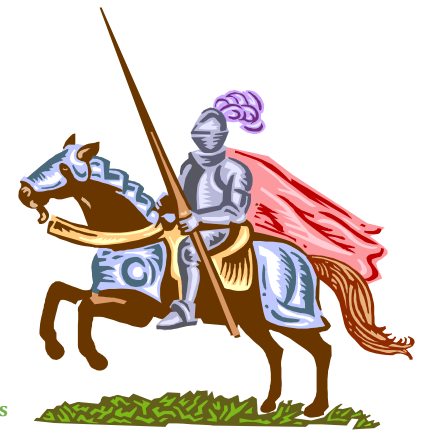


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Finding Your Tithe

By Will Friesen, Grand Knight

I have written of the three T's that God has given us: time, talents and treasures. Everything that I possess was entrusted to me by God. God asks for us to tithe of the gifts that he has given us. The word tithe literally means tenth. If I assume that I am awake 14 hours a day then I need to find a way to give God 10 hours each week. Gosh, that sounds like a lot.

My challenge for this month is for me to look for opportunities to give God his 10 hours each week. He helps by defining the first hour. It hardly seems fair that I get to count the hour that I spend in his house in prayer. Lucky for us, God counts Mass in our tithe.

I am blessed that my next-door neighbors are deep into their 80s. I am their adopted handyman. I get calls for everything from changing batteries in their smoke alarms to repairing sprinkler heads. They recently replaced their old mechanical sprinkler timer with an electronic model and invited me over to install it. While they often make me coffee to say thanks, I count the time in service towards my tithe.

I spent a week of 8 hour days at the fireworks booth. I spent more time visiting with the men and one lady than selling, but I count that time towards my tithe.

I spend 30 minutes each day in prayer and scripture study. This is really more about getting my spirit fed by God, but I count that time as a part of my tithe.

I coach a soccer team that is made up of 7 year old girls. I love to see the looks on the girls faces when they finally master a skill or concept. I am getting fresh air and a little exercise, but I count that time when I calculate my tithe.

I suspect that we all might already be giving God his tenth without thinking about it. Perhaps my challenge should not be in finding the 10 hours, but instead thanking God for bringing me those opportunities to do as he asks.

August Calendar

August 1

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

August 3

Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, St

August 6

Ice Cream Social, 2 p.m., Leatherby's

August 8

Business Meeting and Dinner, 6 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

August 15

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

August 17

Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m., Bennett's
Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, St

August 19

River Cats Game, 7:05 p.m., Sutter Health
Park

August 22

Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

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Another Successful Fireworks Sale

By Frank Consulo, Deputy Grand Knight

I want to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Brothers for electing me as your Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director for 2023-2024. I look forward to working with our new Grand Knight Will Friesen and helping him achieve his program directives and goals for our council during this fraternal year.

Our fireworks booth heralded the start of another busy year. The presentation of scholarships to the eight grade students graduating and going on to Catholic high school is one of our Council's major efforts. Our fireworks sales were over \$50,000 this year which will support this very important cause.

This year the weather was a lot hotter than last year. I brought in a swamp cooler to help out. Brothers came out to work their voluntary shifts, It was nice to see all these Knights helping out each day. I appreciate their hard work and support.

Thank You, GK Will Friesen for your support. PGK Michael Dougherty, and his son Ben, and PGK Peter Kilkenny helped every morning setting up. Peter helped to close with Nick Lushenko (pictured below). And PGK Michael Langer, Sharon Langer, and PGK Michael Corcoran worked a lot of hours. Other brothers providing valuable support included PGK Joshua Figueroa, Steve Hall, Kevin Hall, Aaron Stroh, Gene Gobbo, Shawn Herrick, Ken McDonald, Bill Davis, PGK Joe Romanazzi, PGK Tim Spinelli, Gary Mello, Steven Millner, Todd Wilson, Don Thamer, PGK Lorin Wallin, Raymond Fishbach, JC Greco, and Chuck Stewart. Sorry if I missed any other Knights—I was in and out in the afternoons.

When we all come together to achieve a goal it is a proud feeling!



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When a neighbor asks for help, thank God that you have the ability to help. When the Knights need help with a project, thank God that you are able to help. When Father asks for some of your time for the parish, thank God that you have the talent and make time for God.

If you start by thanking God, then the service is easy. If you offer the work up to God, then the desire is strong. If you seek God in the effort, then you will find him. And if you make this your habit, then 10 hours is nothing. So, start looking.

God Bless!

Protecting the Life of the Unborn

By Ken Macdonald, Life Director

The discussion of “pro life” issues is packed with emotion and any number of opinions depending on who or what you happening to be listening to at a given point in time.

The position of the Catholic Church is very clear as we support the right to life of our unborn sisters and brothers. Our Council has a lengthy track record of supporting life at many levels. Brothers John, Todd, and PGK Peter M. have spent countless hours outside abortion facilities praying, counseling, and offering Rosaries for those contemplating the termination of a pregnancy.

You may not be at that same level of commitment, and as such I am suggesting that you take “smaller steps” to raise your knowledge and awareness of the primary issues at hand. As I have suggested in the past, you can begin to formulate your own foundation of knowledge and awareness by regularly connecting with materials that will enlighten your understanding and focus. The book entitled “Pro-Life Reflections for Everyday” is available through Amazon. These short reflections and prayers will provide you with “food for thought” given the need to better understand and develop your “Pro-Life” position.

“Forty Days for Life” is an excellent source for a better understanding of the issues pertaining to our position for life. Simply Google “40 Days for Life” and you will be able to receive daily e-mails informing you of the activity, locally and worldwide, designed to preserve and sustain our pro-life position.

Both of these sources will help you to build a foundation for being better able to defend life whenever the situation presents itself. These options will help you to “get involved” at a basic level, and given a greater understanding, you may very well look for additional ways to serve as many of your Brothers have already done.

Go ahead! Stick your toe in the water! It is not too deep, and you can swim, so focus some of your energy to save life in our community.

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

Joe Kievernagel

Pope Francis

Dan Aeltine

Pope Benedict (dec)

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David Bland (dec)

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

Remember When?

By Gene Gobbo, Past Grand Knight

Anyone know these Brother Knights from years gone by? Just received it and believe it was taken around 2008 when Richard Schultz (now deceased) was our GK (names scrambled). Three Brothers even I don't know. Good Luck.



Richard Schultz, Sid Tarango Sr, Fr. Tom Bland, Jim Hagarty, John Mizerak, Charles Donaldson, Jerry Marenich, Paul Starkovich, Don Harmata, Jack Wakefield, Gene Gobbo, Don Koscheski, Eldon Hancock, Frank Gianatassio, Ken Macdonald, Roy Lasich, Mike Corcoran, John Dipiazza, and Todd Wilson.

It's Time to Eat Ice Cream on a Sunday!

By Ray and Pat Fischbach

Our annual Family Ice Cream Social is once again at Leatherby's Family Creamery at 2333 Arden Way, Sunday, August 6, starting at 2 p.m. Those monster Ice Cream Sundaes and other lunch menus are hard to top. Bring immediate and extended family members and prospects. For more information, please call Ray or Pat at (916) 485-4858. Hope to see you there!

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Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights Attended Funeral Service for David Bland, Brother of Fr. Tom Bland, Pastor Emeritus of St. John the Evangelist

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight



Council Knights and Lady Knights were among those who gathered for funeral services at St. John the Evangelist Church (SJE) on July 3, 2023 to pray for long-time SJE parishioner David P. Bland (1937-2023). David is the brother of SJE Pastor Emeritus and our Council Brother, Fr. Thomas Bland.

Fr. Bland celebrated the Mass which was concelebrated by current Pastor, Fr. Dominic Savio, MSFS, former Pastor Fr. Bernardin Mugabo, and Fr. Alban Uba. They were joined at the altar by Deacon Jack Wilson.

A Viewing and praying of the Holy Rosary took place prior to the start of the Mass. Burial was at Calvary Catholic Cemetery following a reception at the church's Tralee Center.

A Council-requested Mass for the repose of David's soul was celebrated on July 10 at SJE. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

At the Meeting

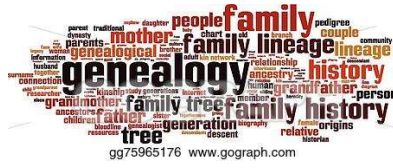
Acting District Deputy Lou Salvatore conducted the installation of Council 4970 officers for the 2022-23 Columbian year at our July Business Meeting. Congratulations to our new officers. For the current listing of our officers, see page 2.



JOE’S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

JESUS CHRIST IS ONE OF US



Genealogies are very important. They give us our roots and help us to understand our heritage. After all, the stories of our families are the stories of us. A family tree is a chart representing family relationships in a conventional tree structure. Family trees have been used to document family histories across time and cultures throughout the world. It is thought that the image of the tree probably originated with the Tree of Jesse in medieval art. It was used to illustrate the genealogy of Christ as prophesized by Isaiah, “From the stump of Jesse a shoot will come forth; from his roots a branch will grow and bear fruit” (Isaiah 11:1).

The New Testament provides two accounts of the **genealogy of Jesus**. The first is in the Gospel of Matthew (1:1-17) and the second is the Gospel of Luke (3:23-38). The **family tree of Jesus** in the Gospel of Matthew starts with Abraham, while in Luke it begins with Adam. Matthew’s Gospel listing of the genealogy of Jesus stretches back forty-two generations from Abraham to Christ. He was part of a family that was a mix of good and bad people, even including a prostitute, a polygamist, a rapist and a murderer. Just like Jesus, we may also have dysfunctional and infamous relatives in our own family trees.

The following is a humorous spoof on the family tree of one of the most famous and influential painters in Western art history, Vincent Van Gogh.

Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh

- His dizzy aunt.....Verti Gogh
- The brother who ate prunes.....Gotta Gogh
- The brother who worked at a convenience store..... Stop N Gogh
- The grandfather from Yugoslavia..... U Gogh
- His magician uncle.....Where-diddy Gogh
- His Mexican cousin.....A Mee Gogh
- The Mexican cousin’s American half-brother.....Gring Gogh
- The nephew who drove a stage coach.....Wells-far Gogh
- The constipated uncle.....Can’t Gogh
- The ballroom dancing aunt.....Tang Gogh
- The bird lover uncle.....Flamin Gogh
- An aunt who taught positive thinking.....Way-to-Gogh
- The little bouncy nephew.....Poe Gogh
- A sister who loved disco.....Go Gogh
- The brother with low back pain..... Lum Bay Gogh
- And his niece who travels the country in an RV..... Winnie Bay Gogh

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My Brothers, the late Les Dawson (1931-1993) was a popular English comedian noted for saying, "Families are like fudge – mostly sweet with a few nuts." If we shake our own family trees hard enough, more than a few nuts may fall out. But don't despair. One thing is clear regardless of blood ties. If we want to experience joy and respect in our own lives and in those of others, we must recognize Christ's presence in them and appreciate that God is always working in ways we may not fully understand or see. And remember, we don't get to choose our families, they are God's gift to us. This is good news because as Jesus' own family genealogy clearly demonstrates, God truly became man and lived among us. **This Definitely Makes Our Divine Savior Jesus Christ One of Us!!**

Join us for the Rivercats Game on August 19

By Ken Macdonald

"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 19, the Rivercats will be playing the Tacoma Rainiers. First pitch is at 7:05 p.m.. Tickets are \$30/person (discounted from \$35). You can make a reservation by contacting Ken Macdonald (916-631-0774). We would like to have all reservations made by Friday, August 11. 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!!

At the Booth

The Annual Fireworks sale netted approximately \$17,000, of which \$12,000 will fund scholarships for graduating 8th graders at our three parish schools. The remaining funds will be part of the overall donations to our parishes and a number of non-profit organizations. Here are pictures of PGKs, Josh Figueroa, Peter Kilkenny, Larry Rositani, Michael Corcoran, and Treasurer Steve Millner.



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Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Another luncheon last month is behind us, and although fewer than normal attended, it was a success. Mountain Mikes had a great buffet and the seven ladies and one daughter (see picture) enjoyed the pizza choices, salad and beverage.

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, August 17 at Bennett's Restaurant on Fair Oaks Blvd (2232 Fair Oaks Blvd), near Howe Ave.



It is a relatively new classy restaurant, and is willing to host us with individual checks, etc. If you have any questions, you know who to call to get the answer! Contact either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933, or myself, Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674.

Stay cool folks and don't forget to hydrate. See you all on the 17th.

