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## The Story of Mary Magdalene and the First Easter Egg

*By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight*

St. Mary Magdalene has a special place among Jesus' disciples.

It was Magdalene's great love for Christ that kept her standing at the foot of the Cross, weeping and grief-stricken until her Savior died. It was her heartbreaking pain of loss that drove her to His tomb at the first light of day to anoint His sacred body.

### April Calendar

We have a new way for you to keep up with all our Council events!

<https://kofc4970.com/calendar>

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As a reward for her great love and faithfulness, she is a privileged person to whom Jesus appeared on Easter Sunday morning; she was the first witness of the Resurrection.

It was Mary Magdalene, a woman, who went and told the Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead; for this she is called "Apostle to the Apostles."

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According to tradition, after Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the Magdalene—a wealthy woman of some importance—boldly presented herself to Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message.

Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is risen!"

The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The Emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

We do know that the tradition of handing out red eggs at Easter is one that originated among Christians in Apostolic times. And we often find Mary Magdalene depicted in icons holding a red egg. Moreover, the story fits into the various cultural traditions already surrounding the symbol of the egg.

***Decorating Easter Eggs***

Painting boiled Easter eggs is a beloved ancient tradition for Eastern Catholic churches as well as Orthodox. The eggs are often dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross.

The Easter eggs are then carried to the church in baskets to be blessed by the priest (often with other foods to be eaten for the Easter feast) at the end of the Easter vigil before being distributed to the faithful. Historically, Christians would abstain from eating eggs during a strict Lenten fast, so Easter was the first chance to eat eggs again after a long period of abstinence. The egg represented the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represented Jesus' resurrection from the dead.



## Check Out Our Website for Latest Updates

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

## California Walk for Life

Council 4970 continues to support "Life" as indicated by our presence at the "California Walk for Life - 2025" at the State Capitol on March 31. Our presence showed our support for the most vulnerable in our society, the unborn. We also pray for, and support, the women and men who suffer from the impact of the abortion decision. We will continue to support the most basic, and most important of all rights, "The Right to Life,"

Many thanks to Brother Ken Macdonald for the write up, and our Grand Knight for the photo.



## 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)**

**The Wehr Family**

**Pope Francis  
Fred Garrison  
Bob Akers  
Joan Cotton**

**Shannon Langer  
Michael Langer  
Gwenn Wilson  
Fr. Tom Bland**

**Parishioners of SI, SJE, and  
OLA Parishes**

**To report illness or death  
contact the Grand Knight**

# Your Brother Will Rise Again: SK Patrick Michael Sullivan, PGK of Council 4970, Passes

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK



Sir Knight Patrick M. Sullivan, former member and PGK (2002) of Council 4970, passed away on January 25, 2025, at the age of 64. Father Patrick Henry celebrated Brother Patrick’s funeral Mass on March 4, 2025 at Calvary Funeral Center’s Resurrection Chapel in Citrus Heights. The Gospel reading was from *John Chapter 11*, which recalls the death and raising of Lazarus. In the *holy Gospel, Jesus said to Lazarus’ sister, Martha, “Your brother will rise again.”*



Council 4970 was represented by six Past Grand Knights and our current Grand Knight, Frank Consulo. They were Gene Gobbo, Larry Rositani, Peter Kilkenny, Michael Langer, Joe Romanazzi and Mike Corcoran. They were joined by Lady Knight Jeannie Gobbo and about 60 other friends and members of the Sullivan Family. PGK’s Gene Gobbo and Joe Romanazzi presented a *Resolution of Condolence* and a pair of Rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain to Lady Knight Kimberly. Six Sir Knights from three local Assemblies provided an Honor Guard for the service. Brother Patrick was active in many of our council committee activities, including our public relations committee. Patrick and his family moved to Henderson, Nevada over 2 decades ago. In Nevada, Pat was elected as the State Communications Director and Secretary of the Nevada State Council. *May Brother Patrick’s soul rest in peace. Amen.*



## Council 4970 Says Good Bye to a Long-Time Brother Knight

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK



Long-time Council 4970 Brother James (Jim) M. Toner passed away on March 9, 2025, at the age of 87. Brother Jim became a Knight and a member of our Council on August 3, 1999. He was a member for over 25 years at the time of his passing. As Catholics, we know that we are called by our Lord to embody the Eucharist in word and action. Jim knew this well and put it into practice every day. He was a devout Catholic, and an active member of the Knights and of his parish, St. John the Evangelist Church (SJE) in Carmichael. Jim was a team member for several of our council activities, including our Council's annual ID Drive fundraisers for Camp ReCreation. He also served as our insurance representative for the Arden-Carmichael Corporation. At St. John's, Jim was focused on feeding and assisting the poor and hungry through the parish's St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference. He was a leader and was a past president of the group. Jim also served his country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC).

A visitation followed by a Rosary led by Brother Knight Deacon Keith Johnson was held on Monday evening, March 17, 2025, with a Mass of Christian Burial at SJE on March 18, 2025. Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights, along with SVdP members, joined with Toner Family members, fellow SJE parishioners and many friends. The funeral Mass was celebrated by Pastor Fr. Dominic Savio Potnuru, MSFS; former SJE Pastor Fr. Bernardin Mugabo; and Fr. Alban Uba—all Council 4970 Brother Knights. PGK's Joe Romanazzi and Gene Gobbo presented Lady Knight Inge with a Council 4970 *Resolution of Condolence*; a pair of Rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore; and a Mass card from our Council Knights and Lady Knights for a Mass on March 27, 2025, at 8:30 A.M. at SJE. Taps were played and a Marine Honor Guard presented the flag of our country to Jim's Widow, Inge. A reception followed immediately after the conclusion of the funeral Mass in St. James Hall. Brother Jim was laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery in Sacramento.

***Good-bye for now Brother Jim, until the day we all meet again in our Heavenly home. May the angels lead you to Paradise and may your soul and the souls of all of our deceased Council 4970 Brother Knights and Lady Knights rest in eternal peace. Amen.***

## JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

### Duct Tape Is Good But 3 Nails Are Better



Recently, a group of five young people named Lionel Gildersleeve, Anita Sanchez Bradley Richline, Tamara Tompkins, and LaMar Peterson visited Joe's Café for lunch. They were seated in a large corner, horseshoe-shaped booth. Their table server was Rita Marple, a middle-age woman with a strong Christian faith and values to match. Around her neck dangled a beautiful silver crucifix. The group ordered their food and drinks and began to converse. After a while, Lionel Gildersleeve changed the subject at hand and called everyone's attention to the rip in his backpack. Bradley Richline and Tamara Tompkins looked at the rip and suggested using duct tape to repair it, proclaiming that duct tape can fix anything. Their suggestion was met with favor by the rest of the group. One by one everyone gave examples of their past uses for duct tape. Each use gained approval by the others at the table. Waitress Rita Marple overheard their ongoing conversation about the duct tape fix and said, *"Excuse me, I've overheard your conversation on duct tape while serving your meals. Do you know there's something that fixes things better than duct tape? In fact, it can fix everything."*

All the young people in the booth looked at each other quizzically and in unison inquired, *"What could be better than duct tape?"* Waitress Rita replied, *"3 nails fixes everything."* All the young people had puzzled looks. Anita Sanchez asked, *"What do you mean that 3 Nails can fix everything!"* Smiling and showing them the silver crucifix around her neck she remarked, *"3 nails hammered into a cross over 2025 years ago fixed everything!"* Rita continued, *"Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross and died for our sins. Christ's death and resurrection has fixed everything with our relationship with God and opened the gates of Heaven for all believers."*

One of the young people, LaMar Peterson, nodded in agreement and said he understood what the waitress meant and observed, *"God is like software. He enters our life, scans our problems, edits our tensions, downloads solutions, deletes all our worries and saves us."* LaMar's friends, especially Anita Sanchez, were amazed and delighted by his thoughtful response.

My Brothers, waitress Rita Marples was correct. Duct tape may patch a lot of things, but 3 nails fixed everything. **As the Apostle John says in 3:16, For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.** Let us rejoice in His Easter gift of everlasting life.

## Ladies Luncheon

*By Jean Gobbo*

The ladies' luncheon last month at Crepes and Burgers in Fair Oaks was another great success! Ten ladies shared a delicious meal, and our server, Camile, was outstanding. Prior to lunch, four people walked the stations of the cross at Christ the King Passionist Retreat Center, including Joann, Fran and myself, along with Brother Knight Gene Gobbo.



Since the 3rd Thursday in April falls on Holy Thursday, our next luncheon will be held on the 4th Thursday, April 24. This is a one-time change! We will meet at Estelle Bakery & Pâtisserie at 2530 Arden Way near Fulton Ave. Parking is limited so we suggest you carpool if possible! Lunch will begin around 1 pm.

Let's have a good turnout so we can all brag about what the Easter Bunny brought us! Any questions you can call either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933 or myself, Jean Gobbo at 916-261-8674.