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September Events

9/7: Pancake Breakfast at SJE

9/21: Fall Festival at SI

9/8: Silver Rose at SJE

9/23: Planning Meeting at OLA

9/9: Business Meeting at OLA

9/30 - 10/2: [Sacramento Standown](#)

9/18: Lady's Luncheon at Kabob House

Get ready, fall is coming, Christ is with us on our Journey

Frank Consulo, Grand Knight

September is coming, and the Knights will start performing our events beginning with a warm-up, Pancake Breakfast at St John's Evangelist church on September 7th, the first Sunday of the Month.

The Silver Rose is returning for our second year to St John's Evangelist on Monday, September 8th. Learning more about the silver rose. Participate in this meaningful pilgrimage to share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and respect for life. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States, and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. For more information and history of this program, see [The Silver Rose](#) write-up below.

To end the month of September 21st, the Knights will be cooking at St Ignatius' fall festival with one of our new Knights, Father Tom Lucus SJ, as helping serve the flock, which will have several activities going on.



A message from Deputy Grand Knight

Kevin B. Hall



We're approaching Autumn once again. Time for hoodies, pumpkin spice latte, the fall equinox, Apple Hill, football, cool crisp air and leaves everywhere that will soon turn yellow, gold, and fiery red. These are some of my favorite fall things.

It's also time for the harvest. A time to reap what we've sown and to enjoy what we've worked hard for. I think of the passage in Matthew chapter 9 where Jesus reminds us that His harvest is plenty, but laborers are few:

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." - Matthew 9:36-38

When Jesus asked Simon Peter to follow him, he promised to make him a fisher of men, not just a person who catches fish. What did Jesus mean by using this analogy? I believe he was saying that Peter would be instrumental in making disciples far and near, and that he would bring many men to follow Jesus to build the Kingdom of God. In what way will you answer Jesus' calling to be a fisher of men?

The Silver Rose

Frank Consulo, Grand Knight

There are eight Roses that travel different Northern American routes on every stop. The Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady.

An elder Mexican man makes his way to Mass in the early morning twilight of December 9, 1531. He is a peasant, a simple farmer and laborer, and he has no education. Born under Aztec rule, he is a convert to Catholicism, and each step he takes this morning is a step into history.

The morning quiet is broken by a strange music that he will later describe as the beautiful sound of birds. Diverting his path to investigate the sound, Juan Diego comes face to face with a radiant apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Juan Diego is 57 years old. He has just encountered the Virgin Mary on Tepeyac Hill, the site of a former Aztec Temple. His wife died two years earlier, and he lives with his elder uncle, scratching his living from the earth as a humble peasant farmer. Why should this unlearned man be chosen by Our Lady to carry a message to the Bishop? Perhaps because she would find none other as humble as Juan Diego.

Juan Diego is dazzled by the incredible beauty and miraculous nature of Our Lady's appearance. She appears as a native princess to him, and her words sound more beautiful than the sweetest music ever made.

Our Lady calms the startled traveler and assures him of who she is. She instructs Juan Diego to visit his bishop and ask that a temple be built on the site of her appearance, so that she will have a place to hear petitions and to heal the suffering of the Mexican people. "Now go and put forth your best effort," Our Lady instructs.

Visibly shaken, Juan Diego approaches the Bishop, who is initially very skeptical of his account. What did this peasant truly want? Does he merely seek attention? Notoriety? Money? Or is he possessed by demons? Has Juan Diego been tricked by the Devil

Juan Diego begins to doubt himself. He returns to Tepeyac Hill, where he hopes for some confirmation of what he's experienced. Indeed, Our Lady does not disappoint, for she appears again, as radiant as before. Juan Diego tells Our Lady what she already knows, that the Bishop did not believe him. She instructs him to return the next morning and ask again.

Shamed by the admonishment, but emboldened by Our Lady's presence, Juan Diego asks for the sign he promised to the Bishop. He knows he is wrong to doubt Our Lady. Juan Diego is instructed to climb to the top of Tepeyac Hill, where he will find flowers. He is to pick the flowers there, which are unlike any he has seen before, and he is to keep them hidden in his tilma until he reaches the Bishop.

At the same time as Our Lady appears to Juan Diego and directs him to cut the flowers on Tepeyac Hill, she also appears to his uncle, Juan Bernadino, who believes he is about to die. As soon as she appears, the fever stops, and Juan Bernadino feels well again. She tells Juan Bernadino she wants to be known as "Santa Maria, de Guadalupe."

Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear again, for her mission was complete. The temple was built and remains there today, in what is now a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego's tilma, woven from cactus fibers, with a shelf-life of just 30 years at best, remains miraculously preserved.

JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Six Little Stories



We all realize that life can be difficult at times, but know everything in life is far easier to get through when we have God on our side. Our Catholic religion tells us that we need to live our lives every day with an abundance of faith, trust, hope, confidence, love and attitude in God. These are key terms and concepts in Scripture but are sometimes just vague notions for many of us. Briefly stated:

Faith is the Theological Virtue that enables us to trust in God's promise based on evidence and experience of God's revelation.

Trust is a reasonable belief that relies on a conclusion based on the weight of the evidence.

Hope is the Theological Virtue by which we trust God to be true to His promises. It is the desire of something together with the expectation of obtaining it

Confidence comes when God gives us the strength and talent to complete our tasks. The fulfillment of our confidence is found in Him. We need to persevere so that when we have done the will of God, we will receive what he has promised.

Love is the Theological Virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. St. Paul tells us that love is the greatest of the Theological Virtues: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).

Attitude is the habitual predisposition to think or act in a certain way. It is the sum total of a person's moral character responding to a given person, idea, or situation.

The following Six Little Stories below were written by an Unknown Author. They help clarify each of the terms and concepts above and provide thoughtful simple examples illustrating good ways for all of us to live our lives with confidence in God's Word and character.

1. Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all of the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. **That is FAITH.**
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is TRUST.**

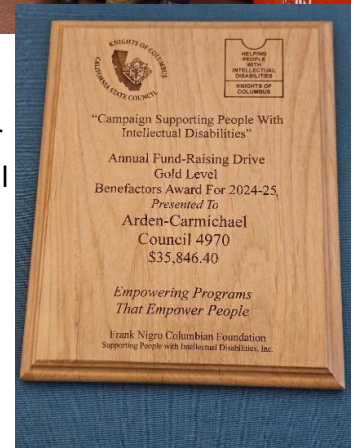
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still, we set the alarms to wake up. **That is HOPE.**
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is CONFIDENCE.**
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is LOVE.**
6. On an old man's shirt was written, 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' **That is ATTITUDE.**

My Brothers, the most important thing God wants from us is to love and trust Him. We should never underestimate God's great love for us and trusting Him will get us results in every area of our lives. We acquire trust in God when we learn to know Him, love Him, and worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). As Knights and followers of Christ most of us strive to live our personal lives every day with faith, trust, hope, confidence, love and a positive attitude. When we do, our lives become more stable and focused on what is important. They will lead us to having happier days and happier lives. Our personal examples may also encourage others wherever we go and with whomever we meet to join us and follow Jesus. Along with our individual examples, we have the Scriptures, more than 2,000 years of Church history and the saints. Who could ask for more to help non-believers and tepid Catholics believe and find joy and peace in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

Council 4970's ID Drive Results Recognized at the NorCal Chapter Meeting in July 2025

Joe Romanazzi, PGK and ID Drive Chairman

Well, Brothers, we did it again! For the second year in a row, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 collected more ID Drive donations than any other council in the State of California-- \$35,846.40. We received recognition at the July NorCal Chapter Meeting held in Roseville. The results for our 2024-2025 ID Drive were indeed fantastic and historic. Camp ReCreation was the beneficiary of our hard work. Each year as part of our LIFE focus in the Faith in Action commitment, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 hands out free Tootsie Rolls to raise money for Camp ReCreation. Camp ReCreation is a local non-profit for children and adults with physical and mental disabilities. Through local events and three one-week long summer camps, Camp ReCreation is able to create an inclusive and supportive environment for their camp friends to feel safe, loved and seen. Our Council's support of Camp ReCreation helps them to create a lasting impact on the local special needs community. The photos above show the Gold-level award we received in July and the presentation of the check to Camp Director,



Carrie Judd, at our Business Meeting in January. Last year's ID Drive is now history and this year's Tootsie Roll Drive is now underway.

Our Annual ID Drive Is Underway

Joe Romanazzi, PGK and ID Drive Chairman

Our Council's annual ID Drive for 2025 is underway. Each year our Council hands out thousands of free Tootsie Rolls in an effort to raise money for **Camp ReCreation**, a camp sanctioned by the Sacramento Diocese for intellectually disabled teens and adults. This is part of our **LIFE** focus in the **Faith in Action commitment**.



Our public activities this year will be conducted at the three parishes our Council serves--- St. Ignatius of Loyola, Our Lady of the Assumption and St. John the Evangelist. Please volunteer your help when the time comes so that we can make this important Council project another success in 2025.

Here are the confirmed dates for our ID Drives:

Oct. 4-5 SI

Oct. 11-12 OLA

Oct. 18-19 SJE

Letters have been mailed to all members on our current roster, including our widows. The letter seeks monetary donations from those Knights and Lady Knights able to give. **Not surprising, the call for Council assistance last year was answered in a BIG way. These dollars when added to the results of our public ID Drives amounted to almost \$36,000 in donations, a record for any Council in California.**

Please join me in praying that Our Lord and our founder, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, continue to guide our efforts in serving these *special brothers and sisters*. We are all made in God's image and we can't neglect those we meet on the pathways of our earthly journey. The folks with intellectual disabilities only desire to participate fully in what life has to offer, just like the rest of us. Council 4970 is standing tall to help make this desire a reality again next summer.

September Lady's Luncheon

Jean Gobbo

Did you miss the last ladies luncheon? Now is the time for you to make the next one: 18 Sept. at the Kabob House, 1720 Fulton Ave, Sac, between Alta Arden and Arden Way on the East side of Fulton. Last month 15 ladies attended. Are we going to have more this month? Sure hope so!

Any questions let me or Glenda MacDonald (916-524-8933) or Jean Gobbo (916-261-8674) know. Hope to see you all on the 16th!

August Event Roundup

A Successful Ice Cream Social

Had another successful ice cream social on August 10th at Leatherby's with 10 Knights and Lad Knights enjoying lunch and ice cream!



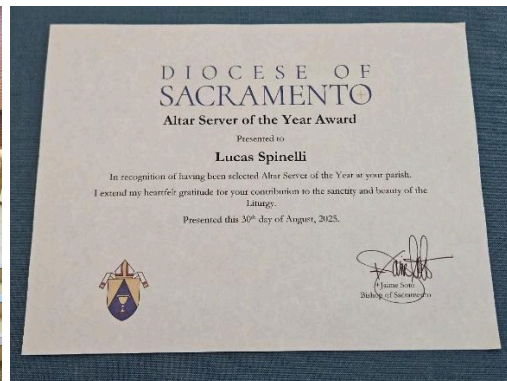
Exemplification of Four New Knights



Exemplification was held at St Ignatius Parish on August 16th after the 5:30pm mass. New Knights are: Cardiff Schmitz, Matt Murbach, Noel Bati, and Fr. Tom Lucas.

Diocese of Sacramento Altar Servers Recognition Mass

Joe Romanazzi, PGK



A Diocese of Sacramento Altar Servers Recognition Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church in Folsom on Saturday, August 30, 2025. The Altar Servers of the Diocese of Sacramento were invited to attend the Mass with Bishop Jaime Soto to be recognized for their service to our Diocese and their individual parishes. Certificates for years of service were handed out to each

participant. Each parish also selected an Altar Server of the Year. **Lucas Spinelli was selected as St. John the Evangelist's Altar Server of the Year for 2025.** Congratulations Lucas and thank you for your dedication.

Lucas' brothers—Robbie and Andy are also altar servers at SJE and received certificates for their service to the parish. The boys are the sons of our Brother Knight Tim and Lady Knight Irene Spinelli. The family gathered for a photo at the foot of the altar at SJE following the 8:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, August 31st.