



# knightly news

september 2008

knight's of columbus



michael j. costello council # 6043  
the catholic community of pleasanton

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## grand knight's message

Brothers,

The first item I want to tell you about deals with the financial oversight of your council. We conduct an audit every six months and send the report to supreme. Our three trustees, Greg Jones, Ray Kelly and Tony Ferlazzo check the accounts from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer Joe Balestreri and Chuck Berardi. Our advocate Brad Schieferstein has for the past several years overseen the whole process. Our council is in strong financial shape as we prepare for the coming year. The whole council owes the gentlemen listed above a big thank you for the work they have done for years in protecting and guiding our council.

At our next business meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will have a First Degree ceremony to welcome 10 to 12 new brothers. Tim Mullane and Rich Goddu have done a great job with getting new brothers to join our council. Please plan on joining us to welcome our new brothers to our council. Our council has been asked to host a district Third Degree on December 7<sup>th</sup>. We are waiting for the notice that a team will be available for that date. This will be a perfect time to get your Third Degree if you do not

already have it. More information will be given as I get it.

The parish picnic is coming up on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Fairgrounds. The council will be cooking hamburgers and sausage as we have done in the past. Please join us and help cook or serve as we help feed several hundred during the event. Then on September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the marriage celebration reception in the parish hall. More information will be coming at the business meeting regarding this event.

Are you signed up to help at any events this year? Have you stepped up to chair or co-chair an event this year? Have you attended a business meeting lately? Do you need a ride to a business meeting? If we can be of service to any Brother please let us know.

It is an honor to serve as your Grand Knight! Please let me know how I or the Officers can serve you. See you on September 11<sup>th</sup> for our First degree.

Mark Kotch

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Fr. Jerrold Kennedy ..... 846-4489

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third year trustee

PGK Ray Kelly ..... 417-1992

Michael J. Costello Council #6043

# 7<sup>th</sup> annual knights of columbus 2008 -weekend retreat september 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

St. Clare's Retreat House

**\*Our Lady of the Angles\***

Santa Cruz Mountains

For those of you who have never attended, we hope you will join us. As Brothers we come together in discussions about life and the world we live in. We pray, share meals and go where God's leads us. It's a fraternal weekend that should not be missed. It is one of my favorite activities each year. **Our retreat will kick off with dinner on Friday evening (Sept 5<sup>th</sup>) and finalize with a noon lunch on Sunday (Sept 7<sup>th</sup>). Come early (After Lunch) and relax. Once again we will be Carpooling as needed. The cost for the weekend remains at a modest \$125.00 that includes all meals and a private room. If your attending this year we need to know ASAP. Reservations are 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served.**

**Questions contact:** John Rabada 846-4280 or Mike Machi 462-9765.

## coming events

04 September	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
05/07 Sept.	Knight's Retreat; St. Clare's Retreat House
07 September	Donut Social
11 September	Business Meeting/1st Degree, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
21 September	Parish Picnic
02 October	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
04-26 October	Parish Census, Weekend Masse
05 October	Donut Social
09 October	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
11/12 October	Kevin Gorley Drive, Weekend Masses
23 November	Distribution of Thanksgiving Baskets; St. Augustine's Hall

## NEWS FOR KNIGHTS



### Knights of Columbus launches news and information site for Catholics

The Knights of Columbus this week launched a brand-new Internet-based news and information service for Catholics everywhere: **Headline Bistro**.

Headline Bistro is a website that provides a quick digest of daily news sources around the world that contain news of interest to active Catholics. Whether it relates to world affairs, national politics or news specifically about the Catholic Church, you'll find links to the original sources here. You'll also find video clips, detailed state-by-state information about voting and public policy, and recommended reading from the world of books. The web address is [www.headlinebistro.com](http://www.headlinebistro.com).

You can also sign up for a daily e-mail that'll give you the day's top headlines. If you're already a subscriber to our other e-mail updates, just enter your e-mail address in the sign-up box and add Headline Bistro to your preferences.

Tell all your Catholic friends about [Headline Bistro](http://www.headlinebistro.com)!

## *east bay stand down 2008-about us serving those who served our nation*

***A community is often judged by how well it takes care of its own. Serving those who have served our Nation is the primary goal of the East Bay Stand Down.***

***(Stand Down is a term used during war to describe the practice of removing troops from the field and taking care of their basic needs.)***



***On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> the five councils of our district cooked and served lunch to over 900 veterans and volunteers. The Knights of Columbus are part of every community and are always ready to help our Church and those less fortunate. We have been working this Stand Down since its inception and this year we had over forty volunteers.***

***We would like to thank those from our council who gave of their time to help for such a worthwhile and rewarding cause:***

***Brothers- John Rabada, Lou Santero, Frank Costa, Mike Machi Sr., Bill Jorgenson, Ellis Schott, and Mike Fazio.***

***We would also like to thank all the Priests of our Catholic Community for offering their spiritual services and comfort to these Veterans and also by offering a final day Mass for this wonderful and loving event.***

***May God Bless All***

## these two pages provided by our district deputy



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BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF SAN MARYS, MAKONITE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

### A STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 8: *A Constitutional Amendment to Restore the Definition of Marriage*

August 1, 2008

*"Only the rock of complete and irrevocable love between man and woman is capable of acting as a foundation for a society that can be home to all human beings."*

—Pope Benedict XVI, addressing the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family, May 11, 2006

The issue before us with Proposition 8 is "marriage"—an ancient, yet modern, human institution which pre-exists both Church and government. Marriage, history shows us, is intrinsic to stable, flourishing and hospitable societies. Although cultural differences have occurred, what has never changed is that marriage is the ideal relationship between a man and a woman for the purpose of procreation and the continuation of the human race.

On May 15, 2008, the California Supreme Court ruled that the current law defining marriage as between a man and a woman is unconstitutional. This radical change in public policy will have many profound effects on our society, because it

- Discounts the biological and organic reality of marriage—and how deeply embedded it is in our culture, our language and our laws and ignores the common understanding of the word marriage; and because it
- Diminishes the word "marriage" to mean only a "partnership"—a purely adult contractual arrangement for individuals over the age of 18. Children—if there are any—are no longer a primary societal rationale for the institution.

As teachers of the faith, we invite our faithful Catholics to carefully form their consciences. We do that by drawing on the revelation of Scripture, the wisdom of Tradition, the experience and insights of holy men and women as well as on what can be known by reason alone.

Crystallizing the teaching on marriage, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1603, 1604) proclaims:

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*God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator. Marriage is not a purely human institution despite the many variations it may have undergone through the centuries in different cultures, social structures, and spiritual attitudes. The wellbeing of the individual person and of both human and Christian society is closely bound up with the healthy state of conjugal and family life.*

With all this in mind, we, as bishops, offer counsel to our Catholic people in California in their response to this radical change in California's public policy regarding marriage.

First, same-sex unions are *not* the same as opposite-sex unions. The marriage of a man and a woman embraces not only their sexual complementarity as designed by nature but includes their ability to procreate. The ideal for the well being of children is to be born into a traditional marriage and to be raised by both a mother and a father. We recognize that there are parents who are single and we laud them for the great sacrifices they make in raising their children.

Second, we need to recall that marriage mirrors God's relationship with us—and that marriage completes, enriches and perpetuates humanity. When men and women consummate their marriage they offer themselves to God as co-creators of a new human being. Any other pairing—while possibly offering security and companionship to the individuals involved—is not marriage. We must support traditional marriage as the source of our civilization, the foundation for a society that can be home to all human beings, and the reflection of our relationship with God.

Third, we need to remember that we are all children of God possessed of human dignity and that each of us is created in God's image. Protecting the traditional understanding of marriage should not in any way disparage our brothers and sisters—even if they disagree with us.

Fourth, we must pray and work for a just resolution of this issue which is so important to the well being of the human family.

Fifth, as citizens of California, we need to avail ourselves of the opportunity to overturn this ruling by the California Supreme Court. On the November general election ballot, there will be *Proposition 8* which reads: "Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California." That language simply affirms the historic, logical and reasonable definition of marriage—and does not remove any benefits from other contractual arrangements.

And finally, we strongly encourage Catholics to provide both the financial support and the volunteer efforts needed for the passage of Proposition 8. And—please exercise your citizenship and vote in November.



**Support restoring the  
definition of marriage  
in California.**

**Please volunteer for the  
campaign to pass**

**Proposition 8. Call (415) 651-4171 or go to:  
[catholicsforprotectmarriage.com](http://catholicsforprotectmarriage.com)**



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—Statement of the California Catholic bishops, August 1, 2008

# YES ON PROPOSITION 8

The text of Proposition 8 is simply:

**"ONLY MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN IS VALID OR RECOGNIZED IN CALIFORNIA."**

A **YES** vote on Proposition 8 does three things:

- ☒ **Restores the definition of marriage in California**  
*God himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator.*
- ☒ **Overturns the decision of the California Supreme Court**  
*On May 15, 2008 the Court ruled that to deny marriage to individuals of the same sex was unconstitutional. This radical change discounts the biological reality of marriage, how deeply embedded it is in our culture, language and laws and redefines it to just mean a contractual agreement of partnership.*
- ☒ **Secures parental rights to teach children about marriage**  
*If the Supreme Court ruling stands, public schools will have to teach children that there is no difference between traditional marriage and "gay marriage."*



ProtectMarriage.com

A YES vote on Proposition 8 **DOES NOT:**

**Take away any rights or benefits from gay or lesbian domestic partners.**

*Under California's domestic partners law (Family Code §297.5) they have rights and benefits identical to those of spouses.*

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## knights weekly monday morning coffee gathering

**WHEN:** Every Monday Morning; 8:00 AM

**WHERE:** Sweet & Savory  
5690 Stoneridge Drive - Cross Street Gibraltar

**WHY:** No Agenda – Just Brother Knights getting together  
For coffee & Conversation

### calling all cooks! calling all would be cooks!

Our calendar this year presents many opportunities for the Knight's to utilize their cooking & kitchen skills.

These events are family activities, so we want to know if you, your wife, or your children are in any way interested in being part of our cooking & serving teams. aka. "The Knight's 2007-08 Who's Who in Cooking Club".

Contact PGK Mike Machi (P) 462-9765 or [mmachi@mricareers.com](mailto:mmachi@mricareers.com) to apply for "Exclusive Membership" for you and your family!

### notes from the newsletter editor

Your comments on the Council website are solicited. Take a look at [www.kofc6043.org](http://www.kofc6043.org)

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If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions.

Thank you.

## prayer requests

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

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

**Del Naranjo**— Wife of Brother Angel Naranjo  
**Ulises Garcia**—Son of Brother Victor Garcia  
**Leung Tse**—Mother-in-law of Brother Gabe Kralik  
**Howard Rabone**—Uncle of Brother Cameron Andrus  
**Paul Dickerson**—Friend of Brother Cameron Andrus  
**Bernice Malino**— Mother-in-law of Brother Mike Hewitt  
**Vera Crotty**— Sister-in-law of PGK Lou Santero  
**John Crotty**—Brother-in-law of PGK Lou Santero  
**Doug Bosma**—Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Mary Ruberto**— Deceased Aunt of PGK Lou Santero  
**Phil Zambetti**— Deceased Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Renate Witzel**—Sister-in-Law of PGK Dave Melander  
**Helen Mitras**—Cousin of PGK Ray Kelly  
**Lillian Singleton**—Friend of PGK Ray Kelly  
**Betty Dawson & Cathy Carlson**— Friends of Brother John Rabada  
**Betty Woodard**— Sister of Brother Tom Hanky  
**Lori Maliszewski**—Cousin of PGK Brad Schieferstein  
**Lauren Mallane**— Daughter of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Velda McGarvey**— Grandmother-in-Law of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Mary Mockler**—Sister of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Rev. Dan Danielson**— Retired CCOP Pastor  
**Sharon Emery**— CCOP Pianist  
**Scott Pietro**— Son Of Dom Pietro  
**Margaret Gilliland**— Mother-In-Law Of Brother Dave Jones  
**Pat Wilson**—Mother-in-Law of WGK Mark Kotch  
**Paul Radacaik**— Friend of WGK Mark Kotch  
**Paul Miceli**— Friend of WGK Mark Kotch

**Conchi Balestreri**— PGK Joe Balestreri's Grandmother  
**Rashawna Balestreri**—PGK Joe Balestreri's wife  
**Ronald Deaver**— Brother Of Audrey Costa  
**Mary Lou Labord**— Wife of Brother Henri Labord  
**Koko Suarez**— Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatachalian  
**Dan Valluci**— Friend of Brother Michael Burns  
**Paul Simons**—Friend of Brother Michael Burns  
**Aloysius Atuegbu**—Brother of Brother Andy Atuegbu  
**Family** of Brother Andy Atuegbu  
**Steven Ross**—Friend of Brother Bob Aberle  
**Roger Grace**— Friend of Brother Chuck Bellavia  
**John O'Hara**—Friend of Brother Mike Fazzio  
**Bro. Tom Gleason's Niece**  
**Brother Gabe Kralic**  
**Brother John Greene**  
**Brother James Willows**  
**Jerry Hill**— Brother Of Paul Hill  
**PGK Bob Young**  
**PGK Rich Garcia**  
**Lupe Garcia**— Wife Of PGK Rich Garcia  
**Alan Garrett**— Fran Ferlazzo's Cousin  
**Fr. Tony Herrera**—Past Chaplin of this Council  
**Sr. Mary Frances**—Saint Clare's Retreat House  
**Mateo Garcia**— Friend of Fr. Jim Sullivan  
**For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:**  
**Iona Prashaw**—Friend of PGK Ray Kelly

### For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

**Timothy Dinneen**— Nephew of former District Deputy Vince Dinneen

Bro. Joseph Languemi's Son **Joseph Languemi, Jr.** who set out for the war zone September 8th

### For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights

For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.

For peace throughout the world. (Especially In The Middle East)

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