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Leadership

By *Tim Spinelli, Grand Knight*

Some people are born leaders, I am not. It may be a fairly credible assumption that God has a sense of humor because he keeps putting me in leadership positions. When I was nominated to be Grand Knight a defense mechanism kicked in and I tried to find every reason why I should decline. I was sure that I did not have enough free time, I am too introverted, and I was too green as a knight. After some prayerful reflection, I pushed aside my concerns and realized that I could make time for the responsibilities. I have experience running meetings. I could learn about council projects and services, and get to know my brother knights. I am glad I focused on what I could achieve, allowing my leadership skills to grow through faith in action, and so far the journey has been very rewarding.

I believe that each and every knight in our council is a leader. We tend to work behind the scenes and not draw attention to our efforts, but many in our parish community notice our actions and dedication. We had a lively discussion break out at our last Planning Meeting in October. Initiated by comments from Past Grand Knight Len Zerilli, many knights in attendance agreed that we should make our presence more well known within our parishes and that perhaps this would be a mechanism to recruit more catholic gentlemen into our council. I welcome the suggestion and look forward to cultivating new members into future leaders in our parishes. Let us all work together to coach the next generation of leaders by the examples of our own faith in action.

I hope to see you all at our next business meeting.

Finding Perfect Joy in Doing the Lord's Will

By *PGK Joe Romanazzi and Council ID Drive Chairman*



Our 2022 Council 4970 ID Drive fundraiser for Camp ReCreation was off and running at full speed in October. The Tootsie's and our volunteer helpers were all in place and ready to go. The official ID Drive aprons and donation cans were taken out of storage and used for the first time since the start of the COVID Pandemic. The ID Drive Letters were mailed out and in the hands of our Brother Knights and Lady Knights. The staging tables at St. John the Evangelist, Our Lady of the Assumption, Emigh Hardware, and Saint Ignatius were furnished with an abundance of free Tootsie Rolls for the taking. All that was needed were caring and generous donors. Like the Cliff Swallows returning to the Capistrano area year after year, God provided hundreds of them.

November Calendar

Nov 8 – Business Meeting 7:30 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption

Nov 12 – Widows Mass 11:00 a.m.
St John the Evangelist

Nov 15 – Rosary 7 pm
Zoom

Nov 17 – Ladies Luncheon 1 p.m.
Old Spaghetti Factory

Nov 17 – Kings Game

Nov 22 – Planning Meeting 7:30 pm
Our Lady of the Assumption

Dec 13 – Christmas Dinner
Our Lady of the Assumption

The Drive results so far are truly amazing considering the often-bad economic news we are bombarded with every day by the news media. Up to the deadline for the publishing of this article, \$13,074 has been donated. All donations should be compiled and ready for publishing in the December Paladin.

My Brothers, Pope John XXIII remarked, "Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." As members of Council 4970, we have taken his words to heart and are leaving worthy evidence of our passage through time. Our love of God compels us to love our neighbors. We know that our acts of kindness and charity are always rewarded when we bring people closer to God. When the people of Arden-Carmichael witness our charitable activities, some may desire to join us. Others may be attracted to the Catholic faith and to the Lord. Our Council activities, like our ID Drive to benefit Camp ReCreation, help foster a deep love for Christ which makes Him very happy and helps us to find perfect joy in doing His will.

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October 9th thru 10th, with Jerry



From the Saint John the Evangelist ID Drive on October 1st thru 2nd. GK Tim Spinelli with sons and future Knights in training-- Lucas, Robbie and Andy. Then Brothers Aaron Stroh and Todd Wilson.



And two pictures from the Emigh Hardware ID Drive on October 15th thru October 16th.

Our Lady of the Assumption ID Drive on Butler.



JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

God Has Truly Blessed Us

Here are some incredible statistics that provide an interesting perspective of the world population. It is a reminder how fortunate we are to live in the United States. The friend who sent me this stunning statistical analysis did not know its origin so I checked around myself. I found various postings of the following on the internet and that the author is apparently unknown:

The population of Earth is around 7.8 billion. For most people, it is a large figure, that is all.

However, if you condensed 7.8 billion in the world into 100 persons, and then into various percentage statistics. The resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

Out of 100 People:

11 are in Europe
5 are in North America
9 are in South America
15 are in Africa
60 are in Asia

49 live in the countryside
51 live in cities

12 speak Chinese, 5 speak Spanish, 5 speak English, 3 speak Arabic, 3 speak Hindi, 3 speak Bengali, 3 speak Portuguese, 2 speak Russian, 2 speak Japanese, 62 speak their own language.

77 have their own houses, 23 have no place to live.

21 are over-nourished, 63 can eat until full, 15 are under-nourished, 1 ate the last meal, but did not make it to the next meal.

The daily cost of living for 48 is less than \$2.

87 have clean drinking water, 13 either lack clean drinking water or have access to a water source that is polluted.

75 have mobile phones, 25 do not. 30 have internet access, 70 do not have conditions to go online

7 received university education, 93 did not attend college. 83 can read, 17 are illiterate.

33 are Christians, 22 are Muslims, 14 are Hindus, 7 are Buddhists, 12 are other religions, 12 have no religious beliefs

26 live less than 14 years, 66 died between 15 - 64 years of age, 8 are over 65 years old.

If you have your own home, eat full meals & drink clean water, have a mobile phone, can surf the internet, and have gone to college, you are in a category with less than 7 percent of the earth's population. Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 can live or exceed the age of 65. If you are over 65 years old, be content, grateful and cherish life. You did not leave this world before the age of 64 years like the 92 persons who have gone before you.

My Brothers, God has indeed blessed us. May we witness for the Lord every day, grateful and thankful for all his many blessings upon us.

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
Michael Aseltine (dec)
Christopher Scott (dec)
Bill Davis
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John DePiazza (dec)
Robert Sholtes(dec)
Rick Di Regolo (dec)
Frank Gianattasio (dec)

Lady Knights:

Danielle Corcoran

To report illness or death contact
Fraternal Committee
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A Brother with Many Talents

We all know that PGK Peter Kilkenny is a *Brother with many talents*. His skills as our official Council 4970 Warbler, Warden and OLA Parish Liaison are undisputed. To the amazement of his fellow Brother Knights Michael Langer, Jerry Butler and photographer Joe Romanazzi, he proved it once again between Masses at the OLA Tootsie Roll Drive on Oct.



9th. Peter added to his repertoire of levity when he pulled a Tootsie Roll out of his ear! Brother Peter, do you ever feel like your "body's check engine" light has been on and you're still driving it like "Nah, it'll be fine?"

Join us for Council Christmas Party on December 13, 2022

Past Grand Knight Miguel Sabral and Lady Knight Debra Sabral invite all brothers and Lady Knights to our annual Christmas gathering on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Hall of OLA.



The evening will include dinner, door prizes, and Christmas cheer, followed by our monthly Business meeting. We hope you can join your fellow Knights as we celebrate the upcoming Christmas season.

Special thanks to PGKs Joe Romanazzi and Peter Kilkenny, and Lady Knight Liz Romanazzi for organizing what should be a joyous event.

Hope to see you at the party!



Chancellor Frank Consulo Receives His Fourth Degree Card

Ole and Congratulations to Brother Jerry Butler on His 75th Birthday



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Lessons from a Football Game

By Michael Fazio, Editor

On October 15, 2022, my Penn State Nittany Lions traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan to play the University of Michigan football team at Michigan Stadium. The noon kick off (9 a.m. Pacific) provided me a brief rest bit to enjoy my Nittany Lions in action. But as I considered whether I should be doing something more productive, I thought about what lessons I could learn from this game of football. And, as football often teaches lessons about life, I thought it also might provide some lessons for our spiritual life. And, so, here are my lessons learned from watching Penn State vs. Michigan:



- **Everyone has an important role:** I thought about all the people involved in the game. Certainly the players and coaches, but also the BigTen officials, the chain crew, scoreboard operator, PA announcer, the trainers and doctors on the sideline, and the security on the field and in the stadium. And all those folks selling concessions. The list goes on. And each of them with a role to play in making the game a reality.
- **You have a job to do** - if you don't do it, it doesn't get done: a lineman missing a block can have a deleterious effect on a play, leading to a QB sack, an interception, or tackle for a loss.
- **There's beauty to simplicity:** some times the simplest plays work the best. It does not need to be complicated.
- **"Don't get bored taking a profit":** Michigan was running all over Penn State's defense. The game analyst, Joe Klatt, remarked Michigan shouldn't get tired of doing the things that work.
- **Even when the game is lost, there are still opportunities to learn, grow, and produce:** As you'll see later, this ended up being a lopsided outcome. Still, each team still had opportunities to make plays until the final whistle. Opportunities to learn, grow, and produce.
- **More people could be great if they did the work, but they don't:** as true in football as it is in life.
- **Don't force the pass, but sometimes take the risk:** we often don't need to make the big play to move the ball forward. Sometimes you'll take a chance on big plays, and they may work out (or not). But many times holding onto the ball is more important than making a big play.
- **There's something comforting about traditions:** I love the traditions of college football—something as simple as knowing what down it is by the music the band is playing. Its something stable, predictable, and provides a warm feeling of both years gone by and the present day.
- **Keep your emotions in check:** be in control of yourself so you can best serve your team
- **Stats don't tell the whole story:** you can't measure grit and heart
- **There is something awesome about being part of something big:** over 110,000 people gathered at Michigan Stadium to play their role in a great game. Most people had a small role, but they had that sense they were part of an experience bigger than themselves.
- **One of God's beautiful gifts is a crisp, fall afternoon.**



So while the final score did not go the way I had hoped --- Michigan 41, Penn State 17—there were a lot of lessons learned. And if you think about how these lessons from a game apply to your spiritual life, I think you will see parallels and insights. God speaks to us and teaches us in many ways—including on the gridiron on an autumn afternoon.

For the glory (of God)!

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A Limerick

By Michael Dougherty

A rancher whose nickname was "Shifty"
Drove cattle to sell in the City,
When the count fell 2 short, his quick-witted retort?:
"Round 'em up" then you're sure to get 50!



Knights of Columbus Ladies' Luncheon

Our October Ladies Luncheon was again another fantastic success. We are really getting good at this!! So we continue to enjoy our monthly get togethers with the November luncheon scheduled for the Old Spaghetti Factory at 1 pm on Thursday November 17th. The restaurant is located on Watt Avenue at Arden Way. Mark your calendars! This will be a nice break before the start of the Holiday Season. Questions contact Glenda Macdonald at 916-631-0774 or Jean Gobbo at 916-283-5223.

