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## UPCOMING MAJOR COUNCIL/CORPORATION ACTIVITIES

### MESSAGE FROM OUR RECORDER, HERB HOLEMAN

A letter was read from Bro. Kevin Gualderama in which he formally stated his resignation as Grand Knight effective 1 February 2005. With regret, the resignation was accepted and a motion made and carried by the Council Officers to appoint Deputy Grand Knight, Larry Rositani, as the Acting Grand Knight immediately in accordance with Article 2, Section 5 of the By-Laws, dated 11 May 2004.

### ABBREVIATED MINUTES FROM OUR ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING MICHAEL LANGER SECRETARY

On Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> our Corporation held its annual meeting in St. John Hall, Ministry Center, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. The primary purpose of the meeting was to elect officers and three directors. Officers elected were Jim Leet, President, Herb Holeman, Vice President, Steve Millner, Treasurer, and Michael Langer, Secretary. Directors elected were Milt Damore, Mel Picanco and Jack Kocunik. Jack was elected to fill the unexpired term of Herb Holeman who resigned his Directorship and ran/won the position of Vice President.

The budget was approved for \$12,000 to include Scholarships, donations to our five primary parishes and miscellaneous charities/programs. Details of the meeting including current bank holdings are available by contacting Secretary Michael Langer at 348-3343

### RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

We again take time to pay respect to our religious, those who administer to us and who spiritually guide us, our families and our friends through our lives. We honor our Priests, our Sisters, our Brothers, and our Deacons on Friday evening, February 4<sup>h</sup>. The event will be a dinner at St. Ignatius Parish Center, and we hope you can assist the committee by making them aware of those religious that you know and respect in your parish or other religious venues in our general Council area. We will work with you and invite them to be our guest.

We are asking for a donation of \$20 per person for the Filet Steak Dinner to support this program and complimentary dinner for our guests. We would like an RSVP to our Chairman, Brother Tom Robbins at 971-9389 or email him at [Robbins@tonysfinefoods.com](mailto:Robbins@tonysfinefoods.com).

THIS IS YOUR ONLINE VERSION OF THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY BULLETIN. THE COUNCIL ALSO PUBLISHES A ONE SHEET, ABBREVIATED VERSION THAT IS MAILED TO THOSE BROTHERS AND WIDOWS THAT DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. IT IS ALSO MAILED TO OTHER COUNCILS IN THE AREA, STATE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS. WE PUBLISH ALL PERTINENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE EMAIL OUR EDITOR, BROTHER GENE GOBBO, AT [gene@gobbo.org](mailto:gene@gobbo.org) PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING MEETINGS. TO STAY EVEN MORE CURRENT, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR COUNCIL'S WEB SITE <http://www.kofc4970.org> FREQUENTLY.

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PAST GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE - KEVIN GUALDERAMA

Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, My Worthy Officers, and Worthy Brother Knights, and families. Due to personal problems, I must step down as Grand Knight of Arden/Carmichael Council #4970. We are a strong council, and Larry, as Deputy Grand Knight I ask you to take over all council activities. I need some time off to take care of important business. Please finish my term as acting Grand Knight for our council. As of February 1st, I will step down as Grand Knight. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Peace, and keep the faith...

Kevin Gualderama.



ACTING GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE - LARRY ROISTANI

Worthy Brothers and Family, As I write this month's article, my heart is full of sadness as I report the resignation of our Grand Knight, Kevin Gualderama. Kevin is one of my best friends and the leader of our Council. However, Kevin resigned due to personal reasons and has asked me to assume his duties. Kevin has been one of the most active members of this Council and was involved in almost every part of our Council's activities. He could be depended

upon to be there when needed. So with a heavy heart, at his request, and with the approval of our Council Officers, I have taken on the position of acting Grand Knight of the Council so we can continue on to do the tasks we have been called upon to do. At the next Business meeting an election will be held to vote on filling the position permanently for the rest of the Columbian year. I want to personally thank Kevin for all that he has done for the Council. Please keep Kevin, his wife Stephanie and his children Alex and Amanda in your prayers.



As you read this we will have completed two events in late January (pancake breakfast at S.I.), and one in early February (Religious Appreciation Dinner). I thank all who helped me and the Council complete these events successfully. I also thank all those who attended the Funeral services of our 3 fallen brothers who died recently and for showing the respect they deserved with their attendance to these brothers and their families for the good work they performed during their lives on this earth.

We have completed all of the Council Youth activities scheduled for this portion of the year and have been very successful in increasing participation in these activities. I want to thank our Council youth director for all his work and the event directors under him for their work in this area as well.

Remember Lent will be starting in the month of February and that the Pope has made this year the year of the Eucharist which will make this season of Lent a special time to do a little soul searching and remember why the Eucharist is the greatest gift given to all of us. Remember that Lent is also a time of repentance in commemoration for Jesus' dying for our sins. In closing I hope all of us will prepare our selves for Easter with thoughts of forgiveness for other's wrong doings, as Jesus did, for all of us, with the ultimate sacrifice, his life. God Bless and may this be a wonderful Lenten season for all.

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**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - LENT 2005 - MSGR PATRICK M. NOLAN**

Once again - the Lenten season comes upon us. The word "Lent" itself has no particular meaning. It comes from the Anglo—Saxon word "lencten" which describes springtime, the lengthening of days after the winter solstice. Lent evolved around the theme of Baptism, associated with the vigil of Easter. Lent is a time of spiritual retreat for six weeks, given to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christianity's most fundamental belief - that Jesus rose from the dead and is the Lord of prophecy. Easter celebrates life.

During the first centuries preparation for Baptism could last for several years. Adults seeking membership in the Church did not just "sign up." They were tested for three years, during which time they were instructed, supported in their giving up pagan practices and loyalties, and taught to live a new way. Only then would they be admitted as candidates for Baptism. During the whole of lent they received more intense instruction, as now performed in the RCIA process. Baptism took place at the Easter Vigil.

Fasting by catechumens, and then by other Christians was done in imitation of Jesus' forty day fast in the desert, Moses' forty days on Mt. Horeh, and the forty years the Israelites spent in the desert.

In 1972 the Church revived the adult catechumenate with emphasis on the journey to Baptism. Once again ceremonies highlight for catechumens and all parishioners the journey to Baptism: the rite of election, presentation of the Gospel, the Creed, the Our Father, Scrutinies on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of Lent, the dismissal of catechumens after the homily for special instruction on the day's Gospel. When the candidates for Baptism recite their Baptismal promises, all at Mass renew the vows or promises of their own Baptism. The Easter Vigil is a good experience as one welcomes new members into the Church.

The somber penitential aspect of Lent is evidenced by the color purple, the omission of the Gloria and the Alleluia, and time prohibition of elaborate weddings. Now, there are just two fast days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, All Fridays of Lent and Ash Wednesday' are days of abstinence from the meat of warm-blooded animals.

May your Lenten Retreat be for you and yours a time of special grace in preparation for Easter.

Yours in Jesus and Mary, Patrick M. Nolan, Chaplain

**TOUR ITALY AND VISIT MEDIUGORIE WITH MSGR NOLAN**

Msgr Patrick Nolan, our Chaplain, recently announced that he is hosting a 16-day tour of Italy with a side trip to the Shrine of Mediugorie in Bosnia. The trip is scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> to April 4<sup>th</sup> and will visit the Vatican during Easter week. The tour out of Sacramento including airfare, hotels, most meals and lots of side trips cost slightly more than \$2000. This is an unbelievable price especially with Msgr Nolan leading the group. Contact Betrys Beekwilder at 489-9355 or Msgr Nolan at 485-2683.

**NO JESUS...NO PEACE ++ KNOW JESUS...KNOW PEACE**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**PRAYERS NEEDED SICK AND/OR IN DISTRESS**

Pope John Paul II  
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Connie Marenich  
Erik Nooren  
Sabral Family

**DECEASED**

Merl Stracke  
Pat Putney  
Ernest Eustis  
Burt Shehan

**To report the illness or death of a Brother Knight or family member, please contact**

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Your council has sustained the loss of three Brothers during the month. Merl Stracke had been a member of the Order for over 65 years and a long time member of Council 4970. Ernest Eustis, another brother 90 years plus had been ill for a number of years, and inactive in the Council. Lastly a newer member, Pat Putney, a member whose activities were primarily church related although not directly with the Council.

Council 4970 had great representation at the funerals of these members presenting Resolutions of Condolence and rosaries to the families. God bless their souls and their families.

Repeated from our January Paladin  
A 'Priceless' Gift for the New Year

Tempus Fugit. Time flies. The older we get, the more that statement seems to ring true. Especially, at the start of another new year. I hope that 2004 was a healthy and prosperous year for you and your family.



If you're like most people, you've made some resolutions for the New Year. If I may, I'd like to add two more to your list of resolutions.

First, write them down. A resolution is really a goal for the year and, until you commit a goal to writing, it's nothing more than a wish. So write your resolutions down. Whether they be to lose weight, contribute more time and money to charity, read more or watch less television, get more involved in your family, council, parish or children's school, you're more likely to stick to them if you write them down.

Second, visit with your professional Knights of Columbus Field Agent. The "insurance check-up" that we provide (free of charge, by the way!), will quickly identify any gaps in your family's protection plan. And you'll want to fill those gaps now, not later. Unlike many other products, you need more than money to obtain life insurance. You will also need good health, and no one will ring a bell warning you when your health is about to change.

Knights of Columbus life insurance offers something precious few other financial products can – guarantee. As long as the premiums are paid, the policy proceeds will be there for your families' protection, should something happen to you.

We call that peace of mind, and that's – as they say in the credit card commercial – "priceless"! Fraternally, Dennis Ware, F.A. #12172

**KSMH CATHOLIC RADIO - 1620 AM** - The Bishop's Radio Hour can be heard live Monday through Friday from 11 AM to Noon with a repeat broadcast from 9 PM to 10 PM. For more information or to donate, contact the station at 916-733-0168 or email them at [radio@diocese-sacramento.org](mailto:radio@diocese-sacramento.org)

THIS IS THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST - A SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL BE HELD AT ST. CLAIRE'S PARISH IN ANTELOPE ON APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE OR EMAIL GENE GOBBO AT [gene@gobbo.org](mailto:gene@gobbo.org) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MEMBERSHIP

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JERRY MARENICH, PGK - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The recent Membership Drive at St John the Evangelist Parish, held during the weekend masses of January 22-23, 2005, was very impressive in that our council received the names of thirty-one men of the parish, who expressed an interest in the Knights of Columbus. This was a much larger number than I thought we would reach, and this success was due to those Knights of Council 4970 that participated in the drive. I would like to note that much of this success is due to the efforts of Brother Michael Corcoran, who personally signed up sixteen of the thirty-one individuals. In addition to Michael, I wish to thank all of the other Knights who participated, including Brian Corcoran, Cliff Corrie, Chuck Cuny, Ken Figeroid, Frank Gianattasio, Gene Gobbo, Eldon Hancock, George Lukoskie, Larry Rositani, and Jack Wakefield. Special thanks to Gene and Larry for each participating at three of the masses, and Brian and Michael for participating at all four masses. An Open House, scheduled for Sunday, February 13, at St John's, following the 10AM Mass (approximately 11 AM), will be held to pique the interest of those interested and to recruit them into the Knights of Columbus. Again, we ask for your support and participation in this Open House.



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BROTHERS, OUR COUNCIL MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES AND OUR CURRENT ROSTER ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE. OF COURSE TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY BOTH ARE PASSWORD PROTECTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR EDITOR, GENE GOBBO, VIA THE LINKS ON OUR WEBSITE TO OBTAIN THE PASSWORD. THE MINUTES LINK IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF OUR HOME WEB PAGE, THE ROSTER AND PASSWORD ACCESS IS LINKED VIA "ABOUT US" ALSO ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF OUR HOME PAGE, THEN "ROSTER". OF COURSE ALL OF YOU KNOW OUR WEBSITE BUT.... HERE IT IS AGAIN. <http://www.kofc4970.org/>

Another good Catholic related web site: <http://www.wordofgod.ca/>

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TO: ALL CALIFORNIA KNIGHTS  
RE: ASIAN DISASTER RELIEF

Brother Knights,

"The Executive Committee of the KofC Board of Directors has voted to contribute \$250,000 to disaster relief efforts in Asia in the wake of the tremendous death and destruction caused by the recent tsunami. In addition, individual Knights and councils in the United States and Canada are being encouraged to add donations of their own through Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and Knights of Columbus Canada Charities, Inc. A special fund devoted exclusively to Asian disaster relief has been set up to receive the additional donations."

For those that have not yet sent in their donations to the State Council, please use the Supreme Council for your donations. All checks should be made out to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and designated as "Asian Disaster Relief".

Donations should be mailed to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., PO Box 9028  
Pittsfield, Ma. 01202-9028. Attn: Asian Disaster Relief

Thank you for generous support and prayers. St. Joseph, pray for us.  
Fraternally, Robert Rodriguez, State Deputy.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

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LOREN WALLIN, DIRECTOR

January saw three youth programs conclude. Our Coloring contest for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had participation from three of our parishes with some 200 students involved. Our basketball free throw contest was concluded with winners in all but one category. Our essay contest concluded at the end of the month and winners have not yet been determined.

**Basketball Free Throw Contest:** We had a turnout of 22 boys and girls, ages 10 to 14, at the St. Ignatius Gym on Sunday Jan. 23rd for our Council Free Throw Championship. Congratulations to our Council winners!

Age 10 Girls: Krista Roberts (9/15) – Our Lady of the Assumption  
 Age 10 Boys: Scotty Coyle (14/15) – St. Ignatius  
 Age 11 Girls: Lynette Sandoval (14/15) – St. John the Evangelist  
 Age 11 Boys: Tyler Selewicz (10/15) – Our Lady of the Assumption  
 Age 12 Girls: Mackenzie Carney (8/15) – St. John the Evangelist  
 Age 12 Boys: Kevin Coyle (11/15) – St. Ignatius  
 Age 13 Girls: Kaylie Sundberg (9/15) – St. John the Evangelist  
 Age 13 Boys: Brian Biggs (8/15) - St. John the Evangelist  
 Age 14 Girls: (no participants)  
 Age 14 Boys: Jacob Laville (9/15) –St. Ignatius



These winners will go on to compete at the District Free Throw Championship on February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mels Catholic Church Gym. From there, the District winners go to the Northern California Chapter Free Throw Championship on February 26, at Holy Family Parish Gym.. Those winners will go on to compete at the State Championships in Fresno in March. I'd like to thank the turnout of Brother Knights who came out to help: Mel Picanco, Mike Langer, Mike Corcoran, Larry Rositani, John Mizerak, and Gene Gobbo. THANKS GUYS!

## COLORING CONTEST WINNERS

OLA Grade 1: 1st place is Catherine Hayes. This winner was sent on to Chapter for consideration), 2nd place is Emily Bloom and 3rd place is Jack Cosca. OLA Grade 2: 1st place Alyse Andre, 2nd place Libby Mitsch, 3rd place Lauren Costan. OLA Grade 3: 1st place Alexia Backhus, 2nd place Ana Ashen, 3rd place Jessica Cosca.

SI First Grade: 1 Paige Tranchina, 2 Avery Spector, 3 Caroline Coyle. S.I. Second Grade: 1 Maggie Cummins (this winner was sent on to Chapter for consideration) 2 Jennifer Domingo, 3 Annie Vierra. S.I. Third Grade: 1 Ana Macaspac, 2 Eric Domek, 3 Alex Melliza

SJE Grade 1: 1 Cole Kelly, 2 Ariana Barba, 3 Ellie Day; SJE Grade 2: 1 Danielle Schleeter, 2 Ithalia Garcia, 3 Zachary Roberts; SJE Grade 3: 1 Claire Santamaria (this winner was sent on to Chapter for consideration), 2 Ricky Alvarado, 3 Scott Kerr.

Pictures of the three colorings that were sent forward for Chapter judging are shown below.



**FOURTH DEGREE INFORMATION - MICHAEL LANGER**

1. Attention Council Color Corps members! It's confirmation time again and I have the dates and times for the Council's five parishes below. I would like to staff four Color Corps members for all of the five parish confirmations:

- Our Lady of the Assumption - Friday, February 11, 5:30 PM (arrive by 5:00 PM) Bishop Garcia
- Presentation - Tuesday, March 1, 5:30 PM (arrive by 5:00 PM) Bishop Garcia
- St. John Evangelist - Sunday, March 13, 12 Noon Mass, (arrive by 11:30 AM) Bishop Weigand
- St. Ignatius - Sunday, April 24, 11:30 AM (arrive by 11:00 AM) Bishop Garcia
- St. Philomene, Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 PM (arrive by 6:30 PM) Bishop Quinn

Please advise me of your availability for any of these confirmation dates. Any questions, please contact me by email ([mlanger@iwon.com](mailto:mlanger@iwon.com)) or telephone (916-348-3343).

2. The next Fourth Degree Exemplification is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> right here in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel. We have a number of candidates from our council already signed up. If you want information on this Patriotic Degree contact either me (Michael Langer 348-3343) or Eldon Hancock (723-3986)

<b>RESPECT LIFE</b>	<b>JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN</b>
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The Walk for Life in San Francisco was held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Five buses left Sacramento for the Walk. I was privileged to be part of the Walk. In my estimation the Pro-Life March was a great success, with an intense confrontation with pro-choice protestors.

In election of officers for 2005 Catholics For Life, Richard White was reelected President. I was proud to be elected as first Vice President and Father Patrick Lee, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist was elected as 2nd V.P.

As a part of the parental notification initiative effort, Father Patrick Lee used the pulpit to make a sermon on pro-life and make a successful pass at gathering signatures locally at St. John the Evangelist Church

<b>BLOOD BANK</b>	<b>ERIK NOOREN, CHAIRMAN</b>
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Many generous Americans nationwide have been donating blood since the terrorist attacks September 11 to ensure a sustained and secure blood supply for all Americans. These blood heroes are ensuring that the safest possible blood is readily available whenever and wherever needed - for the military, for other blood centers in America and for all 5,000 of America's hospitals. We all expect blood to be there for us, but barely a fraction of those who can give do. Yet sooner or later, virtually all of us will face a time of great vulnerability in which we will need blood. And that time is all too often unexpected. The honor, spirit and resources of the American people comes forth with neighbors helping neighbors in need - during earthquakes, floods, fires, storms - and also for the deeply personal and often quiet disasters that require a gift of blood.

The following brothers, family or friends of Council 4970 donated blood to our blood bank within the past few months. The council thanks all. Current pints donated follow donor's name.

Lisa Beile	11	Michael Corcoran	72	Richard Cuny	46
John DePiazza	151	Albert Dennis	19	Shelly Drennan	1
Michael Langer	5	Cara Nooren	30	Tim O'Connors	17
Michelle Olson	2	August Revering	119	Mark Toffelmier	3
Fred Garrison	74	Robert Laywell	26		



**CHUCK'S CORNER****DID JESUS SPEAK GREEK?****CHUCK CUNY, PGK**

After the Hebrews left Egypt and settled in the land of Canaan, over the centuries, they merged with the Canaanites. The Hebrew language was a product of the two cultures. The Hebrew speaking Jews were later brought into the Babylonian captivity (about 790 BC) and then returned after a couple of generations (about 50 years). The returning children spoke Aramaic which was thought to be the language of Christ and the Apostles. In Mel Gibson's picture, "The Passion", the Jewish people spoke Aramaic. Hebrew continued to be used as the liturgical language for temple worship and the Jewish Bible was mostly in Hebrew.

After Alexander conquered the known world in 320 BC, Greek became the common language. Centuries before Christ, a giant library was built in Alexandria to house every important book (scroll) in the world which was estimated at over 700,000. Since most of the Jews that were dispersed around the Mediterranean did not speak Hebrew, the Bible was translated there into Greek by seventy scholars. Most of the synagogues, especially outside of Jerusalem, used the Septuagint (seventy) Bible for their liturgical worship.

The Christian Bible records that Jesus was brought to Egypt as an infant. The language of Egypt was not Aramaic but a combination of Coptic and Greek. It is possible that He was raised in a ghetto that only spoke Aramaic but it is more probable that He learned Greek as a child. The Bible records that He was about twelve when He left Egypt and "He grew in grace and wisdom". He went to Nazareth about 70 miles from Jerusalem. It is doubtful that the synagogues in Nazareth spoke Hebrew. It is more reasonable to assume that the Greek Septuagint Bible was used in the synagogues and the language spoken was Greek and Aramaic.

At the crucifixion, the sign on the cross was in three languages, Latin, Hebrew and Greek. Why was the sign not in Aramaic? The New Testament was written in Greek. In the NT we have writing from contemporaries of Jesus such as James, Jude, Peter, Paul, John, Mathew, and Mark, all writing in Greek. Are we assuming that Jesus' disciples knew Greek but Jesus did not?

We also have the writings of Luke, a gentile (non-Jewish) convert from (Greek) Antioch. He came to Jerusalem and met with Mary and the Apostles for writing his Gospels. He then writes a short Church history (Acts of the Apostles) where he records a dispute in the Christian Community (Agape) between the Greek speaking and Aramaic speaking Christians. The number of Greek speaking was large enough that that the apostles ordained deacons (waiters) to serve Greek Christians.

Now comes the question that we all have been asking ourselves. Did Jesus know and speak Greek? In other words, are the Greek writings of the New Testament the authentic words of Christ or are they a translation from an ancient Aramaic language? Well, what do you think?

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"I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandment's would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress."

"If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

"It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first."

- Ronald Reagan

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 Religious Appreciation Night - SI - 6:30 P
- 8 Business Meeting - Seton Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
- 8 Mardi Gras
- 9 Ash Wednesday - (Lent Begins-Fast/Abstinence)
- 11 Confirmation - OLA - 5:30 PM
- 13 World Marriage Day
- 13 Open House for Prospects - SJE - after 10 mass
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 21 President's Day
- 22 First Degree - St. John Hall (tentative) 7 PM
- 22 Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM

A decade of the Rosary precedes  
the Business Meeting - 7:15 PM

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**MARCH**

- 8 Business Meeting - Seton Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
- 13 Confirmation - SJE -after noon mass
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 22 Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM
- 27 Easter Sunday
- 29 Ladies Night Out (TBA)

A decade of the Rosary precedes  
the Business Meeting - 7:15 PM

*Our March Business Meeting will be held in Seton Hall  
of the OLA Ministry Bldg due to parish activities*

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O God, you chose the apostles to make disciples of all nations and by baptism and confirmation have called all of us to build up your Church. We implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests, deacons brothers and sisters, who will love you with their whole heart and gladly spend their entire lives making you known and loved by all. Amen**

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