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Saint Mary's Council
#12527 - Division 2
Gridley, California

We Serve The Sacred Heart Parish
The Biggs-Gridley-Live Oak Community



Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism

Meeting: Thursday, April 3, 2008

7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall

1561 Hazel Street, Gridley

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A Message From Our Grand Knight

To My Fellow Brother Knights and Families:

Attention!!----Attention!!----Attention!!

We need help please come to our next meeting on Thursday, April 3, we have so much to do. Brother Joe Lamson has sent a letter to every brother knight with some of the projects that we are working on. Looking forward to see new brother knights at the meeting.

What a great job! Thanks to our brother Larry Earley and all his help with our Corned Beef & Cabbage last month, keep up the good work brothers. Also, thank you to Jesse Saldivar, Felisano Maldondo, Rogelio Ochoa, Daniel Duran, John Heenan, and Lucio Angel for the clean up at the Live Oak Church.

I would like to welcome new brother knights: Kris Gonzalez, Lowell King, and Manuel Medina. It is a pleasure to have you as brother knights. We must be doing something tremendous as we have lots of catholic gentlemen that want to be part of our brotherhood. Keep up the good work brothers by spreading the good of this council.

Please support the Columbian Retirement Home ticket sales. Buy a ticket or two or the page you decide. Our brother knight and president of the California Columbian Charities Raymond F. Warriner, PCP, is asking for our help. We can all pay the \$3.65 a penny a day for all the brothers that throughout the year are requesting help on any given day. Lets us respond to the need by all of us helping; for more information please at me at 846-5835.

Believe—Believe—Believe have faith in everything that you do everyday.

Will You Do Your Part?

Javier Solis
Grand Knight
Email: jsolis1234@sbcglobal.net

A Message From Our Field Agent

April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. A secondary approach is to tout the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does a retirement income that you cannot outlive – guaranteed – sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee – along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – **absolute** safety of principal), really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance and long term care insurance plans.

As you ponder all the things that may not work out as you proceed toward retirement, think about one thing you can do to help yourself – opening a Knights of Columbus annuity. It's reasonably priced (\$300 to start), guaranteed, and controlled by someone you trust – you!

I'm at your service. I can be reached at 916-663-1946 or jim.Jordan@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Fraternally,
Your Brother and Supreme Council Representative,

Jim Jordan, FICF, CSA
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The 2007-2008 Saint Mary's Council #12527

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Grand Knight	Javier Solis	846-5835
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PRAYER CENTRAL



Please remember in your prayers for the Following Brother Knights and Families:

Daniel Duran	Arnold Bromme
Tom Hughes	Grace Hill
Linda Schelly	Maria Mota
Lee Mathis	Vida Smith
Edward Fajmon ?	Raphael Pina
Elmer Wussler	Lee Mize



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



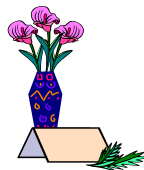
MEETING ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, then now is the time to start coming back. Besides all of the things that are going on and needing every ones vote, we are adding another incentive. At the next meeting on April 3, we will draw the member's name. If you are in attendance, then you win the current prize of \$65.00 Armando Sanchez was in attendance. And the prize goes back to \$50.00. So, please come to this month's meeting see you there.

Announcements

April Anniversaries

Joseph & Julie Sanchez	13
Tim & Christy Bradford	24



April Birthdays



Sergio Sanchez	4	Daniel Duran	5
Gail Bennett	6	Jesus Venegas	10
Javier Solis Jr.	12	Connie Fischer	13
Manuel Lamson, Jr.	14	Marciano Topete	17
Lee Mathis	18	Daniel Villalobos	20
Urfelia Maldonado	24	Rosalino Andrade	25
Dan Bozzo	27	Alfredo Ruvalcaba	30
Maria Solis	30		



Fourth Degree

The Father O'Callahan Assembly #2706 of the Fourth Degree meets every second Thursday at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on Hazel Street in Gridley.

The Fourth Degree of our order is the Degree of Patriotism, where we love God and Country. Our e-mail address; please send questions or comments to assembly2706@yahoo.com . Please contact our Faithful Navigator Sixto Mota at 846-3470.

On Holy Thursday Mass, we of the Fourth Degree in our splendid regalia made a Thank You presentation to Fr. Ben De Leon for his untiring service as the Faithful Friar to our Assembly. Presenting were William Geddis, Fidencio Ramirez, Sixto Mota, Robert Miller, Dan Duran and Jon Hoffman. We will miss you. Go With God; Our Prayers are with you.

This assembly serves the Monsignor Degnan Council #2603 of Oroville and the Saint Mary's Council #12527 of Gridley, Live Oak, and Biggs.

PRO LIFE CORNER

Deer Brother Knights:

We are rapidly counting down to another election (June) and the November presidential election will be here before you know it. Its crunch time! The Catholic League has some very interesting articles on line as of late but I cannot be overly specific because they are political in nature. What I CAN do is point you in their direction. Much of the content pertains to Pro-Life issues. "Woe to them who call good evil and evil good, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter!" You may recognize this passage as Isaiah 5:20. Jerome (Catholic commentary) states, "we have reached the limit of depravity when men make no distinction between moral good and evil".

Abortion is murder. Woe to him that says that when a male's live sperm fertilizes a woman's ova that it is not a life. Homosexuality by God's very Word is a great woe. Isn't this calling a man a woman and a woman a man? Divorce and covenant breaking are terrible evils that grieve God's Holy Spirit. Pornography is wickedness and a mockery of the human body God made to be wholesomely enjoyed through Matrimony. This list could take up many pages but what I want you to recognize is that our nation's leaders, political candidates, television programming, Hollywood celebrities, school boards, teachers, try to convince us and our youth that these things are actually beneficial or healthy. I beg to differ!

Every good tree bears good fruit. Does a good spring emit both sweet and bitter water? We need to open our eyes! It is my opinion that America is on the brink of a major chastisement from the Almighty. If you reflect, there have been Marian Prophecies or warnings from those that have seen our Blessed Virgin and related what She told them at places like Guadeloupe, Fatima, Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina), etc. Please also note scripture passages that seem to point to events happening in our present day concerning weather and certainly recognize that 9/11 could be considered a precursor of things to come.

Released March 11, 2008: CDC (Center for Disease Control) study reveals 1 in 4 teenage women have a STD (sexually transmitted disease). Most teens do not think they are at risk. This sort of thing does not happen in OUR town, right? Study only examined four diseases, HPV (human papillomavirus), chlamydia, trichomoniasis, and herpes simplex virus. For further information: (do a web search) on Dr. John Douglas (director CDC STD prevention division and Dr. Margaret Blyth (head of American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Adolescence).

"What are the two greatest evils in the world?" George asked his hunting partner Ralph. "I don't know and I don't care!" Ralph rudely snorted back. "I am surprised you got them both" replies a smiling George

Are you going to Hell? Well you may be. Have you been to confession and repented lately? This week it was announced that the Vatican is adding a new Cardinal Offense. Pollution is now considered a Cardinal Sin and it constitutes the epitome of avarice and extreme disregard for life. Pollution, the Vatican recognizes, has caused more than its share of human suffering. If you have forgotten, sins rank in severity. They are venial, mortal, and the worst are referred to as cardinal offenses. *This might actually change the way I do a few things in the future, you think?*

In closing I just want to remind you that whoever takes the helm in January 09' (as our new president) will determine the fate of America. It's your choice but I caution you to place your love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ over your love of material wealth, popularity, etc. "He that would love father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me- Jesus. In Christ and reverence for Life,

Brother Gerald Hill

Chaplain's Altar

Greetings, Brother Knights in Christ Jesus!!!!

What a joy it was for us to celebrate on the Easter Vigil, the resurrection of Jesus beginning with a service of light. The true light that enlightens the world is not the sun but Jesus. His resurrection has scattered the darkness and brought us the true light. Many times in the Gospel of John Jesus reminds us that he is the light of the world.

Four new Christians joined our parish community during our beautiful Easter Vigil Mass and now share with us the faith that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and is with us today. When we see them at our Parish functions let us joyfully welcome them into our community!!

We are reminded of what St Paul said in our New Testament reading when he said that when we were baptized we joined Jesus in death by going into the tomb with him and rising to new life with him. He explains that when we were baptized we left behind our old way of life and since baptism we enjoy the new life of Jesus. Therefore Paul urges us, "we too must think of ourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." (Rom 6:11)

Because of our baptism we have a glorious future ahead of us. We can share in the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore we are to "seek what is above" and not get lost in the things of this world; we are to "think of what is above, not on what is on earth" because when we were baptized we began a new life in Christ, "for we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God."

As we live out this Easter Season until Pentecost Sunday let us pray that God will continue to bless us richly!!!

God's Blessings!!

Deacon Doug Tokuno

Council Activities

New Brother Knights

Saint Mary's Council #12527 would like to recognize the new brother knights that took their First Degree last month in Lincoln.

Kris Gonzalez
Lowell King
Manuel Medina

We you see these new brother knights, please make them feel they are a part of a great brotherhood.

Spanish Second/Third Degree Exemplification

There is going to be a Spanish Second & Third Exemplification on Sunday, April 6 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Sacramento. It is located on the corner of Seventh and "T" Streets. Have these exemplifications in Spanish are very rare, we have brother knights in our council who speak a little or no English; but having these degrees in Spanish makes it easier on those will able to under-stand what we do in this great brotherhood of ours.

Reservations are due by April 3, and your meals will be paid for by the council. Please contact Grand Knight Javier Solis at 846-5835 or Membership Chairman Robert Miller at 846-4514. Please do not miss this great opportunity.

Membership Center

Hi, I am Robert Miller membership chairman of this council. You see as the person who tries and sometimes succeeds to get new members of our council.

Our membership is growing by leaps and bounds. Keep up the good work brother knights! If you need a Form 100 in English or Spanish, please see me and I give what you need.

Later in this month, the Live Oak Church is going a restoration process. I hope that many of our knights will take part, as well members from the Club Guadalapano, the Live Oak Catholic Guild and other parishioners will take part of this event: First there are to refurbish the pews; replace the ceiling; replace the carpet and linoleum and install tile at the altar; paint inside the church; and to install new light fixtures. This going to cost \$5,000; if you would like to make a donation contact Martha Martinez at 695-1314, Yvonne Jackson at 846-4024, or Jesse Saldivar at 671-1595. This is a great sign up new members at this project.

If you have questions or comments, please e-mail me at kc12527@cwnet.com. Or call me at 846-4514, I will be glad to talk to you. Take Care and God Bless.

Robert Miller, Chairman

Sunday Breakfasts For Our New Collection Baskets

This month our two Sunday Breakfasts are giving all the proceeds for the purchase of eight collection baskets four for each our churches. On the First Sunday (April 6) will be at the Gridley Parish Hall from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. This breakfast will be serving something special for that day as well as the regular menu for the past months. And on the Third Sunday (April 20) will be at the Live Oak Parish Hall from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. everything will be the same we will also be serving refried beans and menudo.

We will have a donation basket at both breakfasts if you like to donate more money for the new collection baskets. These collection baskets are not cheap, and the shipping and handling is very expensive. Please contact chairman Jesse Saldivar at 671-1595 for more information. Thank you for your cooperation.

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

Grand Knight Javier Solis called our Last Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on March 7, 2008. All officers were in attendance except Deacon Doug Tokuno and Jack Slota were excused.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were waived; motion by Joe Lamson, seconded by Larry Earley; passed.

Applications for membership: Manuel Medina

The Fourth Degree Report: Four members are going to join the Fourth Degree. If a person needs a tuxedo, motion by Fidencio Ramirez and seconded by Ed Miller to spend up to \$500 for a tuxedo; passed. April 12 is the exemplification; have your forms and monies next Thursday.

The Grand Knight reported apologized for running behind, Spanish Second/Third Degree Exemplification in Sacramento, some degree teams are coming from Tijuana. Welcome Mike Conroy from #5978 lives in Live Oak.

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance: \$9,722.23

Income: Live Oak Breakfast \$368.00, Gridley Breakfast, \$320.00; Dues \$329.00; Phantom (Fireworks) \$50.00; Saint Patrick's Dinner, \$452.00; Dues, \$35.00.

Bills: Live Oak Breakfast, \$122.07; Christ The King; \$200.00; King's Market, \$70.79; Stamps (Joe Lamson), \$41.00; Snacks (Daniel Duran), \$60.34; State Per Capita Tax, \$489.87; Bulletin Stamps and Paper, \$77.82; Slippers and a Blanket (Sixto Mota), \$144.79. Motion by Fidencio Ramirez; seconded by Armando Sanchez; passed.

The Chancellor reported on Vocations: Something is bothering me, our churches are losing its catholic schools, and we are losing our ground. Igancio has a new idea have fundraisers and teach our young people how to cook: educated them a little, prepare them for the future.

Committees: Membership: For the members that speak Spanish as their first language, attend the Second/Third Degree in Sacramento on April 6; wait until Second/Third Degree in June 9 at Marysville. Promote membership at the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and the Live Oak Breakfast. Program: Attend the Corned Beef and Cabbage. Church: The men's retreat last February had a great experience. There was an article about churches losing members; there is gain by the Hispanic population. The Spanish mass there is a lot; on the English mass very little. There is going to be a sign on the new church property "Sacred Heart Church Future Home" "Biggs-Gridley-Live Oak" Having Bishop Soto have an open air mass for the blessing of the ground. And build a multipurpose building for dinners, gymnasium, mass, and social functions. Community: need more fundraisers, more unity within the three communities; some churches have the same faith, but only want to serve in their own community. Youth: Three went to the District Free Throw did not win. There is going to be youth involvement in Live Oak by the Club Guadalupano. Pro-Life: Jerry Hill brought up he and his wife watched a movie about a Catholic priest, lay Catholic teacher in Africa, "Beyond The Gates."

Unfinished Business: Donation Baskets four for \$283.88; eight for \$561.72. Motion by Ed Miller, seconded by Tony Airisa; passed. Joe Lamson brought up to have the both breakfasts in April have all proceeds go to baskets. Corned Beef and Cabbage: We have three print ads in the Gridley Herald. Please sell your tickets. Need more tickets; we are use of own things at the Corned Beef and Cabbage. Live Oak Peach Festival meeting on Tuesday March 25, 5:30 at the Pizza Factory in Live Oak. Gridley High School Baseball has a banner in the backfield with our council on it; \$150.00; motion by Pedro Mota, seconded by Fidencio Ramirez; passed...

New Business: Butte County Fair is coming up, with a new fair manager the money is given will be used for the new church or multi purpose building. Felisiano Maldonado has money for donation to rebuild the pews in Live Oak. Javier Solis says we need to organize.

Insurance Agent: Looking forward to see a new church in this growing area, the knights provide church mortgage, help seminaries, paid dividends the knights take care of families. And thanked being part a great organization.

District Deputy: Talked about judgment good and bad. The Closure of Notre Dame School in Marysville; enrollment was 68 and its \$3,400 a year to catholic schools. Whose judgment is good or bad, Bill Dodson is stepping down as District Deputy looking for a new one.

Under Good of the Order: Please pray for Lee Mathis, Arnold Bromme, Tom Hughes, Lee Mize, Father Brent Nall, Father Xavier Godwin, Elmer Wussler, and Raphael Pina. Also pray for Archbishop Paulos (kidnapped). Membership Drawing: Armando Sanchez won the \$65.00.

Ignacio Curiel said closing Prayer, Hail Mary and Glory To Be.

Adjournment

Robert Miller
Recorder

Important Information

California Columbian Charities

We never know when disaster will affect us and our families. This year some of our brothers have lost their homes in the wild fires, others have lost their jobs and some have been afflicted with serious illness. This year, 62 brothers have received assistance, including 16 affected by the wild fires. This assistance has exceeded \$150,000.00 and has set the record for assistance in a single Columbian Year.

The Knights of Columbus were established to assist Catholic Families. Columbian Charities is a way to fulfill this noble goal. We cannot do it alone. **We are asking for help that you and your council can provide.** Columbian Charities depends on the 365 Club with its Parade of Grand Knights as its primary source of funds. Last year's parade generated around \$98,000.00. We are currently using our limited reserves, accumulated over the last 50 years to provide assistance. If you are not already a member of the 365 Club, I respectfully ask you to consider joining. If you are, I ask you to consider increasing your support.

What is the 365 Club?

The concept is simple; it is giving up a penny a day for a year to help out a brother in need. The "365 Club" is composed of Californian Knights of Columbus members who have chosen to be a part of this charity.

Knights become members by paying \$3.65, possibly adding to the amount to the dues statement, which is billed to members as a voluntary assessment. When the \$3.65 is paid, The Financial Secretary places a red 365 decal on the member's travel card to indicate he is a member of the "365 Club."

But this is not only way to help your fellow brothers. You can:

1. Donate when councils take up collections at meetings for the "365 Club."
2. Plan, or participate in fundraisers dedicated to California Columbian Charities, Inc.
3. Make a personal donation to California Columbian Charities.

The donations for the "365 Club" are given at council meetings until May of each year; these funds are then presented to the State Deputy during the Parade of Grand Knights at the annual convention.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (562) 926-1193 or e-mail at Columbian.Charities@version.net. Thank you for your time and effort in support of your Brother Knights.

Fraternally Yours,
Raymond F. Warriner, PCP
President
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Knights of Columbus Richard Bennett Scholarship

If you know any high school senior that attends at Biggs, Gridley, or Live Oak; and is going on to higher education, they can apply to the Richard Bennett Scholarship.

For more information or questions please contact Mike Dahl at 846-3190. Please apply as soon as possible. We will have the scholarship winners announced in the June Bulletin.

Columbian Retirement Home "Care & Share" Campaign

If you received your tickets from the Columbian Retirement Home please purchase buy a ticket or two or the page you decide. Your generosity allows the home to continue providing housing, including meals and amenities to our Brother Knights, their spouses and widows. The "Care & Share" drawing will be held at the May 2008 State Convention in San Jose.

And not to forget there are vacancies at the home. For more information call 743-7542 or visit at 230 Eighth Street in Marysville right by Saint Joseph's Catholic Church.

Membership Blitz

In the month of April, our council is going to take part in a statewide membership blitz on the 26 & 27. We need to get those Form 100s out to our Catholic Gentlemen in our parish. Our Form 100s are in English and Spanish, so there is no language barrier.

At this month's meeting, we need to discuss as a council how to sign up new members. There is a lesson from Past State Deputy Emilio Moure: The First Step, you ask him to be a member; if he says no, then thank him. Later on, you ask him again. Before the blitz, we must know who we are, what we are, and how we serve our local parish community. I hope that you know who started the Knights of Columbus and tell them what our order has done for our community and what it has done for our Catholic faith.

Additional Announcements

Program Circle

Please contact Grand Knight Javier Solis at 846-5835 with any thoughts or input that I can pass on the Monthly Meeting. We as a council must stay active and keep our charitable tasks at hand.

Currently here is the list of projects going on:

Council	Javier Solis	846-5835
Monthly Breakfasts Program	Jesse Saldivar	671-1595
Community Membership	Robert Miller	846-4514
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Larry Earley	868-1460
Pro-Life	Gerald Hill	695-1595
MR Drive	Michael Trainor	846-2535
Church	Jose Gonzalez	846-9607
Family	Keith Harshbarger	846-4734
Columbian Retirement Home	John Heenan	695-3613

If you know a brother knight and/or spouse that are in sickness or distress, please contact Chancellor Ignacio Curiel at 846-0905.



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Family Of The Month Potluck



The Family Of The Month Potluck will be held at on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall in Gridley. For more information call Jesse Saldivar at 671-1595. Please bring your favorite dish. The Family of the Month for Month is the Fidencio Ramirez Family.

The Knights of Columbus are trying to get our Founder Michael J. McGivney canonized for sainthood in our Catholic faith. Joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is FREE. Or you can do it online. Please type in www.fathermcgivney.org. The more participation the better our founder will be a saint. Some of our brother knights in our council are guild members, so sign up and join today. For more information call Robert Miller at 846-4514 or kc12527@cwnet.com. Thank you!!



April 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	2	3 <i>Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. 	4	5
6 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> (Gridley Breakfast)	7	8 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	9	10 <i>Assembly Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. 	11	12 <i>Fourth Degree Exemplification</i>
13 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	14	15 (Tax Day) <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m..	16	17 <i>Family Potluck</i> 6:30 p.m. in Gridley	18	19
20 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> (Live Oak Breakfast)	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i> <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	23	24	25	26 <i>Membership Blitz</i>
27 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> (M.B.)	28	29 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	30			



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