congratulate Sid and Sandy Tarango who were honored by the State Council as being the most recent Family of the Month in the State of California. A great honor to a great family. Both Sid and Sandy are up to their necks in supporting a number of ministries at St. John the Evangelist parish.



TARANGO, Isidro & Sandy

Sid and Sandy were first honored by our Council as a Family of the Month. This month (actually November 2008), we are pleased to present our latest Family, the Roy and Kathy Lasich Family. This is not the first time Roy and Kathy have been so designated, but their many contributions are indeed worthy of such honors.



LASICH, Roy & Kathy

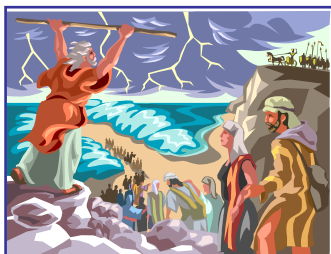
Roy and Kathy have been married for more that 38 years, and have two children, a son David, and a daughter Lori. Roy was born in San Francisco and was raised in Carmichael, California. He attended Our Lady of the Assumption School and El Camino High School. Kathy was born and raised in the Sacramento area and met Roy while they were in high school. Roy went on to work for the Blue Diamond Almond Company, retiring after thirty-nine years of service. Kathy was employed at Pacific Bell for twenty-five years, and a few years ago, she retired from the Saturn Corporation, and now spends time helping Roy. Both of their children also live in the Sacramento area. David is married and is an Aeronautical Engineer, and Lori, who is also married, is a First Grade Teacher.

Roy and Kathy, and members of their family have always been very supportive of their community, the Knights of Columbus, and their parish, St John the Evangelist, at which they have been members for more than thirty years. They have always responded to the needs of their parish and their pastor. They serve as Hospitality Ministers, and Roy is a member of the Pastoral Council and is responsible for the monthly Ministry Outreach Socials that follow the weekend masses. Roy and Kathy are also members of the St John's St Vincent de Paul Conference, and devote much time and energy at the Parish Food Locker.

Following his retirement from Blue Diamond, Roy formed his own company, "Roy's Premium Barbecue", which rapidly became a very successful and popular business within the community. Many organizations within the parish and the community request Roy to provide dinners, as a means to raise funds for their organizations. During the past year, he has provided the food and refreshments for the Parish Picnic, the Parish Crab feed, the Youth Ministry's Annual Rib Feed and the St Vincent de Paul Champagne Brunch, our Council's Religious Appreciation Dinner, the luncheon following our Memorial Mass for the fallen Knights, and popular Cioppino Dinner. As you would expect, Kathy and other members of their family are kept busy helping out at these functions. All of these events are well-attended, a testament to quality of the food, that Roy and company serve.

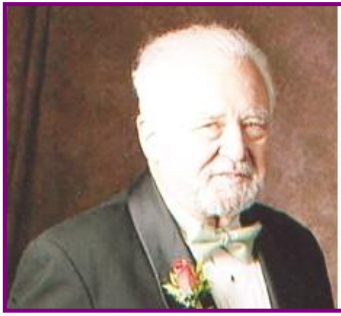
The members of Council 4970 are very proud of the Lasich Family and are, indeed, fortunate to have them as members of our council.

RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER: In addition to the special program for Fr. Ted on his 10th anniversary of his Ordination this month, we again will have our **Religious Appreciation Dinner** on Friday evening, February 13th. What better way to show our support for our Religious than to attend and socialize during the evening. We are keeping ticket prices to \$25 each and Brother Roy Lasich will again be serving the fillet mignon and his chicken specialty as last year. You can bring in your check to our January 13th business meeting or mail it to our Chairman, Tom Robbins at 5916 Adana Cir. Carmichael, CA 95608. If you make a reservation and don't pay in advance, it is essential to attend . Please contact Tom at 971-9389 or email him at Robbins@tonysfinefoods.com for your reservations.



MOSES & THE RED SEA Nine-year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked. "Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"



A MODERN PROSPECTIVE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The Emerging Legal Perspective

This is the third of a seven part series on capital punishment. In Part One I provided an outline of the materials to be covered, and gave a brief Biblical History of Capital punishment. In part 2, I covered my participation in the capital punishment arena. In this part, I will provide a background on the emerging standards for use of Capital Punishment.

Introduction

The constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment "is not fastened to the obsolete but may acquire meaning as public opinion becomes enlightened by humane justice."¹ [T]he 'basic concept underlying the Eighth Amendment' in this area is that the penalty must accord with the 'dignity of man.'³ Decisions in this area have been informed by "contemporary values concerning the infliction of a challenged sanction."⁴ Based upon the foregoing, there are three objective manifestations of current evolving standards of decency which restrict when the death penalty may be inflicted: (i) a re-examination of the 8th Amendment in the context of the amount of force which a state may use to defend its citizens from harm; (ii) a historical retreat from infliction of the death penalty in all felonies to those limited circumstances when a victim is killed, and there is the requisite culpability; (iii) a historical retreat from public executions.

It is suggested here that these emerging principles have coalesced such that imposition of the death penalty cannot be justified, if at all, unless a victim dies, the defendant has the requisite culpability, **and** the State cannot effectively control defendant's behavior by incarceration.

Constitutional Premise & Framework

Sovereignty resides in the People.^{5,6} (California Const., Preamble ["We, the People"]). The federal powers are expressly recognized as being delegated powers (*Rotunda, Treatise on Constitutional Law* §§ 3.1,3.²) By its terms, the 10th Amendment infers that powers are delegated by the People to the State, and the concept is written into the California Constitution's Preamble⁷. It has always been recognized that a Person could only grant that estate which he possessed (*Blackstone, Commentaries on the Laws of England, Vol. 2, page 290*;⁸ *Cheshire, The Modern Law of Real Property, p. 660 (Citing common law principles)*). At the time the constitution was drafted, an individual could use only reasonable force for self-defense, and deadly force only when met with deadly force and its use is reasonable. If the attacker retreats or abandons the fray, then the victim can no longer use deadly force (*Perkins, Criminal Law and Procedure (1972) 660-667; Tennessee v. Garner (1986) 471 U.S.1*). It would seem to follow therefore, that because an individual at common law could only use reasonable force, and deadly force if reasonable [*Foster*], that is all the power the individual collectively could delegate to the States, hence the State may only use reasonable force, and deadly force only if reasonable. *Garner*.

In Part 4, I will cover cruel and unusual punishment, and, space permitting, emerging standards of decency, which may have to be covered in a Part 5.

Footnotes:

1. © 1985 *sub nom*, "Penalty phase capital cases and other cases and matters deemed relevant to capital sentencing," edited by James Joseph Lynch, Jr. Emerging Standards was one of several chapters. Over the years, I updated it as capital punishment evolved out of the U.S. Supreme Court. For those wishing to review my original premises go to: www.jamesjosephlynchjr.com/Abolitionist/index.htm.
2. *McCleskey v. Kemp* (1987) 107 S.Ct. 1756 citing *Weems v. United States* (1910) 217 U.S. 349, 378.
3. *Id.* citing *Trop v. Dulles* (1958) 356 U.S. 86, 99, 100
4. 3 *McCleskey*, citing *Gregg v. Georgia* (1976) 428 U.S. 153, 173.
5. The constitution and the law are to be expounded without leaning one way or the other, according to those general principles which usually govern the construction of fundamental or other laws. Where there are several possible meanings of the words of the constitution a meaning that will defeat rather than effectuate the constitutional purpose cannot rightly be preferred. Generally, 1 *Rotunda*, opt cite
6. *Nixon v. Fitzgerald*, 457 U.S. 731, is questionable as its *ratio decidendi* does not square with the Preamble; and Article I §§ 9 & 10. Clearly, the President does not stand in the shoes of the King, because titles of nobility were abolished for an intended purpose. (Farrands 28-33). The framers placed sovereignty in the People. *Scott v. Sanford*, 19 How. (60 U.S.) 393 (1857).
7. It would appear that both the Federal and the several states constitutions were established in the light of the Hobbs/Locke Theory of Social Contracts wherein government are established to protect the welfare of its citizens at home. 1 *Rotunda*, supra 3.12 n.2. This is an internationally recognized duty of Nations. Verdross, *Jus Dispositivum land Jus Cogens in International Law*, 60 AJIL 55 (1961); Verdross, *Forbidden Treaties in International Law*, 31 AJIL 571-577 (1937).
8. Blackstone is a recognized source of the common law in aid of interpreting the Constitution. 1 *Rotunda* §§ 6.1 n.2, passim.

Arden-Carmichael, Inc - Knights of Columbus

Dear Members:

On Tuesday, January 20th starting at 7:30 PM our Corporation will hold its annual meeting at Seton Hall, OLA parish. As you recall a member is defined **as both** the Brother of Council 4970 as well as his spouse, so I encourage all to attend. Although other items will be discussed, the primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers and two directors. Nominations for these positions can be made from the floor on the 20th. Our Corporation is the primary source of our charitable contributions, so there will definitely be discussion regarding our budget for the coming year.

To assure that sufficient members are in attendance to meet the requirements of our by-laws, it is requested you proxy your vote to another member of the corporation in case you are unable to attend. Mail the below proxy to our Secretary, Jack Wilson, or bring it to either our January business meetings. Your proxy is valid only if you are not present and will be revoked as of December 31, 2009. Your participation is appreciated.

I hope to see you at the Corporation Meeting January 20th.

JIM LEET, PRESIDENT

Arden-Carmichael, Inc - Knights of Columbus
Corporation Meeting - Tuesday January 20th, Seton Hall, OLA Parish, 7:30 PM

Please mail each proxy, **one** for the Brother of K of C Council 4970 and **one** for your spouse, if applicable, to:
Jack Wilson, 3839 Maudray Way, Carmichael, CA 95608 (481-4538)

By this proxy I give my voting rights to the following member of Arden-Carmichael, Inc on those occasions between January 20th 2009 and December 31st 2009 that I am unable to attend a Corporation meeting.

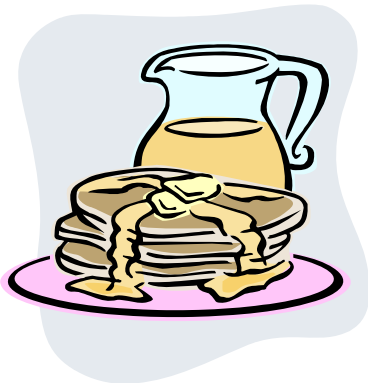
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WE CAME THROUGH AGAIN: The annual Santa Christmas Party and Pancake Breakfast at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish was again a huge success. Of course we were instrumental in the success story as we fed about 650 hungry parishioners and school families. We thank Brother Richard Cuny for doing the coordinating and the busy kitchen crew who again had to eat standing up for the most part. We thank Fr. McKeefry, pastor of OLA, for again visiting us in the kitchen and giving us a thank you for our support of the parish. We believe we will be invited back 2009.

AND MORE PANCAKES: And this month, Sunday, January 11th, we will do another breakfast, this time at St. Johns for its Ministry Outreach Program. It will be after the 8 and 10 a.m. masses and will be a Free Will Donation event. Our Council was requested to fill one of the monthly programs at the parish and we selected January. Since we weren't certain of the weather, we elected to do our famous pancakes in the Tralee Center. Again, we can use all hands on deck. If you can come anytime in the morning to set up, cook, serve or clean up, feel free to join in. Oh yes, bring your family for a great meal.

CHUCK'S CORNER - MENDING THE MIND - CHUCK CUNY, PGK



Since the advent of the computer, there has been a continuous comparison between the computer and the human brain. More recently, there has been concern that young people are spending too much time on the computer resulting in their brain being 'rewired' by the computer.

Some future studies may determine whether children lose their facility in human socialization because they do not develop their human interaction skills due to excess time in computer games. The present concern is not so much about the computer rewiring but the concept of the continuous rewiring of the brain.

There are remarkable implications to accepting that the brain 'wires' itself in the growth process and continues to change or 'rewire' itself in everyday situation, which incidentally includes reading this article. As your brain processes the information in this article, you will be a slightly changed person. Part of the implication is that every brain becomes wired differently as it accommodates to ongoing information in its complex environment.

The argument about nature and nurture will probably tilt more to nature as we continue the exploration of human DNA. We will learn that those trillions of happy or unhappy DNA protein molecules have more input to personality development than we care to acknowledge. Regardless of the source, each person's mental adaptation is a special and unique product of their genes and their past and ongoing experiences.

We begin much of our formal education learning word meaning and understanding complex organization of words. We begin with the hidden premise that words and sentences mean the same to everybody. The reality is that we are conditioned to ignore the overtones; the feelings and past memories associate with the words and expressions. But they are still there and rattle around in the human circuitry, greatly affecting our understanding and appreciation of the text and for that matter, the world.

What that means, aside from our being a unique individual, is that we each interpret the world each in different and unique ways. An appreciation for understanding the uniqueness of the development of each person is essential for common human socialization especially in a democracy. If a person really understands the uniqueness of each individual and how differently they process information, they will have a greater ability to accept their little quirks or even some of the big ones.

In a recent article I wrote, I received high praise from one knight and was chastised by another for "the worse (same) article I ever wrote". The article was fairly factual, but the understanding and feeling evoked was vastly different. Some may see this particular article as an attack on objective morality. For others, it is a plea for greater understanding in dealing with a person who perceives the world in a different way.

Without passing judgment, let me leave you with this thought, "Why do you behold the speck in your brother's eye, but ignore the plank in your own eye? This is indeed a plea for patience and understanding when you disagree with your friends. Alas! Could it be that perhaps maybe even you and I are not quite perfect?"



THIS MONTH THE ONLINE AND MAIL-OUT VERSIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY BULLETIN ARE SIMILAR. Some months our mail out version is shortened due to cost considerations. Our Paladin is also mailed to our Council Widows, prospects, other Councils in the area, State officers and Committee chairs. We publish all pertinent council activities and actions.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE PLEASE EMAIL OUR EDITOR, BROTHER GENE GOBBO, AT gene@gobbo.org OR CALL 283-5223 FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS. TO STAY EVEN MORE CURRENT, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR COUNCIL'S WEB SITE <http://www.kofc4970.org> FREQUENTLY. Need a Council Roster...visit our website. You'll need a password (contact Gene at gene@gobbo.org or 383-5223).

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



VOCATION PRAYER: Creator God, life is your gift. Through baptism you invite us to share our lives in service to others. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to your call. Bless those who serve you as priest, deacons, religious, members of secular institutes, and lay ministers. Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2009

- 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
- 6 Special Planning Meeting – 7:30 PM
St. Catherine Rm, St. John the Evangelist Parish
- 6 The Epiphany of the Lord
- 11 Pancake Breakfast – St. John the Evangelist
- 13 Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 18 Free Throw Contest, SI Gym - 5:30 PM
- 20 Corporation Mtg - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 24 Walk for Life - San Francisco
- 27 Council Planning Mtg – Seton Hall, OLA 7:30 PM

The Rosary precedes
the Business Meeting - 7:00 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2009

- 10 Business Meeting – Seton Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
- 13 Religious Appreciation Dinner - SI - 6:30 PM
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 16 President's Day
- 21 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification - St. Johns Parish
- 24 Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM
- 25 Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent

NOTE THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN
SETON HALL IN FEBRUARY

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the Business Meeting - 7:00 PM