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People with Special Needs Are Special to Me

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight



Our Knights serving at Camp ReCreation's Trivia Night

I would like to share a personal story with you. When I was five and a half years old, I was in a fire accident that burned and scarred forty percent of my skin. This caused me great physical and emotional pain, and deep trauma, for decades.

At the time this happened, my dad was out of work, so he would take on odd jobs to feed the family. He found work as a handyman putting the finishing touches on new homes. He would paint, adjust doors, and anything else that was needed. My mom worked alongside him cleaning the windows, floors, bathrooms, kitchens, etc., to prepare for the new residents.

I wanted to help my dad out too, so he gave me the job of putting all of the trash in a 50-gallon can so that he could burn its contents. One day, I found the matches that he kept hidden under the seat of his 1946 Chevy truck.

October Calendar

- October 1**
Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom
- October 2**
Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., SI
- October 5**
Mass on the Grass, 10 a.m., William Pond Park
- October 5-6**
ID Drive, SI
- October 8**
Business Meeting and Dinner, 6:30 p.m., St. John's Hall, OLA
- October 12**
Father Bland BBQ, 4 p.m. SJE
- October 12-13**
ID Drive, OLA
- October 15**
Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom
- October 16**
Bible Study, 6:30 p.m., SI
- October 17**
Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m., Selland's Cafe
- October 19-20**
ID Drive, Emigh Hardware
- October 22**
Planning Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Hall, OLA
- October 24**
Mass for Gerald Marenich, 8:30 a.m., SJE
- October 26**
Trunk or Treat, 2 p.m., OLA
- October 26-27**
ID Drive, SJE

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I brought the matches over to the garbage can with the intention of burning the trash.

I struck a match to burn the trash, and it was like a bomb exploded. It didn't occur to me that my tee shirt had been soaked in enamel paint and paint thinner. I was on fire and I couldn't put it out! So much for going home that night to watch Lassie on TV.

I quickly remembered the big sand pile that I had played in three houses down from where the trash can was. I ran as fast as I could to the sand. A lady across the street told me later that the flames were ten feet above my head. The woman happened to be a nurse and she ran after me.

Once I reached the sand pile, I dove in. I was in so much pain, I passed out. The nurse came and put butter on me. When I woke up, I was in the old Sacramento County Hospital.

I ended up being in the emergency room for four days. My mother would come every day to make sure they were taking proper care of me. The staff told her they had never seen a burn this bad and thought I would be dead by now. That is when the burn center started in Sacramento. I have experienced what it's like to be a special needs child. So, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)"

May God Bless You!

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Recent Highlights

Labor Day BBQ for Diocesan Priests

Labor Day was not a day of rest for Council 4970. As usual, we were called to serve our Bishop and responded!

Bishop Soto hosted a barbeque for the priest of the Diocese in honor of Auxiliary Bishop Reynaldo Bersabal, who was recently appointed by Pope Francis to help guide our diocese. A packed SI Garden room began the afternoon with midday prayers, followed by a barbeque lunch prepared and served by our council members, with valuable assistance from Virginia Anderson who leads SI's Bounty efforts. A great day to collaborate and celebrate our priests. Keep Bishop Soto, Bishop Rey, and all our priests in your prayers.

DGK Steve Hall serving Bishop Soto and other priest.



***It's on the Web!
 You don't need to wait for the
 Paladin to get your updates on
 Council 4970 activities. Our
 website, www.kofc4970.com is now
 regularly updated with the latest
 information. Hope you visit often!***

SI Fall Family Festival



PGK Peter Kilkenny, Mike Fazio, GK Frank Consulo, and Father Tom Lucas, SJ pose in front of our hot dog booth.

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers flew off the grill as our Council served up lunch for hungry parishioners at the SI Fall Festival on September 15. In a rare occurrence, we ran out of food!

Cornhole Tournament

The winners of the 2024 Tournament, pictured below, are Tremain Hayhoe and David Allison of the team Tiger Kings. Tremain and David are brothers from Council 6066 in Fair Oaks. Special thanks to brother Andrew Cuhna for organizing the event and cooking the meal. It was a truly enjoyable evening.



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)

The Wehr Family

Pope Francis

Joe Kievernagel

Fred Garrison

Bob Akers

Joan Cotton

Norma Niekamp

Shannon Langer

Michael Langer

Parishioners of SI, SJE, and

OLA Parishes

Our ID Drive is Underway!

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK and ID Drive Chairman



Our Council's annual ID Drive for 2024 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 again this year will be conducted at three churches and one retail establishment-- St. Ignatius of Loyola, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. John the Evangelist, and Emigh Hardware. Please volunteer your help when the time comes so that we can make this important Council project another success in 2024. PGK Peter Mendenhall, formerly a member of Council 4970 and now a member of Council 15693, has once again volunteered to help with our ID Drive at Emigh Hardware by involving 8th grade students from Presentation School. Thank-you Brother Peter for demonstrating your fraternal spirit.

Here are the confirmed dates for our ID Drives:

- Oct. 5-6 SI
- Oct. 12-13 OLA
- Oct. 19-20 Emigh Hardware
- Oct. 26-27 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 over \$33,000 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.

JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Love, Hope and Dreams Make a Home

Not long ago I was stopped at a traffic signal behind a car that had a bumper sticker on it that read, **“You Are a Child of God, Call Home”**. The wording made me chuckle as I recalled the Halloween night scene in the 1982 movie *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial* when E.T., dressed as a ghost, and Elliott snuck out into the forest so that E.T. could make a successful phone call home. As I continued driving down the street, I thought about how having a home is important to **all** of God’s creatures.

Most of us have probably heard the old adages, “Home is where the heart” or “Home Sweet Home”. They mean that wherever you are and whoever you are with your home and family provide the greatest emotional bond. They perfectly capture the importance of having a loving and comfortable home where Love, Hope and Dreams coexist. This fact did not escape Mother Teresa when she said, “Love begins at home” or American poet Robert Frost (1874–1963) when he remarked, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” I doubt that Frost fully understood the magnitude of his words as they would pertain to our society today. Many children of all ages “boomerang” back home for both short and long stays for a variety of reasons, including for divorce, unemployment, debt, and school.

Many years ago, I remember reading about a male bird on the East Coast who had found what he thought was the “perfect” home in which to raise a family. It was in the coin box of a self-serve car wash. The owner of the car wash complained about losing significant amounts of money from his coin machines each week. He just couldn't believe that his employees were stealing the money so he setup a camera to identify the culprit(s). As it turned out, the bird was attracted by the gleam of overlooked quarters in the change cup. He made off with the coins in an attempt to clear out a space for a nest. When the bird finished clearing the coin cavity he would sit, sing and wing-wave hoping to attract a female to join him in his new home. Unfortunately for this love-struck bird, his efforts at clearing his chosen space were thwarted by the customers at the car wash who kept refilling his “perfect” home with additional quarters.

Near the end of the Gospel as Jesus was dying on the cross, he asked the Apostle John to take care of His mother Mary, and from that hour John took her into his home (John 19:27). What a privilege! We too can invite our Blessed Mother into our homes by praying the rosary and reflecting on all that she does for us every day. Our Heavenly Mother Mary has the ability to intercede for us here on earth with Jesus because being a good Jewish son, He listens to her.

Besides our Blessed Mother, we can also invite Jesus into our homes by spending time with Him in prayer every day. Taking Jesus home means living in *His light* and allowing Him to be the focus of our day. He came to earth from Heaven to bring joy and good news to every home. But we have to take the initiative to open the door when He knocks and then have the courage and faith to let Him in.

My Brothers, remember we are just traveling through this world. Where we call home now is our temporary home away from home while we are on our earthly pilgrimages. Some day we will hopefully be returning to our Heavenly abode. If we invite Jesus into our earthly dwellings now, He in turn is more likely to invite each of us to go home with Him to live for all eternity in Heaven. Sounds good to me, how about you?

Council 4970 Bids Farewell to Gerald “Jerry” John Marenich

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK



Our Council suffered the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight in August. Brother Jerry Marenich had more than seven decades of service to the Knights of Columbus, most of the time spent serving the Arden-Carmichael Community. Brother Jerry, passed away in Carmichael on August 14, 2024, at age 92. He was a patriot and had a distinguished military career in the U.S. Air Force achieving the rank of Major.

As a member of Knights of Columbus Council 4970, Brother Jerry was elected as our Grand Knight in 2001. He was active in our membership committee, served as our Council photographer for many years and never hesitated to chair, assist or attend Council programs. He was nominated by our Council for the prestigious Veteran Affairs program, *Veteran of the Day*, and was selected as the *Veteran of the Day* for February 26, 2020. Jerry was also a Sir Knight in the 4th degree of our Order and a member of Assembly 2797 in Citrus Heights, California. He was active in his parish at St. Johns serving in many ministries including the St Vincent de Paul Society Conference.

Memorial services were held at St. John the Evangelist Church on September 21, 2024. The Mass was preceded by a praying of the rosary led by five Council members. Dozens of Council 4970 Knights and Lady Knights joined Brother Jerry's family and friends at the services to celebrate his life. Pastor Emeritus Fr. Tom Bland celebrated the Mass, assisted by Deacon Keith Johnson, both Brothers in our Council. PGK's Gene Gobbo and Joe Romanazzi presented Brother Jerry's daughter Lisa with a *Resolution of Condolence* and a pair of Rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain. A five-member Honor Guard representing three different Assemblies--- Christ the King, Bishop Manogue, and St. Clare added to the solemnity of the services, which included a chalice ceremony. Brother Jerry's remains were interred at the National Veteran's Cemetery in Dixon, along with those of Lady Knight Barbara, his loving wife of 48 years at the time of her passing.

A Mass requested by our Council for the repose of Brother Jerry's soul will be celebrated on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 8:30 A.M., at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael. **May his soul and the souls of all of our faithful departed Council members, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Last month we enjoyed lunch at Xochimilco Restaurant, Sacramento, where we had great food (and plenty of it!) served by Pauline and other great servers. If you didn't make it, and 10 ladies did, you missed out on a great lunch and gab session!

Our next luncheon will be on Thursday, October 17th at 1 p.m. at Selland's Café, located at 915 Broadway, Sacramento, just across the street from the Sacramento Historic Cemetery. There is plenty of parking, so there should be no problem.

Glenda will be calling the week before to remind you. If she doesn't get an answer or a call back, your name may be removed from the list. Let's have a great turnout in October. Questions? You can call Glenda at 916-524-8933 or myself, Jean Gobbo at 916-261-8674.



Why are You a Knight?

By Will Friesen, District Deputy

Are you a Knight because you like spending time with other Catholic men, doing Catholic things? Then tell someone that is not a Knight how that enriches your life.

Are you a Knight because you feel good after helping others that need a little help? Then tell someone that it not a Knight how service makes you feel.

Are you a Knight because you enjoy praying with other Catholics? Then tell someone that is not a Knight how this improves you.

I am not asking you to recruit a Knight. I am not wanting you to tell someone how it will make them feel. I am asking you to share what it does for you!