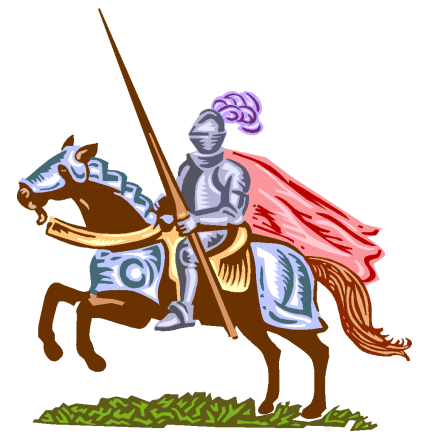


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Knights of Columbus Arden/Carmichael Council 4970 District 9 – Division 4
Serving Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and St. John the Evangelist Parishes



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The New Columbian Year Started with Fireworks

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight

I'm proud of our Knights of Columbus Council 4970. We worked hard as a team to ensure success for our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Fireworks Booth. We had a total of thirty-four brother Knights, including a few lady Knights, participate for seven days (6/28/2025 - 7/4/2025). Although the first couple of days were slow we were very busy on July 3rd - July 4th. PGK Gene Gobbo provides some more details:

We are an amazing group of Brothers and Lady Knights working through the heat at St. Ignatius, June 28-July 4. Early returns from our week at our Fireworks booth resulted in an astonishing \$50,000 gross receipts, yielding between \$15,000 and \$20,000 net for our scholarships and other donations this coming fraternal year ending next June. I am proud to have observed the four principals of our Order (Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism) showing brightly as we banded together to pull this off. Although we had our volunteers helping customers for the entire week, the lines of customers on July 3 and 4 primarily brought us up to this amazing total. Congratulations Knights of Columbus 4970.

--PGK Gene Gobbo

This is my second term as your Grand Knight. I feel that I have gained a better understanding of the importance of keeping our Council 4970 traditions going. Like last year, we performed over 24 events, in which we were able to get the first place award for the Community category.

Two seventh-place finishes in the Life and Faith categories. I was also told we will receive another Columbian Award later this year. For all of our hard work this last year, we have completed the following Star Council Program requirements for the following:

- Service Program personnel Report
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
- McGivney award
- Membership Quota
- Founders Award Host and promote at least two Fraternal Benefit events
- Completing the Columbian Award form for Sixteen events in Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

This year, as Grand Knight, I will start reaching out to our Knights who don't participate to see how I can help them find their way back. More Knights means more people helping out with the Church's ministries. I will be looking for more Catholic Men at each parish.

An Exemplification (installation of new Knights) will be held on August 16, 2025, which is the new date after 5:30 mass, more news as we get closer. The Installation of Officers will be on July 22nd before the planning meeting. I hope this year will be as fun as last year was, as we will do the Silver Rose again in September, along with a Blood drive, and a Pancake Breakfast.

EVENTS:

Communities: St Ignatius Fish Dinner, Organized by GK Frank Consulo, Rich Romo Free Throw Championship, Organized by Loren Wallin, Fireworks Booth Organized by GK Frank Consulo, DGK Steve Hall, Widow's Memorial Luncheon Organized by Tim Spinelli. Loaves n Fishes Lunch for the homeless, organized by Knights GK Frank Consulo, Our Lady of Assumption Santa's Pancake Breakfast for 600 People, organized by GK Frank Consulo, St Ignatius Santa's Pancake Breakfast for 305 People, organized by Pkg Gene Gobbo, GK Frank Consulo Events:

Life: Silver Rose @ St John's Evangelist Church, Organized by GK Frank Consulo, March for Life at the State Capital, by Ken MacDonald, Life chain, Abortion demonstration, by Ken MacDonald, Blood Drive at St John's Evangelist Church, Organized GK Frank Consulo ID Drive (Tootie roll) for Camp Recreation that Raised a record fundraiser of \$35,849.40 to date, Organized by Joe Romanazzi Events:

Faith: Stations of the Cross: Organized by Ken MacDonald, GK Frank Consulo Rosary Program Organized by Tim Spinelli, Holy Hour @ Our Lady of Assumption, by DGK Steve Hall, Bishop Soto Priests Luncheon, Mass on the Grass, Bible Studies, organized by GK Frank Consulo, Events:

Families: Food for Families, Get on the Bus for Prisoners Families Organized by GK Frank Consulo, Tunk n Treat @ Our Lady of Assumption organized by Jeff Hall, Sacramento Kings Basketball games for Knights families Organized by Gene Gobbo, Sacramento Rivercats for families organized by Ken MacDonald. Other events the Knights do are: Ladies night out on the fifth Tuesday of the Month, 4 Tuesdays, Ice Cream Social, organized by Ray and his wife, Pat Fischbach. Ladies Knights net hats for newborn babies that are distributed by Jeanie Gobbo. Joann Hancock.

A special thanks to ALL Knights: Chris Ball, Roberto Bello, Tony Carvelli, Cirdon Cole and father, Michael Corcoran, Andrew Cunha, Bill Davis, Hanh Dinh, PGK Michael Dougherty, Greg Downs, David Easton, Michael Fazio, PGK Josh Figueroa, Deacon Paul Friedrich, Matt Friesen, PGK. District Deputy Will Friesen, Vincent Gigi, Jc Greco, Kevin Hall, PGK Don Hamata, Tom Henderson, Shawn Herrick, Jeff Holmes, Deacon Keith Johnson, Ernesto Kader, PGK Peter Kilkenny, Tom Kuzmich, PGK Michael Langer, Roy Larish, Allen Leech, Nicholas Lushenko, Willaim Maffei, Frank Manigold, Gary Mello, Steven Millner, John Mizerak, Tom Nelson, Mark Neuburger, Luis Puicon, Father

Chandra Dominic Sekhar, David segel, father Eduino Silveira, Bill Simpson, PGK Bill Stranton, Charles Stewart, Dale Stanford, Aaron Stroh, William Sullivan, Bill Swars, Charles Thorp and son Charles Jr, Samuel Villegas, Deacon Jack Wilson, Todd Wilson, PGK Len Zerilli, and Danny Zezzo.

I am looking forward to another great year!

Check Out Our Website for the Latest Updates and Contact Information

You don't need to wait for the Paladin to get updates on Council 4970 activities. Our website, www.kofc4970.com is now regularly updated with the latest information.

Also, need to contact one of the officers? Find their contact information here: <https://kofc4970.com/officers>

Trustee Recommendations for Council Officers 2025-2026

By the Trustees.

Here are the Trustees' nominees for Council officers for the 2025-26 Columbian year. Other nominations will be accepted at the June Business meeting. Elections for new officers also will occur at the June Business meeting. Please pray for the nominees.

Grand Knight: Frank Consulo
Financial Secretary: Tom Kuzmich (appointed by Supreme)
Deputy Grand Knight: Kevin Hall
Chancellor: Hanh Dinh
Recorder: Bill Bedfort
Treasurer: Steve Millner
Advocate: Todd Wilson
Warden: Peter Kilkenny
Inside Guard: Allen Leach
Outside Guard: Luis Puicon
3rd Year Trustee: Steve Hall
2nd Year Trustee: Tim Spinelli (by advancement)
1st Year Trustee: Josh Figueroa (by advancement)
Chaplain: (Appointed by the In-Coming Grand Knight)
Lecturer: (Appointed by the In-Coming Grand Knight)

PRAYER LIST

Please remember these intentions in your prayers:

All children lost to abortion
 All unborn children and their mothers

All Caregivers of the sick
 Deceased of Council 4970

Rick Di Regolo (dec)
 Georgia Royal (dec)
 Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)

Anthony Praxel (dec)
 Kenneth Scribner (dec)
 Danielle Corcoran (dec)

Ben Dougherty (dec)
 Fr. Art Wehr, SJ (dec)

John Heiman (dec)
 Gerald Marenich (dec)
 David Schwartz (dec)
 Joe Kievernagel (dec)

Lee Akers (dec)

Judy Davis (dec)

Pope Francis (dec)

The Wehr Family

Fred Garrison

Bob Akers

Joan Cotton

Shannon Langer

Michael Langer

Gwenn Wilson

Fr. Tom Bland

Pope Leo XIV

Prior to the June business meeting and elections will be our annual BBQ. Open to all including our families. Please join us at 6 PM and enjoy. All at St. John hall at OLA Parish on Tuesday June 10th.

Rivercats Baseball Game

By Ken MacDonald, PGK

“Knights Evening” with the Rivercats”!! Excellent seats in the “Senator Section” have been reserved for our Council members, their families, and our parishioners at a great price!! On Saturday evening, August 23, the Rivercats will be playing the El Paso Chihuahuas. First pitch is at 6:30 PM . Tickets are \$23/person. You can make a reservation by contacting Ken Macdonald (916-284-6541). We would like to have all reservations made by Friday, August 15. Please be advised that all Rivercats parking, food, and gift shop entities are all credit/debit card only. No cash!

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend an evening with your Brothers, fellow parishioners, and their families, at a fun venue. There is a very colorful fireworks show taking place following the game. The Rivercats do their very best to make a night at the ballpark an event to remember!!

Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

The Ladies Luncheon for June was held at Urban Plates on Thursday, June 13th at 1 PM.

Our May luncheon was attended by 13 ladies and all enjoyed the menu and service at Bella Bru Café.



Any questions you can call either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933 or myself, Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674.

Father Apolonio “Pol” Catada is named Parochial Administrator for St. John the Evangelist Church

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK



Parishioners at St. John the Evangelist Church welcomed Fr. Apolonio “Pol” Catada as new Parochial Administrator. Father Pol will serve the parish for the next two months until a new Pastor is named in July. **A Welcome to SJE Party** was held for Fr. Pol following the 10:00 A.M. Mass on May 4, 2025. Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights were among the parishioners welcoming Father and enjoying the cakes, cupcakes and beverages that were served.



The Blessing of the Cakes and Cupcakes



Slicing the Cakes



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8th Grade Award Presentations

By Gene Gobbo, PGK

Annually, the Council and its Corporation present scholarship awards to 4-8th grade students from each of our three parish schools who are headed for a Catholic High School in the Sacramento area. We also present various numbers of awards to graduating students who excelled as altar servers during their years at the parishes. Brothers Larry Rositani, Will Friesen and Kevin Hall made the presentations at the graduation ceremonies at their respective parishes in May. We congratulate these deserving students and pray for them in their high school careers.



JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Dear God, Thank You For Summer



Rick Hamlin is a retired executive editor of *Guideposts* magazine, where he worked for more than thirty years. He is the author of many spiritual and devotional books. Here are eight prayers from Mr. Hamlin to help us make the most of our summer.

1) Embrace the bathing suit

Dear Lord, let any worries I might have about how I look in a bathing suit never prevent me from putting one on and throwing myself into the ocean waves or a placid lake or a pool shimmering in the sunshine. Nobody else cares how I look, why should I?

2) Ice cream!

When the ice cream truck comes by playing that dopey song, Lord, let me greet it with the

enthusiasm of a five-year-old who can't wait for his first drumstick or popsicle of the season. Not for nothing did Jesus ask that the children come to Him. Summer deserves childish innocence and enthusiasm.

3) Appreciate the heat

God, I promise I won't complain about the weather. Got that? I promise. When the heat blisters up from the sidewalks and when not the slightest breeze offers solace on a sizzling day, remind me how I felt about the weather in the frigid temperatures of February. The seasons are Your gift. Is there not something glorious about summer heat?

4) Go light on headlines

I will make summer my Sabbath season, Lord. Of course, the news can't be avoided—good news and bad news—but for this season I'll save the newspaper and those scary-making online stories for a quick perusal late in the day. A few facts are good enough for me.

5) Follow nature's lead

Dear God, I will mimic the way nature praises you in this season, shining like the stars, beaming like the sun, laughing like the fireflies, splashing with a waterfall, singing with the birds, rolling with the surf, floating on your eternal love.

6) Go with the flow

I will not get impatient with any traffic, dear Lord, when I discover that the quick trip to a cooling place was exactly what hundreds—thousands—of other people had in mind. I will greet any summer crowds as though we were all brothers and sisters in Christ. Who's to say we aren't?

7) Listen for flip flops and the crack of bats

I give thanks for the noises of summer: the flap of flip-flops on a boardwalk, the slap of a baseball slamming into a glove, the crack of a bat leading to a homerun, the songs of someone else's music coming from their car with the windows rolled down, the drip-drip-drip of an ice-cream sandwich, the rumble of an air conditioner.

8) Evade email

One more promise, Lord, when I'm on vacation, I promise to really be on vacation. I will not keep checking email, I will not gaze vacantly at my iPhone, I will not reflect on all the work that needs to get done back at the office. I will read a good book and praise the days because all the days deserve praise. You made them.

My Brothers, we know from Genesis that God established the seasons to give order to the world He created. God said, *"Let there be lights in the ceiling of the sky to separate day from night and to serve as signs for the seasons, days and years."* (1:14). God promised Noah, *"As long as the earth lasts, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease to be."* (8:22). Summer symbolizes growth and abundance, and is a wonderful time to nourish relationships with our families and friends. Summer is a profound element of God's creation as it offers us a chance to rest and to be lazy, in fact, it makes laziness down-right admirable. Thank you, God, for allowing us to enjoy the delights of the summer season.

The Short History of a Long, Long Life of Our Paladin

By Gene Gobbo, PGK

The Council had quite a ride with its bulletin, from the 1980s through this June 2025 edition. Editors included Brothers Marco Bell, Phil Tinley, Gene Gobbo, Phil Bruce, Peter Mendenhall, Will Friesen, and others, including our current editor, Mike Fazio. Earliest editions were printed on a VIC 20 computer having 20 kb of memory. We used Phil Tinley's Sacramento Bee's expertise using the Bee's pasting techniques to publish a short version of the bulletin. So many great editors and contributing editors drew many congratulatory comments and phone calls from other Councils. We will miss the publication, but make sure you visit our website as often as you can. We will also continue to use email blasts to highlight recent and upcoming events. We apologize to our non-internet families who have enjoyed hard copy editions via regular mailing but expenses ballooned beyond our financial ability. Thanks to all our Brothers, Lady Knights and friends for the ride.



Brother Marco Bell, early editor of the Paladin. Marco gave the name Paladin to our award-winning bulletin.

Although our Council bulletin began in the late 1980s, the Paladin's name got its name in the 1990s, and has been our banner head ever since. Over the years State awards included 1st through 5th place for all Councils in the State.

