



The Beacon

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

MONSIGNOR HAYES COUNCIL 6322

St. Patrick – Placerville, CA; St. James – Georgetown, CA
March CA District 7-Division 4 2015



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Next Business Meeting March 5th

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 5th Council Monthly Dinner Business Meeting. Let's gather together and enjoy each others' company with a nice dinner preceding the meeting. Grand Knight Anthony Arjil will be generously giving of his time to prepare our monthly feast, so come with a big appetite. It doesn't take a big imagination to know that Anthony will fete us in grand and delicious style. So come for a special treat, and help us with the decision making that is essential to the success of our Council. We'll be looking for you around 5:30 or 6:00, with dinner starting at 6:30, and the Business Meeting commencing at 7:30.

March 14th Saturday, after the 4:00 Mass. A family affair. You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. He was a 5th century Romano-British priest and missionary who took on the enormous task of bringing Christ to the Irish, and converting the whole nation to Christianity. He is revered in Ireland, and March 17th has been set aside as his Feast Day. So come spend a nice evening with friends, and enjoy a delicious, traditional dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage, and Potatoes. We request a contribution of \$15.00 for adults, and \$8.00 for young people, age 12 and under. It's a Dinner Dance, so put on your dancing shoes.

March 15th Pancake Breakfast, after Mass, Team 2 is early, Team 3 is late. The breakfast is one of our basic fundraisers, so please plan to attend and bring a friend for a delicious meal of Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausages, and Ham Slices. Due to the ever increasing cost of food, effective April, we will be forced to moderately increase our prices. We will be asking for a donation of \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for young people 12 and under, and \$25.00 for large families of 5 or more.

March 19th Officer's Meeting. We're back to our regular third Thursday meeting date. All

Officers are asked to attend.

BUSINESS MEETING COOKS	
DATE	COOK
March	Anthony Arjil
April	Dick Pacileo
May	Greg Dixon
June	Dick Pacileo

Henceforth, those cooking will need to recruit their own helpers. Anyone who wishes to take on the duties of a lead cook please let Rick Hennessy know: 530-957-5330. As can be seen in the above schedule we need a volunteer to step into the big shoes that have been occupied by Don Morley for a long time past. We only have three volunteers, and two of them have other serious responsibilities; hopefully there are brothers who can step up and help spread the load. We really need your help here; learning the complexities of running our commercial kitchen is not that hard, and you will be “shown the ropes” before you start out on your own.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Kurt and Holly Raffetto

**Kurt and Holly, your great team effort handling the raffles at the Crab Feed was greatly appreciated,
THANKS**

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Larry Williams

**Larry we really appreciate your never ending support of our Council
Thanks, always**

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please pray for those listed below

Bill Flynn, Rick and Gail Martin, Frank Deguara, Ted Shannon, Amy Heilman, Vince Chavez, Len Heinz, Joe Janoviac, George Rubiaco, Harrison Johnson, Ron Jermstad, Charles Ulbrich, Larry Redding, Loretta Frye, Greg Desy, Jim Desy, Lucy Bluemel, Rey Pino, Darlene Fischer, Mary Fischer, Rob Barbot, Rebecca Salazar, Joseph Boros, Bonnie O’Brien, Cathy Nickel, Edio Delfino, Roberta(Bert) Riley, Leslie Rodgers, Paul Jones, Jack Fleischman, Debbie Thompson, David Rich, Ray Chaisson, Tommy Thompson, Don Morley, Debbie and Christa Halog, Manuel T Salazar who has lost several members of his family, in the past year, Kathy Cope, Sandee Macedo, Marge Silva, Lawrence Williams, Helen Davidson, Kelly Smith, Larry Boals, District Marshall SK Timothy Fukuda, Miriam Dixon, Diana Williams, Aurelio and Betty Jimenez, who both have had severe health problems, Marianne Chavez, Pete Chavez, Bob and Theresa Lutz, Janice Slusher, and all those who are listed in our parish bulletin. (If you wish to have your name removed from the sick list, or have your name added, please notify Pete Chavez, Sick and Distressed Chairman.530 626 3450.

INSURANCE REP REPORT

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A Founding Vision, a Visionary Founder

As the Connecticut winter drew to a close in March of 1882, few could have imagined that the new Catholic organization just approved by the General Assembly would amount to much.

Secret societies and fraternal organizations were abundant. And besides, Catholics weren't well-liked or highly thought-of. There was even some Catholic resistance to the idea of the Knights of Columbus. Local priests took issue with the concept. A similar Catholic group even refused to allow Father McGivney to establish a branch of their organization in Connecticut.

It was seemingly inconceivable that an organization, begun in such unwelcoming circumstances, would go on to become one of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organizations.

It was baffling to think that a group of destitute Irish immigrants, fighting against unemployment, discrimination, and diseases in New Haven, Conn. would cause a spark that would light up the world with more than 1.8 million members, in more than a dozen countries.

It was so improbable that a group of men dedicated to serving the needs of their Catholic community would go on to donate nearly \$1.5 billion dollars to charitable causes, and spend 673 million hours volunteering in just the last decade. And it seemed so unlikely that a Catholic priest, who spent nearly every waking minute attending to the spiritual and material needs of his parishioners, would be the founder of one of North America's largest life insurance companies. Inconceivable? Baffling? Improbable? Unlikely? Perhaps – but not to Fr. McGivney. And, not to the 75 men who dared to answer his call to found the Knights of Columbus. It is his vision – and theirs – that we celebrate each March as “Founder's Day.”

And what, exactly, did they found? Father McGivney, we know, did not just found a charitable society, but a society of mutual aid through which members would insure their own well-being, and that of their families, with the help of their brother knights.

Father McGivney, we're told in *Parish Priest*, began the founding of the Order and it's insurance program with “an entrepreneurial zeal.” Determined to provide financial protection for his parishioners and their families, McGivney, “had to delve into the subject of insurance and read all of the fine print, of which there was plenty.”

Before deciding that a new group was in order, Father McGivney researched the finer points of the insurance programs of other fraternal benefit organizations, ultimately concluding that their coverage was insufficient.

And when it came time to crunch the numbers and establish the newly-founded Knights' insurance program, it was Father McGivney himself who set down the terms and reported them to the members, and to other parishes in the diocese.

“In the way that Father McGivney had organized the insurance,” *Parish Priest* says, “nearly anyone could afford coverage.”

Father McGivney was devoted to his mission, working tirelessly until his premature death at age 38.

How proud must Father McGivney and his brother knights be to know that program he founded continues to provide affordable, quality insurance to knights and their families?

How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus continues to provide insurance by brother knights, for brother knights, protecting Catholic families for generations?

How proud must they be to know that the Knights of Columbus, with over \$96 billion in force and more than 2 million active contracts, is protecting more Knights than ever before?

Not nearly as proud as we are to call Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney our beloved founder.

This March, let's make Father McGivney's priority our own. Let's continue his mission of protecting Catholic families from destitution and financial ruin by making sure that our families are protected with insurance for brother knights, by brother knights. After all, it's part of what being a Knight is all about.

Happy Founder's Day!

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brother Knights

“50 Shades of Grey”...is this what our society has come to? Is this what our children and grandchildren are going to be exposed to? This abomination does nothing more than chronicle the depths to which we have sunk as a society and what is accepted as “entertainment”! Individuals who have read or plan to read the novel, or who have paid to watch or plan to watch this depiction of depravity can be perceived as perpetuating the practice of sadism as a normal course of human interaction.

We all know that God has bestowed a free will in all of us, that defines us as a society and gives us purpose, while we seek our destinies and final reward. Free will has also accentuated our human frailties and weaknesses to the point where some of us can no longer differentiate right from wrong.

While not professing to be perfect, I encourage my fellow knights to set an example. Remind family and friends of what is right and what is wrong by speaking out against the secularism which allowed “50 Shades of Grey” to be foisted upon us. Please try to do so not only in this instance but in all the others that are sure to follow.

Anthony Arjil

BE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Website address: www.kofc6322.org

User Name: placervilleknights

Password: 63knights22

Brother Knights, from now on, in addition to receiving The Beacon in your personal emails, it will be posted here each month. The website contains lots of important information pertaining to our Council. It is much expanded over our previous website, and it is very “user friendly”. Also, our Recorder, Brother Knight Dennis Cann is now posting the minutes of our monthly Dinner Meetings, for your perusal; if, for some reason you were unable to attend a previous meeting, you will be able to catch up on previous discussions and decisions. So please avail yourselves of this great resource.

CULTURE OF LIFE

From your District Warden, Paul Kodelja

The 11th annual walk for life was held in San Francisco on Sat Jan 24. I witnessed the largest crowds I have seen at this event up to this time. Last year the crowd was estimated at 50,000. This year it has been estimated at 55,000. The numbers are growing each year. The first time I went, in 2006, there were about 20,000 in attendance. Of particular note this year was the large number of young people at the walk. This was a very gratifying thing to see. It is the youth who will eventually turn the tide in this, the worst holocaust in human history. Millions have died. It is my generation, the baby boomers, that allowed this atrocity to flourish, either by direct complicity or by standing by and doing little or nothing to stop it. For this I offer my apologies to the younger generation, for they now have a great task to overcome. After witnessing their dedication and exuberance at this year's rally I have every confidence that they are up to the challenge! One group of youth who stood out was that from St Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, CA. There were several busloads of them, well over 100 in all. In 1953 Sir Edmund Hillary became the first person to successfully climb Mt Everest. When a news reporter asked him why he felt it so important to climb this mountain, his answer was, "Because it's there." Today I think many women will walk into an abortion clinic simply "because it's there." If abortion mills did not exist the vast majority of women, I believe, would not give this procedure a thought. That is why we must make every effort to shut down these death factories. 40-Days-for-Life is a nationwide organization that is dedicated to this task. Twice a year they sponsor events in many cities across the land where individuals silently walk in front of abortion clinics carrying signs that support life. They have folks who are trained street counselors who talk to the women, and their boyfriends or husbands, about what they are intent on doing. The counselors don't force themselves on anyone, but are there to answer questions and educate those who may harbor doubts about why they have come there. They suggest alternatives to abortion that many are not aware of. Sometimes they console those who have undergone the procedure and now have second thoughts or regrets. They offer alternatives where they might seek help or further counseling to deal with their grief. This year's 40 days for life event in Sacramento begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb 18, in front of the abortion clinic located on Ethan Way at the corner of Hallmark Dr. To learn more you may go to this website: 40daysforlife.com/sacramento.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT AND LOYAL KNIGHT

BOB SPRINGER

March 16th, 1924 to February 21st 2015

Brothers, we are shocked and saddened to hear news of Bob's passing; Bob would have been 91 on the 16th of this month. Bob was not only heavily involved with our Council, but he served with District Deputy David Rich as Vice Chairman of ED District Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts. He also served as a City Councilman for the City of Placerville; he was very active in the VFW. And the list simply goes on and on. Bob was a very unassuming gentleman, who quietly pitched in and helped with the Pancake Breakfasts whenever it was his turn, as a member of Team 4. So, in parting, Bob, we say thanks, and Adieu, and may the Lord hold you in the palm of His hand. God bless you, dear friend.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Marianne Cann	March 1 st	Larry A Williams	March 19 th
Brian R Smith	March 3 rd	Nancy Pinkston	March 20 th
Arthur C Gregorio	March 5 th	Judi Collins	March 21 st
Mary Keating	March 8 th	Jacob R Wolf	March 21 st
Carol Portanova	March 8 th	Joseph A Boros	March 24 th
Clara Eastburn	March 9 th	Rev Oscar Figueroa	March 25 th
Jeanne Pacileo	March 12 th	Patrick A Lamb	March 25 th
Lourdes Salinero	March 12 th	Henry J Sandigo	March 27 th
Max Guthzeit	March 13 th	Manuel C Salazar	March 28 th
Theresa Markie	March 15 th	Victoria Gregorio	March 30 th

MARCH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

His Honor, Patrick J and Roberta (Bert) Riley	March 2 nd	58 years
Brian R and Sue Smith	March 4 th	26 Years
Dale M and Marcia Krucik	March 7 th	28Years
James P and Grace Daly	March 16 th	41 Years
Christopher H and Kathy Uchman	March 17 th	42 Years
Vincent A and Heather Hill	March 27 th	16 Years
Frank and Jeanette Castaneda	March 29 th	30 Years
Arthur Frank and Maria Mindt	March 29 th	35 Years
Arthur C and Victoria Gregorio	March 31 st	37 Years
Henry J and Tammie Sandigo	March 31 st	19 Years

Congratulations to Bert and Pat Riley for setting an example for all of us to emulate, by virtue of their long, great marriage of 58 years!

GEORGETOWN ROUNDTABLE

Our Georgetown Knights of Columbus Roundtable will be meeting on the first Sunday every month after Mass. Hopefully, you members of this great new entity will see fit to attract additional members to our Great cause of Knighthood. Dedicated Catholic gentlemen becoming a part of this great endeavor, which Saint Pope John Paul labeled as the STRONG RIGHT ARM OF THE CHURCH, is most gratifying. Those who choose to join us will be blessed for their remarkable effort. You have embarked upon perhaps the most the most satisfying phase of your lives.

GOLDEN SIERRA ASSEMBLY 3345**Admiral's Corner**

My Brothers, the Easter Season is upon us. It is time to reflect on what the true meaning of Easter is. Some see it as a chance to purchase a new "Hat" or clothes; others, see it as a time to reflect on the Greatest Mystery of all times, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There are a lot of Brother Knights who are going through tough times, and in the spirit of Easter, we should keep them always in our prayers. We all have our own problems and troubles and it is easy to get caught up in them and forget about those who truly need our love and support.

In conclusion I would urge all of us to rededicate ourselves in the spirit of the season to always keep our Brothers in our minds and prayers.

**SK Richard Pacileo
3345**

TWO GREAT GUYS DOING GREAT DEEDS

Remember to get your tickets for our St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, and bring friends.



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY



From the Desk of your District Deputy – March 2015

Everyone has a life to live, love to give, and a gift to share. Our personal gifts, of our own talents, qualifies, and capacities often go overlooked by those around us and even by ourselves at times. Many have special talents that may even qualify as a prodigy, often self taught with a true desire for what they can give of themselves. We are blessed when they choose to share these talents with us because of the love for us and what they can do.

Everyone is special and unique in this life and each has a special place in this world.

Never let your limitations, your disadvantages or your adversities hold you back. Believe in yourself! Everyone has a life to live! Look to the stars, and follow your dreams. God has given us a life to live, a world to love, and the greatest gift of eternity – His Son.

No matter what season of the year – let us cherish all of these gifts. But most of all let us cherish the ability in each of us to love and bless each other, to give the best in ourselves as Jesus Christ gave the best in Himself for us.

The honor is always to serve....

Yours in Delivering the Promise,

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FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Brothers, next Thursday after dinner, Sir Grand Knight Anthony Arjil will suspend the meeting to induct six new First Degree Knights into our great Brotherhood. Please plan to attend in order that we may welcome them into our midst.

Congratulations are very appropriate for the terrific job that has been done, year to date, by SK Anthony, and Deputy Grand Knight Brother Jeffrey Lubenko. They have recruited many new members, and have put us far above last year's accomplishments at this same date. The growth of our Council is synonymous with its excellent good health.

