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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE...

RICHARD SCHULTZ



I am really proud of our Council's involvement at St. John's Ministry Sunday last month...a pancake breakfast. The turnout was certainly more than expected and our workers were up to the task. (see details on page 6). I was disappointed with the number of boys and girls that participated in our Free-throw Contest last month, even though our committee did an excellent job with publicity. I understand there were other youth basketball events that same night. If you weren't there you missed the shot of the night (details of winners on page 7). In the morning of the same day, we joined with the parishioners of Holy Wisdom Church in a Divine Liturgy (Mass) on the occasion of Fr. Ted Wroblicky's 10 anniversary of his ordination (details on page 5). The Liturgy was followed by a luncheon moderated by Brother Richard Cuny.

I was pleased to participate with 30,000 pro-life supporters, including the largest number ever of Brothers and family from our council (see article and picture on page 4) at the annual Walk for Life in San Francisco last month. We started with mass at St. Johns and concluded with the walk from the Plaza near the Embarcadero to the yacht park after about two and a half miles. It was an honor to have Bishop Soto in the march. The threat of rain didn't dampen anyone's enthusiasm, and the protesters were minimal. We are making progress, Brothers! Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE DON HARMATA

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 (see below) and our hosting of the 2nd and 3rd Exemplifications will be held at St. John's parish on February 21st. As we have been doing for a number of years during Lent, we will participate in Stations of the Cross at St. Johns. On March 21st we will host the Chapter meeting. It never lets up, so why not get involved.



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 mail your check to our Chairman, Tom Robbins at 5916 Adana Cir. Carmichael, CA 95608. Please contact Tom at 971-9389 or email him at Robbins@tonysfinefoods.com for your reservations. If you make a reservation and don't pay in advance, it is essential to attend.

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RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN**

Supreme's recent newsletter reflects on Knights living as Christian witness that our Holy Father has called us to do...by witnessing in every aspect of our lives, from our families, to our work, to our council's programs. We also do this by asking qualified men to join us and help us strengthen our Church. The theme for the current year is "Follow Me-Help Us Build Up the Church". To do this, recruiting is essential to our continued growth and well being.

We have been partially successful by bringing in 5 new members this Columbian year...so far. We welcome our three newest Knights to the Council, Brothers Peter Mendenhall, Bernie Ditter and Jose Zarazua. They received their First Degree in Sacramento on January 8th. We thank Council 953 for hosting the Degree and we applaud them for the great dinner prior to the ceremonial. Brother Peter is a member of St. Johns, Bernie a member of St. Ignatius and Jose a member of Holy Family parish in Citrus Heights.

The next milestone for these Brothers is to attain their 2nd/3rd degrees of our Order; the next Exemplification being at St. Johns this coming February 21st. For those of us that are 3rd degree Knights, we can use your help at the registration desk. Contact Gene Gobbo at 283-5223 for further details.

We are also planning a Membership Drive at Presentation Parish in March. Hopefully we can muster many of our Brothers out, even those of us not parishioners at Presentation.

We recently heard from two of our Brothers serving overseas:

From Brother Miguel Sabral: For me I am doing great here in FOB Marez. Fire Base Marez (formerly FOB Glory) near the Mosul Iraq, airport where it has been quite cold. However, I would like to share a sad event that happened here prior to my arrival. An explosion tore through a crowded U.S. military mess tent during lunch service, killing 22 people and wounding 69. 19 of the dead were U.S. soldiers. The explosion was caused when a suicide bomber disguised as an Iraqi National Guard trainee blew himself up inside the mess tent.

Debra is in Sacramento and doing fine (if any brother would like to call her and say hello, she can be reached at cell 281-6124. My address here at FOB Marez is: Sgt, Sabral, Mike. A. HHC 3/8 Cav 1st CD. FOB Marez APO AE 09334. I will be only too pleased to hear from my Brothers. Oh yes, I plan to reenlist for 6 more years and hopefully be assigned to a post in California.

Via Brother Herb Holeman in regard to his son, and our Brother Knight,

Kevin. He's in a high valley area adjacent to the mountain passes into Pakistan with a lot of snow. His current assignment is the G3 Ops Officer and he interacts with an Afghan counterpart. Right now he's asking me about a California State Flag to fly over the AO (area of operations) in Afghanistan. Apparently there's a custom/courtesy of folks back home sending American Flags to fly over AO's, fire bases, etc in Afghanistan. I guess they run them up the flag pole and then send them back home to the folks.

US AND YOUTUBE.COM. We are now really reaching into the 21st Century and using YouTube these days. Check out: www.youtube.com/vatican. This channel offers news coverage of the main activities of the Holy Father Pope



Benedict XVI and of relevant Vatican events. It is updated daily. This video-news presents the Catholic Church's position regarding issues of the world today. Links give access to the full and official texts of cited documents: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alijuXxhrQ&feature=channel>

(if you're on your computer, put your cursor anywhere within the above website – or any website noted in the Paladin -, hold down the control key and hit the left mouse button to bring up this site regarding new networking and YouTube).

**GOOD OF THE ORDER
PRAYERS NEEDED**

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Fr. Bill Feeser
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Rose Marie Anderson
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Martin Lukoskie
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Ernest Marenich
Robert Marenich
Sandy McGettigan
Lori Mondonsa (Schwartz)
Jeffrey Patton
Dorothy Picanco
Wilfred Redman
Mary Schmidt
Norma Winters
Doug Wright
Priests and Religious
Aborted Children
Troops serving our country
(particularly Brothers Miguel
Sabral and Kevin Holeman)

DECEASED

Doris Carlon (widow of
Brother Tom Carlon)

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LADY KNIGHT PASSES: Lady Knight Doris Carlon passed away last month. She and Brother Tom, who were married for 50 years, and who predeceased Doris were very involved in the council activities, particularly our Bingo program in the 1980s. Tom also was our Ceremonial Deputy Grand Knight. Doris was born in 1913 and after moving to Sacramento was also an active volunteer in her parish church activities. May she rest in peace, Amen

Insurance Report – Beneficiaries - ♥♥ Who Do You Love? ♥♥
"Helping Brother Knights achieve Fr. McGivney's Dream"



- Valentine's Day will soon be here! Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy?
- Why is it so important to know and to have your beneficiary information updated?

A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people – in the event of your death. When purchasing Knights of Columbus insurance policy, you have selected a primary beneficiary, and if you desire, a contingent, or secondary beneficiary. It's always a wise choice to have a contingent beneficiary because you may outlive your primary beneficiary. A contingent beneficiary is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary dies.

By being specific as possible in the wording your beneficiary designation you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available to your wife, daughter, son, etc., in a timely manner when needed most.

Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your beneficiary designations periodically. This will ensure that your life insurance coverage will protect those you love and want to protect.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. I can provide you with the necessary forms, and can help you fill them out. I can also help you with all of your life insurance policy beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold - regardless of the company that issued it.

Fraternally, Your Brother, Jim Jordan, FICF, 916-663-1946, Cell 916-765-9325

ADVOCACY FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE, CHAIR JOHN MIZERAK



The 5th Annual Walk for Life West Coast... Despite the chance of rain, there was lots of enthusiasm and excitement as more than 30,000 walked in San Francisco from Justin Herman Plaza along the Embarcadero to Marina Green on January 24. About 1,500 including Knights were from the Sacramento area who had boarded buses to join the march while others jumped into smaller vehicles and carpoled to the Bay Area. "It is a wonderful way to make our beliefs known in a peaceful way," said George Mills, who was leaving from St. Mary's. "Let us pass on the love," Sister of Life Mother Agnes Mary said. "Let us tell the truth, let us change the world." I thank those from our Council and our parishes that joined with us this year.

During Lent, February 25th-April 5th we will again participate in **40 Days for Life**, a nationwide peaceful, prayerful, life-saving effort that compassionately shares the love of Christ with women who are facing an unexpected pregnancy. Please join us at the site closest to you. For more information, contact me at **332-5511 (cell at 916-505-5513) or Engrimiz1@cs.com**



May I also suggest reading the story of the Duck and the Devil at:

<http://kimstaudenraus.com/the-duck-the-devil/> Live life free from guilt and shame.

Chaplain's Chat...A Running Start for Lent Father Tom Bland

Last year the season of Lent began the earliest it had been (February 6th) in recent memory. This year Ash Wednesday, which initiates the Lenten season, begins on February 25th. Although still a few weeks away, it is a good spiritual exercise to begin now to ask yourself the question, "What will this special season the Church sets aside for penance mean for me personally?"

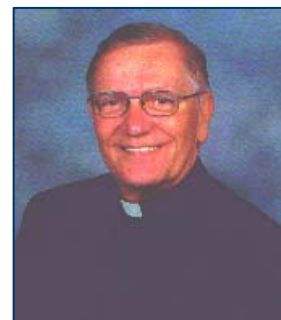
The Church calls the faithful to a deeper conversion during the season of Lent. The scriptural readings we will reflect upon both on Sunday and weekday liturgies will speak of beginning anew, of fasting; of prayer; of almsgiving; of conversion; of mutual forgiveness; of hardness of heart; of love of enemies, of a call to holiness, and so forth. God gives us so many seasons of Lent in our lives, and we need to make the best of it. Throughout the Lenten season, the whole Church prays for us and with us.



The minimal fasting and abstinence regulations during Lent are as follows:

- **Abstinence** is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lenten by all Catholics 14 years and older.
- **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

God has blessed us through his Church with this grace-filled season of Lent. Let us prepare for it now, so that when Ash Wednesday arrives this year, we will be already running with the exercises of Lent.



Father Theodore Wroblicky, 10th Anniversary of his Ordination



On January 18th Father Ted Wroblicky, one of our two Council Chaplains, celebrated his 10th anniversary of ordination to the holy priesthood in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. The picture was taken at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy (Mass) at Christ the King Retreat Center. Council members, their families, religious, parishioners, friends and two Color Corps members participated in the Liturgy.

Sir Knight, Fr. "Ted" is pastor of Holy Wisdom parish. His son, and Knight Fr. Deacon Alexander Wroblicky, served as deacon in the Liturgy. The two Color Corps Sir Knights led the

processions into the church, at the Entrance with the Gospel Book and again at the Great Entrance with the Gifts.

Holy Wisdom is an outreach parish of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the largest Eastern Catholic Church in union with the Holy Father and the Roman Catholic Church. Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, in *Orientalis Lumen* (The Light of the East) encouraged people to study and understand "the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Catholic Churches as an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, to enable the Church once again to breathe with two lungs." He was referring to the Church's need to breathe with the Roman Catholic tradition as the Western lung and the Eastern Catholic tradition as the Eastern lung.

Retreat Center Director, Br. Kurt Wernert, C.P., and Fr. Jerry Robinson, S.J., Pastor, St. Ignatius parish joined us for a very nice luncheon at the Center. The program was coordinated by Program Director Don Harmata with MC duties performed admirably by Brother Richard Cuny.

(Left to right in the picture: Dr. George Kostyrko, Cantor and founder of Holy Wisdom Parish; Sir Knight Richard Cuny (serving as an acolyte); Sir Knight Richard Schultz, Grand Knight and member of the Color Corps Christ the King Assembly 2797; Cole Sikorsky, acolyte, (and student at St. Ignatius Parish); Fr. Dennis Smolarski, S.J., University of Santa Clara; Fr. William Dohman, first Pastor of Holy Wisdom parish; Fr. Deacon Alexander Wroblicky; Fr. Ted, Jubilarean; Fr. Stanislaw Zak, Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Oakland; Archimandrite Mark Melone, Pastor of St. George Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Sacramento; and Sir Knight Michael Langer, Color Corps Commander, Bishop Manogue Assembly 50).

Just for Laughs: My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program. And then....No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH.....TODD WILSON AND JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRMEN

Each month, Arden-Carmichael 4970 honors a Brother member and his Family who exemplify the finest values taught by our Church and our Order. Congratulations to the **Charles and Mary Ann Cuny Family**, our December 2008 Family of the Month.

The Cuny Family has been very active in serving the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus for many years. Charles is a member of Saint Ignatius Church where he serves as a Minister of Hospitality and a substitute Eucharistic Minister. He was a Catechist for the RCIA program for many years and served on many committees. Mary Ann and their daughter Theresa are members of Saint Stephen's Church, which incidentally uses the 1963 Roman Catholic Liturgy and the Mass is said in Latin.



Charles and Mary Ann have six children, three boys and three girls and eleven grandchildren. Their oldest son, Charles, received his PhD from Stanford and is a professor at Washington University in Saint Louis. Their other two sons graduated from CSUS and work as computer programmers for the State of California. Their second son David plays the piano for his parish, Our Lady of the Assumption and Saint Ignatius and often helps in Knight's functions. Their third son, Brother Knight Richard Cuny, is very active in our council and attends Holy Wisdom Church (see previous article regarding Fr. Ted's 10th anniversary of his ordination). Their oldest daughter Linda received her license from the University of Davis and is an attorney in Del Mar California. Their daughter Julia graduated from Irvine University and is an instructional assistant at American River College and a lector for Saint Rose Catholic Church. Their youngest daughter Theresa graduated from CSUS and is a manager for the Los Rios College.

Charles has been a Grand Knight for two consecutive years (1999-2001) and is currently a trustee. As trustee, he is Membership Chairman and has developed special recruitment material. The council has recently recruited a number of new members under his leadership. He is also the Chairman for the very successful "Tootsie Roll" drive where the council raised \$8,000 for Camp ReCreation.

The family has helped support many Knights' events. Charles co-chairs the annual Christmas Party with the Loren Wallin family. His daughters Julia and Theresa prepare raffle material and help serve the food. Charles acted as MC and his sons David and Richard help lead the caroling. He also works with Gene Gobbo in the monthly newsletter and regularly writes a column under Cuny's Corner for the Paladin along with other council updates.

The Cuny Family has been very supportive of many other Knights' functions including the Annual Fireworks Booth, the Pancake Breakfasts, and the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. In the past years, Charles and Mary Ann have opened up their family home for Mass, installation of officers and the annual family barbeque. It is with pleasure that we have selected the Cuny's for the Family of the Month.

Arden-Carmichael, Inc - Knights of Columbus...Jim Leet, President

Last month we held our annual Corporation Meeting. I thank you for re-electing me as your President for another year. With the economy as bad as it is and even though we made a significant number of donations, we actually increased our Corporation account by about \$6,000. I also congratulate Michael Langer as our Vice President, Steve Millner as our Treasurer and Greg Vlasek, Secretary, our newest officer. Reelected for another 3-year Directorship were Michael Corcoran and Gene Gobbo. With Jack Kocunik stepping down as Director, the membership elected for the first time, one of our ladies, Marty Condon, as a 3-year Director. Congratulations to all and in particular to Marty.

Our budget for 2009 is a slight increase from last year, about \$14,000; this is due to an increase in our insurance premium. Scholarships to 8 - 8th graders entering a Catholic HS and various donations to our 4 parishes constituted most of the budget. Our committees reported and the membership approved a continuation of our Firework sale program and a review of our bylaws and possible changing of our non-profit classification.

For copies of our minutes contact Director Gene Gobbo at 283-5223 or gene@gobbo.org.



WE CAME THROUGH AGAIN: Last month we did another one of our famous pancake breakfast, this time at St. Johns for its Ministry Outreach Program. Even though it was a Free Will Donation event, we netted nearly \$500 for the parish ministry outreach program feeding about 300 hungry parishioners. As last month at OLA, our work force was up to the task. Bravo 4970!

**And Two More Laughs....Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.**

FOCA: Star Chamber Tactic designed to kill and deceive..Knight James Joseph Lynch, Jr., J.D.



We interrupt the regularly scheduled series, Capital Punishment, to bring you information on another braking event ... Impending Legislation regarding the Freedom of Choice Act.

Introduction

Activists on both sides of the abortion issue congregated last month during the annual March for Life in Washington to debate the possible passage of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). President Obama, speaking to Planned Parenthood while a candidate, said he would sign the legislation should it pass Congress, and his vow has energized all sides of the issue.

The FOCA as introduced to Congress in 2007 is umbrella legislation that aims to protect women's health and their right to "to begin, prevent or continue a pregnancy." According to its authors, it is designed to eliminate the "threats that remain" to Roe v. Wade, the landmark 1973 Supreme Court abortion rights decision that prompted the annual March for Life. Those threats include possible reversal of the decision and "legislative or administrative policies that make abortion more difficult and dangerous to obtain." It also "... ensures ... women will not be affected by political whims," said Frances Kissling, former president of Catholics for Choice in Washington. Consent laws that require minors obtain parental permission before obtaining an abortion aren't designed to provide full knowledge, but to "scare" and misinform, she said. (emphasis added)

Note: FOCA does restrict abortions after the fetus is viable, or can live outside of the woman, which is approximately 24 weeks into the pregnancy, according to a 2008 study published by the Center for Fetal and Neonatal Medicine and the USC Division of Neonatal Medicine.

FOCA, in reality is a license to kill and deceive

Roe v. Wade, and its progeny, held that there must be a health exception to abortion laws, and struck down all abortion laws that did not provide that exception, and then upheld the ban on partial birth abortions. *Gonzales Case*. The Court also has held that the parent-child relationship was protected by the 1st Amendment, such that the right to inform and give guidance to a pregnant teen was protected so long as the parent did not have veto power.

What FOCA would do is create a "star chamber" procedure where the pregnant teen could be persuaded that abortion was the only realistic option without any input from her parents. It would also go far beyond what the Court found required in that it would eliminate the necessity of defending mothers' life, safety or welfare. The Court has long held that where it defines the contours of a constitutional issue, and the rights of the parties, Congress cannot overrule the ruling by passing legislation that would be in violation of the guarantees preserved in the Bill of Rights. *Dickerson v. United States*, 530 U. S. 428 (2000).

The proper balance is this: No woman should have to die as a result of pregnancy, but neither should the unborn die as a result of a pregnancy that it did not create. Therefore, the mother may use reasonable force, and deadly force only if reasonable to terminate the pregnancy at a time and in a manner that saves both lives, if at all possible. Adoption is an option. I would urge you to write our Senators and Congressperson bringing these matters to their attention in an effort to avoid such impermissible legislation that would trample on the rights of parents and the unborn. (*Gonzales v. Planned Parenthood*, 550 U. S. (2007), Dickinson.

2009 Free Throw Championship Report...Loren Wallin, Chairman

Our **Council Free Throw Championship** was held last month. We had a small but energetic turnout of participants with winners:

- Age 10 - Girls: no participants;
Boys: Lorenzo Gonzalez-Arce (10/15)*, St. Ignatius
- Age 11 - Girls: Raya Eubanks (7/15)*, St. Philomenes
Boys: Cole Sikorsky (10/15)*, St. Ignatius
- Age 12 - Girls: Sydney Steele (8/15)*, Our Lady of Assumption
Boys: Blake Bangle (14/15)*, St. Ignatius
- Age 13 - Girls: Jasmine Florentino (9/15)*, St. Ignatius; Boys: no participants
- Age 14 - Girls: no participants; Boys: no participants

Our winners now advance to the District competition on Feb 21st. Many thanks to those who helped including Larry Rositani, Mike Langer, Len Zerilli, Milt Damore, Chuck Cuny, Jose Salazar, Aurora Wallin, and Richard and Kim Schultz. We know our winners will do well as they participate this month at the District level.



CHUCK'S CORNER - PRIVATE VICE AND PUBLIC VIRTUE - CHUCK CUNY, PGK



It was Bernard Mandeville in "The Fable of the Bees" who proposed that private vice makes for public virtue and that man's immoral appetites bring about a strong economy. He contended that man's personal vice is a necessary precondition for economic prosperity.

Mandeville claimed that it is human nature to compete to earn more and live better and the absence of self-love is the death of progress. The higher virtues are mere hypocrisy and arise from the selfish desire to be superior to the animals. The moral virtues are built upon pride and thus he arrives at the great paradox that "private vices are public benefits." His basic argument was taken up by the economist Adam Smith in "The Wealth of the Nations" to form the basis for modern capitalism.

In 1776, Adam Smith wrote "It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest." He argued that self-interest (private vice) is the guiding principle to prosperity. The most controversial part of the book is a belief in an 'Invisible Hand' that balances the free market. While some economists believe in the possibility of the 'Invisible Hand' on the condition that there is an open, honest and full information transaction (which is virtually impossible), apostles like Milton Friedman and Alan Greenspan have turned the principle into dogma for all transactions. One does not think of economics as a religion, but the 'Invisible Hand' is a great leap of faith.

The Founding Fathers were very familiar with various forms of government. Lord Acton said that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Well did the Fathers understand the greedy nature of man and the need for check and balance in both institutions and government.

Reinhold Niebuhr in his book, Moral Man and Immoral Society, argued that conflict is a permanent feature of history and while social improvement is possible, justice is born in strife and is always insecure. For him, original sin is endemic to the human condition and while individuals often transcend self-interest (Moral Man"), organizations have little capacity for self-transcendence (Immoral Society). The wealthy upper classes have limited understanding of the people they harm and dominant groups rarely yield their privileges.

President Bush aligned himself with the school of economics that hold to the theory that the less government controls, the better. No matter how well intentioned, for that, he may go down in history as one of the worst US presidents. His appointment, Allen Greenspan, the former Federal Reserve chairman, recently recanted saying his faith in "the self-interest of lending institutions to protect shareholders' equity" had been replaced by "shocked disbelief" as the American economic system collapsed. Unfortunately, his awakening was too late and the failure to regulate institutions that were engaged in blatantly risky behavior collapsed like a pyramid scheme and turned the country and the world into an economic tailspin. What should have been a minor economic correction has now become a full-scale depression.

One needs to ask how is it possible for intelligent men to think that there is no need to regulate corporate for-profit-industry? Today we suffer great tragedy for the apparent lack of foresight in trying to control the rapacious greed of corporations, especially banking and lending institutions. Unfortunately, as a result we now we are experiencing great public and personal suffering on a massive scale.

CHRIST IS RISEN MAGNETS

The popular magnets are again available this year for a donation of \$2. This is a beautiful way of expressing our Christianity. We will have them at our February business meeting.



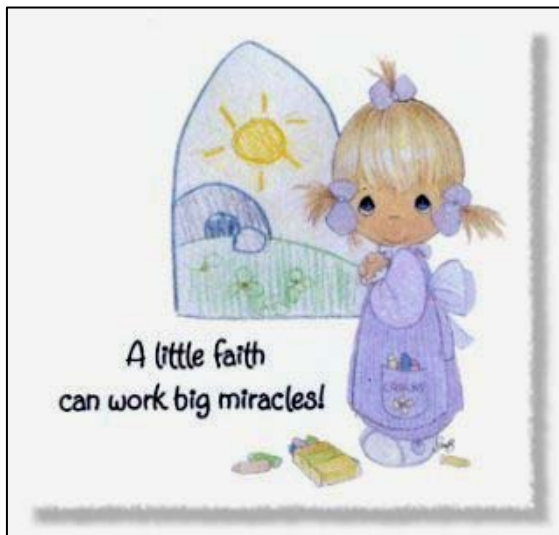
Our Paladin, Page 1 has a slightly new look with suggestions from one of our members. A little different font, our Knight now looks inward and our State logo has a more up to date look for St. Anthony. We are always looking for ideas so don't hesitate on letting our editor know. Our Paladin is online and mailed to Brothers who do not have email and our Council widows, prospects, other Councils in the area, State officers and Committee chairs. We publish all pertinent council activities and actions.

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Let's make 2009 the year the silent majority is heard and we put God back as the foundation of our families and institutions. God Bless America, despite all her faults, she is still the greatest nation of all. God bless our military who are fighting to protect our right to pray and worship God.

VOCATION PRAYER: Dear God, you call me to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with You. Help me to know how to bring justice and love to a world desperately in need of you and your values. Strengthen us all with the courage to respond to your invitation to serve. Amen

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
<u>FEBRUARY 2009</u>	
2	Presentation of the Lord
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 – SJE Parish
24	Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM
25	Ash Wednesday - Beginning of Lent
28	District Free Throw - Lincoln
NOTE THE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SETON HALL IN FEBRUARY (the small room in the rear of St. Johns Hall, OLA)	

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
<u>MARCH 2009</u>	
8	Daylight Saving Time begins
10	Business Mtg – St. John Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
14/15	Membership Drive – Presentation Parish
17	St. Patrick's Day
20	First Day of Spring
21	Chapter Meeting – St Johns Parish – 1 PM
21	Confirmation – St. Johns Parish
22	Open House – Presentation Parish - noon
24	Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
31	Ladies Night Out - TBA
The Rosary precedes the Business Meeting - 7:00 PM	