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MEMORIAL DAY THOUGHTS - THE NEW BRONZE STATUE IN IRAQ...



This statue currently stands outside the Iraqi palace, now home to the 4th Infantry division. It will eventually be shipped home and put in the memorial museum in Fort Hood, Texas. The statue was created by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by Saddam Hussein to make the many hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam that dotted Baghdad. Kalat was so grateful for the Americans liberation of his country; he melted 3 of the heads of the fallen Saddam and made the statue as a memorial to the American soldiers and their fallen warriors. Kalat worked on this memorial night and day for several months. To the left of the kneeling soldier is a small Iraqi girl giving the soldier comfort as he mourns the loss of his comrade in arms. (Thanks to Brother Herb Holeman)

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen"

UPCOMING SOCIALS IN MAY AND JUNE

It is Ladies Knight time again. This time we are at the extended Memorial Day weekend, so why not go casual. Chairman Rob Williams has reserved a room at **Pit Stop Bar-B-Que** on Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova for 6pm on May 31. The chicken and ribs are very, **very** good. We will be having Chicken, Beef Brisket and Pork Ribs along with fixings and drinks for between \$10 and \$15 per person. Directions: HWY 50 to Zinfandel, Turn North on Zinfandel, then East (left) on Folsom Blvd (at Light Rail tracks). The restaurant is about a block on the right next to Bank of America / Safeway. You can also use Sunrise Blvd to Folsom Blvd to get there. Rob will need an approximate head count by the Friday before (5/27) so please RSVP with him by email (rob_williams@dadebehring.com) or call him at work (374-2463) or at home (361-9358) with the numbers of people that will be attending.

And in June....FILIPINO NIGHT - Our rescheduled annual "Spring" Filipino Dinner /Fundraiser is upon us, June 25th! We will be using the new Parish Center at St. John the Evangelist. Final details are concluded with tickets (and raffle tickets) to be sent via mail during May. We always need volunteers for the event, so contact our Chairman, Ponce Marquez, at 729-6898.

THIS IS YOUR ONLINE VERSION OF THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY BULLETIN. THE COUNCIL ALSO PUBLISHES A ONE SHEET, ABBREVIATED VERSION THAT IS MAILED TO MOST BROTHERS AND WIDOWS BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE 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 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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Brothers and family, as we start in the Month of May, we as Catholics are still celebrating Easter with the Ascension of our Lord on the 5th of May which is a holy day of obligation. The end of our Easter celebration will be in the eighth week on Sunday May 15th which is Pentecost Sunday.

We now have a new pope to lead our Church and its parishioners in the direction Jesus laid out for all of us during his short life on this earth. Jesus' life laid the ground work but he built his church with the help of his disciple Peter the first pope and all others that followed. Let us all pray that Pope Benedict has the insight to follow and interpret what Jesus and his Father intended as a direction for Church to follow now, and in the future.



As a council, the Colombian year will be ending soon, but at the same time the biggest services we provide our parishes and the communities actually are just beginning. We have a scheduled barbecue for students of St Francis High School on May 18th and the Confirmation Ceremony for the 8th grade graduating students at St. Philomene's on the same day, the last confirmation of the 5 parishes we serve. During the month we have many donations to hand out. We will be presenting our Altar Servers Awards to designated altar servers at each of our five parishes. Then we start preparing for our presentation of 10 \$500 scholarships to designated 8th grade students from our parishes that are planning to attend a Catholic High School. This and our contribution to Camp ReCreation for mentally disabled people are our largest donations and services that we provide to our youth and community.

The \$5000 in scholarships we provide is generated from the sale of Fireworks from the Council's booth, which will be located again in the Saint Ignatius front parking lot starting June 28th. We as a Council will be attempting to start the pre-sales of fireworks scrip at S.I. and S.J.E. to hopefully increase our scholarship donations this year and in the future. I would ask that all that are able to please make time to help at least one two-hour shift during the week at the booth so that this service venture is as successful as has been in prior years.

I will be attending the Chapter testimonial on May 7th and presenting the Bishop with our Council Donation at the Parade of Grand Knights at the testimonial dinner. The State Convention will follow in Ontario, Ca. where the Deputy Grand Knight and I will vote on resolutions presented by other Councils in California that could help our order to better continue to do the services we provide and follow the teachings of Jesus. God bless and hope to see you all at the booth in June and July and the dinner at the end of May.

NOTE: Our Grand Knight has requested our help at a number of upcoming events. The St. Francis HS BBQ details have not yet been firmed up. If you can help email your editor at gene@gobbo.org

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**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT****MSGR PATRICK M. NOLAN**

NOTE: Msgr Nolan just returned from a tour of Italy and other parts of Europe. He came down with a bad cold or something worse and he says he struggled at times to enjoy the trip and assist others joining him on the tour. He attended our April Planning meeting and looked like he was back to his old self. Prayers to you Msgr and welcome home. Now for his May article:



One of the places which I had the good fortune to visit during my recent pilgrimage was the abbey of Monte Cassino, founded by Saint Benedict in the 5th century. We may recall that during World War II, the U.S. Army, believing that Nazi soldiers were hiding there, destroyed the Abbey. Luckily the monks found shelter in the underground passages. It so happened that there was no enemy soldiers hiding there. It is worth knowing that the United States paid for the restoration of the Abbey to its original size and shape.

Benedict came from a distinguished Italian family in Umbria. While studying in Rome, he became disillusioned by the decadence of every day life. Pagan armies were on the march, the Church was torn by schism, and morality was at a low ebb. Leaving this depressing world he became a hermit, living in a cave at Subiaco. In due course other hermits joined him, influenced by his way of life. Eventually he established the monastery of Monte Cassino, high up, with a vista of three valleys running towards the mountain. His monastic rule prescribed a life of liturgical prayer, study, manual labor, and living under the same roof with a common father abbot. In due course monastic life flourished in Europe, and is credited with the reform of church life as envisioned in the gospel.

It is remarkable how our new Pope has taken the name Benedict. Some say that at one time in his life he considered the monastic life. In any case he lived the spirituality of that order, as evidenced by his holiness of life and his devotion to the liturgy. He has preached, written about, and lived the reform of Vatican II, which states: "In the liturgy, full public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members. From this follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body, the Church, is a sacred action, surpassing all others." (VAT II, Lit.7).

Those who want the Pope to change eternal truths or the teaching of the apostolic Church, will be disappointed, as will the dominant press and media. We pray that those angry members of our church, will listen to our Holy Father, Benedict, take his message to heart and return to their Father's house. The Church is alive and well! St. Benedict's rule was simple; "pray and work, work and pray." He also gave this advice: "pray, hope and do not worry."

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

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Your Knights of Columbus membership gives you the power to answer the questions:

- What will happen if I become disabled and can't provide an income?
- What will happen to my financial situation when I retire?
- What will happen if I need long-term care or must go into a home?
- What will happen to my wife, kids, and grandkids when I die?
- What can I do to help the Church or people less fortunate than me?



As the assigned Field Agent for your Council, I am committed to aiding you in answering these questions. It is my responsibility to explain the many options and benefits available to you, through the Knights of Columbus.

Send me and e-mail--ddware@cwnet.com or call me at home 530-885-9091.

Fraternally, **Dennis Ware** F.A. #12172

Prayer for the Sick - Saint Augustine

*Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones.
Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.*

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS - 2005-2006 COLUMBIAN YEAR

We have been appointed by Grand Knight Larry Rositani to select a slate of officers for our next Columbian Year. We hope and pray that we are again "up to the challenge". We know there are many deserving Brothers of our great "STAR" Council and do want to assure all deserving brothers have an opportunity to represent our Council in 2005-2006. If you are aware of a

Brother who would like to serve or if you would like to serve, please contact one of us (our phone numbers are on the front page of this edition of the Paladin). We will announce our recommended slate at the May business meeting, but other nominations may be considered either at this meeting or placed in nomination during our elections at the June business meeting. Thank you and pray for peace in the world.

Jerry Marenich, Eldon Hancock and Fred Garrison, Trustees

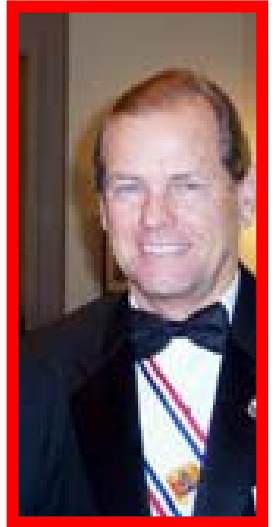
PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT PHIL GASKINS

This month of May, we are again inspired by the example of Mary, the Mother of God. As a teenager, Mary said "yes" to God, agreeing to bear God's Son with little understanding of where this action might take her. Having said "yes," Mary continued to do "God's will" despite the difficulties that followed. Mary's courage and faith in the face of the unknown should be an inspiration to all of us as we go about our daily lives. Even today, as Christians and Catholics, we remain unsure of what lies ahead. Yet, by saying "yes" to God, we can still eagerly anticipate the unknown path ahead.

Reflecting on the life of Pope John Paul II, we can see another example of how the life of an individual, who said "yes" to God, can take an unanticipated, yet wonderful, turn. As a young man, Karol Wojtyla expected to spend his life in the fields of literature, language, and the dramatic arts, but the needs of his people and his faith in God and his church led him to a life of service to God and his fellow man.



Through service to our parish communities, every one of us can say "yes" to God. The opportunities are there just waiting for us. The Knights of Columbus and our Council can help you find ways to direct your energies. Join with your fellow Knights to demonstrate your faith in God and to respond to God's call! I urge everyone to get involved in our local Council's activities. Your individual skills and talents are a blessing which you can share with all of us!

An example of involvement is the effort of a few from our council assisting the Granada Relief Team in April by moving excess classroom desks from St. John the Evangelist parish school to the distribution center in Sacramento. The desks will be part of a 7 container effort to be shipped to Granada by the Relief Team.

Granada was one of the Caribbean islands hard hit by Hurricane Ivan on September 7, 2004 reducing this tiny island to a pile of rubble and its 89,000 inhabitants almost to a state of temporary vagrancy. Ninety-five percent of all structures were damaged or destroyed, including all schools in this tiny nation. The goal of the Granada Relief Team is to raise money and meet material needs primarily for rebuilding schools and homes. The Team's primary purpose is to ensure a long-term sustained program of reconstruction is in place.

The K of C Council was only too happy to work with both St. Johns school and the Relief Team to take advantage of the excess desks. In the pictures Brother Gene Gobbo is shown loading the last of the desks with Relief Team members, Becky and Christian.

Are you dreaming of tasting Filipino food once again or maybe for the first time? Are you longing for a bite of tasty lumpia? Are you looking forward to savoring a plateful of delicious pancit? Well, put it on your calendar. Filipino Night 2005 will be on Saturday, June 25th. This annual Knights of Columbus dinner social fundraiser will be held this year at the new St. Johns Parish Center, St. John the Evangelist Parish. Plan to be there. Our Chairman, Ponce Marquez will be sending out tickets for the event and a block of our popular raffle within the next month. Invite your friends. Not only will you enjoy the evening but you will get to see the new parish center at St. Johns.

**As we slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.
 The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.**

An English professor wrote the words: "WOMAN WITHOUT HER MAN IS NOTHING" on the blackboard, and directed the students to punctuate it correctly:

The men wrote: "Woman, WITHOUT HER MAN, is nothing."

The women wrote: "WOMAN!! WITHOUT HER, man is nothing!"

MEMBERSHIP

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JERRY MARENICH, PGK - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



A First Degree Exemplification took place on the evening of Thursday, April 7, 2005, at St Mel's Parish. This exemplification was hosted by the Fair Oaks Council, Council 6066. Ten men received their First Degree and became members of the Knights of Columbus. We were fortunate that this exemplification was held at that time and as close as it was, as Council 4970 did not have an exemplification scheduled. Our council took advantage of this great opportunity and we had three candidates in attendance to receive their First Degree. The three new Knights of Council 4970 are Keith Lawrence (SJE), Jeremy Leatherby (SI), and John Villanueva (SJE).

In addition, the other seven new Knights were from Council 5322 (2), Council 13672 (3), and host Council 6066 (2). In all, more than 40 men were in attendance, and the notables in attendance included DD #06, Pat Castonguay, GA Don Krolak, FA Dennis Ware, FA Justin Tanjuaquio, and GK Larry Rositani of Council 4970. I was very impressed with the manner in which Council 6066 conducted the exemplification and I wish to thank them for allowing our council to participate. As of the end of April, fourteen new members have joined our council, resulting in a net gain of thirteen for this Columbian Year.

We also welcome a recent transfer into the Council. Brother Tom Nelson comes to us from Nashville, Tenn. He currently attends St. John the Evangelist parish. Tom, comments on Dolly Land or the actions on 2nd Street?

A 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Marysville on Sunday, June 12th. If you are not contacted by May 30th please call me at 334-7427 or Brother Eldon Hancock at 723-3986.

FOURTH DEGREE INFORMATION - MICHAEL LANGER

- Congratulations to our new 4th Degree Members, Todd Wilson, John DePiazza, Richard Shultz and Ken Macdonald.
- Attention Council Color Corps members! It's confirmation time, and we have only one more of our 5 parishes to assist Bishop Quinn. I would like to staff four Color Corps members for this final program at St. Philomene Parish, Wednesday May 18th (6:30 PM) Please contact me by telephone (916-348-3343) or email (mlanger@iwon.com).

YOUTH

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LOREN WALLIN, PGK, DIRECTOR

ALTAR SERVER PICNIC - Brothers we again have volunteered to assist the Sera Club hosting the Diocese-wide swim, mass and picnic for the dedicated altar servers of our diocese. The June date is not available to use but the location is again at Jesuit HS. Once the date is known we will announce it on our website. We do need volunteers. If you can help or want further information contact Brother Erik Nooren at 967-5115.

ESSAY CONTEST - I thank Brother Herb Holeman for his great effort coordinating our recent essay contest. He reports that approximately 200 essays were written and read (quite an effort!). This program is considered a great success story and will continue next year.

FREE THROW: One last comment on our Free Throw contest, not this year but I want to report that a former winner, Kaitlyn Sparks, almost brought her Loretto HS team to the championship round scoring 27 points leading to the Division IV title game before losing in a match with Notre Dame of Salinas. What we are proud of, in particular, is her free throw shooting. During the regular season she made 79 consecutive free throws. She shot 201 of 230 attempts. We of course take credit for part of her success story.



A Thought on our Mother

A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence. Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Mother lives inside our laughter. And she's crystallized in every teardrop. A mother shows every emotion -.happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow..... and all the while, hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you...not time, not space...not even her passing!

Speaking of Mothers.....

Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Dorothy Picanco

I'd like to begin this with a very large thank you to all our friends in the Knights who came to see me, sent get-well wishes and Mass cards while I was recuperating from two back surgeries. I'm hanging in there and hope to be up to speed before too long. I'd also like to thank Stephanie and Amanda Gualderama who took over the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Christmas Stocking Project from me on Dec 12th. When I turned it over we had collected close to \$1,100.00 with which we were able to purchase 6 queen size blankets, wash cloths and dish towels (wish list items) along with a \$50.00 gift certificate from Target (at the request of one of the members), filled Christmas stockings with personal items and candy which were given to 13.

Now I'd like to thank all of you who personally made it all happen. In addition to those already mentioned in an earlier Paladin, a huge thank you to our anonymous donor who each year has given \$100.00 and this year we have another one who donated six queen size blankets so that each woman could have a new blanket for her bed. Our other donors were Betty Fries, Karren & Jack Kocunik, Aurora & Loren Wallin, Jean & Gene Gobbo, Mike Langer, Young (PSD) & Eunice Stewart, Maria & Ponce Marquez, Mary & Milt Damore, Richard Froelick, Danielle & Michael Corcoran, MaryAnn & Chuck Cuny, Jan & Steve Millner, Marty & John Condon, Joyce & Nick Doiron, Susy & Amy Bruce, Dorothy & Mel Picanco, and Vince Dombeck.

Let's pray that Christmas 2005 will be as fruitful for the Home as 2004 was. Which incidentally we'll start working on in another 6 months!!

LIFE EXPLAINED

On the first day, God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years." The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." So God agreed.

On the second day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty-year life span." The monkey said, "How boring. Monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?" And God agreed.

On the third day God created the cow. God said, "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years." The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for Sixty years. Let me have twenty and I'll give back the other forty." And God agreed again.

On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry And enjoy your life. I'll give you twenty years." Man said, "What? Only twenty years?! Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back and the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back...that makes eighty, okay?" "Okay", said God, "You've got a deal." So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves; for the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.....**Life has now been explained to you.**

TWO EVENTS WORTHY OF YOUR CONSIDERATION

FIRST: Sacramento Council #953 is holding an Amateur Chili Cook-off on Saturday May 14, 2005 on the lawn of the Newman Center, across the street from the Council #953 hall. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Sacramento Life Center and the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. It will be a family-oriented event that will include barbecue food, games and activities for kids, and, of course, chili tasting. Our Council was invited to host a booth for your tasting pleasure but the invite came a bit to late for us to get an entry form in. If you can, support this worthwhile fund raiser for our adjacent Council.

SECOND A LETTER FROM FR. CORL OF THE RETREAT CENTER:

Dear Grand Knight and Council:

In spite of the fact that I know how very busy my Brother Knights are, I come "hat in hand" to offer yet another service "opportunity"! Each year on the second Saturday of June, Christ the King Retreat Center holds it's one and only annual fundraiser: the Family Fiesta. It includes a silent auction, game booths, a Church Vocation, Knights of Columbus Information booth, BBQ dinner, dancing and Mass of Corpus Christi. All of this has taken place on our Retreat Center grounds for the past 55 years!



Many volunteers have made all of this possible over the years and foremost among these have been several Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies. We greatly appreciate the generous gifts of time and energy that go into each year's preparations. My request to the members of your council is for some extra volunteer help with setting up on Friday June 10th and/or help in taking things down on Monday June 13th. The Fiesta itself is on Saturday, June 11th.

The Family Fiesta income allows us to continue our retreat ministry for those who are not able to make a fall offering at their retreat weekend and to make it available to those who can make no offering at all. We sincerely appreciate any help that your Knights can give this year. In Christ the King, Father Ronald Corl, C.P. Retreat Director

The Drug Problem in America

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?" I replied: I had a drug problem when I was young:

- I was drug to church on Sunday morning.
- I was drug to church for weddings and funerals.
- I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.
- I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults.
- I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me, I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profane four-letter word.
- I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields.
- I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood;
- and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

~author unknown~

CHUCK'S CORNER

QUO VADIS, PETER!

CHUCK CUNY, PGK

"Where are you going, Peter?" came the voice, as Saint Peter began to walk away from Rome. A similar question was raised in the Sistine Chapel, as Cardinals from all over the world gathered in a conclave to consider who should be the next Peter. They asked themselves not just what are the qualities for a new pope, but what direction should the new Peter lead the Church? The Church has always struggled with many conflicting religious, social, economic and moral problems and now is no exception. Pope John Paul II emphasized Christ's prayer, "That they be one in me" and taken on an ecumenical approach to other religions. Many have felt that this has been at the cost of long held beliefs and significantly undermined the authority of the pope and the sanctity of the Church.

In recent Church history, popes have been mainly Italian and Caucasian, but it was hoped that this might change. There was a strong case for election from other ethnic groups and from third world areas such as Africa or South America. This would have indicated an interest in investing in deprived third world countries and the universality of the Roman Church. A strong case could also be made to confront the moral issues of the modern world and the secularism in the West.

One of the current Church problems in the West is an acute shortage of priest along with the sex abuse problem. In recent centuries, first world countries have harvested vocations from third world countries. As countries, such as Ireland, improve their economy and lower their birth rate, they no longer have a surplus of vocations. There are a number of vocations coming out of Africa and India but continued dependency on foreign priest is only an interim and inadequate solution to the current crisis.

In 1958, the cardinals could not agree on a pope and chose to elect a 78-year-old interim pope (Pope John XXIII). He shocked the world in calling an ecumenical council for the specific purpose of modernizing the Church. All of the popes since Vatican II have continued to support the council. A conservative pope could negate the ecumenical effort of John Paul II and continue to harvest third world vocations. A moderate pope could expand the role of lay people in handling the financial and administrative role of the church and build bigger churches. A liberal pope could bring a third Vatican council together to discuss priestly celibacy, closer relations with other Churches and a host of other controversial issues.

What is the future of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church? Will they allow married priests, as is the current discipline of the Eastern Church? Will they reconcile with the Orthodox Churches and allow sharing of liturgical rites. Could they even share liturgical roles with mainstream denominations such as Anglican or Presbyterian? While unthinkable in past centuries, these are potential changeable disciplines of the Church that fly in the face of past precedents.

The answer to many of these questions is now with Pope Benedict XVI. As a cardinal, he has been considered conservative. Perhaps He too will shock the world in answering the question, "Quo Vadis", where are you going Peter?

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/>

Until next month, keep posted on events by visiting our website periodically

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 05 Ascension of our Lord
- 05 Cinco de Mayo
- 08 Mother's Day
- 10 Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA - 7:30 PM
- 15 Pentecost Sunday
- 18 BBQ St. Francis HS - Support by the Knights
- 19/20 State Convention - Ontario, CA
- 24 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall, OLA- 7:30 PM
- 30 Memorial Day
- 31 Ladies Night Out - Pit Stop BBQ

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

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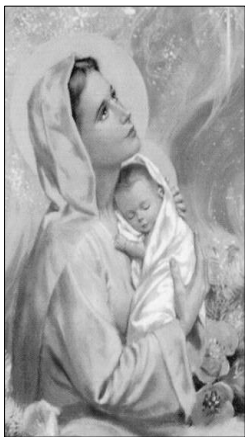
JUNE

- 11 Christ the King Retreat Center Fiesta
- 12 2nd and 3rd Degrees - Marysville - 10 AM
- 14 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
(Annual BBQ prior to meeting at 6:30 PM)
(also Election of Officers at the meeting)
- 14 Flag Day
- 19 Father's Day
- 25 Filipino Dinner - SJE Parish Center - 6:30 PM
- 28 Planning Meeting - Fireworks Booth - 7:30 PM
- 28-4 Fireworks Booth - SI Parking Lot

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MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

*Take an angel from the sky
And send her down this way.
Then send some little boys and girls
To keep her company.
Then fill her heart
With Mother love,
Give her a smile of cheer.
And you'll have a kind of Mother
Just like my Mother, dear.*