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## **GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE, MICHAEL CORCORAN....Brothers, family, friends,**

this past month we honored PGK Larry Rositani for his leadership of our council for the year and a half. Those that attended had a good time and we had our final dinner at the Golden Tee Restaurant....since it is now only a memory.

Please consider supporting our October 7<sup>th</sup> fundraiser the Cioppino Dinner-Dance in honor of our deceased Brother Knight Frank DiLeo. Call Gene Gobbo 283-5223 for last minute reservations. If you can not attend you can still purchase raffle tickets.

There are two Advocacy for the Culture of Life events this month which Brother John Mizerak addressed last month. The Walk for Life is probably behind us by the time you get this but the "Saints Go Marching" on the 14<sup>th</sup> is still coming up. Be sure and contact him (see his article) if you are interested in joining John and others in upcoming pro-life events.

Also this month is the tootsie roll drive for people with Intellectual Disabilities. I consider this event as one of the most rewarding of our charitable works. Don't wait to be called. Give Brother Ponce a ring and volunteer for a shift or two. The time goes quickly and most people are interested in donating to this worthy cause.

Don't forget to attend our business meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Vivat Jesus



## **DGK/PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE, ELDON HANCOCK**

The MR Drive is one that we can all get involved in for a 2-hour shift. We will again do our 4 Raley/Bel Air stores in the Arden-Carmichael area. Please find time to volunteer for the weekend of October 20, 21, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ponce Marquez is again chairing this event. The goal is clear, the opportunity is here. Please sign up for a two-hour shift with Ponce at the next business meeting or call him at 729-6898.

We are also finalizing the plans for the Memorial Mass for our deceased members in November. Brother Ken Macdonald is doing a great job putting this year's dedication together. See his article for more details. Ken has changed the day from Tuesday to Saturday so as to increase the attendance by recognizing those of us that are working Brothers. The widows that attend enjoy seeing so many men honoring their deceased spouses.

Our final Ladies Night Out for this calendar year is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 31<sup>st</sup>. However, the location has yet to be determined (it is also Halloween evening). Please contact me or Chairman, Rob Williams at [rob\\_williams@dadebehring.com](mailto:rob_williams@dadebehring.com) or call him at work (374-2463) or at home (361-9358) for further information.



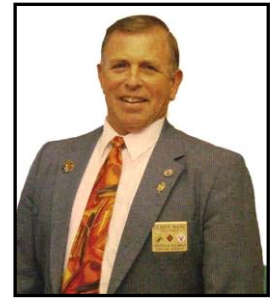
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 (Christian Okoye's  
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*No article received from Brother Ware at the time of the Paladin preparation. The editor presents this summary information.* Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered his annual report at the opening session of the 124th Supreme Convention, held Aug. 1-3 in Orlando, Fla. The theme of the meeting, "Charity, Unity, Fraternity: Living *Deus Caritas Est*," was inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical. During the convention the Order marked the achievement of \$60 billion of life insurance in force. The Order's insurance program is an integral part of Father McGivney's vision for our organization. Four representatives of the field force, the two leading general agents and the two leading field agents for the calendar year 2005, were recognized. This steamed group included our newest General Agent for California as Ben Baca as he was recognized for his outstanding performance as he met 548 percent of his quota with a volume per member of \$31,169 and total gross volume of \$33,551,000.

**MEMORIAL MASS  
KEN MACDONALD, CHAIRMAN**

Our Council is very pleased to host our annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights who had contributed so much in the service to others. The Mass will also honor the widows who supported their husbands during their married life. Many widows in the area have indicated their intentions to attend the Mass and Luncheon to follow.

The Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish Chapel on Saturday, November 11 at 11:00 AM. The Luncheon for our distinguished Widowed Lady Knights will take place immediately following the Mass. We invite all of our Brother Knights and their families to attend in celebration of the lives and contributions of our Brothers who have gone before us and the luncheon to follow. This Mass and luncheon will provide the opportunity for a very "Special Day" for the wives of those who have represented our Order so well.

We also request any Brother that can escort one of the widows to please contact me for information at 631-0774. I will keep you posted on further details in next month's Paladin. Vivat Jesus!

**TUXEDO AVAILABLE:** Jacket size 42R and pants size 36. Shoes come with the tux. Call Brother Frank Gianattasio at 971-9950 for more information.

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**Chaplain's Report:** *Msgr. Nolan is quite ill and will not be preparing this month's article. If you would like to pay a visit to Msgr, please first call him at 485-2683. We present this heartwarming anonymously written message.*

As we grow up, we learn that even the one person that wasn't supposed to ever let you down probably will. You will have your heart broken probably more than once and it's harder every time. You'll break hearts too, so remember how it felt when yours was broken. You'll fight with your best friend. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll cry because time is passing too fast, and you'll eventually lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, and love like you've never been hurt because every sixty seconds you spend upset is a minute of happiness you'll never get back. Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin... ~anonymous~

### **Ten Commandments and Beatitudes Monument---Spreading God's Word**

Here is some information on the October 19th event to be held at Christ the King Retreat Center, 6520 Van Maren Lane in Citrus Heights. The program will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will include a presentation on the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes Monument---Spreading God's Word. There will also be a short video on changing the world through the Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Program. We have invited some guest speakers including Emilio B. Moure, State Deputy; Gary Lewis, Wheelchair Program Director; and Jim Letcher, Northern California Wheelchair Program Coordinator. This evening is open to KofC members, families and friends. We hope that many people will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about these important programs. Please call me at 916-300-4821 if you have questions. Jim Norwood.

This is so neat. I had never heard this before. This is beautiful and it is surely worth making the Five Finger Prayer a part of our lives.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, "A sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger. It is the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

### **Family of the Year - Gene and Jeannie Gobbo - 2005/2006**



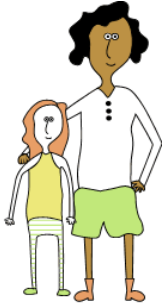
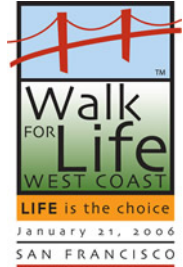
We are pleased to honor the Gobbo's as our Family of the Year. Gene and Jeannie have been very active in their parish, St. John the Evangelist, since 1971 and continue to be considered core members of the parish ministries. Gene has held the position of Captain of the Ushers; Leader of the Collection Counters; a member of the Pastoral Council; and a helping hand for the Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference. Jeannie works weekly delivering Meals of Wheels.

Gene has been one of the most active and respected members of our Council since joining the Order in 1975. Gene served as our Grand Knight, District Deputy on two occasions and for many years served as our Membership Chairman. Gene and Jeannie and members of their family have participated in just about every fundraising activity that the council has been involved in over the last thirty years. Gene played an important role in forming our Council's Corporation serving as our President and currently as a Director. In 1985 he was on the formation committee of our very successful weekly Bingo Program, the funds generated support many of today's charitable donations. He also is one of our store Captains for our annual MR Drive. Jeannie spearheaded a lively Council ladies program for a number of years and currently works behind the scene with our Cioppino Dinner-Dance, which Gene co-chairs. They have 4 children and six grandchildren, and are caregivers for Gene's mom, Julia.

The members of Council 4970 are very proud of the Gobbo Family and are, indeed, fortunate to have them as members of the council.

**ADVOCACY OF THE CULTURE OF LIFE, JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN:** Saints Go Marching is scheduled for October 14, 2006. This effort for Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home involves a two mile walk from the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament rectory along the Park around the Capitol; hourly rosaries are said for the support of families with difficulties in crisis pregnancies and caring for the responsibilities with their babies. Much camaraderie builds up with participants.

An early heads up on the January 2007 San Francisco Walk. The walk doubled last year and hopefully will double again to 30,000 marchers. For these activities or other Culture of Life questions contact me at 332-5511 (cell at 916-505-5513) or [Engrjimiz1@cs.com](mailto:Engrjimiz1@cs.com)



From Catholics for the Common Good: It is not often that we get a chance to make a positive change in the law, but we will have that chance over the next three months by supporting the passage of Proposition 85, the parental notification initiative. Please join Catholics for 85, an effort organized by Catholics for the Common Good, endorsed by the California Catholic Conference and supported by the Knights of Columbus. Catholics for 85 unites Catholics in support of this common sense measure—a constitutional amendment which will curb the abuse of parental rights that currently exist in California law and public school policy. Proposition 85 will mandate that parents be notified 48 hours before their minor daughter procures an abortion. Research shows that parental notification laws in other states reduce the number of abortions among teenagers and reduces sexual activity among them as well. It is also critical to pass Prop 85 to protect the health and welfare of girls and to assure that parents can exercise their responsibility for the physical and spiritual health of their children. For additional information go to [www.Catholicsfor85.org](http://www.Catholicsfor85.org) or call Mr. Bill May, Catholics for the Common Good at 415 651-4171.

Religious liberty interests of conservative Christians continue to be threatened across the country--particularly on college campuses. This time, it is the Catholic men's organization the Knights of Columbus that has fallen victim to the sword of political correctness--and to supposed "non-discrimination" rules that discriminate vigorously against those with traditional viewpoints. Although the Knights have been a recognized student group at the University of Wisconsin's main campus in Madison since 1976, the school this summer decided to drop recognition of the group after concluding that their membership requirements--one must be a Catholic male over age 18--violate federal, state, city, and university nondiscrimination laws and policies.

But the U. S. Supreme Court long ago decided that the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and free association also include the right of organizations to exclude those who disagree with their message or violate their membership standards. As recently as July (in a case in which FRC filed a friend-of-the-court brief), the U.S. 7th Circuit Court ruled in a similar case in favor of the Christian Legal Society against Southern Illinois University School of Law. As the Alliance Defense Fund warned the University of Wisconsin, this application of their "nondiscrimination" policy "actually diminishes diversity and inhibits the free exchange of ideas." They should reverse it now, rather than attempt to defend it in court.

### **Melvin Picanco, Knight of the Year 2005-2006**

Brother Mel is a member of St Ignatius Loyola Parish, where he is very active in parish activities including Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Mel is a Past Grand Knight of Council 4970, and is currently the Financial Secretary, a position he has held for a number of years. Members of the Council have relied heavily upon Mel over the years, and 2005-2006 was no exception, to ensure the smooth functioning of Council business. Brother Mel is involved in California State Activities, including assisting the State Treasurer in the Mental Retardation Drive. While doing this he is a Director for our Corporation now involved with our investments and donations.

Brother Mel is a Fourth Degree member of the Bishop Manogue Assembly and a member of the Color Corps, often taking part in the Confirmation Rites at our four parishes that our council represents. Mel is married to a great lady, Dorothy, who herself deserves many accolades. They are docents at the Sacramento Discovery Museum as well as at the Eagle Theater, and The Sacramento Living History, where they help to inform visitors in the city's history. Mel is also a docent at the Sacramento Railroad Museum

Mel devotes many hours in support of the Annual MR Drive, and Co-chairs our Fireworks Booth, which raised funds for our Council's Scholarship program.

Mel supports Dorothy in our Council's involvement with the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, a haven for unwed mothers and mothers-to-be. They have been instrumental in helping raise funds to provide for the needs of the mothers and their babies. They have also been involved in ensuring that the mothers and their babies are able to enjoy Christmas.

We are proud to have Mel as our Knight of the Year for this past Columbian Year.



## CHUCK'S CORNER

## A WALK IN NANO LAND

## CHUCK CUNY, PGK

The microchip was the most important invention of the last century. Whirlwind, one of the first computers, used over 4,500 vacuum tubes and covered over 3,000 sq ft. Scientists have made microchips so small that a magnifying lens is now necessary to see the circuitry. A miniature computer as powerful as Whirlwind can now be hand held. In this new century, we travel from the micro to the nano world, the science of miniature technology. A nano in the metric system is a billionth of a meter. Nano technology is the science of super small physics. Some of the important discovery of the future will come from nano technology where scientists are even now trying to organize atoms for computer circuitry. Perhaps in the next century, they will refer to the nanochip as the most important discovery of that century. Already a recent article claimed that laser beams could for used for internal circuitry eliminating the need for solid circuits.

The exploration into the micro world in the last century advanced in many other areas. In physics, explorations began with compounds, then elements, molecules, atoms, electrons and now sub subatomic particles. Have we reached the limit of size or just the limit of our observation? Or can particles be infinitely small? Or is the concept of 'particles' obsolete and is formless 'energy bundles' a more apt description of the nano reality?

The initial vision of the atom was like a mini solar system with solid inorganic particles circling the inorganic proton center. A surprising aspect about these minute pieces of matter is their ability to perform complex activities. Take the sequence in the DNA strand where the complete patterning of the human body is contained in every small cell. The strand, if stretched out, could reach to the moon and back many times. Along the strand are over three billion genetic building blocks. Some scientists believe natural supercomputers exist in the DNA and by swarming (acting in unison), they believe DNA has the potential to perform calculations many times faster than the world's most powerful computers. Some believe this cell swarming is the nature of the thinking process. DNA might one day be integrated into a computer chip to create a so-called biochip that will push computers even faster. DNA molecules have already been harnessed to perform mathematical problems.

Modern physics have identified composite particles such as quarks, photons and neutrinos that make up neutrons (a part of the atom). How can they see something that small? They don't. They simply infer their existence from the behavior of the neutron. So what can be inferred from the behavior of the DNA strand? Is it akin to a nano computer or an individual life form? Viruses are such incredibly tiny primitive life forms that biologists often refer to them as crystals rather than organisms. The tobacco virus was crystallized and continued to remain active in its crystal form. Virus such as the prions cannot be killed. In the nano world, the difference between live and inanimate objects often becomes obscure.

In particle physics, scientists recognize the 'uncertainty principle', which says that individual particle behavior is unpredictable. It is hard to imagine that the unseen subatomic particles that exhibit unpredictable behavior are in reality exercising some selection. Could there be some primitive memory, communication and intelligence in the DNA strand? Could even subatomic particles have some quasi life form? Welcome to the new strange nano world where sub-micro things seem to behave like they are making choices like macro living things.

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### **THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDPA**

- *The computer swallowed grandpa--Yes, honestly it's true--He pressed 'control' and 'enter'--And disappeared from view.*
- *It devoured him completely--The thought just makes me squirm--He must have caught a virus--Or been eaten by a worm.*
- *I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind--I've even used the Internet--But nothing did I find.*
- *In desperation, I asked Google--My searches to refine--The reply was negative--Not a thing was found 'online.'*
- *So, if inside your 'Inbox,'--My Grandpa you should see--Please 'Copy', 'Scan' and 'Paste' him--And send him back to me!*

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**VOCATION PRAYER:** God of Love and Compassion, You gave us your Son, Jesus, as our shepherd, who calls and guides us. May we be attentive to his voice and discern how to follow him. Bless those who answer his call and strengthen their vocational commitment. May the Church He blessed with an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. We offer our prayer through Christ, our Shepherd, Amen

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Life Chain, var locations
- 7 Cioppino Dinner-Dance, SJE Tralee Center
- 9 Columbus Day Dinner-Assembly 50, 953 Hall
- 10 Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA
- 12 Columbus Day
- 20-22 MR Drive - various stores
- 24 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall OLA - 7:30 PM
- 31 Ladies Night Out- TBA

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Memorial Mass - SJE Parish Chapel 11 a.m.
- 14 Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA
- 23 Thanksgiving
- 28 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall OLA - 7:30 PM