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THIS MONTH'S MAJOR ACTIVITY

DRIVE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED/DISABLED

WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 15-16-17
AT A SUPERMARKET NEAR YOU AND ME

PLEASE SIGN UP TO ASSIST FOR A 2-HOUR SHIFT
CONTACT PONCE MARQUEZ AT 729-6898
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AND HELP SEND THE DISABLED TO SUMMER CAMP IN 2005

Donations from the fund drive will be given to Camp Re-Creation. Our support of this Dioceses of Sacramento sponsored camp will provide an opportunity for a number of children with mental retardation/disabilities to participate and enjoy a weeklong summer camp. Brother Knights, the success of the drive depends on you. The goal is clear, the opportunity is here. Sign up for a two-hour shift or 2 two-hour shifts. Call Ponce or Larry and answer an opportunity knocking.

THIS IS YOUR ONLINE VERSION OF THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY BULLETIN. THE COUNCIL ALSO PUBLISHES A ONE SHEET, ABBREVIATED VERSION THAT IS MAILED TO THOSE BROTHERS AND WIDOWS 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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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

• **By GK KEVIN GUALDERAMA**

To my Brother Knights, and Families, October is here, and the leaves on the trees are turning vibrant colors and we know that winter is around the corner. Let us absorb this wonderful time of the year that God has given us. Let us continue to pray that our military men and women now in harms way will be home next year to enjoy God's wonders with us. Let there be peace.

I would like to thank our extended membership committee (that's everyone and anyone) that helped out on the membership Blitz last month at Saint Ignatius Parish. Looks like we are a growing fraternal organization, with many men of the parish desiring to learn more of the Order.

On October 2nd, priest from all over California will be circling the Capitol grounds for the "March for Life" walk. Our Worthy Chaplain Msgr. Patrick Nolan will be in the procession hopefully wearing his best walking shoes. Please support our priests with your prayers and possible visit to the Capitol during their walk.

As so aptly stated by our PGK Ponce Marquez, our MR Drive Chairman, "It is said that life is a series of opportunities to do something good and to do something well. On October 15, 16, and 17, will bring to the council an opportunity to do something good, and with your help brother knights, we will do it well. . Commonly referred to as the Tootsie Roll Drive, our MR Drive is an opportunity for council members, family members and friends to support the less fortunate among us as we participate in the annual fund raising drive to support people with mental retardation/disabilities". I couldn't have said it better Brother.

On the days of drive volunteers will be asking donations while passing tootsie rolls in front of various stores and churches. We will be in front of the following stores: Bel Air at Arden and Eastern, Bel Air at Manzanita and Cypress, Raleys at Fair Oaks and Walnut, and Raleys at Watt and Marconi. With the approval of appropriate pastors, we will also be soliciting donations outside the doors of churches (St. Ignatius, St. John, O.L.A. and St. Philomene) after each weekend mass.

To all my Brother Knights and Families, Peace in this coming year of the Rosary

"Therese"

We were requested by Ms. Rosanna Blevins to do our utmost to get the message out regarding this film and the special effort that has been made to bring the movie to Sacramento. Msgr Nolan, our Chaplain, at our September business meeting, also encouraged all Knights to make an effort to see the film. We totally support this effort and encourage all Knights, families and friends to support this film. It is opening Sept 30th at local theaters and I'm sure St. Therese "the little flower" would send many roses and blessings your way for promoting it! The theater will not keep this movie going if people do not come. Therefore the attendance during the first week, especially the first 3 days is extremely important to the success of this movie, not only for those of us in Sacramento but also for people in other cities who were not lucky enough to get the premiere. Tickets may be purchased now on-line for the movie "Therese," the story of St. Therese of Lisieux. How to do it: Go to the Regal website: www.regalcinemas.com. However, be sure to click on the NAME of the theater to get correct dates (Sept 30 - Oct 7).

Locations: Olympus Pointe (Roseville) Times: 11:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30.
Market Square (by Arden Fair Mall) Times: 11:25, 2:50, 5:25, 8:00, 10:35



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE + DEPUTY GK LARRY ROSITANI

Brothers...As I write this report, our Council is finishing the first quarter of our Columbian Year. My biggest disappointment so far (and I hope the last) was the cancellation of the scheduled 2nd and 3rd degrees we were to host at Saint Ignatius Parish on 9/11. We had a reservation deadline of September 8th and needed at least 36 candidates to go through with the degrees. With a reservation count of 26 on the 8th, and knowing that an entire district "appeared to be" holding its candidates back for their own degrees in October, we made a decision to cancel. Our Council would have taken a dramatic financial loss hosting such small numbers that had reserved to attend. This was out of the 53 Councils in our Chapter. It was a sad decision but a true leaning experience for me and our Council. The 11 candidates from our Council, almost 50% of the count at the deadline, are now focused toward the October degrees in Auburn.

On a happier note, we had a great Ladies' night out at The Espanol at the end of August (see my special article on this even later in this edition of the Paladin) and a successful membership blitz on the weekend of September 18th at S.I. We gathered over 20 prospects that plan to attend our October 5th Open House at OLA's Seton Hall. I want to thank all the Brothers who helped on this first drive of 3 scheduled drives this Columbian Year and hope many of you will attend our Open House to welcome our candidates.

Our Grand Knight, Chancellor and I headed "way up north" to Weed for the September Chapter meeting (Isn't it great to be an officer and be able to travel to strange places in our great State of California). Significant results of the meeting will be reported at our October business meeting. We also held a Corporation Director's meeting 21st of September to discuss the new budget for items funded by the Corporation for the coming year.

We now have a scheduled Pancake Breakfast for the parish school at OLA on December 12th to go along with one in November and another in December for St. John the Evangelist parish. Brother Dan Peterson is coordinating and will be needing quite a bit of help.

Speaking of help, we have started our countdown to the Tootsie Roll drive on the 15th, 16th and 17th of October. I hope that all brother knights and family members will volunteer time at the stores to make this year's drive a success.

Closing the month we have our annual "stuffing the envelopes" assembly line for our Christmas Seal RSVP program supporting our sponsored seminarian. Join us at Seton Hall about 7 PM on the 26th.

I would like to finish my report by reminding all the members that in the Month of October on the first Friday the Catholic Church designates this day as memorial observance of the life of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. There is a movie of her life with limited distribution which starts showing in Sacramento on September 30th and into the month of October. If you read this in time, please make an effort to attend this movie and learn about her life. Near the end of her very short life, Thérèse, a Carmelite Nun, was afflicted with tuberculosis. Thérèse hemorrhaged but endured her illness with patience and fortitude. She wished to join the Carmelites at Hanoi in Indochina at their invitation, but her illness became worse. She moved into an infirmary in 1897 and died at the age of 24. Her last words were, "I love him. My God I love you." Since her death she has worked innumerable miracles, and her cultus has spread throughout the world. She had become a most popular saint of modern times. She was called the little flower of Jesus and was named the co patroness of France with Saint Joan of Arc. *Vivat Jesus!*

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRAYERS NEEDED SICK AND/OR IN DISTRESS

Pope John Paul II
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“But we already have all the Insurance we need, at work”

This is a common response from many Brothers and their wives. But, all too often, we see the serious financial impact that group Life Insurance has on a family -- after we are finished working. The benefit of Life Insurance at work, it's Group Insurance. There are reasons to keep it. First of all it is cheap, so load up on it. Usually there are no medical exams. Your employer will like it because they get the tax deduction. It is convenient because they usually reduce your paycheck by the cost (on anything over \$50,000) so you never see the outlay of cash. We all need as much coverage as possible.

On the down side, you do not have an individual policy, you do not have growth in the policy, you do not have cash values to receive, you do not have the right to have it pay for itself in time, and you usually pay for anything over \$50,000. The reality hits when you leave your job (when they dismiss you), or when you retire. You have nothing! The company dissolves your policy and your protection is ended. Now, because your assets have grown, you need more protection. When you try to get more coverage, you may be unable to qualify. If you can qualify, you discover that because you are now older, it has become very expensive.

Recently, many companies have had takeovers, and mergers causing this to happen to Brothers locally and across the country. The answer my Brothers, is to think ahead. Have your own insurance. One that you control, one that you know will never leave you, and one that will never increase in cost! You can use the dividends, in time, to pay the premiums or use the cash values in an emergency along the way. Don't rely on your boss to protect you and your family. We can show you the many benefits of being an entrepreneur in your own policy. You can rely on yourself and set up a safety net for your future. And all with Catholic support in mind. Think ahead; think safety, think about improving your protection package.

Fraternally, Dennis Ware, Field Agent # 12172

HEADS UP: The annual Rib Feed sponsored by St. John's Youth Ministry is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 23rd. This marvelous meal, prepared by our chef, and KofC council member, Roy Lasich, netted over \$5,000.00 last year. The funds go toward youth retreats, conventions, social activities, and World Youth Day 2005 in Cologne, Germany.

LOCATION: St. John the Evangelist, 5751 Locust Ave - Parish Hall.

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 p.m. DINNER SERVED: 7:00 p.m.

COST: \$20.00 in Advance. \$22.00 at the Door (as available).

PURCHASE TICKETS: After Mass or contact Brother Matt Sanders at St. John's Youth Ministry: 489-3394, sjeyouth@juno.com

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.

Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

COUNCIL SOCIAL

LADIES NIGHT OUT

LARRY ROSITANI, PROGRAM DIRECTOR



We're ready. Bring it on..Why are we so fuzzy? Wine has not yet been served.

to its present location on Folsom Blvd. We held our Night Out in the banquet area in the back of the restaurant and all the old world coziness of small restaurant in Italy was present for our Council's enjoyment.



Karren Kocunik can really dish it out. Shouldn't Jack be doing that?

On the 5th Tuesday of every month our Council traditionally holds a Ladies' Night Out for our spouse or guest. The idea behind this event is to provide an entertaining meal as gesture of repayment to those friends and or ladies who have allowed the men of the Council away from their valuable home time to do Council work during the year. Our August venue was organized by our new Ladies' Night Out chair Brother Rob Williams.

The restaurant, Espanol, is one of the oldest Italian restaurants in Sacramento with the original facility being located in Old Sacramento inside a Basque Hotel. This is where the Spanish name Espanol originated from. The facility moved some time ago

The council members attending totaled in the 30's with good food, good service, good conversation and good "vino" to drink. Needless to say, everything was enjoyed by all that attended. We will be sure to return to this restaurant for a future event as I heard nothing but compliments from all as they left this wonderful evening. Remember the name Espanol, so you will not miss out the next time we schedule another night here. Also remember that these events are open to anyone, council members and friends.



Robyn Rositani and Gene Gobbo enjoying a moment at Ladies Night

Things God won't ask:

- 1...God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2...God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4...God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5...God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6...God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7...God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
- 8...God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.
- 9...God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation, He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT



.MSGR PATRICK M. NOLAN

Dear Brothers and fellow Knights and Families, Greetings to you all. I just came across a letter in the "National Catholic Register" with the heading, *Title Trickery*. It stated how titles can be misleading, and asks the question, "What happens when the title for anything loses its intended message?" To retain that same message, one simply changes the title, and the image created in one's mind, will change accordingly.

Here's an example. An accurate definition for abortion is "the induced termination of a pregnancy resulting in the death of the embryo or fetus." A person approving this procedure would be regarded as pro-abortion. So the abortion rights activities decided that just by re-titling their position to "pro-choice", the impact of what they were promoting would be softened. Therefore, by using this kind of logic, Catholics opposed to abortion could now, *with a clear conscience*, feel comfortable backing political candidates, who covertly support abortion, by saying they are "pro-choice".

Where do we go from here...It now appears that the term "pro-choice" seems to be losing its grip. Hence the abortion industry is once more feeling the need for a new label or title. The new term coming into play is "single issue." The question asked is: "Does one single issue **outweigh** the merits of a good social program?" So abortion supporters urge voters not to cast their ballots on any one "single issue."

- Is it possible that the term "single issue" is now a defense mechanism created by some Catholics to justify their support of pro-choice or pro-abortion candidates?
- Does the need for title changes signal any guilt feelings on the part of pro-abortion Catholics? It may be so!
- Nevertheless, they have opted for material gain, and a higher standard of living, all at the expense of 4000 aborted babies every day. What a trade!!!
- Why do these Catholics choose to ignore the fundamental beliefs of our faith?

In a recent Pastoral Letter, "A Time for Honesty," Archbishop John Myers of Newark, New Jersey stated, "Every faithful Catholic must be not only 'personally opposed' to abortion, but must live that opposition in his or her actions...Certainly, there are other injustices, which must be addressed, but the unjust killing of the innocent is foremost among them."

A Voters Guide compiled by "Catholic Answers" explains the teaching of the Church on 5 key moral issues: abortion, euthanasia, fetal cell research, human cloning and same-sex marriage. These are regarded as **non-negotiable issues** calling for a "**NO**" vote. We need to be aware that the Right to Life is the fundamental civil rights issue of our present day.

With every good wish and God's blessing on you and your families, Yours in Jesus and Mary,
Patrick M. Nolan, Chaplain

RESPECT LIFE

VATICAN REAFFIRMS TOTAL REJECTION OF EUTHANASIA

JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN

VATICAN CITY (AFP) 9/2/04 - The Vatican reaffirmed its total opposition to euthanasia, in particular for children, following information that the practice could soon be used on minors in a pediatric clinic in the city of Groningue in the Netherlands. The Vatican made its position known in an article written by Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, which appeared in the newspaper *l'Osservatore Romano*, the official mouthpiece of the Holy See.

The priest made reference to an accord between Dutch judicial authorities and the university clinic at Groningue, which speaks of extending the possibilities of euthanasia to children of less than 12 years of age in the final phases of terminal illnesses. "We must repeat with the utmost firmness that nothing and no one can give permission to kill an innocent human being, whether he be a fetus, an embryo, a child, an adult, an old person or a sick person in incurable agony," wrote Sgreccia. "No one can claim such homicidal responsibility for himself or for another person. No authority can legitimately impose or permit it. This is a violation of divine law, an offense at the dignity of the human person, a crime against a life and an attack against humanity," the papal representative said.

This is a letter (portions) from Ray Reynolds, a medic in the Iowa Army National Guard, serving in Iraq: This was emailed to your editor for distribution. We wish him and our Brother Knight, Miguel Sabral, in Iraq..God be with you and your comrades.

...Don't believe for one second that these people do not want us there. I have met many, many people from Iraq that want us there, and in a bad way. They say they will never see the freedoms we talk about but they hope their children will. We are doing a good job in Iraq and I challenge anyone, anywhere to dispute me on these facts...

- * Over 400,000 kids have up-to-date immunizations.
- * School attendance is up 80% from levels *before the war*.
- * Over 1,500 schools have been renovated and rid of the weapons stored there so education can occur.
- * The port of Uhm Qasar was renovated so grain can be off-loaded from ships faster.
- * The country had its first 2 billion barrel export of oil in August.
- * Over 4.5 million people have clean drinking water *for the first time ever* in Iraq
- * The country now receives 2 times the electrical power it did *before the war*.
- * 100% of the hospitals are open and fully staffed, compared to 35% *before the war*.
- * Elections are taking place in every major city, and city councils are in place.
- * Sewer and water lines are installed in every major city.
- * Over 60,000 police are patrolling the streets.
- * Over 100,000 Iraqi civil defense police are securing the country.
- * Over 80,000 Iraqi soldiers are patrolling the streets side by side with US soldiers.
- * Over 400,000 people have telephones *for the first time ever*
- * Students are taught field sanitation and hand washing techniques to prevent the spread of germs.
- * An interim constitution has been signed.
- * Girls are allowed to attend school.
- * Textbooks that don't mention Saddam are in the schools for the first time in 30 years.

Ray Reynolds, SFC, Iowa Army National Guard, 234th Signal Battalion

MEMBERSHIP

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JERRY MARENICH, PGK - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The Membership Blitz, which was conducted at Saint Ignatius Parish during the weekend of September 18th and 19th, has proved, at least initially, to be a huge success. During this blitz, we received the names of 24 men that have expressed an interest in learning about the Knights of Columbus. With several other men, who already have expressed an interest, we now have at least 26 potential candidates for knighthood.

To make this a reality, we need to have a very successful Open House, now scheduled for October 5th. The success, however, depends on contacting all of these men and reminding and encouraging them to attend. It also depends on having a large contingent of Brother Knights in attendance to welcome them and show our support and interest in them. If we do well, then we should have a rather large contingent of candidates for the First Degree Exemplification, scheduled for October 19th at OLA Parish. Please take part and show your support. This meeting is also important to our newest members who may have missed our Open House program. You do get much more details of our Order if you have gone through the Open House program.

I especially recommend that our Brother Knights, who have only witnessed a First Degree Ceremony when they joined the Order, to make a special effort to attend on the 19th as you will gain a new perspective and greater appreciation of the ceremony.

Both programs will be in the St. John/Seton Hall complex at OLA parish and you should arrive by 7 PM.

I would also recommend to all of our Brother Knights, who have not yet received their 2nd or 3rd Degrees, to take the opportunity to attend the next exemplification, scheduled for Saturday, October 23rd in Auburn. You will be rewarded with a great and lasting experience. Please contact me at 334-7427, or our Retention Chairman, Eldon Hancock at 723-3986.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER
Andy, Lollie and Family...The Hopkins



Brother Andy Hopkins was born in Seattle, but moved to the Southwest and Mexico for some years during his youth. However, he returned to his home state of Washington to begin a career working for the State of Washington Division of Social and Health Services while opening a Translating and Interpreting business at the same time. (RIGHT AWAY YOU CAN SEE THIS BROTHER IS A MULTI-TASKER)!

After 9 years or so with Division of Child Support Enforcement, Andy decided to take a sabbatical and go to Arizona to warm up for a bit. While in Arizona he met his lovely wife and then Special Assistant Attorney General for Child Support, Lollie. They eventually quit the agency and started a national nonprofit organization that is helping families and parents collect child support for their kids even today. After finishing one of their contracts, they made a decision to raise the kids with a parent at home. Andy bit the bullet and became a stay-at-home dad, and while taking care of their children, he also created a home based business AJH Design (check his work at <http://www.idealzinc.org>). His multi-tasking ability had him set up networks, design web sites, repair computers, fix hot wheels, put dolly's arm back on, data rescue, network admin., etc. The family has benefited from having a parent available whenever needed. Andy speaks from his heart and soul when he says that their decision to have one parent at home has given the children a sense of security that seems sadly lacking in many kids today. "Giving your kids a full time parent is worth any financial sacrifice and is the most gratifying job a man can take on".

The family moved to Sacramento in January 2001. Andy has a beautiful 10 year old named Andie from a previous marriage and Lollie graced him with a gorgeous Stepmonster (term of endearment) named Lori – 21, who is currently attending SF State and one day wants to join the FBI and be a behavioral sciences specialist.

They looked for the nearest Jesuit Catholic Church, and now the family is knee deep in St Ignatius Loyola activities with Alex there since last year and Nicole starting this year. Lollie has been the Family Law Facilitator for Sacramento County since 2001. She is still helping people the way we set out to do when we were young.

They are a great addition to the Family of Council 4970 and we are so proud to have them. Congratulations to the Hopkins family, our Family of the Month.

NEW WEBSITE FOR ST. IGNATIUS PARISH SCHOOL. THANKS TO OUR WEBMONSTER WITH THE MOSTEST, ANDY HOPKINS <http://www.stignatiussac.org/school>

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/>

Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments, seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.

CHUCK'S CORNER**DEATH COMES TO THE CROWN****CHUCK CUNY, PGK**

Historically, when a pope dies, the papal chamberlain strikes the pope's head three times with a hammer signifying the official death of the pope. He then takes the fisherman's ring from the pope's finger and crushes it with the same hammer, signifying the end of his authority. No major papal changes can occur without the official seal of the ring which is used on official documents. The Church then virtually halts all business except the election of a new pope.

While the ring is the official symbol of papal authority, possibly the most famous symbol is the tiara (triple crown) which is used in the coronation of a pope. While the early Eastern emperor prohibited the patriarchs (popes) from wearing royal crowns, a precursor to the tiara had been worn by popes for many centuries. In the eighth century, a forged document called the 'Donation of Constantine' appeared which purported to give the pope authority over all the western kings. Pepin the Short of France attacked the Germanic Lombards and granted the conquered territory in Italy to the pope as a gift. The territory became known as the papal states and eventually constituted a major part of Italy. A single crown was made to signify papal authority over the Italian states. At later dates, the other crowns were added but what they symbolized is in dispute. Some say it is the three-fold office of Christ, who is Priest, Prophet and King. Others say it is the threefold authority of the Pastor, Judge and Ruler. Others suggest the three refer to the Church Militant (earth), Suffering (purgatory) and Triumphant (Heaven). When popes were crowned, the words, "Ruler of the World and Vicar of our Christ" were used to emphasize his authority to act on behalf of Christ.

Though people talk about *the* Papal Tiara, in fact there were many. Some crowns were given by kings and queens such as the Isabella of Spain and Napoleon of France. Often the crowns were gifts of cities that tried to outdo each other in size, value and beauty. The last pope to wear the tiara was Pope Paul VI. Following Vatican II, he removed the tiara and donated it to the US to be used for the poor. Cardinal Spellman convinced him to allow the tiara be placed in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Following his example, Pope John Paul I and Pope John Paul II have not use the tiara and opted for a simple 'installation' with a miter rather than the six hour 'coronation' with a tiara. There are some who contend that without the official coronation and tiara, the pope is not validly installed.

In the first Vatican council (1869 to 1870), a great deal of stress was put on the authority of the pope and the tiara was held in great esteem. The council stopped with the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War as council members fled for their lives. In 1870, Italy became a democracy and the pope lost control over any Italian territory. The reigning pope refused to accept the loss of the papal states and expected other countries to come to the Church's rescue. Finally, in 1929, Mussolini granted the Church about a hundred acres which now constitutes the Vatican. The first Council was never officially ended and in theory is still in session. In theory, a second council cannot be called while the first council is still in session. In the second Vatican Council, (1962-65) a great deal of stress was put on the 'People of God' representing the Church rather than the Church hierarchy. The Council emphasized the servant nature of offices such as the bishops and priests rather than the authoritarian nature of the office. One of the titles used by the present pope is 'servant of the servants'.

The discontinuance of the papal coronation and the tiara was a voluntary act. There is no official sanction prohibiting any future pope from again restoring the royal crown but from a practical perspective, the papal chamberlain has rapped the tiara with a hammer three times and death has come to the crown.

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground, which reads:

The End is Near!
Turn Yourself Around Now
Before it's Too Late!

As a car sped past them, the driver yelled, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" From the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash.

The pastor turns to the priest and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say 'Bridge Out' ?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 5 Information Meeting for candidates - Seton Hall
- 10 St Elizabeth Procession (4th Degree) - 10 AM
- 11 Columbus Day Dinner (4th Degree) - 953 Hall
- 12 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 15,16,17 MR DRIVE
- 19 First Degree - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 23 Rib Feed - St. John Parish Hall - 6 PM.
- 26 Stuffing the Envelopes and Planning Meeting - Seton Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
- 31 Halloween/ DST ends, Std time begins
*Pancake Breakfast at St. John the Evangelist Parish Hall November 7th. Plan to help.
 Dan Peterson coordinating.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day/Election Day
- 7 Pancake Breakfast, St Johns Parish Hall
- 5 First Friday
- 9 Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Memorial Mass - TBA
- 23 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 24 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Ladies Night Out - TBA
 Decade of Rosary precedes business meeting

VOCATION PRAYER: Dear God, grant that we may be signs of your love in the world. We pray that you will continue to fill men and women with an abundance of courage to follow the path you set before them today. May those called to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, and lay ministers be blessed with the passion and vision to make the world a better place. Amen

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