



KNIGHTNEWS

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brothers,

Last month I sent an email to the council and I used the word “touchstone”. Several knights have asked me what exactly a touchstone is and how it relates to the Knights of Columbus.

Each knight is taught the four tenets of our fraternal order: charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism. These are the bedrock of our beliefs and what we as knights stand for. However, they are not touchstones.

A touchstone is a test of genuineness and as we know it today, stands for a visible display of the values we say we believe in. For the knights of Columbus our primary touchstones are:

- Support for a knight's family and the institute of marriage
- Support for our clergy
- Support for Right for Life
- Support for those less fortunate than us

It stands to reason that since the knights are men of action, it is not enough to “say” you believe in charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism, you have to turn those words into a visible display of support. This is the true test or touchstone for you as a knight.

Based on this concept of a touchstone we must commit to doing what is right. We expect such commitment from our leaders. But just as important, we must demand it from ourselves.

Throughout our lives, we have been shown moral and ethical guideposts by our parents, clergy, teachers, youth leaders and a host of other people who were important in our lives. It is now our turn to show that we have learned the lessons taught as we practice the touchstones of the Knights of Columbus. Our actions should inspire others (no matter who) to take similar actions.

Remember – Actions speak louder than words.

Best wishes and God Bless,

Ken Rief
Grand Knight



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Statement on Financial Services Markets and Knights of Columbus by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

NEW HAVEN, CT SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception.

But I report to you today that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has been minimal - far smaller than for many other companies and the industry as a whole. We deliberately refused to invest in the highly structured and speculative investments that have brought disaster to some of America's most well known companies.

What Standard & Poor's said of us just one month ago when they reaffirmed our AAA rating for the 16th consecutive year remains true today. Our "liquidity is viewed as extremely strong, reflecting an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-quality, investment grade bonds." S&P also stated that our "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality" and our capital adequacy is "among the strongest in the industry." That remains the case today. Our capitalization is, and remains, "extremely strong."

Our surplus stood at more than \$1.7 billion on June 30 of this year, providing an unusually large cushion of protection against turmoil of the sort we have seen in recent weeks.

One crucial area sets us completely apart from firms like AIG, which had incurred enormous debt. We have no debt at all.

As a result, our financial condition remains extremely strong, and you can be certain that you are fully protected by one of the strongest and most reliable insurance programs in the entire industry.

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Chaplain Commentary

Dear Knights, Ladies and Columbian Families,

This year's general election is one of the most important in the history of this nation and this state. In addition to a tremendously significant presidential election—as you know—there are some crucial ballot measures.

There is Proposition 8 which seeks to preserve marriage in its traditional sense. This is not homophobic legislation; it is an attempt to preserve the nature of marriage. This nature extends universally through history. It is not anti-homosexual because domestic partnership laws already guarantee all the aspects of marriage of which same sex couples are capable.

There are indeed many different aspects of marriage which are reflected in these partnerships. There are, of course, companionship, a sense of belonging and medical and financial arrangements. The one thing missing from same sex “marriage” is the one thing which is distinctive to the married state: the procreation of children and the raising of families. This is the very heart of civilization! Without the family we have no society. A “Yes” vote on Prop. 8 will help preserve the traditional meaning of marriage.

An analogy is the nature of water. Water has many characteristics: it is a clear liquid at room temperature, so it alcohol. But the distinguishing characteristic of water is its chemical composition, H₂O. You can call a clear liquid many things, but it can only be water if it has two hydrogen molecules and one of oxygen. In the same way marriage is defined by the procreation and rearing of children in the context of all the other characteristics of this God-created state of life.

No matter how you cut it homosexual “marriage,” must of necessity redefine marriage. If you are not registered to vote you have until October 23.

God Bless you,

Fr. Bob Mendonça
Chaplain

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following October Celebrants

Henry Yatsko 1st	Christopher Conley 8th
Anthony Kliss 9th	Frank Cappuccio 11th
Eduardo Lopez 13th	Martin Yong 13th
Tim Logsdon 14th	Robert Vieira 15th
John Beebe 16th	John Kupski 16th
Vincent Nims 17th	Jake Raposa 20th
Kevin Tran 21st	Brian Littrell 22nd
Vaughn Brugman 27th	Michael Valent 29th

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.



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Chancellor Report

Brothers,

A get well card was sent to Norm Kniffen. Please keep him in your prayers.

Football Frenzy cards, benefiting affordable Columbian Retirement Homes, are still available for \$10, each. See me for more details.

Brother Tim Mello has accepted the position of Outside Guard. Thanks for stepping up, Tim.

The following programs need a few more Knights to help the Program Director brainstorm, plan & coordinate this Columbian year events:

Church - 2 Knights
 Community - 2 Knights
 Council - 3 Knights
 Youth - 2 Knights
 Technology/Communications - 1 Knight (Spanish speaking)
 Scheduling - we also need 1 Knight to take over this position from Brother Andre Miron

If you are willing to step up, please either see me, Brothers Ed Faust/Joe Revolinsky or the Program Director you wish to help.

Fraternally yours,

Barry Buckett

Church Director Report

October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Join your brother Knights for a Rosary every Thursday in St. Michael's courtyard starting at 6:30 pm. Please check the web site for additional details. Knights are needed to cover the Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in St. Michael's chapel from 4 pm to 8:45 pm. Volunteer for this special devotion by signing up for a one hour per month time slot. Please contact Pat Keifer for the current schedule.

Eric Schwegler

Council Director Report

Brother Knights: we held our 1st Breakfast on September 14th I would like to thank all the Brother Knights, Wives, and Squires that helped make it a success. I look to improve upon scheduling of volunteers so that we are spread out throughout the event timeframe. September 20th we held the Clergy Dinner to acknowledge and show our appreciation for the Clergy of St. Michael's and St Charles Borromeo. Some of our Brothers assisted with the setup and takedown for the Oktoberfest at St Charles on September 27th and 28th.

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We will be assigning Service Teams to work at the various events alongside those Brothers and their family members not assigned to service teams that volunteer of their time to assist with these events.

The Crab Feed Committee has begun holding monthly planning meetings and the tickets should be available for sell and purchase very soon. Plan for and save the date for this event at Robert Livermore Community Center Saturday January 17th, 2009

I encourage each of you to join with me and step up, get involved and experience the true blessings of the Holy Spirit as we work and share together in unity to give to the community with our time, talents, and treasures for the benefits of the various charities during the year. Again please be involved and be apart of another successful Columbian Year,

Fraternally Yours,

Steven Wilson



Youth Director Report

Investiture – Meeting for new Squires October 15th!

Columbian Squires Circle 4413 will be having its next investiture meeting on Thursday October 15th at 8 PM in the small Parish Hall. Get the word out, encourage and invite the young men you know between 10 and 18 years old to join.



Soccer Challenge October 4th

Come join us at our annual Soccer Challenge to be held on October 4th at St. Michael's field. Invite youth, boys and girls, between the ages of 10 and 14 to participate. See you there! (*Editor's note: see the poster on page 9*)

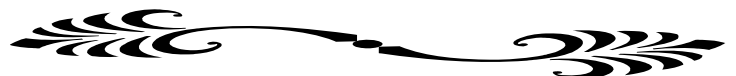


Squires Assist with Breakfast Buffet

A number of Squires helped with the Breakfast Buffet on September 14th. Thanks to each of you. A partial list of participants includes Henry, Jacob, Andres, Manny, and Joseph – these young men held the signs after mass to remind parishioners about the event.

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Lucero



October 2008							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 Business Meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 State Membership Blitz	
12 Parade Breakfast State Membership Blitz	13 Columbus Day	14	15 Deadline for KnightNews' Input Mass for Walter Alvarez	16	17 Mental Retardation Drive	18	
19 Mental Retardation Drive VA Mass	20	21	22 Squires' Meeting English 1st Degree - Livermore	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29 Officers' Meeting	30 All Hallows' Eve	31		

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Soccer Challenge

Penalty Kick Contest

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are invited to participate in the local Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge – penalty kick competition. This event is free. Winners in each category will win a trophy and be eligible to participate in the state level competition.

Join us at Father Adam's Field
(across from St. Michael's School)
Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008
Time: 3:30 PM

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge penalty competition is held annually nationwide. This is the first year this event is held in Livermore. Each participant is allowed to shoot a number of penalty kicks which are scored by a judge who is an experienced soccer referee. The participant with the highest score in each category by age and gender will win a trophy and be eligible for the state level competition. To participate at the state level a winner must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

The knights of Columbus is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with nearly 1.7 million members in over 12,500 councils. Last year, Knights donated 60 million volunteer hours and \$130 million to charitable and benevolent causes, sponsoring projects to benefit church, councils, communities, family and youth.

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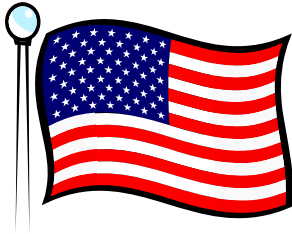


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BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd
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HALL. Food & Drinks served
before the meeting.

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