

Knighly News



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June 2005

Grand Knight's Message By Ray Kelly

Dear Brothers,

This is my last newsletter article as Grand Knight and I would like to thank all of you for allowing me lead this fine organization for the past year. I am only one member of a large group and, all the things we have accomplished over the last year were done by we brothers working together to serve our parish and community. As I become a Past Grand Knight, I will strive to stay involved in many of the valuable charities and events our council provides for our fellow parishioners and those among us who are less fortunate. I urge all of you to join me in this endeavor by volunteering your time and talent in the service of others.

There are also leadership opportunities in our council in the upcoming Columbian year (July 2005 – June 2006). Elections for new officers will take place during the June 2005 Business Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2005. I believe the Warden position is available, along with several Director opportunities. This is a great way to become more involved in the planning and implementation of council activities and to get your ideas heard and executed. Please contact Greg Jones, nominated for 2005 – 2006 Grand Knight, or Tony Fer-

lazzo, nominated for 2005 – 2006 Deputy Grand Knight, to discuss these leadership opportunities.

Speaking of leadership opportunities, I was recently contacted by the Boy Scouts of America about the creation of a Cub Scout Troop based at The Catholic Community of Pleasanton. They are looking for a troop leader. If anyone would like to volunteer for this worthy position or would simply like to gather information, please contact me and I will give you the name and telephone number of the coordinator.

Please try to schedule your calendars to attend the Council Business Meetings in the Summer months. While Summer is a time to relax and enjoy the warm weather, it is also the time to plan for our many activities in the upcoming, busy Autumn months of September through December. Every member's voice is equally important. Therefore, I would like to see as many brothers as possible take part in the planning and implementation of these events.

I look forward to seeing you all at our May Business Meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Augustine Social Hall, Room 8.

Current Officer Nominations for 2005-2006 Colombian Year

Grand Knight - Greg Jones
Deputy Grand Knight - Tony Ferlazzo
Chancellor - Mark Kotch
Warden - *Open*
Inside Guard - John Rabada
Outside Guard - Gene Dove

Treasurer - Frank Costa
Trustee - Bryan Bandong
Trustee - Brad Schieferstein
Trustee - Ray Kelly
Advocate - *Open*

Additional leadership positions are available. Contact Tony Ferlazzo to learn more. (484-4657)

Officers

Columbian Year 2004 - 2005

<i>Grand Knight</i>	
Ray Kelly	417-1992
<i>Deputy Grand Knight/(Prog. Dir)</i>	
Greg Jones	484-3379
<i>Chaplain</i>	
Fr. Leo Asuncion	846-4489
<i>Chancellor/(Membership Director)</i>	
Tony Ferlazzo	484-4657
<i>Treasurer</i>	
PGK Joe Balestreri	484-5368
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	
Mike Hewitt	484-2734
<i>Advocate</i>	
PGK Frank Costa	846-4205
<i>Recorder</i>	
Bob Dompe	600-8723
<i>Warden</i>	
Mark Kotch	426-7144
<i>Inside Guard</i>	
John Rabada	846-4280
<i>Outside Guard</i>	
Gene Dove	462-7145
<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	
Tony Ferlazzo	484-4657
<i>Pro Life Director</i>	
PGK Lou Santero	846-5124
<i>Field Agent</i>	
Jesse Stansbury,	461-8683
<i>Youth Director</i>	
Carlo Vecchiarelli	872-4634
<i>Council Director</i>	
OPEN	
<i>Family Director</i>	
OPEN	
<i>Community Director</i>	
PGK Bryan Bandong	426-7832
<i>First Year Trustee</i>	
PGK Rich Garcia	846-5301
<i>Second Year Trustee</i>	
PGK Mike Machi, Jr.	371-8661
<i>Third Year Trustee</i>	
PGK Rob Csongor	484-5415

EVENTS

Business Meeting
Thursday, June 9th
START TIME 7:30

That's Life... by Jesse Stansbury

A very special thank you to our Brother Grand Knights and those officers who served with him this reining year. Thank you for your support, and your efforts to keep Father McGivney's dream alive. Your desire to assist in protecting Catholic Families is admirable. Our collective Catholic conscience

is what keeps us healthy and growing. Your personal best was needed and appreciated.

This concluding year finds the Agency Department on another successful trip to the hall of records. We have achieved a great deal with your help. I look forward to working with the new officers in this coming Columbian year and will always assist in the recruitment process. I thank all those Brothers who have decided to use Catholic products to protect and defend their families and estates. Lets have a wonderful new Columbian year. I am at your service.

Truth Be Told by Tony Ferlazzo

There is a small Roman Catholic church in Murtoosa in Northern Portugal and it is the only Roman Catholic church where it is acceptable to drop your trousers so everyone in the church can see your naked rear end. The reason? The local saint, St. Gonacalo (a colorful 13th century priest) has a reputation for curing hemorrhoids. All you have to do is show up at the church, show his statue the affected region, say a prayer and, according to the locals, the pain disappears.

The sculpture in front of St Elizabeth's doesn't have any healing powers to my knowledge. St Elizabeth Seton was the first native born

American to be canonized by the Catholic Church, fairly recently, too. She founded the first new community for religious women and the first free Catholic School for girls staffed by sisters in the United States. She became known as Mother Seton, which the sculpture appears to depict. Her works led her to be canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI.

While no one in this council is after sainthood, we all want to do good works for our community. You'll have plenty of opportunity for that while having fun as you volunteer for some of the upcoming events.



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. These attractive upper reserve seats are located between home plate and third base. Tickets are selling fast and are limited. **Both games will be sold out!** The Knights are using this relaxing day at the ballpark as an opportunity to raise funds for Mary's House, a newly established home for pregnant women in crisis located in San Pablo.

The tailgate party, beginning at 11 AM and ending at 12:15 PM, will be available before each game at a nominal cost of \$5 per person., Look for the orange/black and yellow/green balloons tied to a pole in the VIP Tailgate area near Parking Lot B, which is south of the ballpark. Turn left as you are coming off ramp from Bart and walk down to the Tailgate area.

Contact Deputy Grand Knight Greg Jones 484-3379 to order tickets no later than June 3rd.. Better yet, mail your check payable to Greg Jones, 1955 Rheem Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94588-2610 along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Indicate what game you want to attend, the number of seats (\$11 per seat) and the number attending the tailgate party (\$5 each, children under 12 eat free).

Knights Retreat by John Rabada

I know you all marked your calendars for the Retreat in September. Hopefully, you marked it in pencil, because we've had to change the dates because of the Parish Picnic being that weekend. The new dates for the Retreat at St. Clare's, in the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains, is Sept. 9,10,11. Now, mark those calendars! For more info watch upcoming Newsletters, or call Mike Machi, Sr., or John Rabada.



"Fine. I'll go to your weekend retreat. But I'm not hugging anybody!"

Knights of Columbus #6043 4th Annual Men's Retreat

**St Clare's Retreat House – Santa Cruz Mountains
Our Lady of the Angels**

MARK YOUR CALENDER NOW

**Friday Evening, September 9th to Sunday
Afternoon, September 11th**

**Each attendee will have a private bedroom
& bathroom**

**Take a time-out—Turn it over to God—
Share this weekend with Brother Knights**

COST \$125.00 Per Person

***We are limited to 20 men attending. Make
your decision quickly.***

***To make your reservation, or if you have
questions contact***



Looking Ahead, by Tony Ferlazzo

Summer is upon us. Many of us are thinking about vacations. Here is a sneak peek at upcoming Knights events that are just around the corner, too. Look for more information in next month's newsletter.

In August we plan to bring back the Knights Progressive Dinner. It should be a really nice event for we Knights and our wives. There are a few different ways of holding a progressive dinner. We'd love your ideas and help in organizing it.

We are also organizing a parish-wide blood drive. This is an event that helps out

people both in and beyond our local community.

In September, in addition to the annual Knights Retreat, we will again be helping out at the parish picnic. This is where we get to utilize our barbequing skills. Our hope is to also hold a Pasta Dinner near the end of the month. Plan to help out in cooking, serving, or organizing this event.

As always, with any of our events there will be help and support no matter what role you decide to volunteer for. Together we will always find a way to tackle the goals we share.

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:

Pope John Paul II

Eileen Smith- Br. Dennis Heller's Mother-in- Law

John Moller- Co-Worker of Bro. Gabe Kralik

Vyvian Garrett- Grandmother of Fran Ferlazzo

PGK Jim Fawver

Mother of Father Padriag Green

Antoinette Catrina-Mother of Bro. Mike Catrina

Dan & Jim Catrina-Bro's. of Mike Catrina

Mother of Father Padriag Green

Jacklyn Young-Daughter of Br. Gene Dove

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

PGK Rich Garcia

PGK Ron Silva

Bro. John McDonough-A brother Knight since 1956

Mary Ann Ferlazzo-Mother of Bro. Tony Ferlazzo

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 Stansburry-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

PGK Lou Santero

Teresa Santero- Mother of Lou Santero

Philip McGallion- Brother of Olive Santero

Tom Michell- CCOP Facilities Member

John Kelly-GK Ray Kelley's Brother

Therese Lord- Ray Kelley's Mother-in-Law

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

Dominic Nardy- District Deputy

For the following special intentions we pray:

For our new Pope, Benedict XVI

For all of our Religious Orders throughout the world.

For peace throughout the world.

To all Brother Knights who are in need of prayer for a loved one or friend, please contact PGK Frank Costa: E-mail feaj2@earthlink.net or call (925) 846-4205.

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June Birthdays!

Edmund Arnold	6/10
Randy Csongor	6/17
Gene Dove	6/27
Richard Garcia	6/13
John Gilmore	6/18
Ronald Hebron	6/26
Steven Kramer	6/30
Kevin Machi	6/29
Scott Pietro	6/29
R Ruckteschler	6/29
Donald Scaiano	6/12
David Scimeca	6/18
Tom Squiers	6/8
Leo Walker	6/28

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