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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT MICHAEL CORCORAN

Brothers, we are now entering our second month of this Columbian year. Our first month gave us a big kick start as we completed our annual fireworks sales on a very strong note. From our Chairman's final report (see this edition for details) we have sufficient funds to continue our Phil Bruce scholarship program. Those that participated and/or made purchases thank you immensely. The other major event was our Officer's Installation on July 9<sup>th</sup> with an excellent dinner following at one of those long-time Sacramento restaurants, the Golden Tee. We had a nice turnout to welcome in our new officers.



In addition to the Respect Life activities noted in this edition of the Paladin, this month we have a couple of social events. Our brothers at S.I. will serve donuts after the morning masses on Sunday Aug 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can lend a hand please let GK Larry know, or if you attend S.I. just pop in.



**On Aug 20<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Ice Cream Social at 2 pm at Leatherby's on Arden Way. Some members are thinking of taking in a movie first. We will send out notice by email if we decide to do that or feel free to call me for information. No reservations for Leatherby's are necessary...just bring your entire family and even your neighborhood. It's our way of celebrating Family Week.**

**And most importantly we will have our Ladies Night Out on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 P.M... This month we will be going to Serritella's on the corner of Fair Oaks Blvd and Palm Dr (Palm is an extension of Marconi Ave). Like the Golden Tee, it is one of those Sacramento area long-time institutions specializing in Italian food and pizzeria. To make reservations contact our chair, Rob Williams by email ( [rob\\_williams@dadebehiring.com](mailto:rob_williams@dadebehiring.com) ) or call him at work (374-2463) or at home (361-9358) with the numbers of people that will be attending. A special presentation at the dinner will be announcing the Family of the Year for our Council.**

Don't forget our council meeting on Tues night Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in St. John's hall at O.L.A. (We will try to call the new hall at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Sisters of Tralee Hall so not to confuse some of our Brothers...this happened at our recent pancake breakfast).

If you haven't been to our business meeting in awhile, we invite you to come and meet some newer Brother Knights and re-acquaint yourself with some other Brothers. Call a fellow Knight and invite him to join us also. Offer to pick them up and give them a ride. A MAJOR RECOMMENDATION BY OUR PLANNING COMMITTEE TO OUR GRAND KNIGHT AND MYSELF, WAS TO SHORTEN OUR MEETINGS AND IN PARTICULAR OUR COMMITTEE REPORTS. OUR COUNCIL HAS MANY ACTIVITIES THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT, BUT WE AGREE AND WILL USE OUR ADVOCATE TO BE OUR GATEKEEPER AND TIMEKEEPER. Hope to see you at the meeting.

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](mailto:gene@gobbo.org) PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING MEETINGS. TO STAY EVEN MORE CURRENT, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR COUNCIL'S WEB SITE <http://www.kofc4970.org> FREQUENTLY. IT'S AWESOME!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

LARRY ROISTANI



As we start the month of August, we as a council, have wrapped up fireworks scholarship fund raising, a Council new officer installation, Donut Sunday at S.I, a pancake breakfast fundraiser for Saint John the Evangelist youth to attend world youth day, a chapter meeting, and a District Deputy's yearly council orientation meeting. I thank all that participated in the council events held last month. I have to say my first month of my second year as Grand Knight; I am still as proud of the participation and enthusiasm this Council's members who have shown and continue to show each month.

To repeat a recent statement made by our Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson, "I can't think of a more dynamic or stronger Catholic organization in the Church today than the Knights of Columbus. This can be the best year in the life of our Order...and we are poised to meet this challenge." We just brought in the 1.7 millionth member into the Order, Gerry Kissell, of Springfield, Illinois. This mark represents an enormous milestone in the history of our Order and reflects our connection with our Church and schools at the parish level. Council 4970 is proud to be part of this growth and a reflection of our Order's desires for us to be connected closely with our five parishes and schools.

As we begin August, there will be one holy Day of Obligation for us, as Catholics, which will be the Assumption of Mary on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Program Director has indicted the special social events this month, our Ice Cream Social and our Ladies Night Out. Also I commend our Respect Life Chairman, John Mizerak for keeping us tuned in on pro-life matters and events. See these events in this edition of the Paladin. I hope to see you all at these events and I thank you all for your support of prior and future events. Please remember on the 15<sup>th</sup> that our order's patroness is Mary, the mother of Jesus, and pray to her that the violence and terrorism we have been experiencing recently in the world will cease to exist.

To paraphrase our Supreme Knight, Christ is doing things today through us. When we say "Vivat Jesus," we are saying 'Jesus is alive, the Church is alive.' If we stay focused on our mission, as our Council has since I joined the Knights of Columbus, particularly on our first principal, Charity, we can make Christ more manifest in the world today.

Vivat Jesus.

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NOTICE: Holy Family Parish and the local Council of the Knights of Columbus are jointly sponsoring a Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family's Parish Center in Citrus Heights. Our Council's Monte Carlo Night in the 80's was always fun and we're sure Holy Family's will be also. Contact Sue at 729-6719 for further information. Just to note that this event conflicts with our proposed Past Grand Knights' dinner and St. John the Evangelist Parish Festival. So many choices!!!

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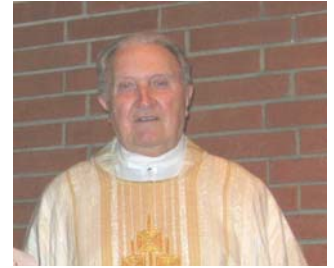
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In theory, every parish is to have a vocation committee for the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and/or the religious life. The Knights of Columbus and the Sera Club lead in this effort. Our goal is to promote vocations within our own diocese. Nationally between 16 and 17 percent of our active priests, that have entered the ministry since 1985, are foreign born. Since 1998 the percentage of new priests born outside the United States has risen from 24 to 27 percent. These priests are primarily from Mexico, Vietnam, the Philippines and Poland. A glance at our Diocesan Directory shows a dearth of U.S. born priests. Are we a mission territory for clergy from foreign lands?



All of us, collectively and individually, have a responsibility to promote vocations in our home. This requires more than financial help. Prayer for vocations is essential. So is personal outreach. If we observe a young person whom we regard as a good prospect, why not pop the question; "have you ever thought of being a priest or religious," It worked in my case. Being a priest was the last thing on my mind. I was scared of priests. One day the school principal asked me if I had ever thought of being a priest like Father Tom Kyne. "No! I had not." He suggested that I give it some thought. I did...I decided...and here I am today, hoping more and more that young people will think and decide.

Parents and grandparents, priests and religious, come from families. The Kingdom of God is the pearl of great price described in the Gospel. What a blessing it would be, if a child or grandchild of yours would decide to follow Jesus' invitation.....Come Follow Me."

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

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**WORDS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY...  
NOW HEAR THIS COWBOY!!**

At the July Planning meeting, the posse had to make the call that those of our membership that is two or more years in arrears must be suspended. All of these Brothers have been made aware of this pending action and State and Supreme rules have been complied with. I personally hope you are not one of them. If you are not aware of your status (do you have a 2005 membership card?), contact me immediately. Cost to maintain members in arrears is negatively affecting our budget and charitable work that we can do. Please call me at 929-8459. Sheriff Mel Picanco



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

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

*We pray for the repose of the soul of a long-time brother, Ed Hellmer. Ed passed away last month, July 25<sup>th</sup>, after a long illness. Ed and his wife Dorothy had been very active in our council activities over the years even on occasions when Ed's health was waning. Due to family spread over the world, Ed's funeral mass will be at S.I. on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. To Dorothy and the entire Hellmer family, our prayers. Ed, Rest in Peace, Brother Knight.*

RESPECT LIFE

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JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN

ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR LIFE ON AUGUST 5TH & 6TH. There will be an All Night Vigil for Life on August 5th & August 6th at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 5752 Locust Ave. in Carmichael. The Vigil begins on Friday with 8:00 PM Mass and ends on Saturday with 7:00 AM Mass. Please join us for an hour or more or spend the night.

The Catholic's for Life is again sponsoring Saints Go Marching In on October 1st. This event consists of a walkathon by religious and laity. The event hopes to raise \$30,000 for the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Further information will be available in the September Paladin.

On October 2nd Sacramento will again have a Life Chain. This event uses the protest technique to evangelize the message of pro-life to passing motorists at busy intersections. Please set aside this day to be part of this Chain. Again more information next month.

Finally Fr. Lee, pastor of St. Johns is spearheading the visit of Fr. Denis Wilde from Priests for Life during the weekend of November 11-14th. Our council has committed \$100 to offset some of the cost of this event. In addition we will host the Saturday, Nov 12th dinner for the expected attendees. We need your

help so if you could email John at [engrijmiz1@cs.com](mailto:engrijmiz1@cs.com) if you can help. I will be reminding you in future Paladins and at our business meetings. You, your family and friends are encouraged to put this event on your calendar to attend this very informative program. Details will be available in our Paladin.

MEMBERSHIP

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JERRY MARENICH, PGK - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Each year that I have been a member of Council 4970, our council has successfully exceeded its established goal, as set by the Supreme Council, of recruiting new members into the Knights of Columbus. I am confident that, during this Columbian Year, we will continue this trend and that we will again exceed our quota, which I believe will, as in the past, be eleven new members. Council 4970 will again schedule two major blitzes as we have done during past years, those being at St Ignatius and St John the Evangelist. Additionally, we will look into the possibility of conducting another at one of our other three parishes.

The blitz is a very good means of reaching out to those prospective new members. With one notable exception, each blitz on average has provided a minimum of at least six new members

for the council. Perhaps the most effective way of recruiting new members, however, is the one-on-one effort. Many individuals have not joined the Knights, simply because they have never been approached or asked to join. The "one-on-one" approach is done on a personal level, with the intention of instilling into each individual a feeling that our organization is interested in him as an individual rather than just as a number.

Some members may feel somewhat uneasy with this approach, but in fact this may be the easiest way to recruit new members. When you get the opportunity, take the initiative and strike up a conversation with the men of your parish. Be prepared to answer each man's question as best you can, and to record his name and phone number so that we may be able to provide him with more information later. All it takes is initiative and a little effort and a signed application Form 100 will surely follow.

**A 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Theresa Parish in Auburn on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 10 A.M. Our membership committee will be contacting all 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree members to encourage them to advance in their degrees. However, if you are not contacted please call me at 334-7427 or our Retention Chairman, Eldon Hancock at 723-3986.** At this time, I am not aware of any planned or scheduled First Degree Exemplifications for our area, but I am certain that there most likely will be this month. If you know of a candidate please contact me at 334-7427 or our Recruitment Chairman, Fred Garrison at 944-1585.

Philip Bruce Memorial Scholarship Fireworks Sales - Fundraiser report 2005

Lawrence Rositani Council Coordinator



As the coordinator again for our Council's 2005 scholarship fund raiser which is funded by donations and sales from our Council fireworks sales booth, located at St. Ignatius Parish from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank all the Council members, friends, and Parish schools that helped to make this year's venture a success. Our council goal was to provide 10 scholarships, as in previous years, of \$500.00 each. Each parish school, we serve, receives two of these scholarships, one to a boy and a girl graduating to a local catholic high school of their choice. The awarding of these scholarships is determined by the staff at each parish school. We

tried a new pilot program of selling scrip in \$10.00 increments at two of the parish schools this year. This was done to spur increase sales, which in turn, would help to hopefully exceed our funding goals. We provided an incentive return percentage back to the schools as a thank-you for helping to promote and sell this scrip. The sales this year in scrip alone exceeded \$3000.00 for the 2 schools. We hope to extend this program to the other 3 schools with some minor modifications next year. I am happy to say we reached and exceeded our funding goals as this year's net exceeded \$6,100.00. This was done with a lot of hard work at the booth and supplemented with the Parish School scrip sales. I thank you all for all your efforts and I hope that you will participate again next year with greater enthusiasm. God bless. {picture is our GK/Fireworks Chair Larry Rositani and customer winner Roberta Stewart of St. Ignatius.}



## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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## JERRY MARENICH/TODD WILSON, CO-FAMILY DIRECTORS

For part of the past few years, I have had the responsibility for the Family of the Month/Year Program for our council, and have been pleased to have filled in while a search of our membership was made to find a permanent director, if not for this year but possibly for a number of years. I am pleased to announce that Brother Todd Wilson recently said yes to this position with a little asterisk\* thrown in. The asterisk\* is for me to continue on the committee until Todd feels comfortable in the position. Todd, Gwen, Barbara and I have been close friends and parishioners at St. Johns for so long that we are ourselves family, and we can work together in filling this important position. Welcome Todd and you (and I) will be doing a great job for a great council honoring the great families we have.

Since I have to brief Todd anyway, I thought that this would be a good time to write about the selection process and the criteria by which a particular family is selected. The reason that I am writing this is that many of you may not be fully aware of the program.

Every month, the Grand Knight, the Program Director and other Planning Committee members join with the Family Director to select a council member's family as the Family of the Month for the Arden-Carmichael Council. A Family of the Month Report is then completed and submitted to the Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Services, with copies to the State and to our District Deputy. On the fifteenth day of each month – from August through July – 100 Family of the Month reporting forms are drawn at random at the Supreme Council from among all entries submitted for the previous month. Each of these 100 selected families receives a beautiful Holy Family statuette. I am pleased that despite of the odds of being selected, several of our members and their families have been picked and have received these beautiful statuettes, and several other families have received awards from the State Council. Besides honoring our families, these awards are what make this program worthwhile. You may wonder as to what is the criteria by which we select a family? Here are a few of them:

1. Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community, and/or council?
2. Does the family enjoy one another and contribute to family values?
3. Does the family pray and attend mass together?
4. Does the family spend "quality" time together?
5. Does the family exemplify the traits of a solid Knights of Columbus family?

I hope that this information may be both informative and interesting to you. Many of our families succeed in these criteria. If you feel that a particular family is deserving of such an honor, please let us know.

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You lovers of the English language might enjoy this. There is a word that has more meanings than any other two letter word, and that is "UP."

- It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?
- At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends and we use it to brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, we warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and some guys fix UP the old car.
- At other times the little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses. To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special.
- And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP. We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP!
- To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4th of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.
- If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.
- When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, it wets UP the earth. When it doesn't rain for a while, things dry UP.
- One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP,
- For now my time is UP, so.....

- Time to shut up.....!

### **Newdow Again Challenges Constitutionality of "Under God" in Pledge**

U.S. District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton on July 18 granted a motion by the Knights of Columbus and seven individual Knights and their families to intervene in *Newdow, et al v. Congress of the United States of America, et al*. The lawsuit is Michael Newdow's latest attempt to challenge the constitutionality of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. Judge Karlton granted the motion from the bench in a hearing in federal court in Sacramento.

The Knights of Columbus played a key role in persuading Congress to pass legislation adding "under God" to the Pledge in 1954. When President Eisenhower signed the bill on Flag Day, 1954, he wrote a letter to Supreme Knight Luke Hart thanking the Knights for their effort. Newdow, whose earlier constitutional challenge to the Pledge was thrown out by the Supreme Court last year, filed a new lawsuit in January 2005. In that suit, he is joined by eight co-plaintiffs.

The Knights of Columbus filed a motion to join the case as "defendant interveners" in May, asking that they be permitted to "protect their substantial interest in defending .. the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance that is recited daily in California's public schools." In the earlier legal battle, the Knights of Columbus filed an *amicus curiae* brief with the Supreme Court, but did not directly participate.

"Now," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said, "we will be able to join the fight inside the courtroom. We are proud to have had a central role in adding 'under God' to the Pledge 51 years ago, and are determined to do everything possible to defend it in this court challenge" Both the individual Knights and their families and the Knights of Columbus as an organization are represented in the lawsuit by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a Washington, D.C., public interest law firm that specializes in cases involving the free exercise of religion. The text of the legal documents in the case can be found at [www.becketfund.org](http://www.becketfund.org)



### **FINAL COMMENTS...FILIPINO DINNER 2005**

More than a month ago, Filipino Night 2005 passed into history. For those who attended, it was a night of fun and camaraderie. It was a time to renew old acquaintances and to taste delicious Filipino food. Filipino Night 2005 succeeded in raising a little bit of funds for our council's treasury and a whole lot of fun for those who attended. I would like to extend my thanks to those who participated in one form or another. Thank you to those who were able to join in the fun that night. Thanks also to those who were not able to attend but were able to participate by purchasing raffle tickets and/or dinner tickets. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Paul Rivard. Although Paul was not able to attend that night, he had the lucky ticket and that's all that was needed.

Finally, I would like to thank those who helped put together this social fundraiser. The crew included: Mike and Brian Corcoran, Chuck Cuny, Dick Froelick, Gene and Jean Gobbo, Roni DiLeo, Eldon Hancock, Don Koscheski, Michael Langer, Maria Marquez, Gerry Marenich, John Mizerak, Mel Picanco, Larry Rositani, Jose Salazar, Richard and Kim Schultz, Paul Starkovich, John Villanueva, Todd Wilson, and Leonard Zerilli. A very special thanks to our head chef, Phil Samson. The new Parish Center (Sisters of Tralee Hall) at St. John Evangelist Parish is beautiful. The facilities in the hall are top notch and the brother knights from St. John's really worked hard to make the hall ready for our dinner.

Maria and I are pleased to have again chaired this event, and with your prayers we will be hosting it again next year. See you then. God Bless. Ponce and Maria Marquez.

THE SENILITY PRAYER (a variation!) - Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

## CHUCK'S CORNER..PERSONAL THOUGHTS

## VISITING THE KORAN

## CHUCK CUNY, PGK

For Islamic fundamentalists, the Koran existed for all time (coequal to God) and was revealed to Mohammed in Arabic when he was lifted up to heaven. As such, it is an extension of Allah and therefore perfect, infallible, not translatable, and mishandling of it is punishable by death. Although often compared to the Bible, there is no comparison between the peace of the Gospels and the aggression of the Koran toward non-Islamic. Even though much of the Koran is borrowed from Jewish and Christian sources, they are diametrically opposed to each other with respect to peace.

On numerous occasions, Christ words were, "peace be with you". Early Christians were reviled because they were pacifists. Compare the Samaritan story with some of the verses in the Koran such as: "Whoever changes his Islamic Religion, kill him", "Slay the idolaters (non-Muslim) wherever you find them", "Wait for them (idolaters) in every ambush", "Smite them above their necks and all their finger", "Unbelievers should be murdered ...their hands and feet cut off on opposite sides." Compare the forgiveness of Christ with some punishments in the Koran such as: adultery - stoning to death, fornication - a hundred lashes, apostasy - death, theft - cut off the right hand, robbery - loss of hands and feet, murder - death by sword or crucifixion.

Women are considered intellectually inferior and not to be educated. A bomb killed fifty girls in a school and not a whimper was heard since they were only girls and should not have been in school. It was rumored that a copy of the Koran was flushed down the toilet and worldwide riots erupted. Here are some Koran samples: "If a woman is guilty of lewdness, confine her to life imprisonment." "No man shall be question for beating his wife." "A woman shall not give herself in marriage" (choose a husband). While prostitution is prohibited, a man may marry for three days and divorce his wife by uttering "Talaq" three times. Male sodomy is quasi approved, but female lewdness is punishable by death.

Christians, steeped in a loving messiah, are loath to believe the violent and aggressive mind-set underpinning Islam in the Koran. We think the violence in Iraq is simply the action of a few terrorists. The Koran condones violence on all who do not subscribe to its gruesome tenets. It supports a "holy war" against non-believers who will not convert. It rewards "warriors" with the captured booty if they survive and heaven if they are killed. Islam is confronting much of the world in such places as Iraq, Afghanistan, Chechnya, Kashmir, Palestine, and Bosnia. When Islam is a minority, they are accommodating; but in almost every country where Islam is dominant, other religions are suppressed often by brutal force.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world including in the U.S. There is serious conflict between Islam and western democracy. There is no central governance of Islam and each mosque is a religion unto itself. Many mosques that begin as charitable community regress under fundamental imams (leaders) into terrorists that accept the brutal precepts of the Koran. For them, the current clash in Iraq is a "jihad" (holy war). It is a continuation of the jihad of the Middle Ages by a religion that wants to dominate the world and will not easily become a democracy.

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

SHIRTS AND JACKETS CAN BE ORDERED, CONTACT GENE GOBBO AT [gene@gobbo.org](mailto:gene@gobbo.org) THE JACKETS ARE ROUGHLY \$62 AND ARE FANTASTIC, THE SHIRTS ARE \$20 AND REMAIN "COOL".

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 2 Council Audit – Financial Secretary’s home
- 7 Donut Sunday – S.I. after morning masses
- 9 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 15 Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation
- 20 Family Day – Ice Cream Social Leatherby’s 2 PM
- 23 Planning Meeting – Seton Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 30 Ladies Night Out - Serritella’s – 6:30 PM

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 10 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification - Auburn
- 13 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 17 Chapter Meeting – Weed
- 24 Past GK Dinner – S.I. Parish Center – 6:30 PM
- 24/25 SJE Parish Festival – specifics pending
- 27 Planning Meeting – Seton Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM

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

**VOCATION PRAYER:** Creator God, life is your gift to me. You invite me to share my life in service. Give me courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, and all those who serve you in witnessing to the gospel. Keep them close to you. Open the hearts of many men and women that they may accept your challenge to build the kingdom. Amen.

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