



# ***KNIGHTNEWS***

September &  
October 2007

*The Knights of Columbus, Father Patrick Power Council #4588, Livermore, CA*

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## ***GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE***



**Brothers,**

After a much needed Summer break, we are operating once again at full throttle. This Columbian year is filled with numerous charitable and fraternal activities that will be fun for all. I urge everyone to get involved to the maximum extent possible.

My goal for this year is to continue shaping our council to the standards of our order. Every change in the past year took us one step closer to this goal. In the long term, all the changes will make our council easier to manage and our events easier to run. Our charitable outreach will increase and we'll have more fun to boot. Our council leaders are committed to this goal and they are doing a great job of focusing our efforts in the right direction.

To achieve this goal, I set three priorities for the council. Everything we do will be aligned with these priorities. I discussed them in the August newsletter and I will list them again here:

### **Council Priorities**

**Build strong teams for our service program.**

**Recruit 50 new members for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year (through March 2008).**

**Improve event scheduling, planning, and conduct.**

### **Teams**

Our council teams are always in a state of flux. Every month or two we lose someone, gain someone, or move someone around for a better fit. And this is perfectly okay. We currently have a great group of dedicated Knights in key positions. However, we lost our Family Director in July; so this position is vacant and the Family team does not exist. We need volunteers to build this program from scratch and run it for the rest of the year. This is a great opportunity for someone who likes to get in on the ground floor. Please contact Ken Rief if you would like to devote your energies to this program.

We also wish to reduce the load being carried by Chuck Harding, who manages all communications for the council. Specifically, we want someone to produce the newsletter and someone to oversee all communications. This will allow Chuck to become our Information and Technology Officer where he can obtain systems and programs that will bring our council operations into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Again, please contact Ken Rief or me if you are willing to help out in these vital areas.

### **Membership Recruitment**

We recruited 31 members since April. Our goal is to get at least 19 more in the coming year. We have a membership drive scheduled for St. Charles on October 27 and 28. We will run it similarly to the one at St. Michael in May, but we are deleting a lot of the work that proved ineffective. The October blitz will be less work, but more productive. Once again we will need large scale participation for all masses on Saturday and Sunday and also to interview and sign up potential candidates.

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In addition to the formal membership blitz, I urge every Knight to recruit a friend or family member during the rest of the year. If you enjoy being a Knight, then this should be a simple task. There will be several degree ceremonies every quarter for those who aren't able to take advantage of our local blitz. Contact Brian Lucid for any questions about recruiting.

#### Event Management

We are putting a lot of energy into improving the efficiency of our operations. The biggest recent change is that our Schedule Coordinator, Andre Miron, obtained a scheduling program that not only allows us to create a great schedule, but also to share it easily. Andre coordinates our schedule with the church, school, and city. He arranges for facilities and he identifies potential conflicts. The Newsletter editor and web master will post the calendar provided by Andre. Also, the website calendar has links that provide details for scheduled events. This will make life so much easier for everyone. And it only cost \$90. WELL DONE to Brother Andre!

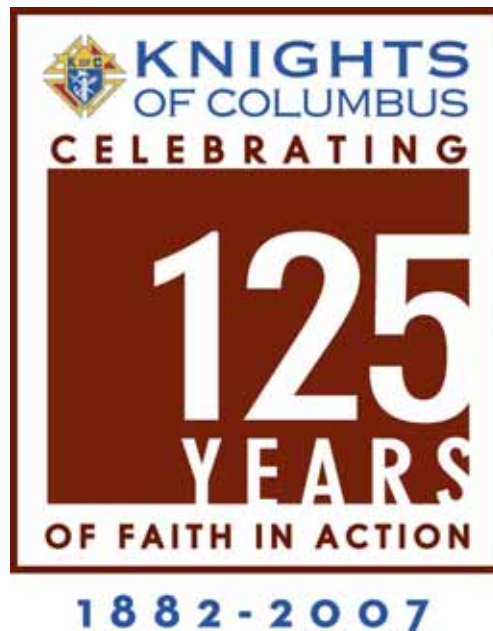
The next big thing we need to do is improve our fund raising procedures. Our fund raising events take a lot of manpower and I would like to see us get the biggest possible bang for the buck. We will take a hard look at ways to increase the funds that we can raise at each event. Even a 10% improvement will be significant. Advertising and public relations will play a big role in this effort. If you have any good ideas on how to do this, please contact Mike Valent, our council director. It's already time to start lining up donations for the January crab feed, which is our biggest fund raising event of the year. This is one issue that we have to jump on right away.

#### Closing Comments

I'm looking forward to a great year working with each and every one of you. I urge everyone to get involved and to stay informed. The website will always be the most up to date source because we can make changes to it in real time. Check it often and come to the meetings if you are able to participate.

**Thank you and God Bless All!**

*Tom McCaffrey*  
*Grand Knight*



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## Chaplain Commentary

Dear Brother Knights,

This month we conclude our brief meditation on the Lord's Prayer. Give us this day our daily bread; In this petition we show that we are dependent of God for our livelihood. Sometimes we think that because we support ourselves and our families that we do this completely under our own power. God makes us well enough and strong enough to our work which results in our daily bread. Also, in this request for our daily sustenance, we see a type of the true nourishment—the Bread and Wine that is the very Body and Blood of Christ!

...and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. It is clear that we must forgive from the heart. We think of God's love as unconditional, but consider Matthew 6:14-15. This passage follows immediately on the words of the Lord's Prayer: "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." For this reason I call the Lord's Prayer "the dangerous prayer." We are asking God to forgive us in exactly the same way we forgive others.

...and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. We are asking God not to put us to the test. We are asking him to protect us from evil. We acknowledge that the Lord will never allow us to be tempted more than we can resist. We thank our Blessed Lord for this wonderful prayer which contains in it so many lessons for living.

The Peace of Christ be with you,

*Fr. Bob Mendonça*  
Chaplain



# Calling All Knights and Ladies!!

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Patrick Power Council no. 4588 Jubilee Historical Committee needs your photos, and memoirs! Do you have any photos or albums of council 4588 activities or members spanning ANY of our 50 years of service? We would like to scan your photos for use in our commemorative 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee yearbook and CD ROM! We would also like to collect any stories, memories, or written recollections of our council's history!

Please contact Aaron Wiley @  
[Wiley20001@netzero.com](mailto:Wiley20001@netzero.com)

Or  
925-373-6351

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**To the following September Celebrants**

Rev Deacon Bill Archer 2nd    Shawn Sexton 3rd  
James Tonowski 4th            Joseph Lennon 5th  
Kenneth Rief 8th                Thomas Jones 9th  
André Miron 11th                Adriano Fortes 12th  
Barry Buckett 15th               Brian Wilson 24th  
Wayne Walz 25th                Jeff Rucker 26th  
Gregory Smith 29th              Andrew Smith 29th  
Ronald Pasch Sr. 30th

**And to the following October Celebrants**

Henry Yatsko 1st                 Christopher Conley 8th  
Anthony Kliss 9th                Eduardo Lopez 13th  
Timothy Logsdon 14th            Robert Vieira 15th  
John Kupski 16th                 John Beebe 16th  
Vincent Nims 17th                Jake Raposa 20th  
Brian Littrell 22nd                Vaughn Brugman 27/th  
Michael Valent 29th

**Best Wishes for a Joyful Day**

The Golden Jubilee Committee meeting will be on Thursday night, 7:30 pm, October 11, 2007 in St. Michael's Hall. Jack Pons & Aaron Wiley will present our Golden Jubilee book. Open to all members and families.

Join our council in praying the Rosary in St. Michael's courtyard every Thursday in October @ 7 pm. All families please attend.

Thanks. Manuel

### BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the September 6th Business meeting are printed on page 8 of this newsletter. The publication of our minutes in the newsletter eliminates the reading of the minutes in the following business meeting and, thereby, results in the expeditious approval thereof. Such action contributes to the reduction of the length of our business meeting.

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Starting with the next issue of the KnightNews, the calendar that is on page 6 will be replaced with the one generated by our schedule keeper André Miron. The calendar for the entire Columbian year is available for viewing and download on the council website at:

<http://kofc4588.home.comcast.net/kalendar.htm>

This calendar will very nearly always be the most up to date schedule of events for the council. Inputs to the schedule should always be sent to the schedule keeper so that conflicts can be avoided. The current month's calendar will always be included in the KnightNews as a courtesy to those unable to access the council website.

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### [Knights vote to ban pro-choice politicians from Knights-sponsored events](#)

Nashville, August 14 (CNA). -The Knights of Columbus has decided to prohibit pro-choice advocates, including pro-choice politicians, from attending their events or receiving Knights awards. The ban includes persons supporting abortion, euthanasia or assisted suicide.

The members of the Catholic fraternal society voted to pass this resolution Aug. 9, during its 125th annual convention. The resolution reads: "We reaffirm our long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia."

They also resolved to prohibit these persons from renting Knights facilities, speaking at Knights events or holding any office in the Knights of Columbus.

This measure could be a response to the outrage of the Concerned Roman Catholics of America who spoke out in Boston when 16 Knights voted against a bill to define marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

The Knights resolved to offer pro-life education within society and to support programs that provide women facing crisis pregnancies with alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and to support projects that provide spiritual support to those women suffering the after-effects of abortion.

They also resolved to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted-suicide, and other acts against life.

The Order renewed its support for the traditional definition of marriage and called for the protection of conscience for medical professionals and Catholic hospitals.

They reaffirmed their commitment to building a culture of life by promoting policies that favor the family. They called for decency in the media and for honoring the nation's armed troops.

They concluded with a resolution to pray the rosary and to do penance in reparation for the sins against life.

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### Deputy Grand Knight & Program Director Report

Our council holds many events during the year that are designed to raise funds to support our charitable works in the community. Some of the events (like the Crab Feed) bring us considerable dollars while others bring just a few hundred dollars into the coffers.

As part of our ongoing program to maximize our efforts, the council will review our fundraising efforts to ensure that we raise sufficient money for the programs and beneficiaries we wish to support. An improved fundraising program will also ensure that we don't burn certain individuals out holding events which contribute little in terms of raising funds but take up a lot of effort to plan and run.

The council officers and program directors will be reviewing our fundraising efforts over the next few months. We are looking for ideas that will maximize the donations we receive and any knight is welcome to suggest improvements to our fund raising efforts. Please contact any officer or program directors with your suggestions.

The St. Charles Oktoberfest 2007 is being held Saturday, September 22nd starting at 2 PM. Our council will have an informational booth there to kick off our Fall recruiting drive.

Dinner, dancing, music, beer, raffles and a silent auction are all on the agenda. There will be a concert at 3:30 PM, a German Mass at 4 PM and dinner will be served at 5:30 PM. (Morganti's Catering will be serving up the dinner!!) Dinner tickets are \$18 for the full Brats & Sauerbraten meal, with the children's Hot Dog meal for \$5. Ticket questions can be directed to Jo Howes 447-9739. This is a major fundraiser at St. Charles, and we hope that you and your family will support this project enthusiastically

Ken Rief

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### Youth Report for September Newsletter

#### Youth Soccer Tournament

Our council is sponsoring a Knights Youth Soccer Tournament this year. The Tournament is to be held Sunday, October 7th. Boys and girls from ages ten to fourteen are eligible to participate. See the detailed information on page 8.

#### Civics Class

The Squires continue to offer a Civics Class to youth in the community. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> the class met with the Mayor of Livermore, Marshall Kamena, to discuss how youth could help with the issues facing our community. That evening the class attended a Livermore City Council meeting to find out first hand how City business is conducted. The class will continue through August 22nd on Wednesdays at 7 PM at the Livermore Police Station.

#### Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti Dinner has been changed to April. The exact date will be on the online calendar and in this newsletter.

God Bless,  
Tony Lucero  
Youth Director

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27 Officer Meeting 7:30PM Small Hall	28	29 CountryWestern Dinner Dance
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# October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Business Meeting	5	6 English 3rd Degree Santa Rosa
7 1st Degree Danville Soccer Challenge	8	9	10	11 Jubilee Planning Meeting	12	13
14 Pancake Breakfast	15 <b>DEADLINE FOR KNIGHTNEWS INPUT</b>	16	17	18 Squires Meeting Movie Knight	19 Clergy Appreciation Dinner	20
21 VA Mass	22	23	24 1st Degree—Rodeo	25 Officers Meeting	26 English 1st Degree— Rodeo	27 Start Membership Drive St. Charles Rosary to End Abortion
28 Finish Membership Drive St. Charles	29	30	31			

### St. Charles Membership Blitz October 27 & 28th

BE PREPARED! Our council has a goal of recruiting 19 new brothers between now and the Jubilee Celebration. Brian Lucid is once again the Membership Director for this drive and has sent out the plan and assignments to everyone. Contact him if you have any questions. There is **no** reason we cannot make our goal! Let's roll!

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### Jubilee Retreat Reminder

A reminder to all brothers that the Jubilee retreat will once again be at St. Clare's on the weekend of the 25th of January 2008. Please be sure to mark your calendars and reserve your place for this wonderful event that is the final lead in for our Jubilee Celebration. Contact John Beebe @ 443-7868 for info and reservations. Make check out to "St. Clare's Retreat". Thanks and may God bless.

John Beebe

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**Community Director's Report**

Hello Brothers and Ladies,  
Thanks for all your efforts with the Veterans Hospital Chapel fundraiser with the last Sunday breakfast, especially all the Knights Ladies! We raised \$350 on a short notice breakfast date that otherwise would have been dropped. Thank you so much for everything!

Oh by the way, the money will be used by the Perrys, who manned the grill, to buy the new items needed by and for the Chapel. My father, a retired Colonel, PG and, PFN has 2, yes two, chalices that he wants to donate. That makes our total net over \$1000.

Great job Knights and Ladies!

Joe Revolinsky KofC Community Director

**DID YOU KNOW?.....**

**St. Dominic**

Received the Rosary from the Virgin Mary as the greatest weapon against heresies.

**CATHERINE OF SIENA**

Privileged with private revelations since her tender age, Jesus entrusted her with bringing the Holy Father back to Rome from France while warning her of the dangers that the Church was facing. She was blessed with the invisible stigmata and often lived on the Eucharist as her only source of food.

**ST. SIMON STOCK**

He received the Brown Scapular from the Virgin Mary with the promise that those who die while wearing it, they will be saved.

**ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT**

She received private revelations from Jesus regarding the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the importance of the Communion of Saints.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Appearing to Bernadette Soubirous, Our lady introduced herself as the Immaculate Conception. In Lourdes flows the promised miraculous waters, over and above the endless miracles that are credited to the Miraculous Medal.

**PADRE PIO**

For 50 years, from September 20, 1918 to 1968 when he died, Padre Pio had the stigmata of Christ. He would bleed during his Holy Masses. He had ongoing visions of Jesus and Mary and was instrumental in the miraculous healing of thousands in body and soul. He was blessed with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. His great devotions were the Holy Mass, the Sacrament of Confession, the Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Fatima, praying for the souls in Purgatory and his Guardian Angel.

Hi Everyone, I hope the above approved church apparitions enriches everyone's catholic knowledge, every month I will bring interesting facts of our church's teaching to the newsletter.

I would like to let everyone know, our council is sponsoring a clergy appreciation dinner on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the church's hall, all are invited to recognized and give thanks to our clergy from both St. Charles and St. Michael's. Please feel free to contact me at [edwinhenriquez@yahoo.com](mailto:edwinhenriquez@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

Edwin E. Henriquez, Church Director

**Chancellor's Report**

There will be a memorial mass for Deceased Knights on Thursday November 8 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Community from 7:30-9:00 pm. All widows of deceased Knights will be invited. Refreshments will be served after the memorial ceremony. All knights are urged to attend. Vaughn Brugman, Chancellor

Brother Knights,

First off I would like to thank all those who helped make the Deanery dinner a successful event. We received many compliments on the service as well as the food. Albeit a small event, it was a good way to start putting things into gear. By the time this newsletter is out we will have put another event (I trust it will be successful also) behind us – the parish festival with the Knight's manning the hamburger and hotdog barbecue led by Jim Shirley. Thank you Jim for stepping up to take this on. Marching forward we will be putting on the clergy dinner on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Most of the team has been assembled for this as of this writing, but we may still be looking for some help. Also we are putting our crab feed team together led by none other than John Gutierrez. Tickets should be available at the business meeting in November. **If you want tickets please get them early** as we sold out by mid December last year. Please come to the business meetings and consider taking part in these and other events. VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER. Remember that charity is our first-degree theme and volunteering is charity at work.

Michael Valent  
Council Director  
925-487-1402

**Ramp up the fundraising!**

Brothers,

As the Grand Knight mentioned last week, our council needs to review and improve our fundraising efforts to ensure that we have the money for the programs and beneficiaries we want to support. An improved fundraising program will also ensure that we don't burn certain individuals out holding events which contribute little in terms of raising funds but take up a lot of effort to plan and run.

Please plan to attend a strategy meeting within the next few weeks that will address this topic. (The invite will come out within 4-5 days.) In preparation for that meeting, please start asking other people in other groups what they do to raise money. Make some calls and find out how much money these people are talking about when they say "we make a lot of money". Bring this information and your ideas to the planning meeting so that we can ramp our fundraising into high gear.

Please invite any other Knights you know that have this type of fundraising knowledge to the meeting.

Name badges – Anyone Knight or Knight Lady interested in getting a Knight badge, please contact Manny Figueiredo at 455-0543. The cost is \$6.00 each. If you never received a badge, please advise Manny and it will be free.

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**Council #4588 Sept 6, 2007 Meeting Minutes** Location: St Michael Small Hall Present 29

Meeting called to Order: 7:35 PM by G.K. Tom McCaffrey Prayer was offered by Chaplain Fr. Mendonca

Roll Call of Officers:

Chaplain Fr Mendoca Present	Fin. Sec. Chris Carrano Present	I. Guard Ray Miranda Present
Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey Present	Treasurer Manny Estacio Present	O. Guard Tim Logsdon Excused
D. Grand Knight Ken Rief Present	Lecturer N/A	Trustee (3 yr) D. Nardy Present
Chancellor Vaughn Brugman Present	Advocate Pat Kiefer Present	Trustee (2 yr) B. Littrel Present
Recorder Ed Faust Absent	Warden Joe Espinosa Present	Trustee (1 yr) C. Conley Absent

Before the meeting there was request by Robert Porter from St. Joan of Arc council to the Knights of #4588 to participate in their Golf Tournament. The meeting began with the Grand Knights Overview.

Roster Suspensions have been finalized; Three Priorities now are:

1. Build Teams for service programs
2. Recruit 50 new members for 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee
3. Improve event scheduling, planning, and conduct. Andre Miron is conduit for de-conflicting schedules,.

Ron Hebron has resigned as insurance agent. New insurance agent is Brian Oliver, 925 676 7000, Ray Miranda is extending term as inside guard as this years' inside guard had not received 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and was ineligible to act as an officer. Family Director is vacant. Brian Lucid may replace, meaning we will need a new membership director in November. We need a Communications Director to replace Chuck Harding. Andre Miron is the new webmaster. We need a newsletter editor to replace Chuck Harding. All new event forms are on web. All reports are early. We are required to file a tax report as revenues exceed \$25,000/yr. We have already had one successful event, the deanery dinner August 23.

Upcoming events:

1. Next months officers meeting will be at St. Charles in the Pope room.
2. Awards dinner replaces "Past GK dinner" May hold this event @ La Val's Pizza at Camp Parks Date TBD.
3. Discussion of Knights position on Comprehensive Health Care Legislation.
4. Discussion of failure of current phone tree. An automatic calling machine is available for \$975. This machine would call everyone on its list and repeat calls until it gets an answer or an answering machine.

**Chaplains Report:** Become informed of the details of the Comprehensive Health care proposal and carefully consider your vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

General Fund (Checking)	\$7,169.50
Outstanding Checks	\$300.40
Bldg. Fund Holding Acct	\$10,614.63
KHK Savings Fund	\$985.06
Building Fund CD's	\$35,801.38

There were no new bills.

**Communications:** A letter from Birthright was read thanking Council 4588 for donating \$250 to Birthright from the proceeds of the Mothers Day breakfast.

**Financial Secretary's report:** General Comments — Council 4588 is in "GOOD STANDING" with Supreme Council

Follow up Items: Semi Annual Council Audit completed and submitted, 7 Suspensions issued, First installment of State Per Capita Tax paid

Upcoming Items: Any day — Insurance rebate from old insurance company, Nov 15th — IRS form 990 due, Dec 1st — Membership Billing

Membership	June 30, 2007	September 6, 2007	YTD Activity
Associate	118	111	Deaths 1
Insurance	58	58	Suspensions 7
Inactive	10	11	Transfers in 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>180</b>	Transfers out 0
Honorary	3	3	Re-in/Re-ad 0
Honorary Life	25	23	Asc to Ins 0
Clergy	12	9	

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Awards Progress				Year to Date
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net
New Members	9	0	6	-6
New Insurance	4	0	1	-1

Financial

Monies Collected

Dues = \$304.00  
 Initiation Fees = \$87.50  
 365 Club = \$ 0.00  
 Insurance refund = \$33.00 <----- overpayment

Total = 424.50

Orders on Treasurer

Office expenses = \$1,315.00--- newsletter, postage, badges, PO box, KofC hats  
 Events = \$188.66 <----- 1st degree food expenses  
 4th qtr FS comp = \$92.10 <----- March 1 thru June 30  
 Donations = \$50.00 <----- memorial masses  
 Council Insurance= \$1,730.00  
 State per capita tax=\$745.92 <----- first of two installments

Total = \$4,121.77

Chancellors report: Belated Condolence card to Fr. Bob re: Dan Silveira Belated get well to Dick Epp Get well to Ken Logsdon Deceased Knights Mass November 8, 7:30-9:pm Short speaking roles for Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Warden, Chaplain, and Recorder. Christ in Christmas Initial planning to be with Chancellor, DGK, and Church Director

**Committee Reports**

Ken Rief showed new shirts for knights

**Membership** Brian Lucid discussed next membership Blitz at St. Charles October 27 and 28. Brian reviewed organization & schedule. Awards dinner will be at LaVals.

**Bishop J. Fulton Sheen Award** was presented to the Grand Knight by Joe Revolinsky in thanks for the knights sending 200 battlefield prayer books to the soldiers in Iraq.

**Communications:** Andre Miron is the new webmaster, Chuck is soliciting for someone to take over as newsletter editor and communications director so he can switch over to being Technology Director. Some details of the phone callout system were presented and other options discussed, such as creating our own system or looking at other vendors.

**Council** Mike Valent extended his thanks for all who helped at the Deanery dinner. He needs helpers for the clergy dinner Oct 19 and the St. Michael's festival. Also, we need donations for the Crab Feed.

**Youth** Tony Lucero discussed schedule. The Soccer Challenge is pending, possibly Sept 29, Squires Spaghetti dinner is May 31, Squires are doing work at the Ten Commandments monument, Squires participated in a citizenship program this summer

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Manny Figueiredo reported meetings are starting,

**Trustees** had nothing to report

**Field agent** was absent

**District Deputy** was absent

**Prayers for the sick** Joe Revolinsky's nephew, Pat Kiefer's parents, Jerry Hauser, Ken Logsdon, Tom and Madeline Silvi.

**Good of the order** Tony Lucero is June Knight of the Month, Mike Valent is August Knight of the Month, Andre Miron was awarded the June Family of the Month, John Beebe was awarded July Family of the Month, Bill Henderson was awarded August Family of the Month, John Gutierrez was awarded April Family of the Month. There were three awards for Knight in Shining Armor: Chris Carrano, Vaughn Brugman and Ken Rief.

There was an announcement of a showing of a Pax Christi movie on the antiwar movement on October 9 at the Livermore Library.

The Chaplain led the closing Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

**Membership Director Report**

All, here is the degree schedule in our area. We are working to reschedule our own 1st Degree.

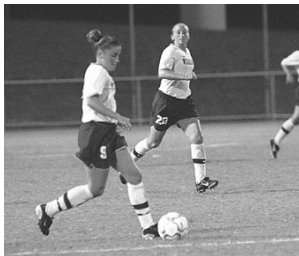
Deg.	Date/Time	Location	Host Council POC	Phone
3	10/06/07	Santa Rosa	Thomas Obuchowski	707-525-8066
1	10/07/07 3:00PM	Danville	Jerry Beresh	925-831-1403
1	10/07/07 3:00PM	Danville	Harry Hendricks	925-979-0306
1	10/24/07 7-9PM	Rodeo	Joseph Navarez	510-701-2851
1	11/07/07 7:30PM	Pleasanton	Mark Kotch	925-989-1581
3	11/17/07	Stockton	Thomas Lambdin	209-931-2826
1	04/10/08 7:30PM	Pleasanton	Mark Kotch	925-989-1581

If you would like to attend a degree please let me know, I will make sure coordination happens with the host council.

The membership Blitz is October 27th and 28th, see the Blitz Instructions for more details. Full council effort, please give the Membership Branch Chiefs your support.

If you are interested in being the Membership Director, I'm interested in talking to you, call me, late.

Brian Lucid



**Council Soccer Challenge 10/7/07**

Get the word out and come join us for fun in the sun at our council soccer challenge. Invite your sons, daughters, grandchildren, neighbors and friends ages ten to fourteen years old to participate in the penalty kick competition. Then come out yourself to cheer on the participants and help manage the event and have an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Helpers needed: Arrive at 2:30 PM (Form fillers, score keepers, judges)

Participants: Arrive at 3 PM

Location: Father Adam's Field

There is an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) file of a flyer for this event on the council website on the Newsletter page that you can download and print to hand out. The name of the file is Soccer2007.pdf

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### A Message From Our Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knights:

Please excuse me from including my message this month in the bulletin. I think it is important to read the following message from our Supreme Knight, Brother Carl Anderson

YOUR BROTHER AND FIELD AGENT,  
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CARL A. ANDERSON,  
SUPREME KNIGHT

### Our Commitment to You

Greed is not exactly a recent phenomenon - it's right there on the age-old list of the "seven deadly sins." In any event, it's been very much in evidence lately in the financial markets, which have been in a panic because of the failure of some lenders who specialized in so-called sub-prime mortgages.

If the problem was limited to companies that unwisely provided mortgages to people who couldn't afford them, then those companies would simply either have to change their ways or go out of business. But in practice, their loans are sold to investors. And in the last few years, some investment firms have packaged these risky mortgage loans into extremely complex investment vehicles that offer modestly higher interest rates, but conceal the real risk involved.

Some investors, lured by the higher rates of return, and lulled into complacency by assurances that "cutting edge" financial engineering had minimized the risks involved, allowed a touch of avarice to cloud their judgment. Some of those investors were banks, and some were insurance companies.









The Knights of Columbus insurance program has more than \$64 billion of life insurance in force and we are among the Fortune 1000. Like all such companies, we invest the premiums paid by our certificate holders in a variety of investment vehicles. Today we have nearly \$14 billion of assets under management. But we have always maintained very high standards for the investments we make, putting our assets only into investment-grade bonds and the highest-quality equities. We do *not* invest in high risk vehicles such as derivatives and junk bonds, nor do we invest in the types of structured transactions that are currently causing such turmoil in the markets. We stay away from them not because we don't understand them - but because we *do* understand them - and the risk they entail.

Ours is an insurance program that is designed *by* brother Knights *for* brother Knights. And we believe that your best interests are served by a prudent and conservative investment philosophy. When Standard & Poor's renewed our AAA rating again last month, they noted that our approach produces "slightly lower investment yields," but found that overall, we have "consistently generated good investment returns, with low exposure to credit risk." And in a world where "liquidity" is suddenly a major concern in the financial community, S&P declared that we "have very strong liquidity," which "is further enhanced by the high credit quality of [our] investment portfolio."

A few days ago, A.M. Best, which also gave us its top rating again this year, asked us to report our investment in sub-prime mortgages over the past three years. The answer, of course, was zero. Did we have any investments during the same time period in the types of structured bond and loan packages that have sent shock waves through the markets? Once again, we were able to report that we had none at all. Some companies cannot give that answer.

Because we put our members' interests first, and because we earn an excellent return on our investments the hard way - by seeking out the highest-quality investment vehicles - we are able to offer you, our members, a rock-solid foundation on which to build your financial future and protect your family. And we do it while staying well away from any of the seven deadly sins. That is our commitment to you and your family.

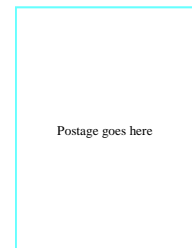
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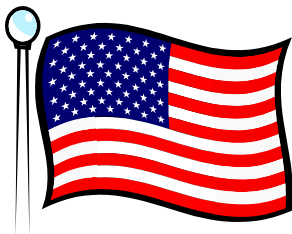


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THURSDAY, month day at 7:30  
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