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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

• By GK FRED GARRISON



Hello, my brothers in Christ. It doesn't seem like a month has passed since my last article, but the merry-go-round is spinning very fast this last quarter of the Columbian year. I pray that your Lenten season has gone well and you found the time for meditation, prayer, and reconciliation with our Lord. Easter is here and we should be ready to enter ordinary time with a refreshed spirit and renewed vigor to face the daily challenges of being a Christian, Catholic and Knight of Columbus. There are so many external forces in our modern world that constantly try to chip away at God's armor that we proudly wear. I also pray that you all will have

gained a renewed energy to serve in our Council's many programs and activities.

Speaking of programs and activities, we have a very busy next three months with Council and Chapter events. We kicked it off with a beautiful Ladies Night Out at Florentine Restaurant on March 30th. This event had been chaired by our fallen brother Knight Frank DiLeo. The Council decided to continue this special meal gathering for Knights and their spouses in Frank's memory. Although we had about 25 in attendance, I hope more Brothers will attend our next one tentatively scheduled for June 30th. I still need a volunteer the chair this event. It doesn't take a lot of time, just finding a restaurant with a side room for our group and making arrangements with the management for our attendance and, if necessary, a menu. Please contact me, or our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Gualderama, for more information. Thank you.

We have a couple significant Council events right after Easter week in April. On April 17 we are hosting the Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament at Howe Ave. Park, between El Camino Ave. and Cottage Way. Brother Kevin's article which follows provides lots of details for you to join the team or help with the cooking!!

A conflict on the 17th brings our next 2nd and 3rd Degree at the same time as our softball tournament. Check Brother Marenich's article on details of this event to be held at the Newman Center, across from Sac State. I encourage all our new Brothers to take their advanced degrees as soon as possible, so we apologize for the scheduling problem.

A couple of other important events the next couple of months are the 4th Degree Exemplification in Santa Clara on April 3rd, a respect life program on Thursday, April 29th and a Marian hour of prayer on Tuesday, May 4th. And of course our State Convention in Sacramento May 20th-23rd. Details of the two latter events will be given at the next business meeting.

Lastly I want to thank Brothers Gobbo, Cuny, Wilson, Picanco, Giacoma and Holeman for their efforts to make the final move from the Cottage to St. John's Hall and the former OLA Ushers Room. Our meetings will now be in St. John's Hall near the rectory on the OLA parish grounds. It's a very nice facility and frees up the Cottage for the parish's pre-school programs.

May the peace of Christ be with you and your family forever and ever,
Amen.

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DGK MESSAGE**DEP GK KEVIN GUALDERAMA**

We are getting close to that great season. Picnics in the park, BBQ's, baseball, swimming, etc. It's time for spring and summer fun that we're all looking forward to. We are looking for a few good Brother Knights to join our Softball team for a one-day tournament at Howe Park on April 17th. Our Softball team captained by Brother Chris Ornelas will be playing against Knights from other councils. Please give Chris a call at 601-4989 to get on the roster. We are also hosting a hamburger and hotdog bbq along with the tournament. Yes, of course I'm going to need help with the BBQ and set up at Howe Park. Lunch will start at 11:00 a.m. and we will keep cooking until the tournament is over. We will also have chips, soft drinks, beer, and Brother Mel's secret chili. We have reserved the entire area with BBQ pits and tables. Cost will be reasonable so please bring your family and friends. Brother Gene Gobbo and I will be running the BBQ. The funds for this event will go to our council. Why not take your family out to the ballpark, root our team on and enjoy the BBQ lunch. We are representing 4970 and have an opportunity to show the Knights from others Councils what a first class outfit we have.

While on ballparks, hot dogs and beer, our Council will be joining with Knights across the State during the State Convention, on May 20th, and showing them how good our River Cats are. We have great seats at Raley Field near home plate. Call Chris Ornelas at 601-4989 or Gene Gobbo at 283-5223 to hold your tickets.

April is also a special month to remember our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please pray for our soldiers and their families, especially for our Brother Knight, Miguel Sabral who is in Iraq and his family. This situation is brought closer to home when you hear about the stepson of Fairfield Council 3585's Brother Jon Nothnagel. Michael Vega who was deployed and wounded in Iraq became a casualty of our nation's fight against terrorism. A Memorial Mass was held on March 29. The article from the Vallejo Times-Herald follows with details. . May he rest in peace in the arms of the Lord.

(By Dan Judge/Times-Herald, Vallejo): Army Lt. Michael Vega was a family man with a soldier's heart, family and friends say. That heart stopped beating in a Washington, D.C. hospital, nine days after the 41-year-old Vallejo native suffered major head trauma when the Humvee he was riding in overturned during a firefight in Iraq. Vega's death left those closest to him expressing feelings of profound sorrow mixed with fierce pride.

"I would like people to know that Michael was a true soldier down to the core, all the way through," said Marisol Vazquez, his girlfriend of more than three years. "He believed in what he was doing and the cause. Not once did he doubt about going out there and defending his country."

Vega, a reservist who recently bought a house in Lathrop outside Stockton, had been in Iraq only three weeks when his Humvee came under attack March 11 in the town of Diwanayah. The vehicle flipped while Vega was manning a machine gun and returning enemy fire. Badly wounded, Vega was transported to Baghdad, then to Germany, before being taken to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He never regained consciousness and life support was disconnected Saturday as family members stood by his bedside.

Vega, the youngest of eight siblings, was born and raised in Vallejo. He graduated from Vallejo High School in 1980. Relatives and friends remember him as an athletic person who enjoyed fast cars, fishing, movies and all kinds of technical equipment, including computers, cameras and stereos.



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Put it all together and I think you will agree that while there are a lot of other companies out there, there is only one Knights of Columbus. Let's set a time to discuss your families protection. *Fraternally, Dennis Ware F.A. #12172*

Knights Take An Active Role In The Liturgical Ministries

Gerald J Marenich, PGK

On Friday Evening, March 19th, Council 4970 Member Knights led the Congregation of St John the Evangelist in the Stations of the Cross. Sixteen Brother Knights and one Lady Knight responded to the call to take part in this year's event, which, along with the "Soup and Salad" has become an annual event at St John's and for our council. Our Song Leader was Cathy Garrison, wife of our Grand Knight Fred Garrison, and the music was provided by Brother Don Koscheski. Each of the following Knights led the congregation in a "Station": Bros. George Lukoskie, Michael Corcoran, Eldon Hancock, Gene Gobbo, Steve Patton, Chuck Donaldson, Ken Macdonald, Bob Raymond, Tim Hayes, John Mizerak, Paul Starkovich, Bruce Langston, Matt Sanders, and Bob Schrupf. In addition, several other Knights and family members were in attendance, insuring that Council 4970 was well represented. My sincere thanks to all of you who participated and helped me out with this commitment.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY.
GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

We make a Living by what we get, We make a Life by what we give.
God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

PRO-LIFE

March 25 Day of the Unborn Child

JOSE SALAZAR, DIRECTOR

In keeping with the established tradition, the Order once again celebrated an International Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on March 25. The Day of the Unborn was instituted as an addition to the Order's Crusade for Life and a symbol of commitment to building a culture that respects and protects every life. When celebrating the Day of the Unborn, our Council had an abbreviated rosary prayer service at our March 23rd Planning Meeting. Following is a portion of the program (which also included a rosary prayer).

O Lord the Giver of all life

O Lord the Giver of all life Whose ways are ever just, Your people lift their hearts to you in praise and prayer and trust. Protect the lives of those unborn; Let laws reflect your will; Give us your strength to work for life, that man may cease to kill. Help us to know your will for us; Give courage for the fight. Dismiss our doubts; renew our hearts to struggle for the right. O Mother of the Crucified, Who bore the Lord of life, for every mother intercede; be with us in our strife.

Lord Christ, to whom each soul is dear, for whom each child has worth, Receive your children who have died before their time of birth. Blest Trinity, O living God, to you our prayers ascend, Bring all at last to dwell with you where life shall never end.

Prayer for the Unborn

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child, that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

The Evangelium Vitae Prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the *cause of life*: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may *proclaim the Gospel of life* with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the *joy of celebrating* it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to *bear witness* to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. **"Evangelium Vitae" John Paul II**

Some further thoughts regarding the correct language about pregnancy and abortion By Fr. Frank Pavone - Priests for Life: A woman who is pregnant is not "expecting" a child. She already has one. The child exists, is living and growing in her womb. She is not about to bring the child "into the world". The child is already in the world. The mother's womb is as much "in" the world as the mother herself. The pregnant woman is not "going to be" a mother. She already is a mother. By saying she is "going to be" a mother. We inadvertently reinforce the notion that motherhood begins at birth. This reinforces the idea that the child really is a child only at birth. A pregnant woman is fully a mother. This does not have "half" a child or a child "on the way" (from where?). the child is here, already in the world, fully unique and in possession of the same dignity as every other person. If our language reflects this reality, we will help the world to understand that children in the womb are indeed members of the human family -- right here and now!!!

A heads up regarding a Pro-Life program and dinner currently scheduled for April 29th at Council 953 Hall on Newman Ct in Sacramento. The program by Fr. Quinn (not the bishop!) starts at 6 PM with a spaghetti dinner. I hope you can attend. If you can help with the dinner, please call my co-chair John Mizerak at 332-5511.

COMMUNITY

STATUS OF OUR FIREWORKS BOOTH

LARRY ROSITANI, CHAIRMAN

We recently completed final arrangements with the fireworks' company and St. Ignatius Parish. We are on again for another great fundraiser, June 27th through July 4th. We have our leadership in place now all we need is YOU. Next month I will be seeking volunteers for the booth, at least 2 per shift for the entire week. Proceeds again will support the "Phillip N. Bruce Scholarship."

YOUTH**LOREN WALLIN, YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Two contests for our youth were recently concluded, our essay contest and coloring contest. I thank Brother Herb Holeman for pinch-hitting for Brother Red Dupass who had surgery. I feel that Red and Herb will be working on this together next year. Thank you Brothers. The second program concluded at the Chapter level with one of our participants getting first place and the other two receiving honorable mentioned. I thank Brother Cliff Corrie (and his family!!!) for taking over the chair for this program which involves close to 200 of our youth. On behalf of Cliff I thank Callan Myers for coordinating the program for St. Ignatius and OLA. With Miquel Sabral overseas we could use a coordinator for St. Philomene and if any Presentation brother would like to start the program at Presentation, let us know.

From Herb: Brothers here are the results of this year's Student Essay Contest. My prayers to Red Dupass on his surgery, and hope that next year we can work this program together.

First Place: Fifth/Sixth Grades: Michael Kearton, St. Philomene Catholic School
 Seventh/Eighth Grades: Lisa Marie Williams, Presentation Catholic School
 Second Place: Fifth/Sixth Grades: Christina Beren, St. Ignatius Catholic School
 Seventh/Eighth Grades: Hannah Puente, Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School
 Third Place: Fifth/Sixth Grades: Emily Warren, St. Ignatius Catholic School
 Seventh/Eighth Grades: Valencia Homolka, St. Philomene Catholic School
 Honorable Mention:
 Evan Berry, St. Ignatius Catholic School
 Jake Cardin, St. Ignatius Catholic School
 Steven Dawson, St. Philomene Catholic School
 Robin Curry, St. Ignatius Catholic School
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 Shay Willard, Presentation Catholic School
 Elizabeth Wirth, Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School

From Cliff, I have received the results for the Northern California portion of the coloring contest. Lots of fun doing this and hope we have even more of our youth involved next year. Thanks to my family for their help as well as Brother Callan Myers for getting OLA started and for continuing to work with St. Ignatius.

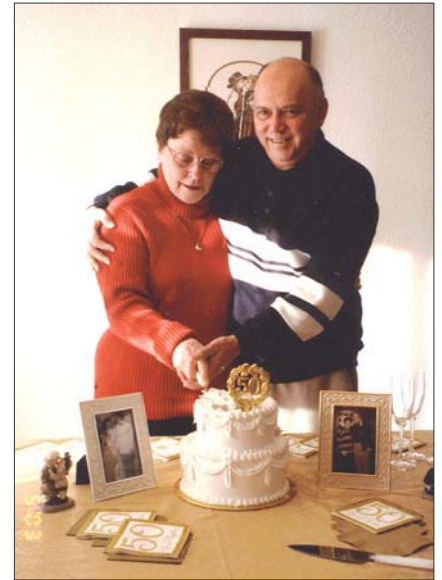
Thomas Ryan of St. Ignatius was the 1st place winner in the first grade category and receives a plaque and a certificate. Ana Ashen of Our Lady of Assumption received a Certificate of Grateful Appreciation for her participation at the 2nd grade level, and Lindsey Richardson of St. John the Evangelist received a Certificate of Grateful Appreciation for her participation at the 3rd grade level. Congratulations to all.



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

Herb and Pat Holeman

Brother Herbert (Herb) Holeman, Ph.D. is by profession a criminologist, having served as a Bureau Chief in the California Department of Justice and the principal investigator of research studies in the Department of Corrections. His criminal justice pursuits include attending the School of Criminology at the University of California, Berkeley, the University of Southern California, and law enforcement service in beat policing, criminal investigation, crime studies, and criminal behavioral research. Actually Herb started his career in the U. S. Army. Herb began his military career while a high school student joining the reserves. Called into active service in 1950 he served for two years then remained in the reserves and the Army National Guard. He served another five years during his career, and retired in 1988 at Ft Meyer after a two-year tour in the Pentagon. Back home, he received a state promotion to Brigadier General in the California Army National Guard.



Herb and his lovely wife, Pat, are native San Franciscans. Not long after taking Patricia O'Shaughnessy to the senior ball, Herb and Pat became engaged. Married in 1951, they have raised five children and now have eight grand children. In the community, Pat has served as president of the Carmichael Girls Softball League and Herb was involved in youth soccer and officiating high school athletics. Pat and Herb are members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish where Herb helps out as an ecumenical minister.

Herb just recently completed his first chairmanship role, that as Essay Contest chair, filling in for Brother Red Dupass as a result of surgery. Herb displayed his leadership role and did an outstanding job. I think our Program Director now is aware of Herb's talents. Also our Membership Committee has an eye on Herb. Herb just sponsored one of his sons, Kevin, into our Order. Congratulations to Herb and Pat as our Family of the Month.

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God. Here are some of the results:

God is like...BAYER ASPIRIN. He works miracles.

God is like...a FORD. He's got a better idea.

God is like...COKE. He's the real thing.

This is great: God is like...HALLMARK CARDS. He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like...TIDE. He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like...GENERAL ELECTRIC. He brings good things to life.

God is like...SEARS. He has everything.

God is like...ALKA-SELTZER. Try him, you'll like Him.

God is like...SCOTCH TAPE. You can't see him, but you know He's there.

God is like...DELTA. He's ready when you are.

God is like...ALLSTATE. You're in good hands with Him.

God is like...VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like...DIAL SOAP. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

And finally: God is like...the U.S. POST OFFICE. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.



His name was Simon Magnus and his occupation was a magician. The Acts of the Apostles tells how this magician tried to pay Peter to show him the magic of laying on of hands to confirm with the Holy Spirit. Magnus did not understand the 'mystery' of the sacrament. We now get the word 'simony' from this man's action. Words like myth, magic, magi, and mystery come from a common root word about the unknown. Myths use the musing of multiple imaginary gods to understand the conflict and pain in the world. Magi use astrology to understand the destiny of man in the stars. Magic uses sorcery or deception to create an unknown. The word mystery is associated with the popular 'unknown' in the detective stories that becomes revealed. When we talk about the mystery of the sacraments, the mystery is the 'unknown' that exists outside the experience of man, some of which comes to us in Revelation.

The Catholic Church in its linguistic root is Greek. It did come from a Hebrew culture and Jesus and his Jewish followers did speak Aramaic. But three hundred years before Christ, Alexander not only conquered the known world, but also introduced the Greek language and culture to that world which included Jerusalem. Some sixty years before Christ, the Latin general Pompey conquered Jerusalem but his interest was not introducing Latin to the area. In fact, the Romans saw the Greeks culture as superior. Two hundred years before Christ, the Hebrew Bible was translated in to Greek (the Septuagint) and was read in synagogues especially those distant locations from Jerusalem such as Nazareth. Greek was the common language of trade and Jerusalem was a great trading center. Not surprising, all the Christian Bible books were written in Greek including the various letters. We still retain many Greek words in our vocabulary such as Baptism, Eucharist, Chrism, Christ and even the name Jesus.

In the 6th century BC early Greek cosmologists attempted to identify the prime principle of all matter (Arche). The Greek cosmologist Heraclitus claimed that the world is governed by a fire like divine force (Logos) that produces the order and human thought shares in the Logos. In the 1st century AD, John the Evangelist then describes Christ as the 'logos'. In the 4th century, Saint Jerome, who translates the Greek Bible into Latin, uses the word 'verbum' which then comes to into English as "In the beginning (Arche) was the word (Logos)...The Logos is understood as a mystery (mysterion), a deep unknown beyond perception. The early Church used the word mystery to describe sacraments. The Latin Father, Saint Augustine translated word Greek word 'mysterion' into the Latin word 'sacramentum' which we use in English as sacrament. He then gives the definition of a sacrament as an outward sign (of a mysterious inward reality) instituted by Christ that will give grace.

In grammar school, the day began with the Pledge of Allegiance. It did not occur to me at that time that I was repeatedly taking an oath to support my country. The Knights of Columbus worked very hard to include in the oath "one nation under God" which is now under attack by atheists. Oaths are generally admitted on entering some social institution such as the military, religious orders and marriage. In the time of Saint Augustine, a sacrament was a pledge or oath that a soldier took to support the general. In the mind of Saint Augustine, the reception of the sacraments constituted a renewal of the baptismal pledge. When Saint Augustine translated the Greek word 'mystery' to the Latin word 'sacramentum', he was also trying to convey that when we attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, we are renewing a pledge to God not dissimilar to our countries' pledge of allegiance. Perhaps this is one of the mysteries of the sacraments that gets lost in its translation.

MEMBERSHIP

JERRY MARENICH, PGK - RETENTION CHAIRMAN

Brother Pat Sullivan's stated membership goal of thirty new Brother Knights for Council 4970, for this Columbian Year, is nearing reality with the Exemplification of two new members on March 11, 2004 at the 953 Hall. Not only has Brother Pat set an ambitious goal for our council, he has been very active in recruiting new members. These latest two, which Pat encouraged to join, are members of Pat's Family: Jonny Sullivan (Pat's Son) and Tom Carlson (Pat's Nephew). Congratulations to Brother Jonny and Brother Tom upon joining this great organization. Special thanks to Pat for his role in recruiting new members. Let's all try to recruit a new member, so that we may reach this stated goal.

Note: The next 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification is scheduled for April 17th at the Newman Center. All members that have not received their 2nd or 3rd Degrees are encouraged to attend this event. Please let me know (334-7427) if you are interested. Unfortunately, this event is scheduled for the same day that Council 4970 is hosting the Knights of Columbus Softball Tournament.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 4 Palm Sunday
- 9 Good Friday
- 11 Easter Sunday
- 13 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 17 Softball Tournament - Howe Park Fields
- 17 2nd/3rd Degree - Newman Center, Sacramento
- 24 Bowling Tournament - Sparks, NV
- 27 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall-OLA - 7:30 PM
- 29 Pro-Life Dinner/Program - Council 953 Hall - 6 PM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 8 NCC Meeting & Testimonial (Rancho Cordova)
- 11 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 20 Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)
- 20 River Cats Game
- 20-22 State Convention - Sacramento
- 25 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 30 Pentecost Sunday
- 31 Memorial Day (observed)

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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