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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE.....RICHARD SCHULTZ

Brothers, families and friends, lest we forget, we continue to be called upon to honor those that were impacted on September 11, 2001. A prayer for a World Day for Peace appears on the back cover of this edition of the Paladin. Say it as often as possible. Also please remember at the same time those men and women who are currently serving peace in this world of ours and are every moment in harms way. Prior to our September business meeting about 7 p.m., I would like to have the rosary said for world



peace in our day. Prayer has to be the answer. Also on that day please fly your American flag.



I was honored to have been part of the ceremony in Sacramento last month of a silver cross containing relics of six saints of the Catholic Church which began in Mexico and journeyed through the U.S. The six were priests and members of the Knights of Columbus who were martyred for their

faith in Mexico in the 1920s and 1930s. They were among the 25 Mexican Martyrs canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

Finally, please everyone; talk up the voting for Proposition 8 (one man-one woman marriage constitutional amendment). Also, Proposition 4 (Sarah's Law-parental notification). Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE...DON HARMATA

We enter a very important part of our Columbian Year, the period from Labor Day through the Christmas season. This month we have two ministry outreach programs, one at Our Lady of Assumption and the other at St. Ignatius. We need new blood to keep alive the great spirit of our Council. See our calendar for dates, and contact Recruitment Chair, Chuck Cuny, for details.



Our Ladies Night Out will be Sept 30th at the New York Buffet in the Crestview Shopping Ctr at Manzanita and Winding Way starting at 6:30 PM. See you there.

October 11th brings our biggest fund raiser, our Cioppino Dinner Dance. With this edition of the Paladin, Chairman Gene Gobbo has included a letter describing the event. With parishioners from our four parishes and you promoting the event, we hope to have a sell-out of 250. The key is YOU attending and promoting. Although it is a fund raiser, past dinners have also been really "fun" for all.

Later in October is our Tootsie Roll drive for the Intellectually Disabled. Our new Chairman Chuck Cuny has taken over for Ponce Marquez and needs everyone's help. Last year we raised nearly \$7000 in support of Camp Recreation. We can do it again with your help. We have 200 members in our council and every one of you is needed. Our November and December events will be discussed next month. Vivat Jesus.

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THIS MONTH WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE BOTH OF OUR CHAPLAINS PRESENT REPORTS, FR. TED HERE AND FR. TOM ON THE NEXT PAGE. AND LAST MONTH WE HAD FR. JULIUS ATTEND OUR MEETING AND OUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL. WHAT A COUNCIL. THANKS PADRES

FATHER TED: TWO FATHERS' DAYS

Last month was very much blessed and very special to me and my family. It was especially blessed by the ordination of my son and brother Knight, Alexander, to the Order of Deacon at our Cathedral of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker in Chicago. Our family members and friends, from throughout the country converged upon the cathedral as we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Tabor, August 6.



Not only was it a celebration of the Feast Day, but two young men, Alex and Pavlo Papov began their ordained ministry for Christ and His people on that day – two newly ordained workers for the vineyard of Our Lord. I could not help but contemplate, as I led the two candidates through the magnificent Byzantine cathedral and presented them to the bishop for Holy Orders, that God presented me with two Father's days this year – the usual one in June and this extraordinary one in August.



Alex looked happy and resplendent in the embroidered vestments that he wore that were made for me by dear friends when I was a deacon – Joanna and Bill Mazurek of Oroville. May they be pleased as they participated from their heavenly vantage point! Memories! What a great and truly joyous celebration it was!

As the festal celebration subsided in the cathedral, the celebration developed into, or should I say, "transfigured" into a reunion of family and friends. Friends from the generation that preceded us, from our generation, and from our children's generation lingered throughout the evening.

Then on Sunday, at the Cathedral's 11:30 Liturgy, Alex and I had the privilege of celebrating our first Divine Liturgy together – he as deacon and I as priest. It was a special occasion for me as I watched my son serve the Lord's Altar together with me. I could feel the same feelings that I felt at my first Divine Liturgy, as I watched Alex concentrate on the rubrics and what he was doing for the first time. More memories of times gone by. Another celebration!

Our God is truly a Great God! Glory to Jesus Christ! Father Ted Wroblicky

Advice for the day

- If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin' and 'Keep away from children.' --Author Unknown
- 'If life were fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.'--Johnny Carson
- 'Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography.' --Paul Rodriguez
- 'You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'My God, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' --Dave Barry

**GOOD OF THE ORDER
PRAYERS NEEDED**

**SICK AND/OR
IN DISTRESS**

Jennifer Anderson
Ann Cotrell
Adolph and Gloria
De Crescenzo
Evelyn DeLuna
Peg De Piazza
Ray Fishbach
John Gemma
Angela Gianattasio
Dorothy Hellmer
Joe Helwig
Pat Holeman
(wife of Bro Herb)
John Kregel
Mandy Ludlow
(Kim Schultz's sister)
Barbara Marenich
(wife of Bro Jerry)
Robert Marenich
(son of Bro Jerry)
Lori Mondonsa (Schwartz)
(widow of Herb)
Catherine Obi
(mother-in-law of Bro. Chris
Obodofuna)
Stephany Palicte
Jeffrey Patton
(son of Bro Steve)
Wilfred Redman
Ann Slater
Mary Schmidt
Francy Usuga
(sister of Bro Nelson)
Marcia Ward
(sister of Bro Jack Wright)
MaryAnn Ware
Norma Winters
Doug Wright
(brother of Bro Jack)
Priests and Religious
Aborted Children
Troops serving our country
(particularly Randy Fischbach
son of Bro Ray)

DECEASED

Romey "Pete" Narloch
Helen Donaldson
(wife of Bro Chuck)
Debra Banasiak
(cousin of Fr. Ted)

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Chaplain's Report - Fr. Tom Bland



Father Aldo Ranin, Parochial Vicar at St. Johns, has been transferred to St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley. Father, in his first assignment as a priest, has served the parish for the past 2 ½ years. Always for the a priest, a first assignment is very special; friends made during this time, as well as the ministerial skills developed will be with him for a life time. Father has been well loved in the parish, and people will miss him very much. It is difficult for him to move, and it is equally difficult for parishioners who have grown to respect and love him.

These initial years however are critical so that our young priests get a wide variety of experience in our diocese, before having to become a pastor. Father says that these were very happy years for him and he will miss the parish, the parishioners, and particularly our youngsters very much. He

asks that you keep him in your prays.

Seminarian Nelson Usuga, who has been at St Johns for the past two years studying English, will be leaving to begin his theological studies at St. Patrick Seminary, Menlo Park, California. Nelson has come a long way from two years ago when he first arrived at the parish from Colombia, not able to speak a word of English. He has come along quite well; so well in fact, he will be entering graduate studies in the seminary. While at St. John's, Nelson became a 4th degree Knight. Together with the Christ the King Assembly your council donated a laptop computer to Nelson to assist in his studies. I ask you to keep him in you prayers as he enters this very redial time in studies and formation for the priesthood.



Romey "Pete" Narloch

"Pete," was born in 1918, in Wausau, Wisconsin, graduated from UCLA in 1949 and married his lovely Lady Knight, Betty the same year. Pete was our Grand Knight for the 1984-85 Columbian Year and our Community Director for many years afterward. To the right is a picture of Pete doing his service at the annual 4th of July Carmichael Fireworks program. Pete also volunteered at the Food Bank in Oak Park, was a President of the PERT club, as well as a head usher and Eucharistic minister at OLA.

Pete served for 4 years in the Army during WWII before joining the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, retiring in 1977. Pete passed away on July 28th. Some 25 Knights were in attendance at his memorial mass with presentations by our Council and Bishop Manogue Assembly. We will miss you, Pete.



We also mourn the passing of Lady Knight Helen Donaldson, wife of Brother Chuck. Born on May 1, 1942, she found peace on August 15, 2008. She was a dedicated State of California employee for over 25 years and an active member of the League of Women Voters and the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento, serving for 2 years for its guild as VP. Helen will be missed by her very large family which includes the many friends she has made throughout her journey. May she rest in peace, Amen.



RECRUITMENT EVERYBODY'S JOB...CHUCK CUNY, RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN



Here is the Recruitment Quiz of the month. Which of the following statements are true or false: (Note: The below answers are my opinion and not necessarily the opinion of our council)

1. Knights are too shy to invite other Catholic men to join.
(False – Knights are noted for their bravery.)
2. Catholic men are not interested in a fraternal organization.
(False – Catholic men hunger for a social outlet.)
3. Knights have become complacent about recruitment.
(True – We have been coasting for years.)
4. Catholic men do not know what the Knights are about.
(True – Most Catholic men have little knowledge about the order.)
5. Knights do not have enough pride in their order.
(False – Knights generally take great pride in their order.)
6. Recruitment is really not all that important.
(False – Without continued active recruitment the order will wilt.)
7. Knights are afraid that Catholic men will refuse to join.
(True – We often hesitate thinking we may be rejected.)
8. Good Catholic men have not been invited to join.
(True – Many men would join if they were personally invited.)
9. Knights have not been given training on recruitment.
(False – There is no special training needed to invite potential members.)
10. Men are reluctant to change and join a new organization.
(True – It takes some effort to convince a person to accept the challenge.)

Now the last question is more thought provoking: What do you personally think can be done to improve recruitment? Bring your ideas and suggestions to the next meeting or call me at 971-1751.

INSURANCE REPORT.....JIM JORDAN, FIELD AGENT

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision. To contact me to help with any of your insurance needs, please call my office at 916-663-1946 or e-mail me at jim.jordan@kofc.org



Your Brother and Field Agent, Jim Jordan, FICF, PGK, Insurance Field Agent, Lic. # 0D46311

FAMILY OF THE MONTH.....TODD WILSON AND JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRMEN

Each month, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 honors a Brother member and his family who exemplify the values taught by our Church and our Order, and which has made significant contributions to their parish, their community, and to the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to the **Eldon and Joanne Hancock Family**, our July 2008 Family of the Month.



Eldon was born in Evansville, Indiana and attended Bosse High School. He enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of seventeen, and retired on August 1st, 1977, after more than twenty-three years of service to his country. Joanne was born in the Canal Zone to an Army family. Her father was later transferred to Michigan, where Joanne grew up, and where she met Eldon, who was then stationed at Selfridge Air Force Base. Eldon and Joanne were married on September 15, 1962, at St Peter's Church in Mt Clemons, Michigan. They have four children: Marie, Donna, John, and Lori Ann, and six grandchildren. Although Eldon retired from full-time employment, Joanne is employed by HomEq Servicing.

Eldon and Joanne and their family have been members of St John the Evangelist Parish in Carmichael since 1981. Eldon and Joanne have been very active in church activities, serving as Eucharistic Ministers since 1972, long before coming to St Johns, and continue to serve in that ministry. They have served as Gift Bearers, Collection Counters, and Eldon also serves as a Hospitality Minister at the Noon Mass, a ministry that he has also served for many years.

Brother Eldon became a member of the Knights, while serving in the Philippines, and while still there, he received his Second, Third, and Fourth Degrees. Eldon became a member of the Arden-Carmichael Council in 2002, became a charter member of Christ the King Assembly in 2003, and has admirably served in many offices of his council and his assembly. This past Columbian Year, Eldon served as Council 4970's Grand Knight and as the Faithful Navigator for the Assembly. Eldon is currently serving as the Three Year Trustee for our council and as the Comptroller for the Assembly, and has found time to be the current District Deputy for District 06. He is a member of the Color Corps and has participated in numerous events as a member of the honor guard for the bishop and at funerals for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus. He has also served as Chairman of the Wheelchair Program for both his council and assembly. Eldon and Joanne have been very active in support of the Knights of Columbus activities, and have attended most Council and Assembly events. Brother Eldon has been involved in the annual Christ the King Retreat House Festival, the council's Fireworks Booth, the Drive to Support Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, and many pancake breakfasts.



Eldon is also very active in community activities - including as a member of the Senior Volunteers at the California Highway Patrol, the Fire Department's Cert's Program, a Life Member of the VFW, and the American Cancer Society, and has participated in the Cancer Society's Walk for Life and like many of our spouses, Joanne devotes much of her time supporting Eldon's works.

The members of the Arden-Carmichael Council are proud and indeed fortunate to list the Eldon and Joanne Hancock Family as members of its council.

PS: If you are aware of a deserving family in our Council, please call either Todd (961-2761) or Jerry (334-7427)

DRIVE FOR THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES... PGK CHUCK CUNY, CHAIRMAN

The MR Drive is one that we can all get involved in for a 2-hour shift. We will do 3 Raley/Bel Air stores and a Save Mart in the Arden-Carmichael area this year. Please find time to volunteer for the weekend of October 17th, 18th and 19th. I have taken over the reigns from a great chairman over the years, Ponce Marquez, who has moved to Fairfield. My goal is clear, and our opportunity is here. Please sign up for a two-hour shift with me or our Store Captains at the next business meeting or call me at 971-1751.



ADVOCACY FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE, JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN

The second annual fund raiser dinner for Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home will be held on Sunday evening, September 28th at the Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. I will be attending representing the Knights. The cost of the meal is \$65. The Maternity Home is where many of our Council members and their families have shared time and presented material things to the home. If anyone would like to join me please call me at 916-332-5511 or email enrjimiz1@cs.com. I have a few dollars left in our budget if you need some financial prodding to attend with me.



The annual Life Chain will be held nationwide on October 5th. (The picture to the left is a

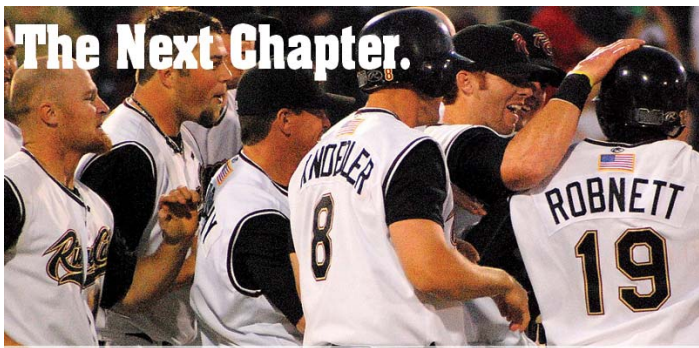


group in Texas). The Life Chain is a call to Christians to mobilize against an abortion holocaust that, through surgical abortions alone, each year claims over 1.2 million American lives and over 60 million lives worldwide. I'm afraid the actual number of abortions will far exceed even those grim numbers. The chain generally lasts for one hour and some locations are: Arden Way

between Heritage and Challenge; Elkhorn at Walerga, and Greenback at Sunrise. If these are not enough, some independent intersections of your own choice may be the answer. Again call me for details.

Give hope to families by volunteering to pray and or counsel women and families against abortion. The "40 days for Life" will commence on September 24th and continue to November 2nd. Groups of Christians will provide prayer and counseling to those who initially have opted for an abortion. If you desire to join the team at one of six Sacramento area locations (including the clinic at 729 Sunrise Ave, Suite 900) in Roseville) during a portion of these 40 days call, me at 332-5511 or go directly to one of the 40 day sites, www.40daysforlife.com (this website starts off with a fantastic introduction into the meaning of the 40 days), or the local website (www.40daysforlife.com/sacramento) which gives locations and local details. While all aspects of 40 Days for Life are crucial in our effort to bring Christ to those in need of Him and to end abortion, the most visible component is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local abortion facilities.

In regard to the upcoming elections, please vote appropriately. There are many candidates running that are pro-choice in contrast to our pro-life stand. Also a number of propositions here in California should be analyzed carefully in light of our Christian beliefs and traditions.



FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE RIVER CATS

The Council joined with Fr. Ted and Sir Knights from Christ the King Assembly at a great Family Night at Raley Field to enjoy our annual River Cats games...and the Cats won with some great fielding and hitting. The victory was a major step which has since has led our team to the minor league playoffs to defend last year's world series victory. The big blow was a fantastic walk-off home run by newly acquired Brooks Conrad. River Cats leadoff hitter Chris Denorfia got ahead in the count and singled to right to open the bottom of the ninth off Rainiers closer Jared Wells.

Danny Putnam sacrificed Denorfia to second before Matt Murton bounced out to third and set the stage for Conrad. Conrad jettisoned a 2-0 changeup down the right-field line. Now our Sacramento team is headed to the playoffs. Go Cats, Go!!!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.. TODD WILSON, CHAIRMAN

Our Family social for Family Month was again was our Ice Cream Social at Leatherby's. Some 20 hungry folks (smaller than in the past) celebrated in high calorie style. Happy days are here again.



CHUCK'S CORNER

THE SURVIVING SOUL

CHUCK CUNY, PGK



There has been a conflict between science and religion. Yet many of the greatest discoveries come from an understanding of God. Two examples of this are the law of universal gravitation and the third law of thermodynamics. But if this is true in the physical order, are the same laws true in the spiritual order?

Two of the most famous discoveries that have greatly improved our understanding of the universe come to us from an understanding of the role of God in creation. When Isaac Newton proposed the concept of universal gravitation, it was from his firm belief that God created all things and His laws permeates the entire universe. If that is so, then God's law of gravitation applies uniformly throughout the massive cosmos. Now, all our current space exploration is based on this fundamental religious principle of universal gravity.

Rene Descartes proposed a second. He too understood the role of God in creation. If God created all things, then man cannot destroy His creation. If that is so, then matter cannot be destroyed. Thus he proposed God's third law of thermodynamics, namely that matter can neither created or destroyed but only changed in form such as from matter to energy.

But if this were true in the physical order, would the same be true in the spiritual order? Aristotle proposed that a living man is greater than the sum of his parts. He assigned the word "soul" (psyche) to this mysterious organizing principle. If we put all the parts together, we have a corpus, not a man. Many people compare the death of the person to the switching off of a machine like a computer. The power that drives the machine simply stops and the machine becomes dormant. But the power that drove the machine is external to the machine and still exists in some form. But what happened to that organizing principle, that whole that was greater than the sum of the parts, that thing called a soul?

The question goes back to God and His creation. If we cannot create life, but only change it, how is it changed? If we look at Descartes' answer, it is simply changed in its form. While it is no longer observable, it still has existence but in a different form, a form like Descartes' energy. We cannot see it but it is there nevertheless.

Some of the attributes that we accept as flowing from God are intelligence and consistence. The logic follows then; that the soul that came into being must continue in some form. Two possible answers come to mind, one given by Buddha and the other by Christ. Buddha proposed that the life power simply fades back into the infinite (nirvana) the way a drop of water disappears into the ocean or a candle is blown out.

That answer offends the attributes we accept as flowing from God, namely logic and consistency. Our finite intelligence tells us there is purpose in the cosmos and hence our soul must continue in some purposeful form. While we may not be able to scientifically prove that Christ was right, it is reassuring to know that we have, not only faith in God's word, but the logic that permeates our universe proclaiming the continuation of our immortal soul.

[Here's a smart teacher! THE FINAL EXAM](#)

At Penn State University, there were four sophomores taking chemistry and all of them had an "A" so far. These four friends were so confident that, the weekend before finals, they decided to visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the hearty partying; they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Penn State until early Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tire.

As a result, they missed the final. The professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Cool, they thought! Each one in separate rooms, thinking this was going to be easy.... then they turned the page. On the second page was written....

For 95 points: Which tire? _____