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## Does God Listen?

*By Will Friesen, Grand Knight*

In the winter of 1998, I was offered a good job at a Sacramento consulting company. That February, I moved into a tiny apartment while my wife and kids stayed in Nashville TN to finish the school year.

There were a hundred details to take care of before my family could join me in Sacramento. We had to sell a house in Tennessee and buy a new one in Sacramento. My kids went to Catholic School their whole lives and we wanted that to continue.

I spent my evenings surfing the internet for home listings. We wanted a house like what we had in Tennessee, but the only ones that met the criteria also had swimming pools. My wife is afraid of pools. We could not buy a house with a pool. Several of the managers at my new employer warned me to watch out for the “Mello Roos” taxes. These are a hidden cost of buying a home in a newer part of town that covers the costs of building new infrastructure to support the new growth.

I contacted the diocese to get a list of Catholic Schools in Sacramento. Most had waiting lists, but I visited them anyway.

I prayed for God to help many times during that spring, “God, please make this move go smoothly.” In May, I received a voice mail from Sister Mary Ellen at OLA. She said that she had spots for 2 of the 3 kids. I was excited until it hit me that that was not 3 of 3.

That evening, I drove to OLA to take a picture of the school to send to my wife. The sun was already setting, but there was enough light to take some pictures of the outside of the school and the church. I got back into my car to mark the school’s location on the map. While the voicemail was a good start, it was not going to be any good if I could not find a compatible home in the area. I needed to know the location in order to know approximately where to be looking for a home. It was dark, so I turned on the dome light. I had almost found the location when the dome light shut off.

## November Calendar

### November 2

Men’s Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, SI

### November 3

Danielle Corcoran Rosary, 6:30 p.m.,  
Calvary

### November 4

Danielle Corcoran Funeral, 10 a.m., SJE

### November 7

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

### November 11

Veterans Day

### November 14

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

### November 16

Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m., Olive Garden  
Men’s Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, SI

### November 19

Pancake Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., SJE

### November 21

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

### November 28

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

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I flipped the switch a couple of times, but it was burned out.

I was frustrated. I decided to look for a nearby gas station so that I would have enough light to make a mark on the map. I pulled up to Walnut exit of the parking lot. I saw nothing but dark to the south so I pulled out to the north. After traveling a couple of blocks, I saw a lighted entry into what looked like a construction site. I did not want to go very far before marking the school on the map so I pulled in and pulled out the map. It was spread out on the passenger seat. I found the spot and marked it.

As I was starting to fold the map, I looked up at the fence of the construction site. The sign said, "New Homes", "No Mello Roos!" I spread the map to mark where I was. As soon as I made the X, the dome light started working. God was not only listening, he put the Holy Spirit to work to help make sure that I ended up where he wanted me to be.

That night I called my wife to say that I knew what school that the kids were going to and where we were going to buy a house. She asked, "Are they all getting in?" I said, "Not Yet." She asked, "Did you see the house?" I said, "Not Yet." In her standard calming way she said, "Then you don't know anything do you?" I said, "God is in charge. He spoke and I am listening!"

The next day, I called Sister Mary Ellen and said that we will take the 3 slots. She said, "But we do not have room for your third child." I responded confidently, "Sister, the Holy Spirit is on it. It will happen." And it did. God listens. Be ready when he answers.

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## **Serve One Another and His Church**

*By Frank Consulo, Deputy Grand Knight*

This month has been very eventful. It started with the ID Drive led by PGK Joe Romanazzi. It was so nice to see all the Knights that are participating in this month-long weekend event.

The Catholic Cornhole social event brought men together to have a night of fun. I hope this event will grow into one of our regular events. We will grow our family gatherings to bring our Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus.

The Stand Down was on Friday October 27,2023. We all can be proud of our Knights that attended to help out. Brother Knight Steve Hall led our Knights to help PGK Miguel Sabral and Lady Knight Debra Sabral hand out gear bags, blanket ground covers, scarfs, sweaters, shirts, underpants, boots, socks, and many other items. The Knights that participated were PGK Len Zerilli, PGK Michael Dougherty, PGK Gene & Lady Jean Gobbo, Steve Hall, Dan Aseltine, Shawn Herrick, Gary Mello, and myself.

The Council also cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for St. John's Trunk n Treat BBQ event. On Friday night setting up the event, I talked to three mothers excited that the Knights are involved in helping them at this event. They will be talking to their husbands about having them become new Knights soon. I feel the word of becoming a Knight of Columbus member spreading-- keep up the good work. I want to thank the following Knights that helped with this event: PGK Len Zerilli, PGK Gene Gabbo, Ken Macdonald, PGK Tim Spinelli, Sid Tarango, Aaron Stroh, Ben Dougherty.

## We Have Sown Much and Brought in Much

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight



**St. John the Evangelist**



**Our Lady of the Assumption**



**St. Ignatius of Loyola**

Our 2023 Council 4970 ID Drive fundraiser for Camp ReCreation was off to a flying start in October. Our volunteer helpers, along with 5,400 individually wrapped Tootsie Rolls, donation cans, aprons and posters were ready to go. As usual, all that was needed were caring and generous donors and God provided hundreds of friendly supporters interested in helping to send individuals with developmental disabilities to Camp ReCreation at Eagle Lake. Besides the residential summer camp which offers participants opportunities for fun, social interaction and spiritual growth, the Camp ReCreation organization sponsors other events throughout the year in the greater Sacramento area.

The Drive results so far are 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, nearly \$11,000 has been donated. More dollars will come in when we conduct our final ID Drive of the year at Emigh Hardware over the weekend of Oct. 28-29. All donations should be compiled and ready for publishing in the December *Paladin*.

My Brothers, The Lord takes pleasure in the success of our Council activities. He calls on us to show compassion, kindness, humility and love to others. He wants our good deeds and the gifts he has generously given to us to be used to glorify our Heavenly Father. As Knights we answer His call because we know that Jesus Christ is the light of our lives and our salvation. The **Bible** in **1 Corinthians 1:9** tells us God is faithful, and by him we were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. St. Thomas Aquinas in his treatise on charity explains how charity is really a state of friendship between man and God. May we always live for His glory and for our neighbor's good and give heed to the words of St. Francis de Sales, "To love our neighbor in charity is to love God in man."

***Some of the Knights who helped out collecting donations in our three parishes are pictured above and identified below.***

**St. John the Evangelist: (L-R) Brothers Peter Kilkenny, Gene Gobbo, Sid Tarango, III, Frank Consulo, Bill Davis, and Joe Romanazzi; in front is Robbie, son of PGK Tim Spinelli.**

**Our Lady of the Assumption: (L-R) Brothers Peter Kilkenny, Michael Langer, Will Friesen, Bill Davis, and Steve Hall.**

**St. Ignatius of Loyola: (L-R) Brothers Joe Romanazzi, Mike Fazio, Bill Davis, Aaron Stroh, Bobbie Bello, Peter Kilkenny and Tom Sweeney.**

## Around the Council

By Mike Fazio, Editor

Let's Start with Life Chair Ken Macdonald receiving the Family of the Month Award. Here is pictured here with GK Will and Family Chair Shawn Herrick.



Brother Shawn also is featured in this photo from our Cornhole tournament held on October 13 at OLA. Here he is with Guard Ben Daugherty holding the tournament trophy.



### Have a Talent to Share?

We get requests from brothers looking for certain skills—contractors, plumbers, computer technicians, and the like. If you are willing to share these skills with your brother, contact Mike Fazio at [mfazioshu3@gmail.com](mailto:mfazioshu3@gmail.com) or 973-747-6007 and we'll include your information in the Paladin.

## 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**

**Joe Kievernagel**

**Dan Asepline**

**Jerry Butler**

**Pope Francis**

**Pope Benedict (dec)**

**Michael Asepline (dec)**

**Christopher Scott (dec)**

**Jacintha Ezeudoye (dec)**

**John DePiazza (dec)**

**Robert Sholtes(dec)**

**Rick Di Regolo (dec)**

**Frank Gianattasio (dec)**

**Georgia Royal (dec)**

**Michael Profumo (dec)**

**Joan Cotton**

**Carolyn "Susie" Fonteyn (dec)**

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**Kenneth Scribner (dec)**

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## Our Friends, The Saints

By Mike Fazio, Editor

November begins with one of my favorite holidays. All Saints Day gives us a chance to honor all the saints in heaven. All those men and women in that number who have been welcomed home to God's heavenly kingdom. They are the saints we do not know, for the Church has not spoken of their status. The saints may include our loved ones, our coworkers, our friends who have left this world and joined the heavenly banquet. And, I bet, even some folks we may be surprised were invited to table.

The saints are not far away from us. The saints, and our devotion to them, can be personal. Father Tom O'Neil, SJ, a friend of our Council who recently left SI and the Sacramento area, taught me an important lesson about the saints. Two year's ago, when I told Father Tom Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified, he took one of our prayer cards with his picture and said he was going to add our founder to his Christmas tree of Saints. For those who have never seen it, Father Tom displayed his tree of handmade, gingerbread Saints in the SI parish office for many years. They may not have been the most traditional designs, but they spoke of a personal love and relationship with the Saints. For example, take a look at our beloved Blessed Father McGivney—clothed in traditional priestly garb, he holds fireworks, hot dogs, and a fire extinguisher in his hands.



The image expressed Father Tom's love for Fr. McGivney and for the Knights of Columbus. The relationship, the connection, was personal for him. So may it be for us.

And let's remember to pray for the Canonization of Blessed Michal McGivney. You can find a copy of the canonization prayer here: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/assets/canonization.pdf>

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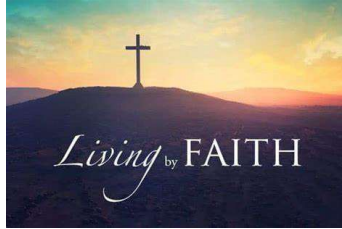
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## **JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!**

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

### **The Little Line**



Rowena and Ramona stepped through the wooden front doors of the Café following funeral services for their good friend, Norman. Once seated, they each ordered a cup of coffee and a piece of warm peach cobbler topped with a generous scoop of Joe's double-churned vanilla ice cream. As they savored their dessert, they talked about Norman's remarkable life, especially his dedicated service to others less fortunate. They agreed he truly realized it was better to give than to receive. The ladies were moved by an inspirational poem read by the minister which appeared on the back page of the pamphlet given to each attendee. The famous poem titled "The Dash" was written by Linda Ellis in 1996. It illustrates the importance of the 'little line' that is written between the date of a person's birth and the date of their passing. Both knew that Norman lived his "dash" with a rich faith in God. Rowena read the poem aloud:

### ***"The Dash"*** **by Linda Ellis**

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
 He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.  
 He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears.  
 But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.  
 For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth.  
 And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.  
 For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.  
 What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.  
 So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?  
 For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.  
 If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,  
 and always try to understand the way other people feel.  
 Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more,  
 and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.  
 If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
 remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.  
 So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,  
 would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

My Brothers, happiness is fleeting if we listen to the babel and clatter of media organizations and put possessions before God. It is true that we have a generous God who wants us to have and share all good things in abundance. But importantly, He wants us to be rich in faith so that we can live and love our "dashes" while at the same time experiencing the abundance of true joy and peace that comes by

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knowing his son, Jesus Christ. By doing this, we have a better chance of becoming heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him. St. Augustine understood this and gave us good advice to follow, saying "Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."

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## **God Teaches Us Patience**

*By Will Friesen, Grand Knight*

God often speaks to me through his creations. I learn humility by standing in the ocean near the beach. It is only water but it can push me around like I am a feather. I learn the power of commitment when I see a tree growing out of a rock. And I learn patience when I try to control a leaf.

While I love the colors of the autumn, I hate to rake leaves. I am always trying ways to make the job easier.

I normally try to mow the back yard a little more often in the fall so that the leaves do not build up. The stark contrast of the freshly mowed swath of green grass shares its edge with the unkempt area that is covered in leaves. The leaves do not all fall at once and they do not stop falling while I am mowing.



The newly falling leaves never land on the parts of the lawn that I have not yet mowed. Like a spoiled child they go where they want. I normally just give a quick kick to the disobedient renegade that has fallen to the green area of the lawn. That kick launches them onto area that is yet to be bettered by 5 horsepower of leaf grinding superiority. I will show them that I am not one with which to be trifled. I am the master of everything between these fences. Take that you tiny minions of a bygone summer.

As I am pushing the mower and admiring my handywork, another leaf falls. This one lands directly on the lawnmower. I look down at this defiant punk I cannot kick it. If I wanted to reach down to toss it aside I would have had to release the handle that keeps the mower running. If I did that, I would have to start it again. I can almost hear, "What are you going to do about me now?"

As my blood started to boil, I stared down at the leaf. It looked back at me. I prayed, "God give me patience."

I know when I have been bettered. I said to the leaf, "You have won this battle. You will not be ground up like your friends." After I was finished mowing, I emptied the bag of munched leaves into the waste bin and laid the clever one on top to lord over the rest of the leaves. I then said, "Oh, while you might have won this round, you are still going to the curb on Tuesday."

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## Ladies Luncheon

*By Jean Gobbo*

If you missed the last luncheon, you missed a good one! Along with great food and service, we were surrounded by handsome firemen, due to an accident by one of the ladies! The lady in question, MaryAnne, is fine and we want to thank her for all the good eye candy we got!

Our next luncheon is Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and will be held at Olive Garden on Sunrise Blvd. We tried to go to the Olive Garden on Arden, but they refused to issue separate checks. There is no promise of more eye candy, but we can promise good food, and great company! Looking forward to seeing you all on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and if you have any questions, please call Glenda Macdonald at 916-631-0774 or myself, Jean Gobbo at 916-261-8674.



## Praying for Our Vets in Need!



PGK Gene Gobbo, Len Zerilli, Recorder Gary Mello, and Brother Dan Aseltine, were among several Council members who served approximately 100 veterans at the most recent Stand Down.  
Please prayer for our Vets in need.  
And Happy Veterans Day to all our Council Members who have served in the Armed Forces. God Bless You!