



The Beacon

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR HAYES COUNCIL 6322
St. Patrick – Placerville, CA; St. James – Georgetown, CA
December CA District 7-Division 4 2014



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Next Business Meeting December 4th

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th Council Monthly Dinner Business Meeting. Let's gather together and enjoy each others' company with a nice dinner preceding the meeting. Council Treasurer Sir Dick Pacileo will be our chef, so come with an appetite! Dick has promised us: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, White Gravy, and by special request, LOMOND CAKE. The event will start around 6:00 PM, with dinner starting at 6:30, and the Business Meeting commencing at 7:30.

December 13th Christmas Party, Saturday, after 4:00 Mass, at Tortilla Flats. Choose your meal from the menu. Always a nice time of fellowship. So bring your lady, and have a ball.

December 18th Assembly Meeting. Since the regular meeting would fall on Christmas Day, the Council Officers' meeting will be supplanted.

December 21st Pancake Breakfast, after Mass, Team 4 is early, Team 1 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. Only \$5.00, under 12 yrs \$2.00, and large families of 5 or more, only \$20.00. We especially hope that our Spanish Speaking fellow parishioners will choose to join us.

December 25th WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY BLESSED, MERRY CHRISTMAS. JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

BUSINESS MEETING COOKS	
DATE	COOK
December	Dick Pacileo
January	Greg Dixon
February	open
March	Anthony Arjil

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.

Don Morley has advise me that he can no longer cook for this event. Thank you, Don for the YEARS that you have contributed to this wonderful calling. We could use a couple more cooks, to relieve the above persons who are cooking all the Business Meeting meals.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Rick and Lee Hennessy

Lee and I would like to thank all my Brothers for this great honor that you have bestowed on us.

We humbly hope that we will live up to your expectations.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Sir Knight, and past Grand Knight, Omar Salinero was the winner of last month's drawing. You too could win the \$10.00 prize, just for attending the Monthly Dinner Meeting! How great is that? We hope that those who don't often attend will start attending; we need your input, and the friendly gathering of fellow Brothers is always a nice thing to do.

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Please pray for those listed below

Bill Flynn, Rick and Gail Martin, Frank Deguara, Ted Shannon, Amy Heilman, Bob Springer, Vince Chavez, Len Heinz, Elvira Salinero, 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, Jeffrey Lubenko, Edio Delfino, Roberta(Bert) Riley, Leslie Rodgers, Paul Jones, Jack Fleischman, Debbie Thompson, David Rich, Ray Chaisson, Wilma Jacaban, Larry Coody, Dorothy Natrass, Tommy Thompson, Don Morley, Debbie and Christa Halog, Jose Z Merjil Jr, who recently, and suddenly, lost his father, Manuel Salazar who has lost several members of his family, in the past year, Kathy Cope, Sandee Macedo, Marge Silva, Betty and Aurelio Jimenez, Lawrence Williams, Helen Davidson, Kelly Smith, Larry Boals, District Marshall SK Timothy Fukuda, Miriam Dixon and all those 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

Brother Knights

I wish to extend to you and your families a Merry Christmas! As I write “Merry Christmas”, it doesn’t seem like it can already be that time of year. And yet here we are, nearly in 2015!

This is my 2nd year serving the Order as a Field Representative. It has been a wonderful year and I appreciate all the support you have given me! I appreciate the return phone calls, and opening up your homes so I can get to know you and your better. But most of all I appreciate when you’ve placed your trust in me and the Order to meet your family’s financial and insurance needs.

In looking back over the last year, I’d just like to highlight some of the themes I’ve covered in 2014.

1. Life insurance makes a great gift for children and grandchildren (nieces, nephews and God Children, too). And this is the perfect season!
2. Where is your money being invested? And what are those companies doing with that money? The Knights offers Catholic safe investments.
3. Now is the time to look at Long Term Care Insurance. Our rates have increased dramatically in 40 states for new applicants. The California Department of Insurance is currently reviewing the same rate increase for new applicants only and it will go into effect soon.
4. While December gets busy for all of us, your field agents are still hard at work! If you have extra time off around the holidays and would like to schedule that meeting with me that you’ve been putting off, I will try and make myself available! But if you want to wait until next year, I will be more than happy to schedule an appointment with you in January.

Sincerely,

Greg Bronson

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brother Knights

As we enter into the most joyous time of the year, we knights rejoice in the knowledge that the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, is near. Our rejoicing is compounded with the reaffirmation of our faith as we glory in the real meaning of Christmas. Certainly there will be those times when we succumb to the more prevalent secular but joyful aspects of Christmas. However, I believe that it is all part of God's plan to strengthen the light on our path to Heaven by allowing us the opportunity to recognize the difference and to revel in and to enhance our faith, hope, and good fellowship that the REAL Christmas is all about!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR BROTHERS

Anthony Arjil

Hermanos Caballeros

Al entrar en la época más alegre del año, nos regocijamos caballeros en el conocimiento de que la celebración del nacimiento de nuestro Señor, Jesucristo, está cerca. Nuestra alegría se ve agravado con la reaffirmación de nuestra fe como nos gloriamos en el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Ciertamente habrá aquellos tiempos cuando sucumbimos a los aspectos seculares pero alegres más prevalentes de la Navidad. Sin embargo, creo que todo es parte del plan de Dios para reforzar la luz en nuestro camino al cielo por darnos la oportunidad para reconocer la diferencia y estar alegres sobre la mejora de nuestra fe, la esperanza y la buena camaradería de que se trata la verdadera de Navidad!

FELIZ NAVIDAD Y PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO HERMANOS

Antonio Arjil

CULTURE OF LIFE

My Brothers, December is the month when Christians in the West traditionally celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. His earthly mother was an innocent, pure, sinless young woman, whom we call Mary. Her actual name might have been Miriam, rather than Mary. At any rate, we know her as the Blessed Virgin, Queen of the World.

Mary quite graciously, in her blind acceptance of the Lord's demand, changed the world. She gave birth to the Son of God! The long awaited Messiah. Her faith told her that she had been chosen by God to bear Him, no questions, no doubts.

We are taught in our Western society to question everything, especially something that requires total blind faith. At what other time in the history of man could such a miraculous event have taken place? Probably none, because this was the timetable that the Father had chosen. But we are taught that Mary accepted all that would happen to her from that moment forward, when the Angel of the Lord, Gabriel, told her the glorious news. However, on a very human level we can imagine that Mary was a very scared teenager; her obedience to the requests of the Lord are the hinge upon which the future of the entire world rested.

Now, we are seeing in our midst a lot of scared pregnant teenagers. By the foul deed of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision, these teenagers have been given the opportunity to choose the luxury of their own COMFORT, and CONVENIENCE, and abort their unborn helpless babies. In the words of Jesus, as he was dying on the cross, FORGIVE THEM FATHER, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

Thus, on January 24th, 1972, after much deliberation, 7 of the 9 Justices of the United States Supreme Court, with the stroke of a pen, ushered in the American Holocaust. Millions of innocent lives have been extinguished, and all in the name of PRIVACY?

On January 24th a chartered bus will take us Knights and parishioners to San Francisco, so that we may take part in the Annual West Coast Walk for Life. Please contact Brother Knight Steve Souza at 530 295 3470, so that you can reserve your seat.

Mary set the highest bar possible, when she accepted the will of the Lord. While nobody could possibly do what Mary did, an act of conscience on the part of present day women would make it crystal clear that abortion is the ultimate act of horror, to be avoided at all costs, and under no "extenuating" circumstances is it ok.

Rick Hennessy, Culture of Life

MEMBER INPUT

Any Council member who wishes to make commentary in The Beacon, please notify Rick Hennessy at 530 957 5330. Some months we have more room than others, but I assure you that I will do my best to include your article. If you have an article I should receive it by no later than the second to last week of the month before publication.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Angela Smith	December 1 st	Dr Stephen A Collins	December 26 th
Frank Casteneda	December 3 rd	Jane Meuser	December 26 th
Eugene A Rose	December 3 rd	David A Neurenberg	December 26 th
George G Naujokas	December 6 th	David M Ramacciotti	December 26 th
Paul M Kodelja	December 11 th	Leonard J Heinz	December 27 th
Sharon Lopez	December 11 th	William C Mott	December 27 th
Lorie Romero	December 11 th	Bruce M Barr	December 29 th
David A Huerta	December 13 th	Eugene E Davidson	December 29 th
Raymond J Chaisson	December 14 th	Dennis J Neu	December 29 th
Dale E Kasnic	December 22 nd	Marie Margaret Springer	December 31 ^s
Carlos Alvarado	December 23 rd		

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Don and Doris Morley	December 4 th	21 Years
Kelly S and Angela Smith	December 11 th	15 Years
Dr N Timothy and Christine Hall, Fsc	December 15 th	20 Years
Ronald H and Barbara Jermstad	December 20 th	66 Years
Gerald J and Melba Leal	December 20 th	57 Years
Kurt R and Polly Raffetto	December 20 th	12 Years
John F and Elizabeth Mahaney	December 27 th	4 Years
Steven a and Sherry Morris	December 31 st	8 Years

AGAIN LET US TAKE NOTE OF THOSE GREAT BROTHERS, AND THEIR PATIENT WIVES, WHO
HAVE TRULY HONORED THEIR MARRIAGE VOWS AS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT

GEORGETOWN ROUNDTABLE

Our Georgetown Knights of Columbus Roundtable will be meeting on the first Sunday every month after Mass. Hopefully, the members of this great new entity will see fit to attract 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 efforts.

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

My Brothers, even though we are going into the Holiday Season it is not too early to think about recruiting new members into the Fourth Degree. The fact is after our original recruitment we have not brought in very many of our Third Degree Brothers. Last year we did not bring any new members in. When an organization is not growing it can only regress.

The one thing we cannot do is leave the recruiting up to one or two people, it is to important. This year we all must make a concerted effort in this area, if all of us recruited just one member what a major difference that would be.

Let all of us have a Great Holiday Season and be sure to Keep Christ in it.

Richard (Dick) Pacileo

Faithful Admiral

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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.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY



My Fellow Brothers,

On Christmas Eve 1818 the carol "Stille Nacht! Heilige Nacht" was heard for the first time in a village church in Oberndorf, Austria. The congregation at that Midnight Mass in St. Nicholas Church listened as the voices of the assistant pastor, Father Joseph Mohr, and the choir director, Franz Xaver Gruber, as their voices rang through the church to the accompaniment of Father Mohr's guitar. On each of the six verses, the choir repeated the last two lines in four-part harmony.

On that Christmas Eve, a song was born that would wing its way into the hearts of people throughout the world. Now translated into hundreds of languages, it is sung by untold millions every December from small chapels in the Andes to great cathedrals in Antwerp and Rome. It was composed to be played on a guitar. The tale that it was played on a guitar because mice had eaten the bellows of the organ is simply that.

The German words for the original six stanzas of the carol we know as "Silent Night" were written by a young priest Fr. Joseph Mohr in 1816, when he was a priest assigned to a pilgrimage church in Mariapfarr, Austria.

On December 24, 1818 Joseph Mohr journeyed to the home of musician-schoolteacher Franz Gruber who lived in an apartment over the schoolhouse in nearby Arnsdorf. He showed his friend the poem and asked him to add a melody and guitar accompaniment so that it could be sung at Midnight Mass. His reason for wanting the new carol is unknown. Some speculate that the organ would not work; others feel that the assistant pastor, who dearly loved guitar music, merely wanted a new carol for Christmas.

Two traveling families of folk singers from the Ziller Valley, similar to the Trapp Family Singers of "The Sound of Music" fame, incorporated the song into their repertoire. According to the Leipziger Tageblatt, the Strassers sang the song in a concert in Leipzig in December 1832. It was during this period, several musical notes were changed, and the carol evolved into the melody we know today.

In the year 1839, the Rainers performed "Stille Nacht" for the first time in America. Fr. Mohr and Franz Gruber could have hardly imagined that their composition that Christmas Eve would have the impact it did on our world.

In the Knights the 'Honor is always to Serve'. During this beautiful season on Advent and Christmas our family extends to all of you our warmest wishes. We are all so truly blessed in living our faith and enjoying the love of our families and friends. Karen, Tiffany and I wish each of you a blessed Christmas.

Do not be afraid, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Yours in Delivering the Promise,
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SEASONS OF HOPE
Christmas, 2014
by
Carol Davis, LMFT

Night, with its darkness and swirling fog, comes earlier this time of year. The smell of newly mown grass has been replaced by that of freshly cut wood ready for stacking in preparation of chilly evenings in front of a fireplace. Changes are evident everywhere.

In my neighborhood, change has come slowly as a once aging residential area is giving way to young couples pushing strollers and the excited laughter of small children floats through the air like so many angels. Young mothers, in pajamas and parkas wait at the corner with their children for the morning school bus and appear faithfully at their station in the afternoons to receive their charges back into loving arms. Fathers can be seen winding colored lights around tree trunks and over windows and doors, their young charges running and laughing joyfully in the cool, breezy air that seems to revive all of us after the summer's heat.

This renewed energy is apparent also in our Parish. From proud parents ushering their children to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, to the new Altar Servers being mentored by those more seasoned in this ministry, to a newly formed Youth Mass and to the Faith Works group preparing for the L.A. Religious Education Congress this spring, there is a palpable new energy in the air. This enthusiasm can also be felt among new members who have joined the various ministries that serve our Parish bringing new ideas and a desire to participate in this community. We welcome all!

At this time of year, while we come together to wish each other a Happy and Holy Holiday Season, let us also not forget those who struggle just to get through each day. Some are facing their first Christmas following the death of someone they love. Some are working their way through the emotional puzzle of how to find their way after the break-up of a marriage and the emotional fallout that comes with it. Both types of losses bring with it a unique experience of grief at holidays...all that celebrating when their own hearts are broken. Please remember these members of our Community of St. Patrick in your prayers.

Our next 6-week Seasons of Hope program for the bereaved begins on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. In the meantime, if you or someone you know would like to be contacted by our Ministry of Grief and Loss, please call Carol Davis at 530-748-9337 or leave a message at the Parish Office. We have materials and resources available for those grieving at this time.

Have a Blessed Christmas!