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Let's Get Fired Up!

By Will Friesen, Grand Knight

I know that it is only September, but I want us to get excited about October.

In October we will host our first Corn Hole tournament. I have already spoken to the principals of the three schools and will follow-up with flyers. We will share the flyers with faith formation, and I will draft announcements for the parish bulletins.

We have a chance to invite Catholic men to a Knight's event with the hope that it will grow our council. Think of it as if you are inviting a friend to a back yard barbeque. We will be serving beer, burgers and brats. We are going to have a good time.

I know that you have been asked to bring someone to the Knights, but now I am going to ask you to make a new friend and bring them to the knights. It is just that simple. Go up to someone that you have seen at church and say, "I have seen you here many times. I want to get to know you better. How would you like to come to a barbeque just for Catholic men?" It can be hard for some of us to ask someone to join the Knights, but how hard is it to invite someone to a barbeque?

Also in October, and just as important, we will begin our money drive for the Intellectually Disabled, or as I like to say our Uniquely Enabled. This year we have a flyer. If you have not gotten one yet, you soon will get one. Once you get the flyer, read it, and send a check, but it does not stop there. Even if you cannot personally participate this year, you can pass that flyer on to someone. You can touch the heart of someone new. I will not be disappointed if you do not have money to share, but I will be upset to learn that you got a flyer and you did not pass it along. We will have more flyers available at every Knights meeting and event through the end of the calendar year.

Do not think of either event as just another thing that the Knights do. I want you to consider inviting men to join in and participate in the "vision" of the Knights. Everyone already knows that the Knights do good works, but we are more than that. We are a group of brothers that make each other better. We are not recruiting; we are inviting friends over for beer. We are not begging for money; we are handing out candy. Please be a part of both. God Bless!

September Calendar

September 5

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

September 7

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

September 12

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

September 17

Saint Ignatius Fall Festival,
10:30 a.m. -4 p.m.

September 19

Rosary, 7 p.m., Zoom

September 21

Ladies Luncheon, 1 p.m., Black Angus
Men's Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rose Room, SI

September 26

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

We Need You!

By Frank Consulo, Deputy Grand Knight

In August we had an excellent time at our Ice Cream Social at Leatherby's. Fathers Dominic and Amar both attended. It was nice to see our Knights and Lady Knights having a good time. And the ice cream was good, too.

Please join us for our next council Business meeting on September 12. We still need someone to step up and make dinner for our fellow Knights. Please let me know if you are willing to make dinner.

I hope to see more Knights in attendance. I want to meet all of you and take a photo to put in my Knight file. If I need to come to you, that's fine. I just want to meet with you and have a talk. My goal is to come together to get involved in more events as a group of Knights, to help make us proud to be Knights. So, please, let PGK Gene Gobbo know if you are coming to the dinner so we can adjust our attendance for dinners. Thank you.

I need your help for the Cioppino Dinner with making calls for donations, working in the dinning or kitchen area. If you can help, please contact me at 916-366-7131 or PGK Gobbo at 916-216-8652.

Veterans Stand Down will be on October 27, 2023 from 8-5 p.m. Contact Brother Steve Hall at 916-767-1069 if you can provide a helping hand.

Finally, please don't forget our annual ID Drive in October. Contact PGK Joe Romanazzi if you can assist.

Council Enjoys a Memorable "Night with the River Cats"

By Ken Macdonald

Council 4970 sponsored "A Night with the River Cats" again in 2023. We chose a beautiful night with moderate temperatures, a very exciting ball game, and a wonderful fireworks show to conclude the evening. We had nine Brother Knights with family, friends, and additional families from St. John the Evangelist. It was a very entertaining evening with good fun to be had by all who attended. The River Cats are wonderful hosts! Looking forward to another opportunity in 2024!



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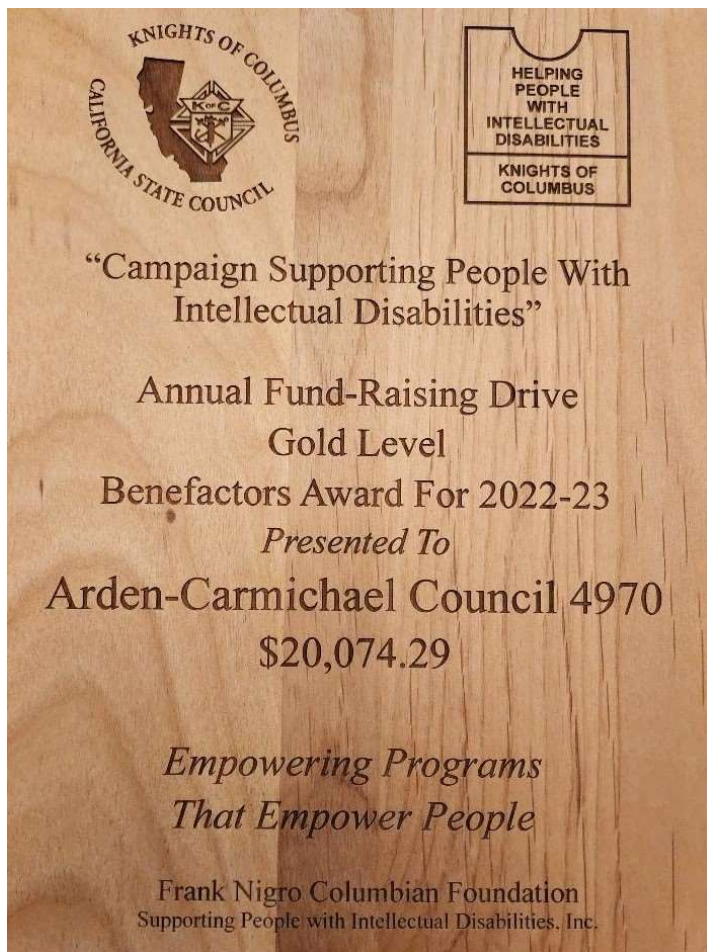
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We Store Up Treasure in Heaven by the Good We Do on Earth

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Last Columbian Year, Arden-Carmichael Council 4970 collected over \$20,000 for Campers with *Special Needs* to attend Camp ReCreation this past June. **We collected more than any other council in the NorCal Chapter and we were the second highest in the State. We missed being number ONE by only \$41!!** A council in Orange County earned that honor. Below is a photo of the Gold Level plaque awarded to us in recognition of our efforts at the K of C State Meeting held last May in Ontario.

Brothers, Jesus made it clear that we will all be judged on our response to the needs of others. **Matthew 6:21** talks about showing God love with our time, talent and treasure. The result of our 2022-23 ID Drive is a GREAT example of our Council members demonstrating to God the love we have for Him and for people with intellectual disabilities. Council 4970 members are truly ambassadors of Christ.



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

Joe Kievernagel

Dan Aseltine

Jerry Butler

Pope Francis

Pope Benedict (dec)

Michael Aseltine (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)

Bob Akers

Anthony Praxel (dec)

Kenneth Scribner (dec)

David Bland (dec)

To report illness or death contact the Grand Knight

Remember When?

By Gene Gobbo, Past Grand Knight

State Awards for 2010-2011 were presented to honored committees at the June business meeting. Clockwise from the top left: Gene Gobbo for First Place in the State for Public Relations, Herb Holeman for Third Place in the State for our Website, Herb Holeman and Gene Gobbo for Second Place in the State for our Electronic Bulletin, Richard Schultz and Peter Mendenhall for Ninth Place (Div 5) for Vocations (Greg Vlasek not present), John Mizerak, Jim Lynch and Peter Mendenhall for Fourth Place (Div 5) in Advocacy for the Culture of Life, Jerry Marenich and Todd Wilson for Tenth Place (Div 5) in Family, Loren Wallin for Eighth Place (Div 5) in Youth, and Chuck Cuny for significant contributions by our Council for chairing our Intellectual Disabilities Drive.



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Our Annual ID Drive is Coming Soon!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight



Our Council's annual ID Drive is coming soon. 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 this year will be conducted at three churches and one retail establishment--- St. John the Evangelist, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Ignatius of Loyola, and Emigh Hardware. Please volunteer your help when the time comes so that we can make this important Council project another success in 2023. 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 Drives as needed. Thank-you, Brother Peter, for demonstrating your fraternal spirit.

Here are the confirmed dates for our ID Drives:

Oct. 7-8	SJE
Oct. 14-15	OLA
Oct. 21-22	SI
Oct 28-29	Emigh Hardware

In the near future, letters will be mailed to all members on our current roster, including our widows. The letter will seek 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 with about \$12,000 donated**.

Please join me in praying that Our Lord and 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.



The June 2023 camp theme was "Throwback to the '80's" and campers and volunteers alike thought the theme was a blast! Many dressed in '80's attire and they played lots of '80's era music and games. There were countless songs that were sung, hugs that were shared, and memories to last a lifetime.

JOE'S CAFÉ...Stop by for a tasty bit!

By Joe Romanazzi, Past Grand Knight

Chef Luigi's Day Off



The setting for this month's installment of Joe's Cafe moves from the virtual restaurant to Chef Luigi's personal residence. Our usually hard-working *Chieftain of the Culinary Arts* was hanging out at home taking a well-deserved day off from work at the Café when his telephone rang. Little did he know at the time, but that call was about to change his life. The person on the other end of the line was his dad, *Papa Vito*, 81, who lives alone in his house 2 miles away. Vito has been a widower since *Mamma Angelina* passed away 3 years ago from heart failure. Strangely, *Papa Vito* told Luigi he was out of food to eat and couldn't remember how to change channels on his television. He pleaded with Luigi to come right over.

Luigi knows that when our Lord came down from Mt. Sinai, number 4 of the 10 Commandments engraved in stone was **Honor Your Father and Your Mother**. Luigi truly loves God with his whole heart, mind and soul and fulfilling this Commandment which often appears in the Bible has never been an issue for him. He knows the Fourth Commandment reminds children of their responsibilities toward their parents, those being respect, gratitude, just obedience, and practical support.

Upon his arrival, Luigi entered the house through the back door. As the screen door slammed shut, he immediately heard his *Papa's* voice calling out to him. "Luigi, please come over here and help me. I have a complicated puzzle, and I cannot figure out how to get started." Recalling that his *Mamma* and *Papa* used to spend countless hours doing jigsaw puzzles together, he inquired from the kitchen, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" His *Papa* answered, "According to the box it's a rooster."

Luigi went into the disheveled den to offer his help. His *Papa* showed him the "puzzle" spread all over the table. He studied the pieces for a moment, then looked at the box, then turned to him and said, "First of all, no matter what we do, we are not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." He took his *Papa's* hand and said, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of chamomile tea, and then", he said with a deep sigh, "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

For the first time ever, Luigi recognized Jesus in his *Papa's* bewildered face and remembered the words spoken in the Bible, "*O son, help your father in his old age, and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show forbearance; in all your strength do not despise him.*" Luigi treated his *Papa* with respect and honor. He listened to him, understood what was happening, and reserved judgment. He did not shame him. Luigi sought medical assistance for his *Papa Vito* so both could better understand his cognitive issues and potential treatments. Luigi was made aware that some treatable medical conditions can cause dementia symptoms, so it was important to determine the underlying cause(s).

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Luigi is praying for Divine help for his *Papa* because he knows the Lord hears our cries for help and heals His people. He has also arranged for memory care and for home assistance.

My Brothers, it has been said that in life, there is a role for everyone we encounter. Some will test us. Some will use us. Some will love us and some will teach us. But the ones who are truly important are the ones who bring out the best in us. When tested by his *Papa* Vito's cognitive challenges, Chef Luigi showed what it met to be a devoted and loving son. He also demonstrated his worthiness to receive the spiritual fruit, and the temporal fruits of peace and prosperity promised by the Lord to those who honor their fathers and their mothers. Who could ask for a more rewarding day off?

Enjoyed Ice Cream and Fellowship at Leatherby's

By Ray and Pat Fischbach

Council 4970 continued its annual tradition of an August Ice Cream Social on August 6, 2023 at Leatherby's. Total attendance was 25, which included two new priests from St. John the Evangelist--Fathers Dominic and Amar. Everyone had a good time. Hope to see you next year. And remember, you can order food and not just ice cream!



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Ladies Luncheon

By Jean Gobbo

Another great Ladies Luncheon last month, this time held at Bennett's Restaurant on Fair Oaks Blvd. Our server, Tonia, was terrific, giving us great service and keeping our individual checks "in check". Thank you, Bennett's for the experience of a fairly new restaurant, your staff primarily Tonia and for the great food. This month we had 16 Lady Knights and guests attend.

Next month we will meet at Black Angus, on Greenback Lane, near Sunrise.

Our meeting date in Thursday, September 21st at 1 PM. Let's beat last month's number, but mainly let's have a great time. The more the merrier. No RSVP necessary. But if you have any questions, you know who to call to get the answer! Contact either Glenda Macdonald at 916-524-8933, or myself, Jean Gobbo, at 916-261-8674.

