



KNIGHTNEWS

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



Brothers,

It is hard to believe but there are only two months left in this Columbian year. The first 10 months have been filled with many successful events for the Church, the council and those we help. We have had many events across all programs: Church, Council, Community and Youth. We have met almost all of the goals given the council from Supreme or State.

The one area where we have not experienced success is Membership. We have not been able to recruit the number of new members needed to carry on the tasks of the council while offsetting those who have left the council.

Each year Supreme assigns our council a recruiting number for new members which we must hit if we are to achieve Star Council status. This year we have been assigned a recruiting goal of 11 new members.

After 10 months we have recruited 11 new knights. This would be great news if we hadn't lost the same of number of knights (11) since last year. These offsetting numbers have resulted in a net gain of exactly zero new knights this Columbian Year.

We still have two months to make our membership goals. Ron Hauck and his membership team are trying to make up our deficit but they need your help.

Membership is the responsibility of every knight. Unfortunately, it is the same knights who recruit the new members every time. Their pipeline of friends and family members to invite is growing smaller and smaller.

We need knights who have never recruited a new member to step forward and ask a family member, friend or neighbor to join our ranks. It is not a hard thing to do but it does require action on your part. The membership team can help you with promotional literature and even have the conversation with your candidate. But you must take the first step and target individuals to ask.

We have a great council to join and our activities should make you proud to be a Knight of Columbus. Allow other men to feel the pride you feel and ask another Catholic gentleman to join our ranks and help us make our recruiting goal.

Vivat Jesus!

*Ken Rief
Grand Knight*

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Message from the Financial Secretary

Brother Knights,

As we wind down the Columbian Year, we are again faced with the sad task of issuing suspension notices for those Knights who have not paid their membership assessments for the year. Letters indicating "Notice of Intent to Suspend" have been sent out to 30 members who are still in arrears even after the retention committee has tried to intervene. This represents about 15 percent of the total council membership. If you are one of these members receiving this notice, remind yourself of why you want to be a Knight and be aware that you will be suspended by the end of the Columbian Year unless we hear from you.

On behalf of the council, I would like to thank many of you Brother Knights who have contributed to the Knights Helping Knights Fund and especially those of you who have specifically paid the membership assessments for one or more of your fellow brothers in need. You are truly worthy of being called a Knight because you are living the lessons learned.

Fraternally Yours,
Christopher Carrano
Financial Secretary

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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Chaplain Commentary

Dear Brothers,

In some ways these are very challenging times for the Church. The headlines continue to reveal a horrible moral evil among some of our clergy. We live in the shadow of wars and rumors of wars, especially in the Middle East. We, in short are living through the sorrow of Good Friday. At the same time we walk and seek to walk in the light of Easter joy. It is the Holy Spirit who makes the difference whether we live lives faithful to Christ or not. We cannot do it by ourselves. The cover of a recent Time magazine asked the question, "Can the Catholic Church save herself?"

The answer is a resounding, "No!" Through the scandal of the cross—the innocent dying for the sake of the guilty, through the betrayal of Judas, through the selfish betrayals of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-10), through persecution, through being the persecutor, through saintly and evil Popes, the Church has never been able to save herself. And yet, she is here! It is Jesus, himself who saves the Church. We must remember that 1 out of the 12 apostles betrayed Jesus and all that he stood for. One out of twelve is about 8%! Did the defection and betrayal of Judas contaminate the college of the Apostles?

While in no way diminishing the sheer horror of what some have done, you need to know that the vast majority of your priests, though sinners like all God's children, are honest, hard working and faithful. The presence of the Holy Spirit accounts for the survival of God's holy Church in every age. Yet, we must always remember that the Church is composed of sinners saved by grace.

Our faith tells us that Jesus is with us "all days, even to the end of the age." (Mt 28:20) Let us make sure that we have been called by the Pentecost experience not to put our trust in princes, in man in whom there is so salvation. (Psalm 118:9)

As we read these headlines: moral breakdown, wars and rumors of war, we realize that we are perhaps living in the last age. "When you see these things beginning to take place," says the Lord, "lift up your heads because your salvation is drawing near." (Luke 21:28)

We have never been able to "save ourselves." It is only through God's mercy and the Holy Spirit that any of us continue. While at time it seems like there is no end to these terrible revelations, we must have that Pentecost faith which enables us to remain faithful to the end.

God bless each one of you and your families on this birthday of the Church

Fraternally yours,

Fr. Bob Mendonça
Chaplain

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To the following May Celebrants

Ltc Brian Lucid 2nd	David Genung 5th
Tony De Sousa 6th	Rev. Augustine S Koilparampil 9th
Robert Schmidt 12th	Steven Verbinski 12th
Edward Orham 13th	Raymond Miranda 24th
Scott Patterson 25th	William Goodwin 26th
John Pruner 26th	Karim Massoud 27th
Edward Pasch 27th	Angel Rivera 27th
Augie Perez 28th	Greg Mathews 31st

Wife's Birthday

Cecilia Valent 8th	Carolyn Pierce 12th
Lisa Hipple 27th	

Best Wishes for a Joyful Day

Wedding Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Anniversary Date</u>
Joseph & Nadine Espinosa	05-14-1966
Kenneth & Judy Rief	05-20-1978
John & Dorothy Beebe	05-25-1996
Vaughn Brugman & Carolyn Pierce	05-29-2004
John & Suzanne Gutierrez	05-30-1992
Carter & Maria Bolton	05-31-1981

Ordination Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ordination Date</u>
Rev. John E Direen III	05-18-2001
Rev. Walter W Mayer	05-30-1959

May Service Anniversaries

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Rev Walter W Mayer	61
Edward Orham	20
John Beebe	13
Steven Hawkins	13

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Council #4588 4/02/09 Meeting Minutes Location: St. Michael Small Hall Present

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35pm by G.K. Ken Rief Prayer was offered by G.K.

Roll Call of Officers:

Chaplain Fr. Bob Mendonca (Excused)	Fin. Sec. Chris Carrano (Present)	I. Guard. Jason Montouri (Absent)
Grand Knight Ken Rief (Present)	Treasurer Tim Logsdon (Present)	O. Guard Tim Mello (Present)
D. Grand Knight Vaughn Brugman (Present)	Lecturer ----- (N/A)	Trustee (3yr) Chris Conley (Excused)
Chancellor Barry Buckett (Present)	Advocate Tom Silvey Jr. (Present)	Trustee (2yr) Richard Gandolfo (Present)
Recorder Greg McQuoid (Present)	Warden Joseph Hohl (Present)	Trustee (1yr) Tom McCaffrey (Present)

The Minutes of preceding meeting were: Approved as is.

The Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee as follows: N/A

The Council conferred the 1st Degree on the following: N/A

Grand Knight reported as follows: N/A

The Chaplain reported as follows: N/A

The Treasurer reported as follows: Total: \$0.00 Checking: \$0.00 Savings: \$0.00 K. Helping Knights: \$0.00 Development Fund: \$0.00

The Chancellor reported as follows:

The following bills were read and referred: N/A

Financial Secretary's report: Total Amount: \$0.00, made up of as follows: General Fund: \$0.00 Special, \$0.00

Trustees Report: N/A

The following committees reported:

Unfinished (Old) Business: Revised Budget-Motion to approve revised budget made by Jason Montouri and seconded by Barry Buckett. Approved by voice vote.

New Business: Ed Faust moved that \$200.00 in seed money for Colombian Women be made available for their use. Seconded by Joe Revolinsky and passed by voice vote.

Insurance Agent reported as follows: N/A

District Deputy reported as follows: N/A

Under Good of the Order: Awards: Knight of the Month for April: Ray Miranda: : Family of the Month: N/A

RECORDER: No bills were presented and no communications were read

Fourth Degree Report: N/A Chaplain's summation: NA

Closing Prayer was said by: WGK Ken Rief.

Adjourned: 8:45pm by WGK Ken Rief

Greg McQuoid Recorder

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Degree Team

Brothers,

One great thing about the Knights of Columbus is it offers many ways to be of service. From the more visible, like the breakfasts and Fish Fry's, to the more private, such as service to the veterans on Sunday, there are a wide range of service opportunities.

One that you may not have considered is the joining our Degree Team. We perform 3-4 First Degree ceremonies per Columbian Year. There are rules for having a degree team; the most difficult is that all parts must be spoken from memory.

In light of this, degree team members can stay on the team indefinitely, rather than changing jobs every year. We need to have two team members for each position on the team so that we can have backups. (We currently have to borrow a DGK when we do a first degree, as we have no one available for this part.)

Please consider taking on one of the degree team positions if this way of service interests you. Contact Pat Kiefer (455-6812) or me for details.

Vaughn Brugman
Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor's Report

Get well card sent to Rob Federle.

Get well card handed to Monsignor Adams. Thanks to Joe Revolinsky.

Get well card sent to Betty Tetzke (Mother in Law to Bob Vieira).

Barry Bucket

Family Director's Report

Need to hand off the 6th Grade Science Camp Check to St Michael's.

Columbian Women.

Nothing New to Report – If interested in joining – Contact: Laura McQuoid(President) email [l_mquoid@yahoo.com](mailto:lmcquoid@yahoo.com)

I encourage each of you to join with me and step up, get involved and experience the Togetherness as we work to give to the community our time, talents, and treasures for the benefits of the various charities during this Columbian Year.

These events are opportunities for each of us to come together and share with our Brothers and Families as we provide and serve the families of our parishes in the Community. Without us coming together, we would NOT be able to provide for the Community as we do.

Fraternally Yours,

Paul Hendrickson

Youth Director Report

Columbian Squires Circle Investiture

Our Squires Circle will hold an Investiture Ceremony on Friday April 24th 7 PM at the small parish hall. We are expecting three candidates at this ceremony. This has been a good year for adding new members to our circle, we have added four new Squires so far this year and together with the new members we are expecting, it will be a record year for new members.

Squires State Convention

The Columbian Squires California State Convention will be held on June 12, 13, and 14th locally here in Belmont at Notre Dame de Namur University. This is our most popular Squires event. Squires get to meet fellow Squires from across the state and enjoy each other's company playing sports and games. During this convention new bylaws are passed and a new slate of State Officers are elected.

Vivat Jesus!

Tony Lucero

Council Director's Report

Brother Knights:

I encourage each of you to 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.

If interested in serving the Council as Council Director please contact Vaughn Brugman Deputy Grand Knight.

Fraternally Yours,

Steven Wilson

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Membership Director's Report

Congratulations to all who received their Second Degree in March. Our thanks go out to the new Second Degree team for an impressive evening. The new Second Degree Knights are: Kevin Saccullo, Eric Storjohann, Andrew Porter, John Sweeney and Mark Duguid. Congratulations to all those who completed their Third Degree in Pleasanton later that same month. We had a new Third Degree team for that ceremony and again it was memorable. The new Third Degree Knights are: Jeff Rucker, David Hipple, Martin Yong, Mark Egan, Rick Baumgart, Kevin Saccullo, Eric Storjohann, Andrew Porter, John Sweeney and Mark Duguid. We look forward to other knights completing their second and third degrees until full knighthood is realized.

We have not met our recruitment numbers for the year so we are going to have another blitz at St Michaels on Sunday, April 26 at the 9:30 and 11:00 AM masses. We would like everyone to attend one or both of these masses. Please wear your Knight's shirts, jackets and or sport coats at these masses. We will have several rows reserved for Knights and families at these masses. Afterward we will try to sign up new members after mass. Please let me know what mass you will attend and help sign up new men after mass. I will send out more information this weekend.

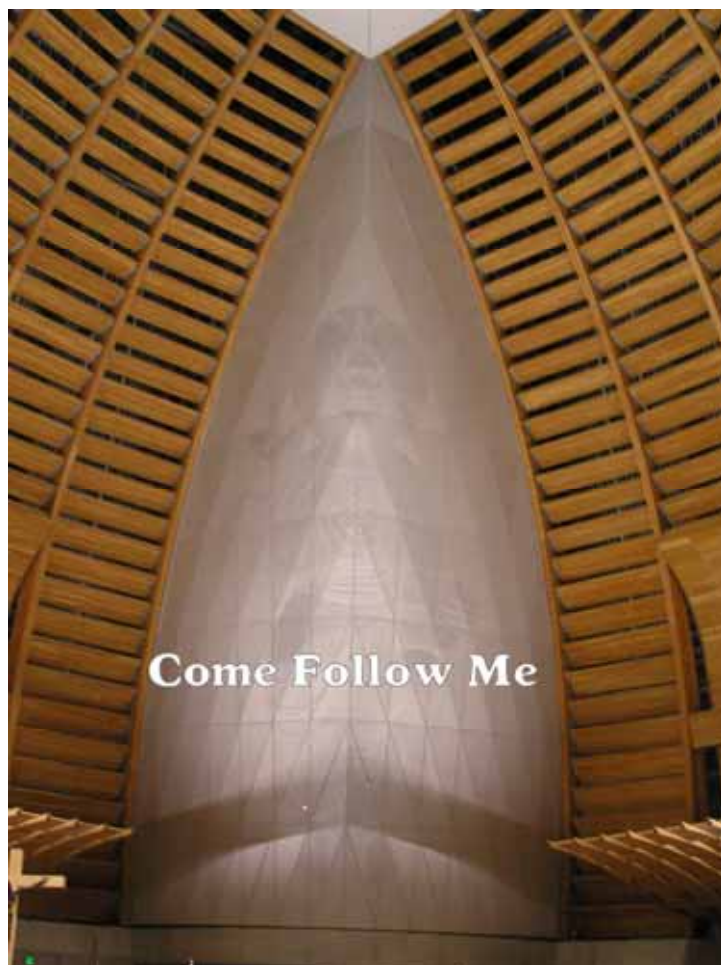
Ron Hauck

Technology Director's Report

On Saturday, May 2nd, I was involved in the Oakland Diocese Chapter Bishop's Vocations and Priest Recognition Dinner, hosted by Danville's Fr. Frank Colacicco Council #4060 at St. Isadore's, and that was a truly impressive display of Knights supporting the clergy and other religious, in light of May 3rd being Vocations Sunday. The turnout was fantastic— brother knights from all over the Oakland Diocese were there, including the Chapter President Robert Burnside, as well as honored guests such as Rev. Daniel Danielson, Administrator for the Oakland Diocese, Monsignor Tony Valdivia, Retired Pastor of St. Louis Bertrand Parish, Fr. John Edwards, Chaplain for the Oakland Diocese Chapter, Fr. Lawrence D'Anjou, the Vocations Director for the Diocese, Fr. George Schultze S.J., the Spiritual Director of St. Patrick's Seminary, Fr. Paul Coleman, Parochial Vicar, St. Isadore's Parish and a recorded video message from our soon to be installed new Bishop, Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone. Over fifty altar servers were recognized for their service to their 22 parishes. St. Michael's own Kenny Dayton was one of those receiving an award. Also, and most importantly, Fr. Olman Solis, Pastor at St. Anthony's in Oakley, and Fr. Seamus Farrell, Pastor of St. Bede Parish in Hayward, were the recipients of the First Annual Pastoral Excellence Awards. Unfortunately, because

of how I was involved, I was unable to see much of who all actually attended, as I was situated behind a large back projection screen, as I was handling all of the audio/visual chores for the event. It wasn't until the whole thing was over that I was able to greet a few of those there. All in all it was an inspiring evening, especially in light of the report from the Master of Ceremonies, Elmer Spartz, that according to the 2008 Official Catholic Directory, there are 28,000 diocesan priests, 13,000 religious order priests, 5,040 brothers and 63,000 women religious in the United States, and that there had been a significant increase in the number of men in the five seminaries in the US, so that the number of priests that will be ordained in the future should be somewhat more than was anticipated. There was also a talk by Cedric and Cynthia Macadaeg, the parents of a 22 year old seminarian, Brandon, who has been assigned to the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome by Bishop Cordileone, to study graduate level theology. All in all it was a very inspirational event, that I hope to be able to participate for years to come, and I hope that there will be more representatives from Council 4588 in the future as well. Vivat Jesu!

Chuck Harding



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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, our God, you established the church as a sign of your continuing presence in the world. We ask you to raise up faithful ministers to your church in the priesthood and religious life, so that the message of faith, justice and love contained in the gospel may be brought into the hearts of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Business Meeting		St. Michael First Communion
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Mother's Day					State Convention - San Diego Deadline for KnightNews	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
State Convention - San Diego Pancake Breakfast						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Memorial Day			Officers Meeting		
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Pentecost						

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Prayer for Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me to find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care.

Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen

Hero On the High Seas

When duty called and the world was watching the pirate hostage situation unfold, Cmdr. Francis X. Castellano performed his job with honor and distinction.

As the commander of the destroyer *USS Bainbridge*, Castellano was on the front line of the rescue operation that freed Capt. Richard Phillips from the grips of the Somali pirates, who had boarded his merchant ship *Maersk-Alabama*, and taken him hostage four days earlier.



Cmdr. Frank Castellano

The rescue on Easter Sunday, April 12, involved Navy snipers who killed three of the pirates holding Capt. Phillips on a covered lifeboat after they left the recovered *Maersk-Alabama*.

"We all worked seamlessly together, ensuring that the mission was accomplished," Castellano told MSNBC in an exclusive televised interview.

Calling the situation tense, the commander said, "In the forefront of my mind was ensuring that Capt. Richard Phillips was returned to his family safely and to the United States."

Cmdr. Castellano, age 41, is a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. He joined Patchogue Council (N.Y.) # 725 in 1986, before his 20th birthday, and became a member of Holy Cross Assembly 3048 in Tennessee in 2006.

For the rest of the story, visit <http://www.fathersforgood.org/ffg/en/news/index.html>

Council Awards and Recognition



April Knight of the Month Ray Miranda receives his certificate from Grand Knight Ken Rief

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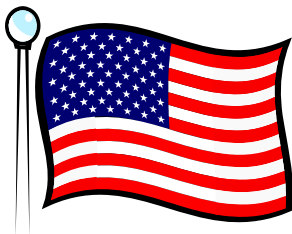


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BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, May 7th at 7:00
P.M. IN THE LARGE HALL.
Food & Drinks served before
the meeting.

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