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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



By GK FRED GARRISON



Greetings, my brothers in Christ. When you receive this issue of our Paladin we will have already entered our forty days of Lent. If you have not already done so, I encourage all of you to become more involved in your parish's activities and, hopefully, our Council's parish service programs. During Lent we all strive to fast and sacrifice something that is important to us within this meditation and penance period. But is this enough? I believe that if each one of us selected one ministry, program or special program where we could offer our talents, the five parishes we serve would be

far better off and probably the best in the diocese. I know we can do better, so we need to step out of our "comfort zone" and get involved.

Speaking of service in our Council's programs and events, I would like to thank each and every one of you that helped and supported our St. Ignatius pancake breakfast, clergy/religious appreciation dinner, membership drive/open house at St. Ignatius and the Mardi Gras rib feed at St. Johns. The participation and involvement in all these events was awesome, the spirit invigorating and the positive feedback reassuring that we, as Knights, are on the right path. Charity, Unity and Fraternity are alive and well in 4970. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. You make a Grand Knight very proud.

The February membership drive at SI was very successful. We had several interested candidates and most of those committed to applying to our Council. We have already voted on several candidates and a number of these Catholic men will have had their degree on February 29th. And speaking of members, I was overwhelmed at the turnout at the last business meeting. Way to go, my brothers! My goal is still to shorten the meetings and provide a little humor during these meetings. I think we all need to smile a little more.

I know I have mentioned this a few times over the past months since I took office, but I would like to again honor Brother Phil Gaskins, our Worthy Recorder. He quietly accomplishes his arduous task at both the business and planning meetings, taking notes and typing out rough and final drafts in an outstanding format. The time he puts into this effort is well appreciated and I think he deserves an "atta boy".

Well, I must close now because I'm running out of room and you're probably tired of reading this portion of the Paladin. I wish you the most rewarding of Lents, and that you may approach Easter with a cleansed mind and body. Allow the Holy Spirit to work within you. May the peace of Christ grow within you each day of Lent.

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DGK MESSAGE**• DEP GK KEVIN GUALDERAMA**

It has been an unusual month for me (hopefully behind me) with my work and illness, but the Council survived without me. A big thank you to all of you that filled in from pancake breakfasts to degree ceremonies.

Our programs continue in earnest as we near the final quarter of our Columbian Year. With Brother Pat Sullivan's move and Brother Mel Picanco up to his eyeballs in the State Convention here in Sacramento this year, it is with pleasure I welcome Brother Chris Ornelas as our new merchandise chairman. Chris will take orders for our Council shirts and jackets but also if you're interested in other K of C "stuff" give him a call. Chris can be reached at 601-4989. Here's some info on shirts and jackets:

The Official Council 4970 Shirt has been available for order for over a year now. It is great to see so many Brothers of our Council wearing the shirt proudly. It is a navy blue golf style shirt that features the emblem of our order embroidered with, Arden-Carmichael in gold stitching over the top of the emblem, and Council 4970 beneath. Shirts are available in sizes small thru x-large for \$20.00 per shirt, xx-Large for \$22.50 per shirt, xxx-large for 23.50 per shirt, and xxx-large for 24.50 per shirt. Although navy blue was voted by the council as our official color, cardinal red and forest green shirts are also available. *Note 4x shirts are only available in navy blue.*

If the shirts are great, the jackets are awesome. The cost will be about \$60.00. Again to order your shirt, please contact Brother Chris or see him at any council meeting.

NOTE: Regarding our Ladies Night this month on the 30th, we'll make a location decision at our March business meeting.



INSURANCE MESSAGE • By Dennis Ware, Field Agent
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Tax-Deferred Annuities

Expecting a tax refund? Even if you're not, would you like to reduce the amount of taxes that you have to pay? If you have savings that aren't utilizing, a tax-deferred account, like bank savings accounts or certificates of deposit, you may be paying too much.

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Fraternally, Dennis Ware F.A. #12172-203-9091

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Pope John Paul II
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 Fr. Richard Dohoney
 Fr. Leo McAllister
 Msgr. Pelligrino
 Sister Dorothea
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 Lou Steiner
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 Peg DiPiazza
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 Sandy McGettigan
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 Clare Dynes

DECEASED

Ann Maher
 (wife of Bro Marvin)
 Grace Harding
 (mother of Lady Knight, Megan Moncada)

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FRATERNAL

ERIK NOOREN, PGK,

Our prayers are with Brother Marv Maher and his family on the death of a great lady of our Council, Ann. Ann was involved in a number of our fund raising activities and a constant attendee at our socials. Also passing last month was Grace Harding, mother of Lady Knight Megan Moncada. May both of these ladies and all our deceased rest in peace, Amen.

MEMBERSHIP

JERRY MARENICH, PGK, RETENTION CHAIR

Another fantastic month for our council, our membership committee and those of you who sponsored a candidate for initiation into the Knights of Columbus. Our February blitz at St. Ignatius also spilled over to St. Johns, St. Philomene and Our Lady of the Assumption. Six new brothers and their families joined our council on a special First Degree Ceremony, Sunday, February 29th at St. Ignatius Parish Center representing four of our five parishes. Welcome to Ed Nunes, Lawrence Harlan (Kim), Andy Hopkins (Lollie), Kevin Holeman, Vince Maysee, and Todd Wilson (Gwen). Congratulations.

I thank Brother Michael Langer and his Degree Team for coming together for this special degree ceremony, particularly Brother Mel Picanco for filling in for the Deputy Grand Knight position and Brother Ed McElroy for doing his always great, always ready, Chancellor role.

To these new Brothers and those of you who are not yet advanced to the Third Degree we are focusing on April 17th Exemplifications at the Newman Center in Sacramento. We hope you are available. If I don't get in touch with you please call me at 334-7427.

CORPORATION NEWS

MICHAEL LANGER, PGK, SECRETARY

Highlights of the Arden-Carmichael Inc special meeting held on February 17, 2004, at the OLA Cottage. Meeting was called to order by President Jim Leet at 7:33 PM with an opening prayer

The purpose of the meeting was to determine the use of corporation funds for the purpose of a building in the sense of having a place for the council and of providing charitable funds. There was pro and con discussion on the possible use of parish property to establish or utilize a building to include a feasible study and the primary purpose of the corporation funds: to keep the building funds going or focus on the charitable program. President Leet also led the discussion that focused on corporation investment strategy and target return on investment percentage rates.

- Director Mel Picanco moved that the corporation purpose be to continue to seek to provide a facility and to maintain its charitable programs. Motion was Seconded and PASSED (unanimous)

- Director Chuck Cuny moved to appoint Director Mel Picanco and Director Jack Kocunik lead an investment committee to work with treasurer Steve Milner to plan and invest corporation funds. Motion was Seconded and PASSED (unanimous)

- Director Mel Picanco moved to continue the annual \$100 Bishop Charity and \$250 California Columbian Charities donations for 2004. Motion was Seconded and PASSED (unanimous)

Agenda for next meeting scheduled Tuesday, March 16, 2004: Create charities committee and review proposed budget by Treasurer Steve Milner. Meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by President Jim Leet at 9:26 PM.

EDITORS' NOTE: Due to security problems that we have been having at OLA (gate locks, etc), the parish and our Council are trying to work on a minor relocation of our meeting facility on the parish grounds. We are still scheduled for our March business meeting at the Cottage, but it may be moved to St. Johns

Hall between the rectory and the school. Signs or our Warden/Guard will direct you.



**We are honored and proud to announce the Family of the Month
for February 2004**

Melvin and Dorothy Picanco

Brother Melvin (Mel) and Dorothy are members of St Ignatius Loyola Parish, where they are very active in parish activities. Mel is a Lector, as well as an Eucharistic Minister. Mel is a Past Grand Knight of Council 4970, and is currently the Financial Secretary, a position he has held for a number of years. Members of the Council have relied heavily upon Mel to ensure the smooth functioning of Council business. Brother Mel is involved in California State Activities, including assisting the State Treasurer in the Mental Retardation Drive and is serving on the State Convention Committee (The convention will be held here in Sacramento this May). While doing this he is a Director for our Corporation now involved with our investments.



Brother Mel is a Fourth Degree member of the Bishop Manogue Assembly and a member of the Color Corps, often taking part in the Confirmation Rites at our five parishes that our council represents. Mel and Dorothy are very active in so many Sacramento community activities. They are docents at the Sacramento Discovery Museum as well as at the Eagle Theater, and The Sacramento Living History, where they help to inform visitors in the city's history. Mel is also a docent at the Sacramento Railroad Museum.

Mel and Dorothy are active in the Pro-Life activities, and they are very involved in support of The Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, a haven for unwed mothers and mothers-to-be. They have been instrumental in helping raise funds to provide for the needs of the mothers and their babies. They have also been involved in ensuring that the mothers and their babies are able to enjoy Christmas. Dorothy has helped to organize the "Christmas Stocking Stuffing Project" and she and Mel spent hours in obtaining items, stuffing Christmas Stockings, and delivering the many items to the home. Dorothy has also knitted items for the babies.

Mel and Dorothy have also devoted many hours in support of the Annual Mental Retardation Drive, and at the Fireworks Booth, which raised funds for the council's charitable causes.

They have two children, Steve and Debbie, and seven grandchildren. Steve works within the Library Department at the University of California at Davis, and is a Past Grand Knight of Council 4970. Debbie is a graduate of California State University Sacramento, and is a Kindergarten Teacher at a local school.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIVING IN 2004 WHEN.....

1. You accidentally enter your pin number on the microwave.
 2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
 3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of 3.
 4. You e-mail your friend who works at the desk next to you.
 5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
 6. When you make phone calls from home, you accidentally dial "9" to get an outside line.
 7. You've sat at the same desk for four years and worked for three different companies.
 8. You learn about your layoff on the 11 o'clock News.
 10. Your boss doesn't have the ability to do your job.
 11. Contractors outnumber permanent staff and are more likely to get long-service awards.
-And the real clinchers are...
12. You read this entire list, and kept nodding and smiling.
 13. As you read this list, you think about forwarding it to your "friends."
 14. You are too busy to notice there was no No. 9.
 15. You actually scrolled back up to check that there wasn't a No. 9.



Saint Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, describes how Jesus came "in the fullness of time". How is it that the message of Christ was able to spread so quickly throughout the world? Many changes occurred prior to the coming of Christ. It is as if the Holy Spirit were brooding over the world preparing it for the evangelization of the apostles.

Beginning with the Babylonian Captivity some 600 years before Christ, many of the Jewish people were carried off into the Babylonian Empire while others fled to areas all around the Mediterranean, which is commonly called the Diaspora. When the Jewish children of the captives were returned from Aramaic speaking Babylon to Jerusalem some fifty years later, they then spoke Aramaic and the Hebrew language became a liturgical language not unlike the Latin of today.

In about 320 BC, Alexander the Great conquered the known world and strived to convert it to Greek ideals including the use of the Greek language. He had a city built in Egypt called Alexandria, which became the intellectual capitol of the world. He had a library built there with every important known book translated into Greek. Since few Jews understood Hebrew, in about 200 BC, the Jewish Sanhedrin sent seventy scholars to Alexandria to translate the Hebrew Bible into Greek (the Septuagint). The Egyptians had earlier learned how to make paper out of a plant known as papyrus. This allowed inexpensive copies to be made of books such that most of the Jewish synagogues that were spread around the Mediterranean had and used copies of the Septuagint.

In about the year 60 BC, the Roman General Pompeii conquered Jerusalem and Egypt. The Romans were especially remembered for their roads. A major network of roads was built such that armies and messengers could quickly travel around the empire. This facilitated the apostles in their mission. In about 68 AD, the Jews rebelled against the Romans. The Roman General Titus brutally destroyed Jerusalem including the temple. This brought a halt to the Jewish temple worship and ended the perception that Jerusalem would be the capitol of Christianity.

The Greek and Roman world was full of pagan gods. The conflict in the world was attributed to the squabbling among the gods. Early Greek philosophers ridiculed the absurdities of the pagan gods and offered theories of a single unifying creating principle that brought the world into existence and brings about changes. This fitted the Christian concept of God the Creator, Father and the Word of God (the Holy Spirit) directing the world. The followers of Plato also believed the world was steeped in evil and in need of redemption (Christ).

So I say to myself, if I were God, how could I facilitate the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. First, I would have a common language (Greek); second, have the Hebrew scriptures translated into that common language (the Septuagint); third, have copies of those scriptures distributed throughout the world (Diaspora and papyrus); fourth, establish roads and sea routes for travel (Roman roads and ships); fifth, suppress the older Jewish temple worship (Titus); sixth, undercut the existing pagan rituals and inspire the natural minds of men to recognize god (philosophers) and finally raise up missionaries that would be able to carry the good news to the world. Perhaps this is what the great missionary Paul meant when he said that Christ came "in the fullness of time".

ACCEPT THAT SOME DAYS.....

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, or you won't have a leg to stand on.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors but they all have to learn to live in the same box.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 05 Wold Day of Prayer
- 06 2nd/3rd Degree - Placerville
- 07 Girl Scout Sunday
- 09 Council Business Meeting - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 19-21 Men's Retreat (SJE) - Christ the King Retreat Ctr
- 20 Spring Begins
- 21 Chapter Meeting / Speech Contest - Holy Family
- 23 Council Planning Meeting - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 30 Ladies Night - location to be announced

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 04 Palm Sunday
- 09 Good Friday
- 11 Easter Sunday
- 13 Council Business Meeting - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 17 K ofC Softball Tournament - Howe AVE Park**
- 17 2nd/3rd Degree - Newman Center, Sacramento
- 25 Bowling Tournament - Sparks, NV
- 27 Council Planning Meeting - OLA - 7:30 PM

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

VOCATION PRAYER: *The time is now and I am here. My God, in ages past you called forth people to do your will as needs arose. What am I to do now? I want to serve to the best of my ability. Help me be a worthy steward of the gifts and talents you have given me. Show me how to help your people who cry for peace, justice, and life's necessities. What are you calling me to do here and now? I am listening, my God. Amen*

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