



KNIGHTNEWS May 2008

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Newsletter Dedication

This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Sir Knight Walter Alvarez, who passed away on April 3. Walter had many friends in St. Michael's parish, especially within the Hispanic community. He will be dearly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Graciela, and their family in this time of sorrow.

Membership Drive was a Big Success

Congratulations for a great membership drive at St. Michael's Parish on April 19th and 20th. Thanks to the seventy Knights who participated, we signed up around twelve candidates on the spot and got at least another twelve prospects to chase down over the following week. When you add these good men to the five or six candidates who were already waiting for the first degree, we should be very close to achieving our goal of 75 new members by June 30. We currently have 53.

In the spirit of fraternity, all Knights should strive to attend the May 1 business meeting in the large hall. We will conduct a first degree ceremony that night. The business meeting will be abbreviated and then we will have a nice reception to welcome the new members to our council. Let's show them who we are and get them involved with some of our many activities.

Officer Installation and Awards Night Party

Mark your calendars now for the final event of this Columbian year! We will have a beautiful ceremony to install the new officers on Friday, June 27, at 6 pm in the large hall. The officiating officer will be the new District Deputy, yours truly. This ceremony is open for your families and for interested parishioners. It will be followed by a dinner (probably pot luck with details provided later).

After the dinner, we will honor the Knights and Families of the Months, and also announce the Knight and Family of the Year. There will be other awards as well. And then we get down to some serious, end of year partying.

Don't miss this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers and to show support for the new officers who will be serving our council in the following year. This new annual event replaces the event previously known as the Past Grand Knight's Party.

Council Priorities

- **Build strong teams for our service program.**
- **Improve event scheduling, planning, and conduct.**
- **Recruit 75 new members by June 30.**

Thank you and God Bless All!

Tom McCaffrey
Grand Knight

Message from the Financial Secretary

Brother Knights,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that we have now met our membership and insurance quotas for this Columbian year and because Council 4588 has filed all of its required reports with the Supreme Council we are now eligible for several fraternal awards at the end of this Columbian year.

However, I regret to inform you that if I have to suspend the current number of members who are delinquent in paying their dues, then reaching our quotas for next year looks nearly unattainable and discouraging to our Deputy Grand Knight who will lead our council next year. There are currently 19 members in arrears and "Notice of Intent to Suspend" letters will be sent out on May 1st. Those members who have not met their obligation by July 1st will be suspended.

For your information and at the request of the Grand Knight, I want to inform the membership of Council 4588, both new and old about the standard billing procedures of the Knights of Columbus so that you all may understand the process involved that leads to suspension of a Knight. The process is not arbitrary. The information below is taken directly from the "Financial Secretary's Handbook" given to me from the Supreme Council and I am charged by virtue of my office to follow it exactly. Without interpretation, the Handbook states:

1. The Financial Secretary will mail the first notice membership bill 15 days prior to the billing period.
2. If payment is not received in 30 days, a second notice bill will be mailed.
3. If payment is still not received within 30 days from the date the second notice was sent, the member is now in arrears and,
 - (A). The Financial Secretary will provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers and the amount of delinquency for each member in arrears to the Retention Committee.
 - (B). A "Knight Alert" letter will be forwarded to each delinquent member signed by the Grand Knight and trustees.
 - (C). The Grand Knight will assign a member of the Retention Committee to make personal contact with the delinquent member to remind him of his obligation. The Retention Committee will then report to the Grand Knight as to why the member is delinquent and why he is considering leaving the Order. Financial Difficulty is not a valid reason for a Knight to be suspended and the Retention Committee is sensitive to those Knights experiencing financial difficulty.
4. If at the end of the second month of arrearage the member still has not paid his dues, the "Notice of Intent to Suspend" form is to be prepared and signed by the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight and copies distributed as follows:
 - (A). One copy sent to the delinquent member.
 - (B). One copy sent to the Department of Membership Records at the Supreme Office. The Supreme Knight will mail a personal letter to the delinquent member encouraging him to remain in "good standing" status.
 - (C). One copy sent to the State Council who will write to the member, offering assistance and advising him that the District Deputy in the area can help with any problems.
 - (D). One copy is sent to the District Deputy who will make personal contact with the delinquent member to discuss the arrearage situation, offer assistance, and record the response and reaction received. He will then prepare a report and send it to the State Deputy.
 - (E). One copy is retained in the Financial Secretary's membership record files.
5. If the delinquent member does not meet his obligation within 60 days after receiving the "Notice of Intent to Suspend" then Financial Secretary may file a Form 100 Membership Document indicating suspension.

So there you have it. Suspension of a brother Knight is not taken lightly, nor is it something that happens overnight. Remember the words of your 1st Degree Exemplification and please be sure you pay your dues in a timely manner.

Fraternaly Yours,

Christopher Carrano

Financial Secretary

New Ways to Look at Insurance

*Please hold open the evening of Monday, May 12th for an important council event. Our worthy Supreme Field Agent, Brian Olivier, will present an informational session regarding **new ways to look at insurance for you and your family** beginning at 7:30 PM in St Michael's large hall. We encourage both you and your wife to attend this significant meeting. Refreshments will be served.*

As you know, insurance for families was an integral part of Father Michael J. McGivney's plan for the Knights of Columbus. Make no doubt about it that although insurance with the Knights of Columbus is optional, the proceeds from the insurance offered by our order protects our wives and children but also funds what Supreme donates to charities in our name. Last year alone 143 million was donated to charity.

Our insurance plan is safe; it has the highest ratings from Standard & Poor's and AM Best. It is \$67 billion dollars strong with a variety of whole life, term and annuity insurance products, as well as long term care products. Please plan to attend this meeting and to hear what Brian has to say about this important topic.



Chaplain Commentary

Dear Brother Knights,

Our 50th Anniversary was a wonderful time of prayer, fellowship and remembrance. It was very humbling for me to preside and preach on such an occasion. One of the things I spoke about was the nature of Jubilee. It is not a single glorious event—even though it was wonderful. Jubilee lasts for the whole year. So this is a time for us to take special care in our charitable outreach and our prayer.

May our support of wholesome community activities hearken back to the days when families were encouraged by the standards of the society.

May we carry our weight as citizens of the greatest country ever to insure that its laws are just and its people free.

May we, during this year of Jubilee, grow in our faith and commitment to the Holy Church and encourage and support our brother Knights.

And, May God bless you and your families,

Fr. Bob Mendonça
Chaplain

COUNCIL AWARDS

Our hearty congratulations are extended to the following members of our council who earned special recognition for their outstanding contributions in the month of March:

Knight of the Month: Ray Miranda

Family of the Month: Ed Foust

Officers 2007-2008

Tom McCaffrey 245-0166
GRAND KNIGHT

Fr. Robert Mendonca 447-4549)
CHAPLAIN

Ken Rief 371-8355
DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

Vaughn Brugman 606-5498
CHANCELLOR

Joe Espinosa 455-6614
WARDEN

Chris Carrano 373-7842
FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Manny Estacio 443-6549
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Ed Faust 245-0242
RECORDER

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INSIDE GUARD

Tim Logsdon 449-0137
OUTSIDE GUARD

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ADVOCATE

Brian J. Olivier 676-7000
INSURANCE

TRUSTEES

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2-Year: Chris Conley 449-2265

3 Year: Brian Lucid (831)239-9493

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following May Celebrants

Donald King 2nd
LtC Brian Lucid 2nd
Tony De Sousa 6th
Rev Augustine S Koilparampil 9th
Robert Schmidt 12th
Edward Orham 13th
John Gonsalves 21st
Raymond Miranda 24th
William Goodwin 26th
John Pruner 26th
Karim Massoud 27th
Edward Pasch 27th
Angel Rivera 27th
Greg Mathews 31st

Best Wishes for a Joyful Day

Name badges – Anyone Knight or Knight Lady interested in getting a Knight badge, please contact Brian Littrell at 447-9770. The cost is \$6.00 each. If you never received a badge, please advise Brian and it will be free.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Please read in its entirety the minutes of our Council Business Meeting of April 3rd, which is printed starting on page 10 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.

Buy your copy of the 50th Anniversary Book!

There are 70 copies of the Jubilee book still available. This book has 110 pages of color photos and history of the Father Patrick Power Council. Several fascinating pages are devoted to each decade of our council's existence. With countless pictures of events, members, and families this book offers a wonderful trip down memory lane for anyone who has ever been a part of our fraternal organization.

We are selling the book at cost, \$15 per copy. You can pick one up at the business meetings or contact the Grand Knight, Tom McCaffrey (925 245-0166), to get a copy.

Membership Committee Report

Degree Ceremonies:

1st Degree: May 1st in Livermore

Point of Contact: Frank Cambra (fjcambra@comcast.net) or (925) 245-9167

2nd Degree: April 26th in Danville
May 22nd in Livermore

3rd Degree: April 26th in Danville
June 1st in Livermore

Point of Contact: Ron Hauck (rphauck@aol.com) or (925) 449-5398

All Council Members are encouraged to attend the Exemplification Ceremonies hosted by our Council. Please participate and support our Brother Knights as they embark on their journey to Knighthood and service.

Chuck Lewandowski

Membership Chairman

YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT

GET INVOLVED With Youth Activities!

Come join us by participating in our Youth Activities. These activities are fun and getting involved gives one a feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction. Get your children, grandchildren, friends and relatives involved. Check out the coming events below, followed by a report of recent events that have transpired.

Spaghetti Dinner May 31

The Spaghetti Dinner happening on May 31st is quickly approaching. Please Mark your calendars and join us for some delicious spaghetti. We will be selling raffle tickets

for prizes. Look around your home and at work for items you can donate as prizes for our raffle. Consider helping us out and mark some extra time off on your calendar. We will begin selling tickets the first weekend in May.

Squires 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

On Friday April 11th at 8 PM our Squires Circle 4413 celebrated its Ten Year anniversary with over 50 attendees. Eleven Squires were recognized for: their service as Past Chief Squires, serving as a State officer, and attaining the Boy Scout rank of Eagle Scout. In addition four Counselors were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Squires Circle. It was a real treat to hear brother Knight Jake Raposa describe how he as Grand Knight together with Manny Figueiredo started the Circle. To add to the treat Past Chief Squire Michael Bartels, who was one of the founding members, described his experiences as did his father, Mike Bartels, who was a Counselor in the early years. Individuals recognized are listed below.

Nicholas Aufderheide	Current Chief Squire
Andy T. Logsdon	Past Chief Squire 2006-2007
Gabriel J. Lucero	Past Chief Squire 2005-2006
Luke Logsdon	Past Chief Squire 2004-2005
Anthony J. Lucero	Past Chief Squire 2003-2004
Michael Bartels Jr.	Past Chief Squire 2002-2003
Elliot Arnold	Past Chief Squire 2001-2002
Frederick Zamora	Past Chief Squire 1997-1998
Zachary Conley	State Officer - Bursar
Maurice Aufderheide	Eagle Scout Recognition
Charles Dohmann	Eagle Scout Recognition
Mr. Michael Valent	Outstanding Contribution
Mr. Manny Figueiredo	Outstanding Contribution
Mr. Mike Bartels	Outstanding Contribution
Mr. Jake Raposa	Outstanding Contribution

Squires Investiture Ceremony

On Friday April 11th at 6:45 PM the Squires held an Investiture Ceremony. A warm welcome to our newest Squire Andres Gutierrez!

Ten Commandments Stepping Stones Project - UPDATE

We had a successful meeting on February 16th completing our initial planning and preliminary schedule. Squires learned how planning is done and how important it is for professional construction projects.

This Squires project is to place stepping stones around the Ten Commandments Monument so people will be more likely to walk around the monument and view the Beatitudes on the back side. The stones may include the Seven Sacraments and/or the names of the Twelve Apostles. Our adult advisor for this project is in construction management. His experience and expertise will provide an excellent learning environment for participating Squires. He will assist the Squires in putting together a professional project plan, in selecting materials for the project, and im-

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An Extension of You and Your Catholic Conscience

We are all trying to do our part to “Save the Earth”. The word “Green” has taken on a new meaning. This caused me to think about what am I doing as your Supreme Field Agent Representative. What we provide does not pollute. It will not give you cancer five years later. It will not start a bad habit that will fill your lungs with poisons or contaminate your liver or cause heartache among those you love.

What we provide does not discriminate. It benefits all Knights and their families, rich or poor, every ethnic group, male or female.

What we provide gives you peace of mind that your loved ones will always be safe and secure. It is the cornerstone of the financial security for your family. It may not make you rich, but it will give you a source of strength and power, which will be the firm foundation for the decisions of your future.

It will provide income for you so that your loved ones will not suffer because an illness picked you out and struck you, or your retirement plan was seriously damaged.

What we provide prevents your family from being a charity case for some government program, or having to depend on relatives to survive. What we provide gives you dignity, financial security, and a strong memory of your passion for your loved ones. What we provide is the gift of love. It becomes an extension of you and your Catholic conscience to your family.

YOUR BROTHER AND FIELD AGENT,

Brian J. Olivier, FIC, SKC, MDRT
Knights of Columbus, Supreme Field Agent Representative
(925) 676-7000

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plementation of the project. Be on the look out for future newsletter articles and emails on this.

Squires Counselors Needed

The Squires are looking for Knights to be adult leaders to act as counselors for our young men. It gives great satisfaction to work with these young men and watch them grow. The more Knights we have involved the better we serve our young men. We need Knights to attend our meetings and assist with planning activities, spiritual development, athletic activities, developing financial secretary skills and much more. We are also looking for adults to come and speak to our Squires about their careers. This allows our youth to learn about careers and think about their future.

Basketball Free Throw Contest – UPDATE – Another Win!

Our Council Contest winner Jared Buranis won fourth place at the State Level for Ten Year Old Boys. The contest was held in Fresno. Congratulations Jared!

Essay Contest– Winners!

Our council held its annual Essay Contest for youth from the 4th grade through the 8th grade. The local contest ended on January 15th. The essay topic for 4th through 6th grade was “What does being a Catholic mean to me?” The essay topic for 7th and 8th grades was “How can I display charity in my life?” The essays were scored and the winning essay for each age group has been sent for participation in the Chapter level contest. Each winner will receive a Fifty dollar savings bond.

Congratulations to our contest winners: Ian Granger for the 4th through 6th grade category and Gianna Inzerillo for the 7th and 8th grade category.

State Squires Convention

The State Squires Convention is approaching. It will be the weekend June 20th, 21st and 22nd. It will be held in southern California this year. WE NEED ADULT PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT PLEASE COME JOIN US IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE. This is the biggest event of the year for Squires. They receive awards for all the hard work they did this year. They get to elect their State officers and conduct State business. Any they have a great time.

Thank you and God Bless All!

Tony Lucero
Youth Director

Communications Director Report

Once again our PhoneTree 2100 was put to use announcing two funerals and a request for help with the membership blitz. Some feedback was received asking why there were more than one call on answering machines. Well, in the case of the funeral announcements, I decided that I wanted to maximize the instances where the call was answered by

a human. This resulted in the software contacting each person until a human answer was detected. Future communications will not be handled in this same way—please bear with us as we learn the proper way to use this valuable tool.

I would also like to encourage you to use the web site to download and view this and future issues of the newsletter, and consider opting-out of a paper copy. Doing so saves the council printing costs and postage, and helps us to be “green.” If you would like to opt out of the paper copy, please contact me at kofc4588@comcast.net

(Note: This message was prepared in part by Andre Miron—Please pray for Chuck’s swift recovery from his infection.)

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Be Proud of Being Catholic

(Excerpts of an article written by Sam Miller, prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman - NOT Catholic) Submitted by Dee Lynd

Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to your Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. Your graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%, all at a cost to you. To the rest of the Americans it's free.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that you as Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8 % of clergywomen reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and you head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: 'Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls'. Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic.

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The May Schedule is provided by André Miron. Please be sure to send any updates for events to him so they may be incorporated in the schedule and so that any required facilities (small hall, large hall, etc) may be scheduled as well. His contact information is on page 4 of this newsletter.

May 2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feast of Ascension Pariche Breakfast	Cinco de Mayo	Mass for Ed Gilmore	1st Degree - Concord	Business Meeting English 1st Degree - Livermore	Red, Blue, & Gold	Chapter Business Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mother's Day Pentecost	Course II Insurance Night			Deadline for KnightNews Input Squires Meeting	State Convention	Mass for Tom Silvey
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
V/A Mass				English 2nd Degree - Livermore		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Memorial Day			Officers Meeting		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						Spaghetti Dinner

Council #4588 April 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes Location: St. Michael's Small Hall Present 24
Meeting called to Order: 7:34 PM by G.K. Tom McCaffrey Prayer was offered by G.K. Tom McCaffrey

Roll Call of Officers:

Chaplain Fr. Mendonca	Excused	Fin. Sec. Chris Carrano	Present	I. Guard Ray Miranda	Present
G. K. Tom McCaffrey	Present	Treasurer Manny Estacio	Excused	O. Guard Tim Logsdon	Absent
D. Grand Knight Ken Rief	Present	Lecturer Tom McCaffrey	Present	Trustee (3 yr) B. Lucid	Absent
Chancellor Vaughn Brugman	Present	Advocate Pat Kiefer	Present	Trustee (2 yr) C. Conley	Absent
Recorder Ed Foust	Present	Warden Joe Espinosa	Present	Trustee (1 yr) B. Littrell	Absent

The Minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting, having been published in the newsletter, and there being no corrections, were approved unanimously.

The following application for membership were summarized and approved by the Admissions Committee: New Membership: mark Duguid, Tim Mello, Daniel Corral, and Daniel Corral Jr. Transfer: Michael Maranzino

Results of Balloting: All applicants were voted in unanimously.

The Council conferred the 1st Degree on the following: None

Grand Knights Overview:

Three Council Priorities were reviewed: 1) Build teams for service program– engage members and prepare for transition; 2) Improve event scheduling, planning, and conduct – Advertising, communicating and fund raising; 3) Recruit 75 new members by June 30th. As of tonight we have 52 new members and expect to be at 56 next week.

Fundraising: 1) RLCC will be used for the next Crab Feed; 2) 2 donation cans will be at each event. Each event will have a designated beneficiary which will be posted on the schedule.

Advertising: New Advertising Coordinator – John Gutierrez. All inputs must go through John.

Schedule: **April:** St. Michael's Membership Blitz (19th & 20th), Parish Fundraiser (5th), Squires 10th Anniversary & Investiture (11th), 2nd & 3rd Degree (26th in Danville); **May:** 1st Degree (1st) Livermore, State Convention (16th & 17th in San Jose), Red, Blue & Gold (9th), Pancake Breakfast (4th), 2nd Degree (22nd) Livermore, Squires Spaghetti Dinner (31st); **June:** Pancake Breakfast (15th), Squires State Convention (19th-22nd), Officer's Installation/Awards Dinner (27th).

State Convention: GK and DGK will be the delegates. Alternates will be voted on tonight. The banquet will be held on May 17th. All Knights are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$45/person. Fr. Bob received an honorable mention for the Fr. Perez award.

Marriage Ballot Initiative: 1) Council has only collected 142 signatures. Additional petitions are available. Address to mail them was given. Council Transition: DGK will have a proposed budget and officer slate for member review at the May meeting. Members will vote at the June meeting.

Chaplain's Report: Fr. Mendonca was excused.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund (Checking)	\$24,018	Checking Acct	\$24,018
Outstanding Checks	\$1,990	Outs. Checks	\$1,990
Bldg. Fund Holding Acct	\$1,425	Balance (12/5/07)	\$22,028
KHK Savings Fund	\$1,115		
Building Fund CD's	\$36,427		
Grand Total	\$64,975		

Warden: No report.

Recorder: No bills were presented. The following communications were read: 1) Letter from Bishop Vigneron thanking our council for the \$500 check for the Diocesan Vocation Fund, 2) email from Paul and Lucille Phelps thanking our council on the terrific Jubilee celebration; 3) Thank You card from Bess Jost thanking the council for putting on a great Jubilee Dinner as well as including the widows in all of the events; 4) Thank You card from the family of the late Remedios Santos for the Knights support and prayers.

Financial Secretary's Report: General Comments: Council 4588 remain in "GOOD STANDING." 21 members still haven't paid their dues, Congratulations to Paul Phelps for 50 years of service.

Financial				
Monies Collected		Orders on Treasurer		
Dues	\$306	Office Expense	\$1,898.56	Phone dialer, supplies, postage
Initiation Fees	\$60	Events	\$9,521.01	breakfast, Jubilee, fish fries
365 Club	\$3.65	Donations	\$200	East Bay Stand Down
KHK	0	3 rd Qtr FS Comp	\$306	
Events	\$4,944			
Total:	\$5,313.65	Total	\$11,925.97	

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Chancellors Report: Get Well cards sent to Patti Conley and Gail Rocca. Condolence card sent to Henri Laborde (former Knight whose wife passed away).

Programs Director: Discussion was presented on the following items: 1) Project Moses, 2) St. Charles room scheduling, 3) Transition progress, and 4) insurance benefit night (May 12th).

Committee Reports:

Membership: 1) Degree dates: **1D** –4/5 (Pittsburg-1 candidate), 4/10 (Pleasanton-3 candidates), 5/1 (Livermore). **2D** – 4/26 (Danville-5 candidates), 5/22 (Livermore). **3D** – 4/26 (Danville-9 candidates), 6/1 (Livermore). St. Michael's membership Blitz – April 19th & 20th. Need volunteers to cover every mass. 2) New 1st Degree members – Martin Yong, Jason Montuori, Michael Gagnon, and LeRoy Guzman.

Church Director: 1) Farewell for Fr. Sacca will be held on June 22nd, 2) New St. Michael pastor – 3 nominees have been sent to the Bishop for review 3) Lecture series at St. Michael's – "Feast of Faith – The Transforming Power of the Eucharist" April 10th and 17th in the Parish Hall from 7-9 PM.

Communications: 1) Council's new phone dialer is now active. Notify Chuck if you are not receiving calls, 2) Phone list will be updated.

Community: 1) Sarah's Law - Ron Hauck spoke on the petition initiative. Petition signing will be done after masses next week. Please volunteer. 2) Veterans Stand-down will be held on August 9th, 3) Red, Blue and Gold Banquet -May 9th. 3) New Los Positas Veterans Club – the 5 criteria for scholarship candidate selection were reviewed.

Council: 1) the results of our council's Jubilee Dinner and Celebration were highlighted. 2) Only 50 Jubilee books were sold. Members can still purchase a copy for \$15. 3) Looking for a breakfast chairman for the next 2 pancake breakfasts.

Family: 1) Still need a new volunteer for Family Director, 2) the council is looking at hosting a movie night to show the movie "Bella."

Youth: One Free Throw winner from Livermore made it to the state level, 2) Squires 10th Anniversary & Investiture Dinner will be held on April 11th. 3) The Squires Spaghetti Dinner is still scheduled for May 31st.

Trustees: Nothing to report

Advocate: No Report

Unfinished Business: 1) \$200 for Veteran's Stand down was approved, 2) Phone calling machine up and running, 3) Deposit made for Livermore Center Crab Feed, 4) Council support for Chapter Hospitality Room-approved, 5) \$500 veteran scholarship approved for every year for 5 years.

New Business: 1) Approved to designate Chris Carrano and PGK Chris Conley as Alternates for the state convention, 2) Approved to give \$400 to Laura Melendez to help her cost to attend Catholic Youth Day with the Pope in Australia, 3) Approved to advance \$400 for the Officer Installation & Awards Dinner on June 27th.

Fourth Degree Report: No report

Field Agent: GA Frank Maranzino discussed 1) Knights benefits, 2) Jubilee Dinner success, 3) Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's new book "Civilization of Love." He encouraged members to read it, 4) Field Agent Brian Olivier was selected as the "Top Agent" for the 3rd year in a row by the Supreme Knight.

Chapter President: Hugo Zerate announced/discussed the following: 1) Pope's visit to Washington DC, 2) 1st Degree ceremonies will be in honor of Pope Benedict 16th. Each new 1st Degree member will receive a special medal, 3) encouraged members and wives to attend the state convention. He also thanked members for the monetary support for the chapter's hospitality suite, 4) announced that the Pope was proclaimed Fr. McGiveny venerable, 5) congratulated the squires on their 10th anniversary, and 6) asked members to pray for Fr. Tom Edwards, chapter chaplain, who is undergoing by-pass surgery.

Prayers for the Sick: Fr. Tom Edwards, the late Walter Alvarez, Manny Estacio's mom who had a stroke, Patti Conley, Kim Grudl whose mother passed away, Iraq Archbishop who was murdered, and Ron Hauck's mother-in-law.

Good of the Order: 1) Tom Silvey received his VIP Club certificate, 2) Ray Miranda was awarded the March Knight of the Month and the Ed Foust Family was awarded the March Family of the Month, 3) Bob Viera asked for bartending help at the parish fundraiser.

The G.K. led the closing Prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Historic First at the White House for Knights of Columbus

The first visit to the United States by Pope Benedict XVI as Holy Father will also mark a historic first for the Knights of Columbus.

During Pope Benedict's April 16 meeting with President Bush at the White House, 30 Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia will provide an honor guard for the ceremony. It is the first time the Fourth Degree will stand in formation for a pope and president at the White House.

"We take this, first and foremost, as a supreme honor to be there for this historic event," said Joseph P. Schultz, supreme master of the Fourth Degree.

"We are greatly honored that we would be chosen for such an honor, and I think it's a sign of the high regard that is given to the Knights of Columbus as a whole."



The White House ceremony is scheduled to take place at 10:30 a.m. in the Rose Garden.

The Fourth Degree also is scheduled to take part at the Masses in Washington's Nationals Park and Yankee Stadium in New York, as well as at the pope's departure ceremony at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Vice Supreme Master Ralph Rossi is organizing the Fourth Degree's activities for the pope's visit in the nation's capital, and Masters Martin Loughlin and Marvin Dalton are handling arrangements in New York.

Rossi said that the 30 Sir Knights at the White House will represent the entire Order and the Catholic Church.

"I have told my men that we are representing not only the 1.7 million Knights and their families throughout the world, but also the 68 million Catholics in the United States and the 1 billion Catholics in the world, since people will be watching this ceremony all over the world," Rossi explained. "Any Knight who sees the Fourth Degree honor guard on TV will know that he is being represented. People all over the world will be able to see who we are and what we are, that we are Knights of Columbus."

Rossi was enlisted in the U.S. National Guard for 41 years, retiring two years ago with the rank of sergeant major. He will draw on his military training as he prepares the honor guard for its most important assignment. He said that at the White House, the Sir Knights will march in three rows of 10, with six different colored capes displayed. No ceremonial swords will be carried at any of the papal events.

At Nationals Stadium on April 17, an honor guard of 50 Sir Knights will lead the liturgical procession at the beginning and the end of Mass. At Yankee Stadium on April 20, as many as 165 Fourth Degree members will accompany priests and deacons as they distribute Communion to the thousands attending. Later that day, a contingent of 50 Sir Knights will serve as honor guard as the Holy Father departs from JFK Airport.

"This is a unique opportunity to show the world what the Knights are about," said Supreme Master Schultz.

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Resolution of Condolence

Father Patrick Power Council Number *4588*

In Memory of Brother *Sir Knight Walter Alvarez*

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother who departed this life *on the 3rd day of April*, 20.⁰⁸ and

Whereas, By his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our departed Brother be remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven, Connecticut; be it further

Resolved, That, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us, and be it further

Resolved, That this testimonial of condolence, duly signed and sealed, be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Thomas E. McCaffrey
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Grand Knight
April 4, 2008
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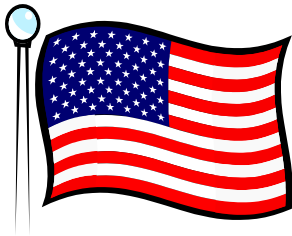


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