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Saint Mary's Council
#12527 - Division 3
Gridley, California

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

Meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2012
7:00 pm At The Sacred Heart Parish Hall

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A Message From Our Grand Knight

Hello Brother Knights:

I hope everyone is having a great new year so far. The month of January has already passed and it seem like New Year's Day was yesterday. Well I am happy to announce that my wife Michelle has brought our son Jaden Jesus into this wonderful world. He is a healthy baby, and is keeping us up every moment; he really likes to eat, sleep and well I think you know where I am going with this one. I would like to apologize for not being there as much as I should for the council. Jaden is really keeping us on our feet, and I just started my last semester of college at Chico State. I will keep doing my best to organize and participate in as many functions as I can with my brother knights. I would really like to thank Deputy Grand Knight Jesse Ryan for all he has done for the past couple of months. Unfortunately, I will not be able to make it to the upcoming meeting this month.

Thank you everyone who helped and participated in yet another successful Crab Feed. I have only heard great things from many people I see around in our parish community. Thank you for everyone who helped make the chapter meeting such a success as well. A special thank you to Joe Lamson, PGK and his team of cooks who made a delicious lunch, and Maria Sanchez for being in charge of the women's activities while the brother knights were in the meeting.

Hope everyone had fun who participated on the Walk-For-Life; that was a strong and powerful message that you the brother knights and your families delivered when walking down Market Street in San Francisco. I hope that next year I will be able to participate, because I truly believe in the meaning of "PRO-LIFE".

There will be a potluck dinner on this month on 16th at the Gridley Parish Hall at 7 pm; see you very soon.

God Bless,
Javier Solis, Jr.
Grand Knight

Un Mensaje De Nuestro Caballero Mayor

Hola Hermanos Caballeros:

Espero que todos estén teniendo un gran año nuevo hasta ahora. El mes de enero ya ha pasado y parece que el Año Nuevo fue ayer. Bueno, estoy feliz de anunciar que mi esposa Michelle ha traído a nuestro hijo Jaden Jesús a este maravilloso mundo. Él es un bebé sano, y nos está manteniendo despiertos a todo momento. A él le encanta comer, dormir y así creo que saben a dónde voy con esto. Me gustaría pedir disculpas por no estar presente como es debido para el consejo. Jaden en realidad nos mantiene en pie, y acabo de comenzar mi último semestre de la universidad en Chico State. Seguiré haciendo mi mejor esfuerzo para organizar y participar en tantas las funciones tal como pueda con mis hermanos caballeros. Me gustaría dar las gracias al Diputado Caballero Mayor Jesse Ryan por todo lo que ha hecho por los últimos dos meses. Desafortunadamente, no estaré presente en la próxima reunión de este mes.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron y participaron en otra exitosa cena de Jaiba. Sólo he oído cosas maravillosas de mucha gente dentro de nuestra comunidad parroquial. Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a que la reunión del capítulo fuera un gran éxito y un agradecimiento especial a Joe Lamson, PGK y su equipo de cocineros que prepararon un delicioso almuerzo, y a María Sánchez por ser responsable de las actividades de las mujeres, mientras que nuestros hermanos caballeros estaban en la reunión.

¡Espero que todos los que participaron en la caminata de por vida se hayan divertido, ya que fue un mensaje fuerte y poderoso que nuestros hermanos caballeros y su familia entregaron al caminar por la calle Market en San Francisco. Espero que el año entrante pueda participar, porque realmente creo en el significado de "pro-vida".

Habrà una cena de traje "Potluck" el 16 de este mes, en el Salón Parroquial de Gridley a las 7 pm, nos vemos muy pronto.

Que Dios los bendiga,
Javier Solís, Jr., Caballero Mayor

The 2011-2012 Saint Mary's Council #12527

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PRAYER CENTRAL

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

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February Anniversaries

Joe & Sabine Lamson	1
Chevo & Anita Castaneda	14
Fidencio & Irene Ramirez	14

February Birthdays

Jack Slota	2	Jesse Saldivar	6
Lee Mize	8	Rocky Donati	12
Manuel Lamson, Jr.	14	Margarita Venegas	15
Mary Ann Chacon	16	Joshua Jacquot	16
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Chaplain's Altar

Hello Brother Knights:

January may be one of the busiest months for the Knights of Columbus, with the Crab Feed, the Walk for Life, and this year, hosting the Chapter Meeting for the region. Each of these events expresses a different aspect of our identity, but I would like to take a moment to consider last Saturday's Chapter Meeting.

The Catholic Church has a two-part basic outlook for the engagement of society. The terms used for these two elements are Subsidiary and Solidarity. While these names may at first seem a little complicated, they have a very basic meaning. Subsidiary means taking care of a problem at the local level. The closest resource to a situation should be used to respond to a need. That means I do not call United Nations to fix a leak in my faucet. Solidarity, meanwhile, means that when a problem surpasses what can be met locally, we unite together to tackle the situation. So if something does turn out to be too big for the immediate area to handle, others are there to lend a hand.

The Knights of Columbus embody both of these principles. When, for instance, we did have a leaking pipe in the restrooms of the church in Gridley, the Knights tackled it singlehandedly: subsidiary at work, dealing with a problem right at the source. Meanwhile, in an example I continue to be impressed with, when 2 million pilgrims converged on Madrid last summer, the Knights of Columbus joined together to host one of the most dynamic hospitality centers, the Love and Life Stadium, an example of solidarity being lived out.

Our Chapter Meeting this last week reaffirmed the Knights of Columbus particular strength in both of these areas. With representatives of local councils across the Northstate, this gathering highlighted our ability to be present both at the local level but also reach to larger scale needs when necessary.

As always, our communal strength is built from our individual members, so thank you for your presence and involvement in our Council, and continue to invite others to join our brotherhood.

Reverend Avram Brown
Chaplain
Saint Mary's Council #12527



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PRO LIFE CORNER

Dear Brother Knights:

Pro-Life - February, 2012

Reprint of "The New Paganism" by John Vennari. Part 2: Review of Part 1: Last month we learned that the New Paganism, as discerned by noted Catholic historian Hilaire Beloc back in 1933, has for its very essence contempt for tradition and ancestry. It holds nothing as sacred or precious including human life, and as such, it stands opposed to the core values of Western Judeo-Christian civilization.

The New Paganism, otherwise known as the program of the powerful forces of organized naturalism, are constantly working to degrade human life, in the name of social engineering and population control. This anti-life program holds that human life does not have value in itself, but only a *contingent* value based on its "Quality of Life" (in the case of the sick and the elderly), or based on whether that human life is wanted (as is the case of mothers aborting their babies). And if a human life is deemed "not worth living", it can be destroyed.

So for the New Pagans the question of when human life begins is not the problem. To them the problem is that there are too many people in society that are still stuck in the old Western ethic that killing is socially abhorrent; that killing is considered wrong. Thus, 42 years ago, three years before the United States Supreme Court ruled on Roe vs. Wade we find a pro-abortion article in the journal *California Medicine* that if abortion is to succeed, **it is necessary to separate the notion of abortion from the notion of killing.** This is also when we began to hear the new terminology: removing the fetus (never call it a baby), terminating the pregnancy, and pro-choice.

Now we are seeing the same thing being applied to the other end of life. Instead of calling euthanasia or assisted suicide "killing", it is sold as "the right to die" and "death with dignity", or "painless release". It is being given a positive slant to cover what is really happening: **willful murder - direct killing** as the solution to the problem. Once we say that abortion or euthanasia is legal as a solution to a personal problem, then what is to stop government from enforcing the same barbarity to solve what a given government regards as a social problem? And once abortion is legal what is to prevent the government from forcing or mandating it on its citizens as a means of population control? And once euthanasia is recognized as legal and good, what is to prevent government from mandating or forcing euthanasia measures on its citizens? That is why there is a legitimate fear among the informed, including the Catholic hierarchy, of what many refer to as the "death panels" in the Obama healthcare legislation. Soon the "Right to Die", will become the "Duty to Die" - and the duty for the elderly and the terminally ill to get out of the way, not to be a drain on our time or expenses. This is where we are headed in America. It is where many European countries have arrived. In the Netherlands alone, there are over 20,000 cases of assisted suicide annually over half of which are involuntary, that is, the doctor simply killed the patient or allowed the patient to die. Many are given a lethal overdose of morphine and then listed as having died from "pain relief". Some even go far to justify their actions claiming that this is not killing, but is "natural healing".

It is just a short step from a so-called "humane death with dignity" to outright murder.

(To Be Continued)

Mike Trainor
Pro-life Chairman

Notes From Our Deacon

Dear Brother Knights in Christ,

Once when a priest was on retreat monastery in Ireland, he greeted one of the monks, "How are you, Father?" He replied, "There is still a bit of the devil in me!" It sounds funny but it expresses a truth about all of us, "there is still a bit of the devil in us" because we have not yet overcome our attachment to sin. "There is still a bit of the devil in me!" would certainly be true of the man with the unclean spirit in the Gospel reading last Sunday. Maybe no one would have suspected much was wrong with the man. He was in the synagogue on the Sabbath so he was obeying the Torah. To outward appearances, at least everything was in order. But inside he was "unclean." That could be said about any of us. None of us is yet the wholesome and holy person we are called to be. The man in the synagogue suddenly yelled out when Jesus taught with such authority. "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus' teaching, the word of God, challenged him and showed him up for what he was and likewise challenges us and shows us up for what we are, throwing light on the dark corners of our lives. Prayer and spiritual reading can reveal to us who we really are. Our distractions in prayer may have something to say to us about opportunities for growth in our life. The Lord can also reveal our need of his healing outside of prayer. Jesus cleansed the man of the evil spirit. But it was not easy for the man. The spirit convulsed the man and came out of him with a loud cry. There is a sense in which we "convulse" when over-coming evil. If overcoming our attachment to sin were easy, we would all be saints by now. The problem, of course, is that we do not want to face the spiritual "convulsing" involved in spiritual growth. It is easier to remain as we are because such necessary spiritual "convulsing" is letting go of our ego and our attachment to sin.

Last Sunday's Responsorial Psalm says. "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"

So let us continue to pray and to receive Jesus' Sacraments often to help us let go of our ego and attachment to sin!

Your Brother Knight in Christ,
Deacon Doug Tokuno

Deadline For The March Bulletin

The deadline for submitting articles for the February Bulletin will be Saturday, February 25. We need to get the bulletin done so the brother knights can receive it before the up-coming meeting. If you have any article that would like to be sub-mitted; please turn it in before the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

Council Activities

From A Former Pro-Life Chairman

Recently I came across an article that I will attempt to abbreviate somewhat. It might help some of you theologically. The article begins by giving an account of the mother of Moses handing him over to the authorities, instead of hiding him. Israel remained in slavery. This article then gives a vignette of the birth of Christ. In this depiction, the wise men, fearing they might commit an illegal act, turn the whereabouts of Baby Jesus over to Herod- and He is subsequently killed before He completes His earthly ministry. Later in the 1st century, members of the Christian sect were secretly copying the Sacred Scrolls. Other Christians were encouraged to obey laws (by theologians of the day) and they "ratted out" those who were disobeying Caesar. The Bible is never published! In the Book of Acts, Christians who took part in two jailbreaks were taken back to the authorities, and later stoned. St. Peter was among them. When Paul was being lowered over the wall in a basket, those helping him remembered the laws, and having second thoughts, yanked the rope, and thus sent poor Saint Paul plunging to his death. With Peter and Paul prematurely gone the new Church falters. Need I go on?

The question being asked here is whether or not a Christian can use deception, when confronted with evil. Remember in the Old Testament Rahab, hiding the spies? Another famous Old Testament story along these lines is about Judith who had some "mighty fine wine"- remember? This is a soul-searching question isn't it?

Even Paul himself said to, whenever possible, obey every law of man. His own life however gives us interesting parameters. We constantly are on the run from liberal "statists" who seek to cannibalize the Pro-Life movement by trying to subject it to unjust laws. There is a real showdown brewing between Christian medical professionals, faith-based hospitals, clinics, etc. and our present government administration in Washington D.C. over "healthcare", (it is as we speak). Waivers?

In the New Testament, a vital question is asked of a fledgling church. "Who has bewitched you." I believe it is Paul who asks this? Putting this into vernacular English and a little Ebonics for fun, "who has messed with Yo head foo?"

So the next time someone tries to put a "guilt trip" on your head because you stood up for righteousness, Remember that there is a HIGHER LAW!

Parts of this article were taken from What about Bible Smuggling? By Tom White.

Brother Gerald Hill, Jr.

2012 Membership Dues (Second Billing)

I will be sending out the Knights of Columbus Council Membership dues [Second Billing](#) to those who have not yet paid their dues in mid-February. Our council dues are \$30 a year. There is also an additional charge of \$3.65 for the Californian Columbian Charities. It will save our council mailing cost if you pay your dues at our next meeting or if you mail it in before a second billing is sent out in mid-February.

Friendly Reminder: Annual Dues are due and payable on January 1 and become delinquent if not paid by March 1. And if you are a brother knight in the Fourth Degree; please pay your Assembly dues to Fidencio Ramirez; you can contact him at 846-5418. Please pay your Council and Assembly dues separately.

Thank you, Larry Earley
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Men's Retreat At The Christ The King Retreat Center

Later this month, the men from our parish can come, rest and experience the graces of a weekend retreat at Christ The King Passionist Retreat Center. The beautiful grounds will help you experience peace and tranquility as you leave your worries behind to truly encounter the Lord. There is place for you on the weekend on February 24-26. Please contact Retreat Captain Robert Miller at 846-4514 or at the Retreat Center at (916) 725-4720 for more details. You can view the Center at their website: www.passionist.org/retreats/christtheking

Important Information

Membership Center

Hello, I am Robert Miller, membership chairman for this council. Make sure you always have a Form 100 with you, so you sign up a new brother knight. If you do not have Form 100, please come to the February 2 meeting, or please see me at the 7:30 am Mass in Live Oak or when I am in Gridley. I do have Form 100s in my music-carrying bag.

As of now in our council, there is need to create a Round Table in Live Oak. We have many brother knights from there, for now we have been serving breakfasts at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall on the Third Sundays; another project was demolishing and removing the trailer on the Live Oak property in November.

If there were a Round Table in Live Oak, you would see more active brother knights in our Sutter County community. Having this Round Table would really help and build up our Council's membership. We are the only organization in the parish that takes care of both churches. Because, the other organizations like the Sacred Heart Altar Society and the Guadalupe Society serve and take care of the Sacred Heart Church; the Live Oak Catholic Guild and the Club Guadalupano serve and take care of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

We need to bring back the potlucks in Live Oak, and have it on an evening where everybody can attend. When I was installed as Grand Knight back in June of 2009, we had the Installation of Officers for the first time at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, because it had a very large room and you had a place there to barbecue. That evening, there were many brother knights and families in attendance. I hope to see you at the February 2 meeting in Gridley.

Take Care and God Bless,

Robert Miller, PGK, DW #4
Chairman

Please Send Information To Our E-Mail Address

We have an e-mail address for our council and for the Saint Mary's Bulletin: kc12527@digitalpath.net.

If you have an e-mail address, please send to have our monthly bulletin mail to you by e-mail.



Fourth Degree

The Degree of Patriotism

The Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2706 of the Fourth Degree will have its meeting on Thursday, February 12 at 7 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on 1561 Hazel Street in Gridley. Our e-mail address is assembly2706@yahoo.com.

Our Assembly finally filled in the vacant Faithful Trustee position; that was left by our Brother SK Franklin Gudgeon, who had to step down due to his health. Please keep him in your prayers. Thanks to SK Ignacio Curiel, who appointed as Faithful Trustee for the remainder of this Columbian Year.

Coming soon, we have the Fourth Degree Exemplification. It will be on Saturday April 28, 2012 at the Double Tree Hotel located at 2001 Point West Way in Sacramento. So far, we have Father Avram Brown from the Sacred Heart Parish in Gridley as a new candidate, hopefully we can have as many Third Degree Knights that will take part in this event and accompany Father Brown, that evening. Last meeting we also talked about taking part in the Fourth Degree Marching Competition. There will be more discussion in the upcoming meetings in our Assembly before April.

If you would like to know more information about the Fourth Degree please contact Faithful Navigator Lucio Angel at 846-5309 or Faithful Comptroller SK Fidencio Ramirez at 846-5418. We are for God and for Country.

Richard Bennett Scholarship

If you have a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter, is a graduating Senior, and attends Biggs, Gridley, or Live Oak High School; have them fill out the Knights of Columbus Application at the Counseling Office at their school **As Soon As Possible!!**

For the brother knights: Please fill out the form acquired by Financial Secretary Larry Earley at 868-1460 or Mike Dahl at 846-3190. These forms will be due by April 16. Not to forget, brother knights your membership has to be in good standing (**by paying your 2012 Council Dues**) to take part in this process.

Additional Announcements

Program Circle

Please contact Grand Knight Javier Solis Jr., at 321-2963 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, Jr.	321-2963
Program	Jesse Ryan	846-4164
Membership	Robert Miller	846-4514
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	Javier Solis	846-5835
Pro-Life	Michael Trainor	846-2535
MR Drive	Sergio Sanchez	570-8408
Gridley Breakfast	Pedro Mota	846-2371
Live Oak Breakfast	Lucio Torres	695-9557
Church	Tim Bradford	680-8123
Family	Ignacio Curiel	846-0905
Columbian Retirement Home	John Heenan	695-3117
Youth	Sergio Sanchez	570-8408



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Family of the Month Potluck

The Family of the Month Potluck will be on Thursday, February 19 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall at 7 pm. Please bring your favorite dish for the evening.

The Family of the Month for January was Larry Earley. Larry is currently serving as Financial Secretary for our council. He has been very active in our council for a long time. He has served as chairman for the Saint Patrick's Day Dinner as well as the Tri-Tip Dinner at the Butte County Fair. Any activity in the Council, he has been there with full support. Thank you Larry for what you do in our great brotherhood.



**If you know a brother knight and/or spouse that are in sickness or distress,
Please Contact Chancellor John Heenan at 695-3117.**

The Knights of Columbus are trying to get our founder Michael J. McGivney canonized for sainthood in our faith. Joining the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild is **FREE**. You can do it online; type in www.fathermcgivney.org. We would like to have our founder to be a saint. Some of our brother knights in our council are guild members already, so sign up and join today. For more information, please contact Robert Miller, PGK at 846-4514 or e-mail at kc12527@digitalpath.net. When you join, you will receive a monthly newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation!!



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12 Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Lincoln's Birthday)	13	14 Saint Valentine's Day Rosary Group 7:00 pm	15	16 Family of the Month Potluck in Gridley 7:00 pm	17	18
19 Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time (Live Oak Breakfast)	20 President's Day	21 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	22 Ash Wednesday 	23	24 Men's Retreat 	25 Men's Retreat
26 First Sunday In Lent Men's Retreat	27	28 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	29			

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