

Knightly News



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Grand Knight's Message By Ray Kelly

Dear Brothers,

I would like to share some thoughts with you from a book I just purchased called "God's Politics" by Jim Wallis. The theme of the book is, contrary to popular belief, there is a valuable role for religion on government but, it is not the sole possession of any one political party. I think it is important to realize and admit we are all children of God and we need to treat each other as such.

Mr. Wallis states we need to make our religious communities and our government more accountable to key values of prophetic religious tradition – that is, make them pro-justice, pro-peace, pro-environment, pro-equality, pro-consistent ethic of life and pro-family. Our biblical faith and religious traditions do not allow us to ignore the poor and marginalized, deny racial justice, tolerate the ravages of war, or turn away from the human rights of those made in the image of God. These are the values of love and justice, reconciliation and community that Jesus taught and that are at the core of our Catholic beliefs. It is our duty as Catholic men to be example of these values in our families and our community.

In the spirit of serving our families and community, I would like to thank all of you who volunteered to serve donuts on February 6, 2005 and the parish breakfast on February 13, 2005. Let's keep this great volunteer and community spirit going as we plan and hold our other social events.

We will deliver boxes of food to our fellow Pleasanton residents who are less fortunate than we are on Sunday, March 20, 2005, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the St. Augustine Social Hall. Contact Brother Frank Costa to sign up. Let's come out, serve the parish community and have fun with your brothers, families and friends.

We will be serving a Fiesta Dinner on Friday, April 22, 2005, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held in the St. Augustine Social Hall.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's business meeting and first degree ceremony on Thursday, March 10, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Augustine Social Hall Room 8.

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Officers

Columbian Year 2004 - 2005

<i>Grand Knight</i>	
Ray Kelly	417-1992
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<i>Chancellor/(Membership Director)</i>	
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PGK Joe Balestreri	484-5368
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	
Mike Hewitt	484-2734
<i>Advocate</i>	
PGK Frank Costa	846-4205
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<i>Second Year Trustee</i>	
PGK Mike Machi, Jr.	371-8661
<i>Third Year Trustee</i>	
PGK Rob Csongor	484-5415

Our Open House by Tony Ferlazzo

The Open house for prospective new members went very well. I want to thank Bob Domphe and Dave Melander for stopping by in support of the council along with Father Leo, to answer questions, and share their experiences with prospective members. Jesse Stansbury, our Field Agent, made a presentation about the Knights of Columbus and our history of helping others.

EVENTS

Officers' Meeting
Monday, March 7th at
7 PM - Bob Domphe's
house

Business Meeting
Thursday, March 10th
First Degree Ceremony
START TIME 7:30

Although Jesse's presentation was interesting from an educational and historic perspective, I disagreed about the expectations of brother knights. After going over the benefits of membership, Jesse explained that there are no expectations or requirements of members. He was trying to show that it is beneficial to join and without obligation except for paying dues.

I disagreed, but did not make a big point of it at the meeting. The more I thought about it, the

more I disagreed, though. Although Jesse is factually correct, we need all members to participate in order for our organization to continue to thrive and to grow. Not every brother can participate in the *same* way. Yet we need everyone to participate in *some* way.

There are many charitable events that require volunteers. People to volunteer to cook, to clean, to deliver food. We can always use help in organizing and leading events. We need others to act as council officers

and oversee our activities. Still others can contribute their time and talents by attending meetings, suggesting solutions to challenges we face and to recommend worthy causes to make our donations.

Here is short list of reasons you joined the Knights of Columbus:

- * It was an opportunity to become part of the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization
- * It was a great way to make a personal contribution to the Church and community through charity and fraternity
- * Active participation in Council activities served as a "school of leadership" which enabled you to develop qualities that enhanced your strengths and abilities
- * It gave you a sense of "belonging" in an organization that shares your religious beliefs and brings to together like-minded men joined in a common cause
- * There were concerns for your family and your retirement years that became addressed by the Orders optional, low-cost life insurance
- * You yearned for a sense of pride, knowing that the Knights of Columbus is second to none in support of our Holy Father, our Bishops and Priests, and our fellow man

Except for life insurance, none of the reasons people have for joining can be achieved by contributing nothing except for paying dues. To be part of this council is to be active in some way, even if only to become friends with like-minded individuals. The great thing is that being an active part of the council is not hard work. It is both fun and rewarding in other ways. Not getting enough out of being a Knight? Try putting a little more into being one.

That's Life... by Jesse Stansbury

Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may want to consider a permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

"Twenty Pay Life" is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for only 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our "Life Paid Up at 65." You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

February Parish Breakfast by Ray Kelly

On Sunday, February 13, 2005, the Knights of Columbus cooked and served a parish breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, oranges, coffee and juice in the St. Augustine Social Hall. In all 70 parishioners of all ages were served. The event was well staffed by brothers volunteering their serving and taking the opportunity to socialize with each other and all of our happy customers.

I would like to thank Mike Machi, Sr. for organizing the event and our able bodied breakfast crew who all did a fine job:

Chuck Berardi	Don King	Scott Miller
Joe Callahan	Mike Kliment	Dom Pietro
Gene Dove	Steve Lund	Ellis Schott
Ray Kelly	Mark Masek	Mark Walsh

**Easter Food Basket Deliveries
by Frank Costa**

St. Vincent DePaul is now in the process of collecting food to distribute to the needy in Pleasanton for Easter, and the Knights will be making deliveries on Palm Sunday, March 20, and need your help.

Beginning at approximately 12:30 PM, working in teams of two, and it usually takes no more than 3 hours to complete the deliveries. If you can volunteer some of your time on that day, please contact me.

Batter Up! by Lou Santero

Please mark your calendar for the two most popular baseball games at the Oakland Coliseum. The A's will host the Giants on Saturday June the 25th and Sunday June 26th. Both games will be preceded by a tailgate picnic. Details to follow. If you can't wait, contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Jones 484-3379.

March Birthdays!

3/12 Thomas McCreary	3/10 Mark Shoop
3/29 Richard Hickman	3/16 Gustave Quiroz
3/26 Ronald Silva	3/17 Patrick Costello
3/24 Dennis Laurence	3/13 Douglas Olson
3/5 Fernando Leyva	3/20 Robert Dimayuga
3/27 Donald Fleury	3/27 Michael Machi, Jr

This Month's Prayer Requests, gathered by Frank Costa

Let us pray for our brother knights and their families and friends

For the repose of the soul of:

Antoinette Catrina- Mother of Brother Mike Catrina
Dan Catrina- Brother of Mike Catrina
Jim Catrina-Brother of Mike Catrina
Eileen Smith- Br. Dennis Heller's Mother-in- Law
Mike Watson-Co-worker of GK Ray Kelly
Frank Masek- Uncle of Bro. Mark Masek
Jeff Capito- Neighbor of Frank Costa
Roger Lawson- Friend of Bro. Hal Wilson

For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

PGK Jim Fawver
PGK Rich Garcia
PGK Ron Silva
Bob and Marge Nardy-Relatives of District Deputy Dominic Nardy
Larry Speer - Mike Machi Jr's, Wife's Uncle
Marge Fitzpatrick- Mother-in-law of Bro. Bob Dompe

Sister Mary Francis- St. Clare's Retreat House
Pat Wilson-Mother-in-Law of Bro. Mark Kotch
Helen Mitras-G.K. Ray Kelly's Cousin
Susan Stansbury-Wife of Bro. Jesse Stansbury
Msgr. Manny Simas-Fr. Leo's Former Pastor
M/M Ronney- Aunt-Uncle of Patty Rabada
Sister Pat Walsh- Catholic Community of Pleasanton

For Those Who Are Unemployed, That they May Find Gainful Employment Soon:

Mark Gniadek- Friend of Br. John Rabada
Dominic Nardy- District Deputy
Bro. Bob Dompe- Our Council's Recorder
For all who are serving in the military we pray:

For the following special intentions we pray:

For all of our priests throughout the world.
 For peace throughout the world.
 For all the victims of natural disasters.

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