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BRAVO 4970

BASED ON PRELIMINARY RESULTS OUR COUNCIL COLLECTED \$7000 DURING OUR MR-TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE IN OCTOBER, THANKYOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND FOR THOSE THAT DONATED!!

THIS MONTH'S TWO MAJOR ACTIVITIES



First, we welcome Fr. Denis Wilde, Pastor Associate, Priests for Life
November 11, 12 and 13TH

Saturday evening, November 12th Program

5:00 PM - mass at St. John the Evangelist Church

6:30 PM - SPAGHETTI DINNER, Tralee Center, St. John the Evangelist Parish, **hosted by our Council**

7:30 PM – Presentation by Fr. Wilde - Since 1973 - Roe vs. Wade legalized killing of unborn children from *conception through ALL nine months of pregnancy!*

8:30 PM - Question & Answer Session

Advance Tickets: \$10.00/person. Make checks out to: "St. John the Evangelist Church" (In Memo portion note: KC Dinner or Nov. 12 Dinner). Mail to: Justin Tanjuaquio, KC – 7944 Parmis Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610 or CALL 916-726-0981. \$12 at the door. Deadline for Advance Tickets is November 9th.

For further information of all programs during this Respect Life Weekend with Fr. Wilde, or to assist in set up and volunteering to help hosting the dinner contact our Respect Life Chairman, John Mizerak at 332-5511 or email John at enqrijmiz1@cs.com.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS OF OUR COUNCIL - NOVEMBER 15TH

SECONDLY, OUR MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED BROTHERS WILL BE HELD AT THE ST. IGNATIUS PARISH CHAPEL, ON TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15TH AT 7 PM. DEPENDING ON THE RECOVERY FROM SURGERY OF OUR CHAPLAIN, MSGR NOLAN, FATHER JULIUS OUR ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, WILL BE OUR CELEBRANT. THIS EVENT IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OUR ORDER. OUR BROTHERS WHO PRECEDED US MUST BE REMEMBERED. PLEASE FIND IT IN YOUR SCHEDULE AND HEART TO JOIN WITH THE COUNCIL AND A NUMBER OF THE WIDOWS OF OUR COUNCIL TO CELEBRATE MASS AND A MINI-SOCIAL AFTERWARD.

NEXT MONTH'S MAJOR ACTIVITY - COUNCIL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SEE THE FULL ARTICLE WITHIN THIS ISSUE OF THE PALADIN

WHEN: Sunday, December 4th, 6:30 PM
WHERE: St. Ignatius Parish Center
COST: \$10 per adult and \$4 per child (12 & under)
MENU: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Salad, vegetables, roll and desert

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GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

LARRY ROSITANI



Brothers, family and friends: As we leave the month of October our country will have weathered the 3rd hurricane of this year, let us all pray that the remaining days in this year till the celebration of the birth of son of god will be free of natural disasters.

Our council has completed our annual drive for the intellectually disabled, and I am proud to say we have excelled again in raising over \$7,000.00. Good work, Ladies and Brothers. Our Chaplin Monsignor Patrick Nolan was diagnosed with a large tumor in his liver and it was removed with relatively quickly scheduled surgery, and he is now undergoing recovery. No word yet on whether the tumor was benign or malignant, but I would ask that you all pray for his return to our Council in complete health.

As we start the month of November, we as a council will be very busy indeed. Tuesday the 1st is All Saints a liturgical holy day of obligation, Wednesday the 2nd is the Feast of All Souls. Thursday the 24th is Thanksgiving. Sunday the 27th will be the start of Church calendar, the 1st Sunday of Advent starting the 4 weeks of Advent before Christmas. Advent, whose sanctuary color is purple, not only signifies the coming or arrival of the Christ the King but also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and the congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that he is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power.

As noted in Program Director Mike Corcoran's article following, we have scheduled Pancake Breakfasts for the Saint John the Evangelist Health Ministry, Religious Education and Our Lady of Assumption School the next month and one half, and another scheduled for St. Ignatius Parish and school in January. All council members are welcome to volunteer their help for these events. Our normal business meeting will be on the 8th, also Election Day. Please vote for the many propositions and keep in mind Proposition 73, Parents Right to Notification.

Our Respect Life Director John Mizerak and his committee have spent many hours to assure Fr. Wilde's trip to Sacramento and his wonderful presentation on Respect Life issues. The council has volunteered to do the dinner for the attendees. Why not make a point to attend the weekend program. Brother John has the entire schedule including information on the dinner. Please contact him for further information (see John's article herein).

The final Northern California Chapter meeting for the calendar year will be on the 19th in wonderful Paradise, California. All 3rd degree members are welcome to join our Program Director, myself and a few others on this journey to paradise!

Hope to see you all at one or more of the upcoming holiday socials and events. Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your families and joyous start to your celebration of the Advent season.

THE HOLY ALPHABET

Although things are not perfect, **B**ecause of trial or pain, **C**ontinue in thanksgiving, **D**o not begin to blame, **E**ven when the times are hard, **F**ierce winds are bound to blow, **G**od is forever able, **H**old on to what you know, **I**magine life without His love, **J**oy would cease to be, **K**eep thanking Him for all the things, **L**ove imparts to thee, **M**ove out of "Camp Complaining", **N**o weapon that is known, **O**n earth can yield the power, **P**raise can do alone, **Q**uit looking at the future, **R**edeem the time at hand, **S**tart every day with worship, **T**o "thank" is a command, **U**ntil we see Him coming, **V**ictorious in the sky, **W**e'll run the race with gratitude, **X**alting God most high, **Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but..., **Z**ion waits in glory... where none are ever sad!

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DGK MICHAEL CORCORAN

Our annual Italian Cioppino night was a success on Oct 8th. Good food and good times. I hope you can make it next year if you were unable to attend. We have room for more. I want to thank Brother Gene Gobbo and Lady Robin Rositani for heading up the event, and all those who assisted.

The Tootsie roll drive went well though with all the requests for charitable giving this year we did not quite reach last years total receipts. Considering all the demands on charitable contributions this year, I consider our drive and our participation very successful. During our phoning for volunteers, we found our roster information to be somewhat dated so please update us with address, phone #, email, etc if anything has changed. (email Brother Gene at gene@gobbo.org for current data and any updates).

As we enter November let's remember those who have gone before us (All Saints, All Souls) and those who have served our country (Veteran's Day). Our Council memorial mass is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15th at the St. Ignatius Parish Chapel. For further information see the front page of this edition of the Paladin.

Pancake breakfast time is upon us again with our first one scheduled to assist the Health Ministry at St. Johns on November 6th. If you can help, meet at St. John's new Tralee Hall at 7:00 am or whenever you can make it. If you can't help, enjoy the pancakes served until 11:30 am. See Brother Dan Peterson's article for other breakfasts scheduled.

We will be stuffing envelopes for our Christmas Seals before the planning meeting on Tuesday Nov 22nd @ OLA's Seton Hall. Meet at 6:45pm to help. It's a big job and many hands make light work. With Brother Ed Mohlengraff's failing health, I thank Brother Milt Damore for again spearheading this program. (More details in this edition of the Paladin).

Finally, make plans to attend our Christmas party Sunday Dec 4th @ 6:30pm at St's Parish Center. If you can help Contact Brothers Vince Dombeck or Loren Wallin (see their article in this edition of the Paladin).

I would like to wish you and your families a blessed Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for but it seems like we can never slow down enough to thank our Lord for all he has done for us. With Thanksgiving this month we cancelled our Ladies Night out which would have been Nov 29th. Please enjoy that time with your family.

HAPPY AUTUMN

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-- including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see.



GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRAYERS NEEDED SICK AND/OR IN DISTRESS

Msgr Patrick Nolan
Deacon Floyd Shields
Jennifer Arnold
DeeAnn (Arnold)
Marty Condon
Alicia Condon
Evelyn DeLuna
Peg DePiazza
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John Gianattasio
Joe Helwig
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Connie Marenich
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Erik Nooren
JoAnn Nooren
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Joseph Paredes (Iraq)
Luis Paredes
Sara Paredes
Ethelyn Rivard
Miquel Sabral (Afgan)
Mary Schmidt
Michelle Tydall (Wilson)
Bill Verdugo
Ray Winters
Liz Weeks

DECEASED

Bro. Francis Prentice
Lorraine Trainor
(mother of PGK
Michael Trainor

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The list goes on and on. Brothers, I think you will agree, that being part of the Knights of Columbus Insurance Program, not only Protects You and Your Family, but also serves to help preserve our Beliefs, our Church, our Community, and our Nation. Thank you for being a part of this Great Fraternity. Dennis Ware – Field Agent Phone 530-885-9091
ddware@cwnet.com

Council Note: Thanks Dennis in following up on a Brother Knight, Frank Prentice whose death last year slipped through our Fraternal Committee. Actually Brother Ponce Marquez alerted us and Dennis did the follow up. Our prayers are with the Prentice family and we will keep Mrs. Prentice on our mailing list at the address we have had for many years.

From Dennis: I talked with his wife Lucrezia today. She is doing fine. She has 2 kids in the area and 6 all together and says she is very busy. She does seem ok. I filled out a claim for her. Frank passed away on Oct. 26th 2004. I called Supreme yesterday and they hadn't been notified either. It is important for all of us to keep in mind that it is important for the family or friends to notify our Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or myself in case of sickness or death. It is an important part of our Fraternal commitment. Dennis

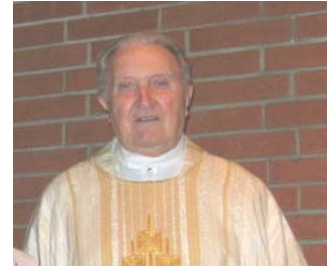
WORDS FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY...

We still have a number of Entertainment Books for 2006 in stock. The books can be obtained at our November Business meeting. If you can't make the meetings and would like a Book (\$40 is a great buy and the Council gets a good cut) call me at 929-8459. Also a new supply of Council golf shirts has arrived and can be obtained from me at any Business Meeting.



CHAPLAIN'S REPORT - ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY - MSGR PATRICK M. NOLAN

Your prayers are requested for Msgr. Nolan as he recuperates from the removal of a tumor on his liver. All indications are that his recovery is going well. Msgr. Thanks all who have visited him in the hospital and have sent cards and especially prayers. Msgr hopes to active again, possibly this month at our memorial mass.



CIOPPINO DINNER – SUCCESS STORY – BROTHER GENE GOBBO



With over 100 Brothers, family, friends, seafood lovers and a great chef, we made our 2005 Italian Night a very successful social event. Italian Night has been with us for 10 years now, started by Brother Frank DiLeo, in whose honor we continue the tradition. The DiLeo family minus Roni (who had already made plans to visit relatives and friends back East) hosted the dinner again. The “kids” did the serving and brought in a great door prize (Disney on Ice) which was won by Brother Keith Johnson.

I thank my co-chair, Robin Rositani, who together with Laura Chacon, Secretary for St. Ignatius Parish, did an awesome job advertising and taking reservations. There were a number of

ladies including Stephanie Gualderama and Fran Koscheski that did the decorating. With a makeshift crew in the kitchen, including one of our newest Brothers, Mark Kahren, Brother Roy Lasich did one awesome job putting on the Cioppino dinner with all the trimmings. I thank our reservation table crew, the Wilsons and Jim Hagarty, and of course DGK Michael Corcoran who is the jack of all trades, helping everywhere. Brother Brian Corcoran helped our main man “bartender supreme” Michael Langer with a superb bar and extraordinary wine. Thanks to my wife, Jeannie, and others that made the 50-50 raffle bring in funds so the



event actually came out in the black. And I know I missed lots of you that helped but I must thank our DJ Ruben Mora who had a great selection of music keeping our dancing attendees doing their thing until he had to close up shop. Ruben also did a yeoman job helping me do my Don Vito Cordelone and Jake Blues attempts at acting. Thanks to all for attending and helping.
Gene “The Don” Gobbo



Here’s an Italian Joke right from the kitchen: This one is dedicated to Roy Lasich, honorary Italian of our local Familia.

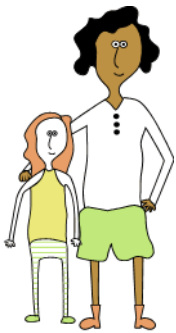
The customer in the Italian restaurant was so pleased with his meal that he asked to speak to the chef. The owner proudly led him into the kitchen and introduced him to Pepe the chef.

"Your veal parmigiana was superb," the customer said. "I just spent a month in Italy, and yours is better than any I ever had over there."

"Naturally," Pepe said. "Over there, they use domestic cheese. Ours is imported!"

RESPECT LIFE	+	JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN
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PROPOSITION 73: PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW



Since Governor Schwarzenegger has called for a special election this fall, the "Parents' Right to Know" initiative will be on the November 8 ballot.

Proposition 73, officially named *Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Waiting Period and Parental Notification. Initiative Constitutional*, but called the "Parents' Right to Know" by its sponsors, would require that parents be notified 48-hours before their minor daughter is scheduled to have an abortion. If a teen acquired a "judicial bypass" or it was an emergency situation, the parental notification could be bypassed.

Catholic teaching supports the right of a parent to know and overseeing the health care of their child should be protected. In California, this right is presently not protected or respected in the case of a minor child seeking an abortion. If this initiative qualifies and is passed by the California electorate, it will help re-establish this fundamental right and responsibility.

The California bishops have reviewed and support Proposition 73. The California Catholic Conference has prepared materials, similar to those used to oppose Proposition 71, is available electronically. The materials includes the bishops' pastoral letter, bulletin inserts, bulletin messages, homily notes and various resources that can be used for workshops and informational meetings. Distribution will be arranged through diocesan respect life offices. The California bishop's statement is on our website and can be accessed by: <http://www.kofc4970.org/cccbprop73.pdf>

Our State office of the Order "wholeheartedly...lends and supports" this initiative and our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson also announced Order-wide support for the initiative. As you are probably aware, California Knights were an integral part of the effort which collected over one million signatures to qualify the initiative for the ballot of November 8th, the next statewide election. The sponsors of the initiative are grateful to the Knights, however, qualifying the measure for the ballot is only half of the battle. To make the words of our Past State Deputy, Robert Rodriguez, that "parent's rights will be restored to them concerning their children" a reality, we must now educate our fellow Catholics on the importance of this initiative.

CHRISTMAS SEALS TO BE SENT TO MEMBERS THIS MONTH

Brother Milt Damore is chairing our campaign. You should be receiving his letter and two sheets of seals for your use during Christmastime. We hope you will use the seals for all your mailings during the Christmas season and that you can see fit to make a donation in support of this most worthy endeavor.

Like last year, we will be donating all proceeds from the campaign to Bishop Weigand for use in supporting Seminarians. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus, Council 4970. Additional sheets are available at no cost whatsoever by calling either Brother Milt at 482-5618. What better way to ensure keeping Christ in Christmas for future generations.

OUTREACH	-	PANCAKE BREAKFASTS	DAN PETERSON, COORDINATOR
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We hope everyone loves pancakes.... We have 4 pancake breakfasts scheduled during the next 3 months. First one is Sunday, November 6th at St. Johns Parish in support of the parish Health Ministry. The next one will be Sunday December 11th at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in support of the school. The following week, December 18th again at St. Johns will be in support of the parish Religious Education Program. Finally (or maybe even more) in January we will host a breakfast for St. Ignatius Parish.

The success depends on the help we get from you, our Brothers. We need experts on the spatula to experts doing pots and pans and everything imaginable in between. So give me a call at 381-2969 and let's continue our success story.

COUNCIL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Co-Chairs: Vince Dombeck and Loren Wallin

- WHEN: Sunday, December 4th 6:30 PM (Dinner at 7 PM)
 WHERE: St. Ignatius Parish Center
 COST: \$10 per adult and \$4 per child (12 & under)
 MENU: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Salad, vegetables, roll and desert

Together with the spiritual and holy significance of the Christmas season, we take time to share the festive part of the "Spirit of Christmas" with family and friends. Yes, that great time of year is here when the Council invites all of our families, children, and grandchildren and friends to our annual Council Christmas Dinner Party. This year's event will start at 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 4th.with dinner around 7:00 PM. We have reserved the large hall at St. Ignatius Parish Center, so there is plenty of room for everyone. Last year's Christmas family included about 100 spirited folks. Santa will again make a special appearance! So bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it so Santa can personally deliver it. Join us for good food, great company, and, of course, the Jolly Old Fellow himself. Please call Vince Dombeck (369-2272) or Loren Wallin (723-2970) in advance with the number in your family (and friends) that will be coming. We encourage all members to attend this annual and festive family get-together. See you there!



FAMILY OF THE MOHNTH

- TODD WILSON/JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRS FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Each month, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 honors a Brother member and his family who exemplify the values taught by our Church and our Order. Congratulations to the John and Peg DePiazza Family, our September Family of the Month. The family has made significant contributions to the Church, to the community, and to their council, and they exemplify the finest traits of a Knights of Columbus family.

John is a native of Little Falls, NY. After attending Syracuse University, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, completed pilot training, earning his pilot's wings and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in May 1954. After serving numerous tours of duty throughout the world, he retired from the Air Force in March 1973 with more than twenty years of service. His final Air Force assignment was Chief of Safety, 552nd Airborne Early Warning and Control Wing at McClellan Air Force Base. During one of his tours, he met his wife to be, Margaret (Peg), and they were married on June 25, 1955. On June 25th of this year, they celebrated their Golden Anniversary. They have a wonderful and close knit family. Their family includes four children; a son John Jr., and three daughters, Tami, Valerie, and Michelle. John Jr. lives in Fair Oaks and has three children. Tami is married to Scott Coleman, and they have two sons and live in Pine Grove, CA. Valerie is married to Mark Publicover, and they have two daughters and a son and they live in Saratoga, CA. Michelle is married to William Wolf, and they have two daughters and live in Raleigh, NC. John and Peg live in Carmichael, CA and have been parishioners of St John the Evangelist Parish since 1969.

Over the years, John and Peg have been very active members within their parish, their community, and the Knights of Columbus. As members of St John's Parish, they are wholly committed to supporting the needs of their parish and of their pastor. John serves as the Captain of Ushers at the noon mass, and often volunteers to assist at special masses and functions throughout the year. John recently served as Chairperson of the Pastoral Council, and still continues to be a member of that council. John also served as Committee Chairman for the committee that was responsible for organizing and producing the Parish Directory. John devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to ensure that a high quality directory was produced.

Peg was a stay-at-home Mom who nurtured her children during their school years. Schools included: St John's, and Jesuit, Mercy, and Loretto High Schools. All four children attended college, with John Jr and Valerie going on to receive Master Degrees. During later years, Peg worked as a furniture salesperson at Macy's Department Store in Citrus Heights, retiring in 1997.

John joined the Knights of Columbus on February 19, 2003 and on February 23, 2003 he received his Second and Third Degrees at the Exemplification held at St John's Parish and hosted by the Arden-Carmichael Council. On April 2nd of this year, he received his Fourth Degree as a Member of Christ the King Assembly. John has been an active recruiter and in 2003 he encouraged and recruited his son-in-law Bill Wolf to join the Knights of Columbus in Raleigh, NC. Bill went on to receive his 2nd and 3rd Degrees and will receive his 4th Degree at a Fourth Degree Exemplification on October 29, 2005. John has assisted at numerous council functions, including pancake breakfasts, sale of fireworks, and the drive to collect donations for those with Mental Disabilities.

The Arden-Carmichael Council and its members are proud and indeed fortunate to list the John and Peg DePiazza Family as members of its council.

BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME

DOROTHY PICANCO, COORDINATOR

It's again time to start Christmas shopping for 15 mothers at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. Your Grand Knight Larry Rositani says it's a go for the 10th straight year to help bring a little Christmas cheer to these young women. Contributions were down over \$300 last year but we hope that the enthusiasm for this project will come alive again for 2005. Lenore Mularkey, housemother, is so grateful for anything we can do for "her girls" and its one less thing for her to be concerned about. She knows that Council 4970 always comes through.

For those Knights who aren't familiar with what we do, I'll give a brief rundown. In the past we have been able to give each girl a \$50.00 gift certificate, give the Home items from their wish list which in the past has included a TV, DVD player, 2 Orick vacuum cleaners, towels, wash clothes, and turkeys and hams, etc. We also give each girl her own personal Christmas stocking filled with personal items, i.e. shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brush, hand lotion, camera, socks, box of candy, etc.

Any donations can be sent to me via my husband, Mel or mailed directly to me at: Dorothy Picanco, 1063 Commons Drive, Sacramento 95825-7056. MaryAnn and Chuck Cuny got our drive off to a good start at the Frank DiLeo Memorial Dinner with a donation as well as a stranger who came up to me at the dinner and put a \$20.00 bill in my hand saying "it was for a good cause."

MEMBERSHIP

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JERRY MARENICH, PGK - MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



The Annual Membership Drives, or Membership Blitzes, that are normally held twice during the year, are usually the most successful means in which we recruit most new members into the Knights of Columbus and into our council. It certainly should be, as in any other major project, it involves a great deal of time and manpower to be successful. I am not certain, but I believe that during the past couple of years, the blitzes alone brought in almost enough new members to meet our annual quotas that Supreme imposed upon our council. But this is not always the case. Our last blitz in September produced only three new members. This fact demonstrates clearly that we cannot simply rely on the blitzes alone to recruit new members. The blitz is but one way of recruiting new members and it must be utilized in conjunction with other efforts, primarily the one-on-one approach, which over the years has been the best approach in recruiting and retaining members. Recruitment is extremely important, and it should always be foremost in the minds of all members. Therefore, I am asking each Brother Knight of the council to make a special effort to recruit at least one new member prior to the upcoming Second and Third Degree Exemplification that our council will be hosting in February. Remember, it has been said many times before – consider every man in your parish a possible recruit - and simply ask him if he would like to join our order.

For those of you who recently joined our council, I would like to remind you of the next Second and Third Degree Exemplification, that will be held in December 10th at St Robert's Parish in South Sacramento. Our Council will be hosting the following Exemplification in February at St. Ignatius Parish if the holidays get in your way of the December degree.

COMMUNITY

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HERB HOLEMAN, CHAIRMAN

EARLY RESULTS FROM THE OCTOBER TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES/ INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES.



Congratulations to Brother Ponce Marquez and his Store Captains, volunteers, and all that contributed. There may be some disappointments but \$7000 raised is still an amazing figure to support Camp ReCreation next summer. Ponce will be writing a full article next month, but I want to share some pictures in this edition of the Paladin. Also check out our website for more pictures of this and other recent events. Great work Brothers.

THE YEAR 1905



Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1905, it boggles the mind:
 The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
 Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
 Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.
 A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.
 There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.
 The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
 Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated



than California.
 With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.
 The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
 The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.
 More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home.
 Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.
 Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.
 Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
 The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!
 Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.
 There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.
 Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.
 Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.



Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.

Back then pharmacist said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (Shocking!)

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years. It staggers the mind.



CHUCK'S CORNER

IS THAT YOU ADAM?

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I had a dream. I saw the man-angel of God. Was I really dreaming? The vision touched me and said, **Observe and remember all that you see.** I was terrified as he led me to a large white room. I saw a physician by an expectant woman. **Her name is Eve. She is mortal. Sit, listen and observe.** The nurse asked, "I wonder what an unborn child thinks?" "Foolish question", chided the doctor, "An unborn can neither think nor understand words."

Hesitantly I asked, is that so? **You mortals confuse words and reality. Here is an unborn child. Have you words or not?** But is the unborn able to understand words? **I am the messenger of God. This unborn is from God so I can also be the messenger for him. Observe.** The angel touched mother Eve and then I heard. *I am the voice of the unborn. What is it that you ask of me?* For a long moment I was silent, not knowing how to respond.

All were oblivious of our presence. Again came, *what do you ask of me?* Stammering I asked, do you have a name? *I am Adam for that means man and I am a man/child.* Adam, what is it like to live where you are? *I am in Paradise, which means surrounded by a protective wall. I have a rib wall enveloping me. Like the Adam of old, I do not want for food or thirst and I am comfortable. Yet I am afraid. What do you fear? I fear the day of the angel, that dreadful day. My paradise will be touched by the angel. He will drive me from my paradise. It will be a day of terror. In pain and anguish, he will expel me from my Eden into the jet-black of the unknown, just as the first Adam..*

Dumbfounded I asked, Adam, Can it be that you don't believe that there is life after birth? *How can I? Has anyone born ever come back from the birth? It is a one-way passage with no return. My life is sustained by a lifeline to Eden. I would surely perish if cut from the cord that gives me air and food. Without my paradise, I would surely be crushed and my life would disappear. Have I done anything to justify any life more than what I have? Do I not have good reason to be terrified?* I was utterly confused. I understood his dilemma, but how could I assure him that there is life after birth.

Adam, can you see?" *Of course, I see flickers of light.* Ah yes, but when you are born, you will be able to see so much more, beautiful things like roses, rainbows, sunsets, all kinds of wonderful things. Can you hear? *I hear things like the pounding and the splashing.* The pounding would be your mother's heartbeat and the splashing is the water of her womb. That will cease and you will hear sounds like birds singing, children laughing, music playing and the voices of your loving family. Can you taste? *Sure I can.* You can partially taste now, but you will taste food in a totally new way. You will feel the touch of your loved ones', the taste of food, the smell of flowers, the sound of music and so many wonderful things. Life after birth is wonderful outside the womb.

With all these beautiful experiences, you must have no time for sadness. I was stunned and finally said, you would think, so but we forget these great gifts, we long for more and grieve in the midst of plenty. *How can I trust you? You tell me of all the wonderful pleasures, but then you tell me how people live in sorrow. If God had given so many wonderful gifts, there would be no sorrow.* Suddenly came, **COME ADAM!** *My God! I hear a calling! Can it be the dreaded day of the angel so soon? AAAH, I feel my walls are closing in on me. Help me! Please help me!*

"Doctor, I think she is having contractions. You better come," called the nurse. Adam, do not be afraid. All this time you have been growing, learning and developing. Do you think that God, Who went to all this effort, is about to throw you away? God has important plans for you. *Would to God that I could trust you! But I am alone. Pain has become my throbbing companion and will not let me go! AAAH.* Listen, you are not alone. Your mother bears your pain with you. Your father and friends are waiting for you. All looks dark, but there is a light at the end of the tight tunnel. Gabriel has not been sent end this life, but to call you another life that is more complete. Your paradise has also been your prison and you are now being called to a greater freedom. Your eyes have not seen, your ears heard nor has it entered into your mind all the wonderful things God has prepared for you. Why can you not understand this! Why! Why!

Suddenly, the room vanished. I was alone with Gabriel. What is the meaning of all this? He replied, **tell me, Oh brave dreamer, you who would preach to Adam in his agony, what will you tell yourself when I call you? What will you think when you feel the painful call to your next birth?** Just as suddenly he disappeared and I was alone.

Dazed, I felt a chill in the warm morning light. But through the open window I heard a distant cry, a cry like the angel voice of a newborn baby. Adam, is that you? How good it is to hear your voice again.

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/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2005

- 1 All Saints Day
 - 2 All Souls Day
 - 6 Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser SJE
 - 8 Business Meeting - SJ Hall - OLA - 7:30 PM
 - 8 Elections
 - 11 Veterans Day
 - 11-13 Priests For Life Conference/Dinner - SJE
 - 15 Memorial Mass – SI Chapel
 - 19 Chapter Meeting - Paradise
 - 22 Planning Meeting–Seton Hall-OLA -7:30 PM
 - 24 Thanksgiving
 - 27 Beginning of Advent
- A decade of the Rosary before the Business Meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2005

- 4 Council Christmas Party - SI Center - 6:30 PM
- 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
- 10 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification–St. Roberts 10am
- 11 Pancake Breakfast, OLA Parish Hall
- 13 Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
- 18 Pancake Breakfast, St Johns Parish Hall
- 25 Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
- 27 Council Planning Meeting – TBD
- 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents
- 30 Feast of the Holy Family

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

VOCATION PRAYER: O God, source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the gift of our life. May your grace encourage men and women to serve the Church as priests, deacons, brothers, sisters and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen

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