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

As we close out October I am extremely proud of our council and Chairman, Ponce Marquez, as we once again put forth a monumental effort to raise funds for those with Intellectual Disabilities. Since I have friends whose daughter attends Camp ReCreation I know personally what it means to these families.

Also, I heard I missed an outstanding Cioppino dinner in honor of our deceased Brother Frank DiLeo. I thank our co-chairs, Gene Gobbo and Robin Rositani, and of course our chef, Roy Lasich, for their hard work to make it a success. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Brother John Mizerak for his constant role for the Advocacy for the Culture of Life and in particular this past month at the Life Chain and Saints Go Marching.

I draw your attention to two fine articles in this edition, one by our ailing Chaplain, Msgr Nolan, who needs our prayers, and to Chuck's Corner where Brother Chuck Cuny discusses the Last Marriage in honor of recently deceased Mrs. Knight, Julia Gobbo.

As we look forward to November please mark your calendars for Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Mass at SJE for our deceased Brothers. Please consider attending so we can show our support to the widows. See the article by our hard working Chairman Ken McDonald with details. We also celebrate Thanksgiving and Veterans Day for all our country has to offer.

The first Sunday in December will be the start of the Advent season in our Church. Also I would like to add an early reminder of our council Christmas Party on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vivat Jesus



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

- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: We had a very successful Cioppino Dinner-Dance last month raising \$2000 for our charitable programs.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: Another success story was our annual MR Drive with over \$7500 raised for Camp ReCreation.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: Our Memorial Mass for deceased Brothers is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: We are looking for volunteers to assist Brother Roy Lasich and the Youth Ministry at St. Johns at their annual Rib Feed on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Details call Roy at 978-9554.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: Two pancake breakfasts in December, one at OLA and the other at St. Johns. Have a spatula and volunteer.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: Our Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Ignatius Parish Hall.
- THIS IS WHAT WE DO: I am heading to Mexico to deliver our wheelchairs to the needy south of the border.



**Help me do what WE DO and DO IT BETTER each time. Get Involved!!!!**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER  
PRAYERS NEEDED  
SICK AND/OR  
IN DISTRESS**

Msgr Patrick Nolan  
Sister Dorothea  
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(wife of Brother De)  
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mother in law)  
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(sister of John)  
Joseph Paredes (Iraq)  
Luis Paredes  
Sara Paredes  
Dorothy Picanco  
Ethelyn Rivard  
Miquel Sabral (Afgan)  
Mary Schmidt  
Bill Verdugo  
Aurora Wallin  
Liz Weeks  
**DECEASED**  
Julia Gobbo (Gene's mom)

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**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<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. The Luncheon for our distinguished Widowed Lady Knights will take place immediately following the mass in the Tralee Center hosted by the parish B-Frienders. 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.

To get a good count for our luncheon contact me at [kenmacdonald89@yahoo.com](mailto:kenmacdonald89@yahoo.com) we also request any Brother that can escort one of the widows to please email me or contact me for information at 631-0774. Vivat Jesus!

**WRAP UPS**

**Cioppino Dinner:** Brother Gene Gobbo and his most able co-chair, Robin Rositani thank those that attended and those that helped at the October 7<sup>th</sup> event. Over 160 attended raising \$2000 for our charitable programs.

**MR Drive:** Brother Ponce Marquez and his team thank all that volunteered to pass out tootsie rolls at our October MR Drive. With the support of various schools, our

own Brothers and family and friends approximately 75 of us raised \$7500 for Camp ReCreation. Another great effort for a most worthy cause.

*The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch and swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.*

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**Chaplain's Report:** *Msgr. Nolan is quite ill but prepared this beautiful message for us to remember and cherish. If you would like to pay a visit to Msgr, please first call him at 485-2683.*

My Dear Brother Knights: I wish to thank you and your families for all your prayers, Masses, and good wishes. I am kept comfortable through hospice care. There is no cure for my cancer. I'm told three to six months is my allotted time on this earth, before I continue my journey through the doorway of death to eternal life.

Two thoughts occupy my mind: November, the month of All Souls and my daily prayer to Fr. Michael J. McGivney for that first class miracle that will list him as a canonized saint. November is traditionally the month of All Souls, when the Church reminds us of those who have gone before us into eternal life. Beginning with All Souls

Day on November 2<sup>nd</sup> we remember all the dead, especially our families, Brother Knights and friends. We offer prayers and Masses for them, so that once purified, they may enjoy the Beatific Vision of God. I am aware that I will die soon, and pass from life in time to life in eternity; that I will be judged coming before the risen and glorious Christ, who is so full of love and compassion, and who will reveal to me the meaning of my life in truth and in mercy.

I remember that Fr. Michael McGivney began to look death in the face when he was only thirty seven years old. It became evident in January 1890 that he was seriously ill. Yet, despite his diminished energy, he continued to serve his flock. The last recorded act of his ministry was a Baptism he performed in early May 1890. He looked for medical help for his growing respiratory ailments. But for every advance there was a relapse, and in mid August 1890 he died of pneumonia complications.

During the month of the Holy Souls, we who are Fr. Michael J. McGivney's spiritual heirs have much to learn from his passage from earth to heaven. He lived each day as if it were his last. The integrity of his life, witnessed by his fellow priests, parishioners and brother Knights, tells us that the best preparation for death is a life which is lived for others. Father McGivney's beliefs about the sanctity of family life and its importance to the Church and society came from his own experience of what the loss of a parent was or the chaos that occurs when Christian ideals do not reign in the home. His legacy is to be found not in theological reflections on the formation of the Christian person, but in his practical program for Catholic men: the Knights of Columbus. For him the Knights of Columbus was as much a program for spiritual formation as a benevolent society chartered for the care of widows and orphans. The insurance program present from the outset was for families endangered or broken up by death and sickness. The whole program of the Knights of Columbus was to counteract the serious threat of fathers giving up the Catholic faith altogether for the sake of job opportunities or material advancement.

Membership in the Knights was intended to awaken the young Catholic to the holiness of his vocation as a man, a father, a husband. Fr. McGivney intended the Knights to be a safe haven where Catholic men could be themselves and be encouraged to become more deeply Christian. This meant action and involvement. He wanted the Knights to be men of action, men who would come to understand what it means to be a Catholic man by bringing out the virtues of charity and unity. For him, living in a little island of "a good Catholic home" was not enough. It is an incomplete response to the holiness and fruitfulness designed by God in marriage and family life. The family must turn its face outward to change the world. It must be an instrument of evangelization.

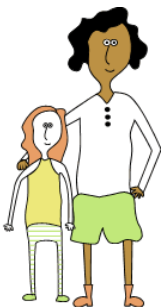
In a culture where people "choose" death rather than accept God's will, our respect and care for the souls of the faithful departed is an important aspect of promoting a culture of life. That's because every person from conception to natural death is the responsibility of the whole Church, the Body of Christ.

If you can, take your family to visit the cemetery and pray at the resting places of your dearly beloved, departed family and friends. Also join with other Knights at our Memorial Mass this month. May you continue your prayers for me, as I will for you. May the souls of the faithful departed pray for us. Fr. Michael J. McGivney pray for us, our families, and friends.

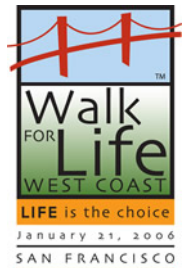
***Yours in Jesus and Mary, Msgr Patrick M. Nolan, Chaplain***

**ADVOCACY OF THE CULTURE OF LIFE, JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN:** An early heads up on the January 20, 2007 San Francisco Walk For Life. The walk doubled last year and hopefully will double again to 30,000 marchers in 2007. We are hoping to have one busload of Knights heading to SF. *For details on transportation or other Culture of Life questions contact me at 332-5511 (cell at 916-505-5513) or [Engrimiz1@cs.com](mailto:Engrimiz1@cs.com)*

Please join Catholics for 85 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.



*The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes their way.*



### **Family of the Month - Lawrence and Robin Rositani**



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 that have made significant contributions to their parish, their community, and to the Knights of Columbus. Congratulations to the Lawrence and Robin Rositani Family, our September 2006 Family of the Month. *(Larry in the center accepts the award on behalf of his family from Chairman Todd Wilson and DGK Eldon Hancock).*

The Rositani Family are members of St Ignatius Loyola Parish, and have been very active in their parish ministries for many years. Larry serves as a Minister of Hospitality. Robin serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and as a Registered Nurse, is involved in the St Ignatius Health Ministries. Their son, Christian, attended St Ignatius School and is now a freshman at Jesuit High School. The family takes an active role in "Sharing God's Bounty", a dinner which is held at St Ignatius every fourth Wednesday evening to feed the poor and needy of the community. This dinner feeds well over two-hundred individuals each month.

Larry is a Past Grand Knight, having served eighteen months in that role, and is currently the Three Year Trustee, Council Chairman of our Membership Committee and is our District Warden. Larry is a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of Bishop Manogue Assembly. He is also a member of the Assembly's Color Corps. As a member of the Color Corp, Brother Larry has been a member of the Bishop's Honor Guard at many events in which the Bishop of Sacramento has presided, including Confirmation Rites at the various parishes and at patriotic events throughout the year.

Larry and Robin have always been very active in all of the council's activities, including the annual MR Drive. Larry served as Council Chairman for this drive in the past. In addition, he has served as Council Chairman of the Fireworks Booth. He has also been involved in the many Pancake Breakfasts the council has hosted. In many of these events, Robin has been an active participant, including decorating and acting as Mistress of Ceremonies for our Cioppino Dinner-Dance. Larry and Robin have also been involved in the "Christmas Stocking Project" which is held each December to provide gifts and needy essentials to those women and their babies from the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home, so that they would be able to enjoy the Christmas Season.

The members of the Arden-Carmichael Council are proud and indeed fortunate to list the Lawrence and Robin Rositani Family as members of its council. Gerald Marenich and Todd Wilson, Family Activities

### **CHRISTMAS SEALS HAVE BEEN SENT TO MEMBERS THIS MONTH**

Brother Milt Damore is chairing our campaign for 2006. You should be receiving Brother Milt's letter and two sheets of seals shortly. 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 Brother Milt at 482-5618. What better way to ensure keeping Christ in Christmas for future generations.

### **BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME -- DOROTHY PICANCO, COORDINATOR**

Ladies and Knights we are about to embark on our ELEVENTH year of bringing Christmas joy to the ladies at the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. I'm really counting on all of you to make things "happen" again this year. In the past you have been so generous and kind to the young women at the Home. The things on their wish list have always been completely filled by Council 4970 along with \$50.00 gift certificates to 15 mothers and Lenore Mularkey, housemother. Christmas stockings with all kinds of personal items are also given. The past 2 years we have included food items. Sir Knight Floyd Wells and his wife Maureen kicked off the campaign a couple of weeks ago. So we're on GO! Please send any donations to me, Dorothy Picanco, 1063 Commons Drive, Sacramento, 95825-7056 OR give to my dear husband Mel at a meeting. It's much easier for me to keep track of money coming in and what we're going to be able to buy when it comes directly to us if possible. Checks MUST be made payable to K of C, Council 4970. We collected \$1,305 last year!



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 Brother Miguel Sabral (currently stationed in Afghanistan) wrote and wishes us all a Happy Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas Time. He also has asked for prayers for him and his fellow soldiers, particularly on Veterans Day. Of all the gifts you could give a US Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine & others deployed in harm's way, Prayer is the very best one. What better way than to recite the following Prayer Wheel. *"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen."*

## CHUCK'S CORNER

## THE LAST MARRIAGE (In memory of Julia Gobbo)

CHUCK CUNY, PGK

Without some background in Jewish tradition, the sense of the Bible is often lost. Such is the case in marriage and baptism. Both are vows to loved ones and there is a parallel between to love, honor and obey God and to a spouse. The Gospels use the comparison between a bride and a groom to describe the relationship of Jesus to His Church. As a groom pledged love to his bride, so Jesus committed His love to His followers and pledged to return for His people.

Today, a woman becomes engaged when the man asks for her hand in marriage, often with an engagement ring. After some planning, the couple going before a priest or magistrate and in public act generally consummates the marriage. In Christ's time, when a Jewish man wished to marry, the groom's father approached the bride's father with the proposal of marriage. The discussion includes the price offered for the bride. If they agreed, they would seal the agreement with a toast of wine.

The prospective groom would then ask her to be his bride. The couple would confirm their intent with a presentation of a gift by the groom to the bride in the presence of two witnesses. As he gives the gift (usually a ring), he would say, "Behold you are consecrated unto me with this (gift) ring according to the laws of Moses and Israel." A written contract would be made listing the time, place, and size of the wedding as well as the dowry and terms of maintenance of the marriage. The engagement ceremony was concluded with a toast of wine. The bride would carefully keep the contract until the final consummation of the marriage.

In the Bible, espousal meant they were committed to each other as much as a married couple. Betrothal was considered so binding that the only way to break it was by a bill of divorce. The marriage is later completed with the formal ceremony followed by their physical union. After the espousal, the groom would depart with the promise of building a room for the bride and returning to complete the marriage. The room usually consisted of an addition onto his father's house.

In a funeral Mass, the priest often reads Saint John's Gospel where Jesus tells his disciples that He is going to His father's house to prepare a place for them. He then assures them that He would be coming back for them. The early Christians clearly understood that at baptism, Christians are espoused to God. As the bride was expected to remain true to her groom as she waited for the day of his return, so the Christian, as the bride of God, vigilantly awaits the day when Christ, the Groom, will consummate the marriage and bring her to his Father's home.

We recently witnessed the beautiful service for Julia Gobbo, mother of our own Gene Gobbo. Julia's long engagement is now over. Her parents at baptism promised her to Christ. Her espousal contract was her precious baptismal certificate, a promise to the heavenly home. In Jewish tradition, the bride waits for about a year. For Christians, it is a much longer wait, a lifetime. For Julia, it was a 92-year wait. In the Jewish tradition, following the public ceremony, the newlyweds entered their 'heavenly' bridal chamber and the wedding party began.

We may not have realized it, but at the public Mass, we witnessed the consummation of Julia's marriage, the fulfillment of her baptismal vow. She is now living at the Father's House. Jesus said that there is plenty of room in His Father's house. If it were not so, He would not have made the promised. And so, having witnessed the marriage, our prayer and our solicitude go solicitude go with Julia and the Gobbo family who have done so much for our Knights of Columbus Council.



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### CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

Join us for good food, great company, and, of course, the Jolly Old Fellow himself. 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. 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!

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*Happiness lies for those who cry, those who hurt, those who have searched, and those who have tried, for only they can appreciate the importance of people who have touched their lives*

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**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

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
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
18	Chapter Meeting, Orland
23	Thanksgiving
28	Planning Meeting - Seton Hall OLA - 7:30 PM
A decade of the Rosary precedes the Business Meeting - 7:15 PM	

<u>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</u>	
<u>DECEMBER</u>	
3	Council Christmas Party - SI Center - 6:30 PM
8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
10	Pancake Breakfast, OLA Parish Hall
12	Business Meeting - St John Hall, OLA 7:30 PM
17	Pancake Breakfast, St Johns Parish Hall
25	Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
26	Council Planning Meeting – TBD
28	Feast of the Holy Innocents
30	Feast of the Holy Family