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It's What's On The Inside That Counts

By Frank Consulo, Grand Knight



As I read this, it warmed my heart, so I am passing it on to you...

Imagine this: someone offers to wash your dirty dishes for you. But, they only wash the outside of the cups and bowls, leaving the insides dirty. Then, they place them back in the cupboard. The next time you would go to use them, you would find them looking good until you took them down and saw the dried liquid and food inside. This is the image that Jesus uses to describe the Pharisees. They only cared about the external appearance and ignored the more important interior of the soul.

Jesus also used the contrasting images of straining out the gnat and swallowing the camel. This was a reference to the laws in Leviticus that forbade the Israelites from eating “swarming creatures,” such as gnats and other bugs, ([Leviticus 11:41–45](#)) as well as the meat of camels ([Leviticus 11:4](#)). Saying that the Pharisees “strain out the gnat and swallow the camel” was a figure of speech by which Jesus accused the Pharisees of distorting the smallest details of the law while ignoring the most important ones. For example, the Pharisees required everyone to strain all liquid before drinking it, just in case a gnat accidentally was present in that liquid, but they cared little about true justice when it came to killing the Son of God. For these reasons, the Pharisees had become “blind guides” and “hypocrites,” incapable of leading people to holiness.

September Calendar

September 2

Bishop Soto BBQ, 11 a.m., SI

September 3

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

September 4

Bible Study, 7 p.m., SI

September 8

Blood Drive, 9 a.m., SJE

September 10

Mass for John Heiman, 8:30 a.m., SJE
Business Meeting and Dinner, 6:30 p.m.,
St. John's Hall, OLA

September 14

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

September 15

SI Family Festival, 11:30 a.m.

September 19

Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m., Xochimilco

September 22

Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m., SJE

September 24

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

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The bottom line is that Jesus is telling us that we must truly become holy, not just appear so. God sees the heart and judges the heart. The only other person who can see your heart is you. Therefore, we must also hear this condemnation of the Pharisees so that we will understand the importance of looking into our own souls first and foremost. From there, from the holiness within, our exterior will also radiate the holiness of God.

One of the documents of Vatican II, *Gaudium et Spes*, beautifully speaks to us about the conscience: "Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths" (#16). This "secret core and sanctuary" within us is what Jesus is most concerned about. Very often we are tempted to be far more concerned about how we look to others than how we truly are inside. For example, the person who lives a sinful double life may go to great lengths to look holy to others, doing all they can to hide their sin from others. On the contrary, someone might be living a very holy life but be falsely accused by another publicly, causing much pain. In the former case, as long as the person is not found out, they appear at peace. In the latter case, even though the person is living a good and holy life, if they are falsely accused, they may be tempted to despair as their public image is shattered.

What others think and say about us is ultimately out of our control to a lesser or greater degree. What is within our control is that which is within us. Our interior life, that secret core, that sanctuary within where we meet God, must become the focus of our energies. Exteriorly, it ought not matter that others praise us or criticize us. What matters is that which is true, and only you and God can look into your heart to see that truth. The Pharisees failed to understand this essential truth. They put all their energy into their public image, neglecting that which was most important, making them incapable of leading others to God.

Reflect, today, upon your soul. How often do you look inside yourself? Are you able to be honest with yourself, acknowledging your sin and being grateful for your virtue? Or are you among those who are more concerned with how you look to others? Turn your eyes to the secret sanctuary within because it is there, in that secret core, that you will meet God, grow in holiness and then radiate that true holiness within our world. When that happens, God will also be able to use you to be a true guide to holiness for others.

Lord of true holiness, you desire to cleanse my soul, and You invite me to meet You there within. Please give me the grace I need to care more about my holiness within than the external perceptions and judgments of others. May I become holy, dear Lord, and learn to become an instrument of that holiness for others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Coming Up in September!

By Michael Fazio, Editor

Council 4970 has a busy month ahead with lots of activities.

SI Fall Family Festival: Sunday, September 15 (10:30 a.m.)

Come help us cook for the BBQ for the parish. Assistance needed from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please contact GK Frank if you can assist.

Blood Drive: Sunday, September 8 (9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.)

Give the gift of blood by donating blood or volunteering to assist.

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday September 22 (8 a.m.)

We'll be raising funds for all the good activities of Council 4970 by hosting a pancake breakfast at SJE. All regulars are encouraged to come, as well as new members who can learn how to do the many important tasks in the kitchen.

**Coming in October:
The 2025 ID Drive.**

- Oct. 5-6: SI
- Oct. 12-13: OLA
- Oct. 19-20: Emigh Hardware
- Oct. 26-27: SJE

Tootsie Rolls Ordered!

August Highlights

By Michael Fazio, Editor

Ice Cream Social: Sunday, August 11



Night with the RiverCats: Saturday, August 17



Knights of the Month, Aaron Stroh



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)

Joan Cotton

Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)

Bob Akers

Anthony Praxel (dec)

Kenneth Scribner (dec)

Danielle Corcoran (dec)

Ben Dougherty (dec)

Fr. Art Wehr, SJ (dec)

John Heiman (dec)

Gerald Marenich (dec)

The Wehr Family

Pope Francis

Joe Kievernagel

Dan Asetline

Fred Garrison

Bob Akers

Norma Niekamp

Shannon Langer

Michael Langer

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OLA Parishes

*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!*

Council 4970's ID Drives Nets Highest Total in California for 2023-24

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK and ID Drive Chairman

The California State Council's Intellectual Disabilities Drive Chairman, Past State Deputy Dave Abbott, reported on June 30th that during the 2023-2024 Columbian Year, **California councils raised a grand total of \$473,029.85** for people with intellectual disabilities. Beneficiaries included Special Olympics, Camp ReCreation, ARCs (Association for Retarded Citizens) throughout the state, schools, work training centers, residential care facilities, ridership programs, and many others all of whom benefitted from our charitable efforts. Councils and Districts were recognized at the NorCal Chapter Installation and Testimonial meeting on July 27, 2024 in Auburn. Photos below.

Here are some important facts from the report:

\$473,029.85 Collected State-wide

\$85,327.59 Collected by the NorCal Chapter (18% of the total, the highest Chapter in the State). Orange County Chapter came in second with \$76,583.97.

\$33,108.61 Collected by Council 4970 (39% of the Chapter and 7% of the State's total), THE HIGHEST COUNCIL IN THE STATE.

My congratulations to all for helping to make our Council's 2023-24 ID Drive a record-breaker and for collecting more money than any other council in the state-- a huge achievement that should make us all proud. All the money we collected was given to Camp ReCreation to benefit their summer camp and their other programs during the year that serve intellectually disabled people.

Our involvement in the ID Drive program demonstrates that our hearts are open to the love of God. As Brother Knights in Council 4970, we are ambassadors of Christ. We seek to serve and love the Lord in all that we do. The Lord wants us to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us. He in turn blesses us in many ways and fills our days with joy.



JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

The Great One



Many of us do remember the legendary Jackie Gleason, *The Great One*. Gleason was active as an actor, comedian, musician, writer, composer and conductor from 1937–1986. Orson Welles pinned the title, *The Great One*, on Gleason after spending a long night with him on the town. Gleason enjoyed living life to the fullest. He didn't have many things as a child and was determined to get them as an adult. He dressed in custom-made clothing, ate fine food and drank Scotch to excess and surrounded himself with beautiful women. He was fond of saying, "The worst thing you can do with money is save it."

John Herbert Gleason was born in 1916 in Brooklyn, NY. His mother, Mae, called him Jackie and raised him alone as a working mother after his father, Herbert, abandoned the family in 1925. Although Mae was determined that young Jackie live the Catholic faith and receive the sacraments, she could do little to encourage his academic life. In the 1940s he worked as master of ceremonies in seedy burlesque houses, and had bit parts in motion pictures that used his obesity for easy laughs. When television came on the scene. Gleason's exceptional talent and early television were a winning combination. All over the country families that had purchased their first TV sets were captivated by his comedy routines on the DuMont network. CBS, impressed by his popularity, hired him away at a salary that within a few years would boost his annual earnings to \$3 million, equivalent to more than \$30 million today. *The Jackie Gleason Show*, made him "Mr. Saturday Night." In 1955, Gleason's format changed to accommodate the wild popularity of *The Honeymooners*, with two of the most beloved characters in the history of television--Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton. During his long career, he recorded numerous albums of mood music, and starred in films including *The Hustler* and *Smokey and the Bandit I, II, and III*. In addition, he hosted or guest-starred in numerous television specials and created the annual Inverrary Golf Classic.

Jackie Gleason passed away on June 24, 1987. His Memorial Mass was celebrated by the late Auxiliary Bishop of Miami, His Excellency Bishop Norbert Dorsey. Bishop Dorsey said, "Throughout his professional life (Jackie) kept the heart of a child. A whimsicalness that cheered up a sad and tired world." Gleason is buried in Miami in Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery in a lavish mausoleum. Etched into the marble stairway leading to his sarcophagus reads the inscription, "And Away We Go."

My Brothers, Jackie Gleason dreamed of making his life better, richer and happier. With his God-given gifts and a lot of good luck his dreams were realized and he found himself on top of the entertainment world. However, even after acknowledging his huge accomplishments, the title of *The Great One* rightly belongs only to Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is *The Great One* who calls us to holiness and greatness with the gifts we have been given. Our Lord gave us the secret to greatness at the Last Supper when he gave His body and blood, washed the feet of the apostles and instructed us to serve and to be charitable to others. It is through loving, compassionate service that every one of us is capable of becoming great. "How Sweet it is."

Council 4970 Bids Farewell to Brother John Heiman

By Joe Romanazzi, PGK



Fraternal Brother and Sir Knight John Heiman, 81, passed away on July 16, 2024. Brother John was a member of the Knights of Columbus since August 9, 2006. He was an active participant in many activities sponsored by the Knights, including pancake breakfasts and ID Drives. Brother John also enjoyed outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and playing sports with family and friends. He possessed a warm smile and a keen sense of humor.

Brother John's Rosary and Memorial Mass were on August 23, 2024 in his home parish of St. John the Evangelist Church (SJE) where he served as an usher and Eucharistic Minister. Grand Knight Frank Consulo, Brothers Gene Gobbo, Aaron Stroh, Charles Thorpe and Tom Henderson led the praying of the Holy Rosary. The service was well-attended by a large group of Knights and Lady Knights, members of St. Vincent de Paul, family members, friends, and fellow parishioners. The Memorial Mass was celebrated by Council Brother and SJE Parochial Vicar Fr. Amar Nagothu, MSFS.

Past Grand Knights Gene Gobbo and Joe Romanazzi presented Lady Knight Donna with a *Resolution of Condolence* and a pair of Rosary beads blessed by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William E. Lori. The Fourth Degree was represented by four Sir Knights from Christ the King Assembly 2797. They provided an Honor Guard and performed a Chalice Ceremony adding to the solemnity of the services.

Brother John is survived by his wife, Lady Knight Donna, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brother John's mortal remains were cremated and his ashes interred at Calvary Cemetery in Sacramento prior to his funeral service.

Good-bye for now Brother John 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.

Special Note: A Mass requested by our Council for the repose of Brother John's soul will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church in Carmichael on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.

Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Our luncheon destination has been changed. Instead of Cricket (which closes at 2) we will go to Xochimilco on Auburn Blvd, at the corner of College Oak. Meet you all there at 1 p.m. Our luncheon in August was a great success, with both good food and great company. If you don't get called to remind you of the luncheon, please let me know and feel free to attend! We will love to have you, especially our new ladies, whose husbands have just joined the council.

Questions? Call me, Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674. See you all on the 19th of September!

Ladies Night Out

By Ray and Pat Fischbach



Our Ladies Night Out last month at the Alta-Arden Mimi's restaurant was another great 5th Tuesday event. Our Grand Knight, Frank Consulo thanked our Lady Knights for all they have done to make our Council shine. Everyone had a very nice time.

Our next 5th Tuesday Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday, October 29th with some discussion regarding Halloween week. It will be at River City Brewery located in the Milagro Center, 6241 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael. No costumes required. However, the following 5th Tuesday event would be on in December, on New Year's Eve. It was decided to cancel and enjoy the festivities of the night otherwise.

We hope to meet some of our newer Lady Knights and their husbands as well as many of our ladies who we haven't seen in a while. Any questions contact Ray or Pat at 916-485-4858.