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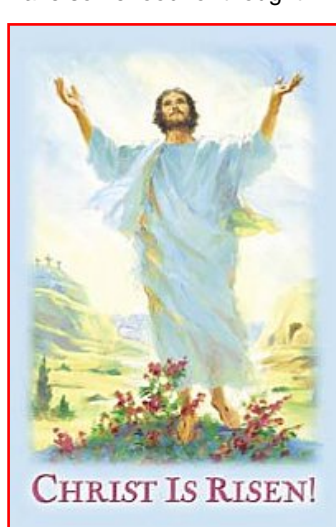
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CHAPLAIN'S CHAT...FR. TED WROBLICKY, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN.

First I wish all the joy of Easter and my blessings during this Easter season. Yes, Christ is truly Risen. Secondly, I thank those of you who answered my call for suggestions of topics you would like me to cover in the *Paladin*. I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts with you. I will share these suggestions briefly with you now and then explore them in greater detail in later columns. The three new suggestions I received all are good and worthy of further discussion. Now, it's up to me to develop them into pen and ink for this newsletter.

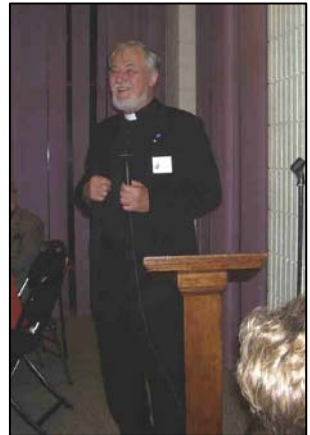
One brother suggested I address the topic "How to be a better Knight and Catholic." Good subject! I can see how this one suggestion could provide thematic substance for a number of future articles. Another brother brought up the topic "how did *per omnia saecula saeculorum* become "as it was in the beginning, now and ever shall be, world without end?" Another suggested that I write about the similarities and differences between the Roman Catholic (Latin) Church and the Byzantine (Greek) Catholic Churches. As you can see, I have some food for thought. But don't stop making suggestions now – let me hear more!



For this month, I committed to a brother to touch on the subject of why, how and when did the Catholic practice of "doing your Easter duty" – receiving Holy Communion during the Easter season – come about. During the first centuries of Christianity, all who attended the Eucharistic Banquet – it wasn't referred to as the Mass or Divine Liturgy then – received the Body and Blood of our Savior when they met to commemorate the Lord's Supper. Some communities received the Eucharist daily, others less frequently. Saint Basil the Great, a doctor of the early Church who died in 379 wrote in a letter: "We ourselves in Caesarea, of course, receive Holy Communion four times a week, on Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday." At that time everyone, who attended the Eucharistic Banquet, received Holy Communion. It was unheard of in the early days for a person to attend the Assembly and not receive the Eucharist. Some even maintained Holy Communion in their homes and received the Body and Blood of Christ whenever they wished.

As Christianity spread, many began to study the Eucharist. The notion began to develop among the faithful that mere mortal persons were unworthy of receiving the actual Body and Blood of Christ frequently. Sometime in the fifth century, the practice of attending the Banquet and not receiving the Eucharist began to really take hold. The practice of receiving Holy Communion once a year or just a few times a year gradually became the norm. Many just simply stopped going to Communion **PERIOD**. A number of local councils attempted to deal with this expanding problem. However, their decrees to promote more frequent reception of the Eucharist were largely ignored. None of the decrees seemed to work well at all. So the Lateran Council, in 1215, enacted legislation that bound all the faithful, in conscience, to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is how Catholics received "their Easter Duty" which exists to this day.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen, Rev Ted Wroblecky, Chaplain



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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE, MICHAEL CORCORAN....

Brothers, families and friends, I thank all committee chairmen for their efforts on completing our State Reports this year. From what I have read, I know we will be a challenge to the best of councils in our Division. I am always amazed at the work we do for our church, community and especially our youth.

Although our Filipino Dinner-Dance last month actually brought funds into the treasury, I was somewhat disappointed at the turnout. If you have any comments, please share them with me or Ponce. I thank Ponce and Maria Marquez for chairing the event with Felipe Samson our special chef for the evening. Lots of help made the evening fun for all.

Our May events will include our annual volunteering at St. Francis High School on Wednesday, May 16th. Even though the high school is not in our council jurisdiction, we have been blessed by the faculty to be "the" Knights to do the job...and of course, we are great at it. If you can help, please contact me for details.

Of course this month of April we have the 4th Degree Exemplification here in Sacramento with at least three of our Council members scheduled to receive the honors of the 4th degree. Brother Mike Langer has an article in this edition for further information.

I wish you and your families a Holy and Blessed Easter and look forward to our final quarter of this Columbian year. Let's finish strong. Invite a Catholic gentleman to join the Order. Also invite a member to the next meeting whom we may not have seen in awhile. Start making plans on what "you" can do to help make this council the best in the area (although I believe we are). Let's aim for Star Council always. Vivat Jesus.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE. ELDON HANCOCK, DGK...

Brothers, just back from attending our first meeting for this year relay for Life. Due to problems obtaining Jesuit High School, we will have the event at El Camino High again. Dates also changed to 16/17 June 2007. Please mark your calendar. We are a sponsor and as I stated before the Tee-shirts will have Knights of

Columbus and the logo for the 3rd and 4th Degree on them. . Our council is one of the sponsors so no cost is involved, just your participation as a team member. Many participants will be walking in honor of or in memory of someone who has been touched by cancer. More info later. Any questions please call me 723-3986.

It's never too early to talk about council fun and fund raisers. We just had our Filipino Dinner-Dance which was successful, but we could have seen a few more Brothers and their guests attend. Our next big fund raiser doesn't come until the Fall, October 13th to be exact. This is the night of the really great evening with Cioppino served by our fantastic chef, Roy Lasich, and dancing to Ruben Mora and his great assortment of oldies and current hits.

One item beside your attendance is raffle prizes. Everyone, including me, enjoys trying to win something (the State or Mega lottery would be the greatest!). Our co-chairs, Gene Gobbo and Robin Rositani, have requested us to think about merchants you frequent, and ask if they participate in donations to non-profit organizations. If so, we can get you a letter in regard to the program with non-profit numbers, etc, for the merchants' files. Some of the suggestions so far are restaurants (the most popular), sporting and other events at ARCO or other venues in the Sacramento area, grocery stores as well as many mall stores. There are many, and all you have to do is ask.

Nothing wrong with a no from the merchant; just thank him and go about your shopping. If yes, contact our "PR Guy", Gene Gobbo, for the letter. Plenty of time to think about attending, asking your friends and asking your merchants. Thank you.



**SUNDAY FUNNIES (ANGELS): I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold (Gregory age 5)
 All angels are girls because they gotta wear dresses and boys didn't go for it (Antonio age 9).**

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

Sister Dorothea
Deacon Floyd Shields
Rosemarie Anderson
Jennifer Arnold
DeeAnn (Arnold)
Gloria De Crescenzo
(wife of Brother De)
(Brother of Bro Chuck)
Evelyn DeLuna
John DePiazza
Peg DePiazza
Helen Donaldson
Jacinta Eseudoye
(Christian Okoye's
mother in law)
Angela Gianattasio
Dorothy Hellmer
Michelle Kregelo
(daughter of Bro. John)
George Lukoskie
Barbara Marenich
Brian McQuirk (Afgan)
Jeffrey Patton
(son of Bro Steve)
Joseph Paredes (Iraq)
Luis Paredes
Sara Paredes
Vince Pacis (St Advocate)
Dorothy Picanco
Daniel Rau
(friend of Bro Froelick)
Ethelyn Rivard
Miquel Sabral (Afgan)
Mary Schmidt
Lori Mondonsa (Schwartz)
(widow of Herb)
Aurora Wallin
MaryAnn Ware
Liz Weeks
Aborted Children

DECEASED

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death of a Brother
Knight or family
member,
please contact**

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INSURANCE MESSAGE - Dennis Ware

When our organization began, in order to help each other, our members "passed the hat" to assist families of deceased members. Soon, however, this became impossible, as the number of our members grew.

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- **Permanent Plans** - Policy lasts as long as you live, premium stays the same.
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Contact me to learn more of these programs or other questions you may have. Your Brother and Field Agent, Dennis Ware (530-885-9091 or 916-203-9091).



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, PGK Larry Rositani

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Since members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members, we have enrolled all members of our council in the Guild. The Father Michael J.



McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. For further information go to www.fathermccgivney.org.

ADVOCACY FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE...John Mizerak, Chairman

AB 374, with the title of *The Compassionate Choices Act*, would make it legal for a physician to prescribe lethal drugs to a person, diagnosed with a terminal disease, who had six months or less to live. As Catholics we oppose euthanasia or assisted suicide because we believe that human life is a gift from God, that we are stewards—not owners—of that life, that we are made in God's image and that human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The bill is also opposed by some activists for the disabled, who say they fear that people with chronic medical troubles will be pressured by a cost-conscious medical system into ending their lives under such a law. However, AB 374 would provide a powerful incentive for health insurance providers, disaffected family members or potential heirs to promote assisted suicide over long-term expensive care. Legislation to make California the second state to allow doctors to prescribe fatal medication to terminally ill patients was approved on March 27th, 7-3, by the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Tim Rosales, spokesman for AB 374 opponents, said the limited use of the existing Oregon law calls its value into question. "You don't make public policy in this way just to affect a narrow swath of Californians," he said, "especially when you have issues related to health insurance, the uninsured, the poor, completely different demographics in California than you have in Oregon. "We're in the middle of a health insurance crisis," he continued. "When you have a profit-driven health management system ... there are significant dangers."

For additional information on this bill please check <http://www.ca-aas.com>

There will be Good Friday Vigil for Life at the Sacramento Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic, 29th and B streets, Sacramento from 8-11 AM, when abortions are being done, and also from 12-3 PM, in remembrance of Christ's death on the Cross. Call me for details (332-5511).



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

- TODD WILSON/JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRS FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Brother Chuck Donaldson accepting the Family of the Month Award at his parish, St. John the Evangelist. Presenting the certificate are Chancellor Richard Schultz, Fr. Aldo Ranin, and to the right, Deputy Grand Knight, Eldon Hancock.

Each month, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 honors a Brother member and his family who exemplify the values taught by our Church and our Order. Congratulations to the **Charles and Helen Donaldson Family**, our February Family of the Month.

Charles (Chuck) and Helen have been married for forty-two years, and lived in the Los Angeles area prior to moving to the Sacramento area thirty-two years ago, settling in Carmichael where they currently reside. They soon became members of St John the Evangelist Parish. They have two children, a son Charles Jr., and a daughter Celine. Charles Jr. and Celine graduated from Del Campo High School, and Celine received an AA Degree from Sacramento City College.

Brother Charles is very active in the Liturgical Ministries at St John's Parish, where he serves as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and as a Commentator. He is also a member of the St Vincent de Paul Conference at St John's and chairs the Conference's Food Locker at the parish. In this capacity, Chuck has done an outstanding job of managing personnel, acquisition of supplies, and distribution of food to the needy of the community.

As a minimum, he spends an average of forty (40) hours a month at the Food Locker. Every other month, he coordinates with a distribution center in Lathrop to schedule a pickup of nearly twenty thousands pounds of donated food. He rents a truck, and along with another member of the Food Locker, drives to Lathrop to pick up the shipment. He also ensures that volunteers are available to help unload the truck upon their return to St John's.

Charles has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for more than forty-six years, and a member of the Arden-Carmichael Council for nearly thirty-two years. Due to his busy schedule, he received his Second and Third Degrees on October 23, 2004.

Chuck retired in 2004 from the State of California, where he was employed in the Department of Industrial Relations, specializing in Worker's Compensation and in Vocational Rehabilitation where he has continued his involvement as a consultant in this field. Charles Jr. is employed with Raley's Supermarkets as a Food Safety Trainer, and Celine is an Information Analyst with the California State Department of Health Services.

Charles and Helen are members of the Children's Receiving Home Guild. They are also members of a walking club, the "Sacramento Walking Sticks", although Helen no longer participates in the walks due to her health.

The Arden-Carmichael Council and its members are very proud of the Donaldson Family.

FILIPINO NIGHT- PONCE MARQUEZ, CHAIRMAN



I thank all that participated and helped at the March Filipino Dinner-Dance. *I consider this annual event another success (did not go in the red and everyone had a great time). If you have any suggestions to increase attendance please let me know. Those that I have on the list of helpers included: Filipe Samson out fantastic cook, my dear wife, Maria, the Gobbos, the Schultz's, the Hancocks, Loren Wallin, Jim Hagarty, Joe Helwig, Michael Langer, Steve Milner, Jerry Marenich, Larry Rositani, Richard and Chuck Cuny, Mel Picanco and back from the devastated areas of the Philippines, Jose Salazar. Thanks again to all.*



LADIES NIGHT OUT - MAY 29TH - ROB WILLIAMS

The May Ladies Night Out will be at Celia's Mexican Restaurant in Rancho Cordova. It is located at Hwy 50 and Bradshaw. Directions are: East 50 to Bradshaw exit, south on Bradshaw to Micron Ave (about 1/2 block), Right on Micron Ave. Celia's is about 4 blocks on left (it can be seen from Hwy 50). They have a back room and they serve great arroz con pollo.


Contact me for further information at 361-9358 or email me at Rob_Williams@dadebehring.com to hold a spot. If you forget to call, come anyway, there is always room for more.

RIVER CATS - ANNUAL VISITATION BY COUNCIL 4970

Gene Gobbo - Co-Chair

The Cats are home for another great season and we will be part of the program. It will be later in the season, but arrangements have been made for a "Catholic Community Night" sponsored jointly by the Diocese and the Knights of Columbus.

The date is Friday evening, August 3rd with ticket prices very reasonable from \$11 down the lines to \$15 just outside the dugouts to \$17 between dugouts. Regardless of location you will be sitting with Knights, but most of our Council so far have requested the \$17 seats (for a couple of bucks more, they're worth it, particularly for the first inning or so to get out of the direct sun. Fr. Ted and I are now taking reservations with checks due by mid-May. We urge you to contact me to get the list going. We are planning to reserve at least 50 seats again this year. So contact me at 283-5223 or email at gene@gobbo.org. Your checks should be made out to the River Cats and sent to me at 5223 Overbrook Way, Sacramento, CA 95841.



2007 Catholic Community Night

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Friday August 3rd @ 7:05 pm

The Sacramento River Cats are proud to present in association with The Diocese of Sacramento and the Knights of Columbus "Catholic Community Night", a night of Fellowship and fun for the entire family. We are pleased to offer seats in the Delta Box Section (Sections 108-116) for \$17 per seat. Once we get 50 seats committed, our Council will order. Gene Gobbo and Fr. Ted Wroblicky are coordinating this year, so how can you go wrong!! We must order by mid-May to assure good seats and seating as a group.

Enjoy these Exciting Benefits

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CHUCK'S CORNER

THE COMING HISPANIC TRANSFORMATION

CHUCK CUNY, PGK

Countries are constantly changing. Change agents may be war, famine, technology, birth rate or intellectual ideals such as liberty and justice. Saint Paul used the metaphor of the "mystical body" to describe the Catholic Church. A similar metaphor may be applied to a country. The millions of people who make up the country form the body. The health of the country depends on the growth and dynamism of the people. In the Western Culture, many of the driving ideals have been lost and a kind of stagnation has set in. This is reflected in a declining birth rate that does not maintain the body.

Countries with thriving economies and falling births rates typically suffer from a labor vacuum. While technology can partially fill some of the work force, the market still generates a great demand for cheap labor to do the menial and unskilled jobs. In Western Europe, much of this emptiness is filled with immigrants from the Middle East. The influx of these immigrants not only fills the labor need but they also compete for social, religious and economic power. In the process, they change the shape and ideals of the country. Historically, much of the growth of the American Catholic Church came about because of the Irish immigrants escaping the "Potato Famine". Following WWII, there was a flood of "Baby Boomers" that are now reaching retirement age.

Currently, in the US and California, much of the vacuum is being filled by a wave of Hispanic immigrants. Many of the immigrants, due to their migratory status, are without a stable living environment, poorly educated and from broken families. Hispanic teenagers are by far the largest and fastest-growing immigrant population, greatly outstripping every other group. The young immigrants also have the highest birthrate. As a consequence of their broken homes and economic status, nearly half of the Hispanic mothers are unwed and nearly half of all births in California are from Hispanic mothers. Children born to unwed mothers typically are more likely to be delinquents, school failure, and welfare dependent. Public agencies such as welfare, hospitals, schools and prisons are straining under the influx and growth of Hispanics and other immigrants.

The dimensions of the Hispanic transformation are staggering. In California, Hispanics now constitute about 37% of the population and will be in the clear majority by mid-century while Caucasians will drop significantly. The growth of the Hispanic population will continue to have major social, economic and religious impact on California, especially in the decades to come. Hispanic culture will continue to reshape the landscape with Hispanic stores, restaurants, clothes, and festivals along with the use of the Spanish language.

California is in a massive Hispanic transformation. This will have tremendous impact on both the country and the Catholic Church. There is a great challenge for America to integrate Hispanics immigrants into its social and political structure as they compete for social status and economic power. There is a vast challenge to the Catholic Church to help support and accommodate these newcomers and reintegrate them into Catholic values. In the process, they will also reshape many of the ideals of this country, as we now know it.

FOURTH DEGREE INFORMATION + MICHAEL LANGER, COLOR CORPS COMMANDER, ASSEMBLY 50

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree will be held April 14, 2007 here in Sacramento. To be eligible to join the Fourth Degree, you must be a Third Degree Knight in good standing for a least 6 months (1st Degree prior to October 14, 2006). If you have any questions, contact Sir Knight Michael Langer at 348-3343, Sir Knight Loren Wallin at 723-2970 or Sir Knight Eldon Hancock at 723-3986.

Attention Council Color Corps members! I thank those Corps members who participated in our February Confirmations at Our Lady of the Assumption and Our Lady of Presentation parishes. The remaining dates are as follows: I would like to staff four Color Corps members for all of the three remaining parish confirmations:

St. John Evangelist - Friday, April 28th, 6:00 PM (arrive by 5:30 PM)
St. Ignatius - Sunday, April 30th, 11:30 AM (arrive by 11:00 AM)

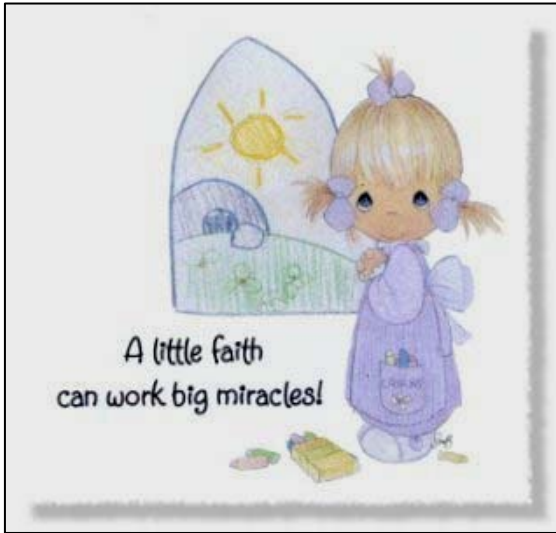
Please advise me of your availability for any of these confirmation dates. Any questions, please contact me by email (mlanger@iwon.com) or telephone (916-348-3343). Thank you for your help in volunteering to participate in this very important annual activity for our three bishops.

LAST OF THE SUNDAY FUNNIES (ANGELS): What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them (Sarah age 7).

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2007

1	Palm Sunday
6	Good Friday
8	Easter Sunday
10	Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA - 7:30
14	4 th Degree Exemplification - Doubletree - Sac
14	Confirmation – SJE – 10:00 AM
15	Confirmation - SI - 11:30 AM
15	Holocaust - Day of Remembrance
24	Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM

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

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MAY 2007

7	Chapter Meeting -
8	Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
13	Mothers Day
16	BBQ - St. Francis High School - 4:30 PM
17-19	State Convention -
22	Planning Meeting -Seton Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
28	Memorial Day (Observed)
29	Ladies Night Out - Celia's Mexican Restaurant

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Relay for Life - 17 and 18 June