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Praise Jesus!

By Tim Spinelli, Grand Knight

It is with great honor that I assume the role of Grand Knight for this upcoming Columbian year. My journey with the Knights has been interesting and likely a very unique one. I feel blessed to have joined this fraternal Order by participating in one the last secret exemplification ceremonies. Shortly after, our council meetings went fully online, which was less than desirable, but allowed us to adapt and keep our council active. My last two years of service have included acting as the council Recorder, hosting the Zoom calls, assisting with the printing and mailing of this newsletter, and my favorite: hosting the online Rosary prayer meetings.

My pledge upon joining the Knights was to serve in a capacity that draws upon my strengths and promotes our Catholic faith. The act of serving has been greatly rewarding and I challenge every brother in this council to reflect on how you can best serve this council and our parishes. I caution you to avoid accepting roles you find undesirable, but remain open to opportunities that best fit you. The council has many programs that need a champion to help bring them to life. My service with the Rosary program has profoundly enriched my faith and I encourage each of you to seek out your own adventure in service. Ask your brothers for ideas, we are all in this together.

Please join me in reinvigorating our council by actively engaging in Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. May God Bless Us in this new Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!

THE SUPREME COURT REVERSES ROE v WADE

By Michael Fazio, Editor

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, concurrently overturning Roe v. Wade, the landmark ruling that legalized abortion nationwide nearly 50 years ago. Below are messages from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Bishop Jamie Soto.

[Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly](#)

[Message from Bishop Jamie Soto](#)

RIVERCATS BASEBALL GAME

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

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July Calendar

July 5 – Rosary 7 pm
Zoom

July 6 – Bible Study 7 pm
Rose Room, Saint Ignatius

July 12 – Business Meeting 7:30 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption

July 19 – Rosary 7 pm
Zoom

July 21 – Ladies Luncheon 1 pm
The Mandarin Restaurant

July 26 – Planning Meeting 7:30 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption

Aug 6 – Rivercats Baseball
Raley Field

Aug 7 – Ice Cream Social 2:00 pm
Leatherby’s Family Creamery

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July 29. 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 and 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!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS-ELECT FOR 2022-2023



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*Deacon Lawrence Niekamp was appointed by Supreme as our Financial Secretary. The Chaplain and Lecturer positions are to be appointed by the incoming Grand Knight.



JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

On the Eighth Day He Answered Complaints

Complaining is nothing new and let's face it, we all love to complain. We have all heard people say they can't wait for summer so they can stop complaining about how cold it is, only to say that they can't wait for winter so they can stop complaining about how hot it is. Will Bowen in his international bestselling book, *A Complaint Free World* (Published 2007), summarizes the reasons people complain with the acronym G-R-I-P-E. He says G is to get attention, R is to remove responsibility, I is to inspire envy, P is to have power over others and E is to excuse poor performance. The book is based on the idea that good things will happen for you in abundance if you can just leave your grumbling behind.

We all know that God created the world in six days, then rested on the seventh day. The rest of the story is that on the eighth day he answered complaints. Although it is not in sacred scripture that an anteater complained to Noah that he brought only two ants on the ark as suggested in the whimsical cartoon included here, there are numerous examples of complaining in the Bible. Adam was the first complainer when he complained to God that Eve gave him forbidden fruit that she picked from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and he ate it. Other examples include complaints made by Moses and complaints received by God and Moses from the Israelites during the Exodus out of Egypt, complaints made by the early prophets concerning the idolatry of the Jewish nation, Job's complaints over his misfortunes, complaints from the Pharisees and scribes over the Lord's eating with tax collectors and sinners. Then there were Martha's complaints to the Lord when her sister Mary wouldn't help her in the kitchen, the laborers in the vineyard complaining about wages, and Hellenistic Jews complaining about the native Hebrews when their widows were being overlooked in the daily food distribution. The list goes on and on.



While the Bible is full of examples demonstrating complaining, it is also full of advice to keep from doing so. Complaining is not a fruit of the Spirit and is destructive because it weakens our personal conduct and character. It serves to make the witnessing of our Catholic faith and of God's goodness more difficult. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faith, gentleness and fidelity (Galatians 5:22-23). The Bible tells us the fruit of the Spirit makes our lives and more importantly the lives of others that we come in contact with more holy.

Of these, be good and understanding, mutually forgiving one another as God forgave you in Christ. As most beloved children of God, strive to imitate him. Follow the way of love, the example of Christ who loved you. He gave himself up for us and became the offering and sacrificial victim whose fragrance rises to God. Finally, while it is not wrong to complain to God, it is wrong to complain about God. Those that did so met the anger of the Lord. If we must complain, let it be to Him about our own sinfulness so that He will forgive and cleanse us and put within us a new heart, one that rejoices rather than complains. My Brothers, complaining is detrimental to our lives. In this life, our love for God is bound together with our love of others. In a very tangible way, we have a model in Christ, the Son of God who gave himself out of an abundance of love for us. St. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 4:31-5:2 to do away with all quarreling, rage, anger, insults and every kind of malice. In place

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PRAYER LIST

Names on the sick/distress list are removed after being on the list for more than one year. Names may be reinstated simply by contacting Will Friesen at will.friesen@friesen-research.com, or by personal request at any meeting. Some very long-term entries (marked with an asterisk) will remain since they are known special cases. Names will continue to be removed each month as their anniversary occurs.

Brothers, families, and friends listed below will be remembered during our business meetings:

- Aborted Children**
- All Caregivers of the sick**
- Mario LaSchiazza**
- Ben Dougherty**
- Joe Kievernagel**
- Mark Kievernagel (dec)**
- Richard Hill (dec)**
- Steven Koscheski (dec)**
- Pope Francis**
- Father Dave Ayotte (dec)**
- Don and Joan Cotton**
- Richard Shultz (dec)**
- Michael Aseltine (dec)**
- Christopher Scott (dec)**
- Bill Davis**
- Jacintha Ezeudoye (dec)**
- John DePiazza (dec)**
- Robert Sholtes(dec)**

Lady Knights:

- Norma Niekamp**
- Danielle Corcoran**

To report illness or death contact
Fraternal Committee
PGK Michael Dougherty

GOD CALLS TWO OF OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS HOME

Our Council suffered the loss of two exemplary Catholics and worthy Knights in April and May 2022. Brothers John DePiazza and Robert Scholtes each had decades of service to the Knights of Columbus and to the Arden-Carmichael Community. May their souls & the souls of all of our faithful departed Council members, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Council 4970 Member John R. DePiazza Passes Away August 02, 1933 - April 17, 2022

Brother John DePiazza, passed away in Carmichael on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, at age 88. Brother John was a member of Council 4970 until transferring to St. John the Evangelist Council 16612 when that council was formed. With the recent merger of the two councils, he once again became a member of Council 4970. At the time of his passing, Brother John was involved in many programs in both councils and was very patriotic. His patriotism was evidenced by his exemplary service in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and achieving the rank of Major. He was called Sir Knight as a member of the Fourth Degree of our Order.



Memorial services were held at St. John the Evangelist Church on Memorial Day, May 30th. The Mass was preceded by a praying of the rosary led by family members. Dozens of Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights joined Brother John's family and friends at the services to celebrate his life. Pastor Fr. Bernardin Mugabo celebrated the Mass, along with Pastor Emeritus Tom Bland. PGK Gene Gobbo and Brother Kevin Hall presented a Resolution of Condolence to the family, along with a pair of rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori. The Fourth Degree represented by the Christ the King Assembly provided an Honor Guard and a Chalice team adding to the solemnity of the services. An Air Force Honor Guard team from Travis AFB presented the flag of our country to the family, performed a rifle salute and played taps. The services concluded with an emotional Missing Man ceremony conducted by our PGK Miguel Sabral (Staff Sergeant, US Army-Retired). Brother John's cremains will be laid to rest in the DePiazza Family plot at St. Mary's Cemetery in Herkimer, NY, next to Lady Knight Peg, his loving wife of 61 years at the time of her passing.

A Mass requested by our Council for the repose of Brother John's soul was celebrated on Friday, June 10, 2022, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael. Requiescat in pace Brother John.

To the right is a photo showing the vase containing 10 red roses brought to the altar by Bro. John's 10 grandchildren in a procession prior to the start of the Mass. The roses were placed on a table with the urn holding Brother John's cremains and a U.S. flag displayed at the service. His photo was placed on a second table.

Sir Knight John DePiazza
In Memoriam

Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mother of our Redeemer, Mother of our Church and the Patroness of the Knights of Columbus. Today we entrust the soul of our Brother John DePiazza to that the very presence here to see him. By his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight.

John joined the Knights of Columbus in 2003 and was in support of and in accord with the principles of the Knights of Columbus, charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. John was a devoted Catholic, an active member of the Knights and involved in a number of Ministries at his parish, St. John the Evangelist in Carmichael, California.

John was a member of both Knights of Columbus Councils 4970 and 16612. He was a Charter Member and an officer of Council 16612. He never hesitated to assist or attend Council programs since the formation of Council 16612.

Our Knight John's patriotism was evidenced by his service in the United States Air Force, being promoted to the rank of Major. He many assignments in the Air Force earned him numerous awards prior to his retirement in 1975. He was also a member of the patriotic arm of the Knights, the Fourth and highest level of the Order at Christ the King Assembly.

Brother John, was born on August 2, 1933 and passed April 17, 2022. A special mass will be offered for the repose of his soul and the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the Holyday of our Order, in New Haven, Connecticut. Gentle Mary, we pray that you may lead Brother John into the presence of your Son as we look forward to the day when we will join him in that heavenly Kingdom, where your Son lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.

We offer this testimonial of confidence to the DePiazza family as an expression of heartfelt sympathy and love from the Brothers and families of John Carmichael Council 4970 on this day, May 30, 2022.

Julius Figueroa, Grand Knight, Council 4970

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Council 4970 Member Robert “Bob” Scholtes Passes Away July 7, 1931 – May 20, 2022

Council 4970 Fraternal Brother Robert J. Scholtes passed away on May 20, 2022, at the age of 90. Brother Bob was a member of the Knights of Columbus since September 1962. He was an active participant in activities of the Knights and involved in a number of ministries at his parish, St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael, CA. Bob was very patriotic as evidenced by his exemplary service in the U.S. Navy. He served multiple tours of duty in Vietnam, was promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander and received numerous awards prior to his retirement in 1977.



Brother Bob Scholtes
In Memoriam

Every Knight of Columbus is entrusted to the care of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mother of our Redeemer, Mother of our Church and the Mother of the Knights of Columbus. Today we entrust the soul of our brother Bob Scholtes to that she may prepare him for her son. By his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight.

Bob joined the Knights of Columbus in September 1962 and was in support of and in accord with the principles of the Knights of Columbus, charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Bob was a devoted Catholic, an active participant in activities of the Knights and involved in a number of ministries at his parish, St. John the Evangelist in Carmichael, California. His active participation in council programs included our highly successful tourist and drives and fireworks events.

Over two million have been generated over \$200,000 over the years.

Bob's patriotism was evidenced by his service in the United States Navy, serving multiple tours of duty in Vietnam, being promoted to the rank of Lt. Commander and receiving numerous awards prior to his retirement in 1977.

Brother Bob was born on July 7, 1931 and passed May 20, 2022. A special daily mass will be offered for the repose of his soul and the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the Motherhouse of our Order, in New Haven, Connecticut. Gentle Mary, we pray that you may lead Brother Bob into the presence of your Son as we look forward to the day when we will join him in that heavenly Kingdom, where your Son lives and reigns forever and ever, Amen.

We offer this testimonial of condolence to Lady Knight Jean and the entire Scholtes family as an expression of heartfelt sympathy and love from the brothers and families of Fraternity Council 4970 on this day, June 10, 2022.

Julius Figueroa, Grand Knight, Council 4970

Brother Bob's memorial service was held on June 9, 2022 at St. John the Evangelist Church. It was attended by Knights and Lady Knights, family members, friends, and fellow parishioners. The funeral Mass was celebrated by SJE Pastor Emeritus and Council 4970-member, Fr. Thomas Bland. PGK's Gene Gobbo and Joe Romanazzi presented Lady Knight Jean with a Resolution of Condolence and a pair of Rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain. The services concluded with an emotional Missing Man ceremony conducted by our PGK Miguel



Sabral (Staff Sergeant, US Army-Retired). Brothers Gene Gobbo, Jerry Marenich and Tony Carvelli, all veterans of our armed services, stood and answered affirmatively when their names were called out by Staff Sergeant Sabral.

Brother Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lady Knight Jean, and by 10 children, 23 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Brother Bob's ashes were interred at the National Veteran's Cemetery in Dixon following the completion of his church services. Requiescat in pace Brother Bob.

Note: A Mass requested by our Council for the repose of Brother Bob's soul will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 8:30 A.M.

Above is a photo showing the beautiful flower arrangements and plants surrounding the urn which held Brother Bob's remains, along with his photo.

Planning for the 2023 Columbian Year

By Gene Gobbo, Past Grand Knight

Brothers, we are making plans for a very busy year. The following suggestion need leaders and leaders need a team. If any of the following activities are calling your name, please contact either Tim Spinelli or Will Friesen at the above numbers:

- July - Installation of Officers
- August - River Cats game
- August- Ice Cream Social
- Sept/Oct - Pancake Breakfast. SJE
- October – Intellectual Disabilities Drive
- November- Widows Memorial Mass, Lunch
- December- Pancake Breakfasts SI/OLA
- January - Free Throw Contest
- January - Cioppino SJE
- February - Kings games (2)
- Lent – Stations (where)
- March - Fish Fry OLA
- Other: Snow train to Reno overnight

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**ELECTRONIC SERVICE
REQUESTED**

IT'S TIME TO EAT ICE CREAM SUNDAES ON A SUNDAY

By TODD WILSON, CHAIRMAN

Our annual Family Ice Cream Social is once again at Leatherby's Family Creamery at 2333 Arden Way, Sunday August 7th starting at 2 PM. Those monster Ice Cream Sundaes and other lunch menus are hard to top. You can go off your "diet" once a year. Bring immediate and extended family members and prospects. For more information, please call Todd Wilson, (916) 961-2761. Hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Our next Ladies Luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 21st starting at 1 PM at the Mandarin Restaurant. The Mandarin is next door to Whole Foods, 4321 Arden Way at the corner of Arden and Eastern. We look forward to seeing all of you!!

Questions? You can call Glenda MacDonald at 916-631-0774 or myself, Jean Gobbo at 916-283-5223.

