

This Bulletin Is Dedicated To Our Departed Brother Knight: Lee E.J. Mathis

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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



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Meeting: Thursday, July 3, 2008

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

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A Message From Our Grand Knight

To My Fellow Brother Knights and Families:

I want to start by thanking our outgoing officers for a job well done. I want to welcome our new staff of officers. Together we will make this Columbian Year a great success.

I would like to thank all the brother knights who helped in the Live Oak Church renovation; a special thanks to Jack Slota who was my "Right Hand Man" in the process. He is also the recipient of the Family of the Month of June, congratulations Jack.

I would like to say goodbye to our brother knight Lee Mathis. This man was very brave going down the ramp that Pedro Mota, Javier Solis, and I built for him at his home. I am sure God opened a ramp for him at the gates of heaven. May God pray for his surviving wife Vida, who was a big help to him.

As you know, our first order of business is selling fireworks at the Casa Lupe Market parking lot. Contact PGK Javier Solis at 846-5835 for more information.

Once again, thank you for electing me as your Grand Knight. I will all I can to help each and every brother knight in our council. God bless each and everyone in your families.

Jesse Saldivar
Grand Knight

A Message From Our Field Agent

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Making a difference for life

"A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR"

A new fraternal year is once again upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight, as well as all other dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year! I know you will have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

The attainment of the "Star Council" status is a year-long process and commitment, as well as the most prestigious award the Knights of Columbus offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to helping determine how many Membership Drives and Fraternal Benefits Nights you will want to conduct in your council during the upcoming fraternal year, and also to working hand in hand with your membership committee. I am here to help on the insurance side, but will be equally as glad to help in these endeavors as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining our Order (and who doesn't), he's likely just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you so that you recruit him and other prospects, so don't hesitate to give me a call. As always I'm at your service. Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council.

If you have yet to take advantage of our Order's top-rated insurance program, now is the time to do so. As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, it is my responsibility to will meet with you, at your convenience and in your home. I will review your existing coverage to ensure that it continues to meet your needs, goals and family budget. If there are any gaps, I'll work with you to put a program in place to fill those gaps. Please allow me to remind you that—when it comes to the financial security of you and your family—it's wise to always put first things first. "First things" ...like making sure your family is protected no matter what happens to you. "First things" ...like making sure that a portion of your retirement monies will provide a competitive interest rate along with a guaranteed minimum rate of return. "First things" ...like making sure that a stay in a nursing home or the need for home health care doesn't wipe out the assets you've worked hard for a lifetime to accumulate.

For any of your insurance needs, please call me at (530) 300-3831, or e-mail at michael.conroy@kofc.org.

Go mbeanni Dia duit,
Mike Conroy, Field Agent; Knights of Columbus

The 2008-2009 Saint Mary's Council #12527

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PRAYER CENTRAL



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

Lee Mathis?	Arnold Bromme
Henrietta Saldivar	Grace Hill
Linda Schelly	Maria Mota
Daniel Duran	Filiceno Maldonado
Dan Nevis	Raphael Pina
Elmer Wussler	Lee Mize



MEMBERSHIP CORNER



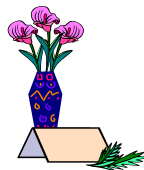
MEETING ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

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 July 3, we will draw the brother knight's name. If you are in attendance, then you win the current prize of \$60.00 Pedro Mota was in attendance, and gave it back. And the prize stays at \$60.00. So, please come to this month's meeting see you there.

Announcements

July Anniversaries

Rick & Cheryl Argetsinger	8
Ignacio & Maclovio Curiel	16
Jack & Cathie Slota	19
Marciano & Leticia Topete	19
Joseph & Mary Ann Chacon	23
Dan & Connie Fischer	26



July Birthdays

Cash Dunlap	1	Alan Raymond	2
Cathie Slota	5	Julie Sanchez	10
Robert Marquez	14	Michael Ryan	16
Maria Sanchez	19	Leodina Airisa	21
Doug Tokuno	22		



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 new Faithful Navigator Joseph Chacon at 846-2390.

We are going to have our installation of officers along with the Donahue Assembly #67 of Chico and the Santa Maria Assembly #1959 of Marysville on Saturday, July 26 at Saint Isadore's Church in Yuba City at 4 p.m. and have dinner afterwards at Ruthy's.

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

PRO LIFE CORNER

My Brother Knights:

This past month has come with its share of woes. Same sex "marriages" have been once again "legalized" (unconstitutionally) despite our church admonition to oppose such unions. Lee Mathis has gone to be with our Lord, and although he is certainly in a far better place than we, his presence will be missed. Many of you know that Lee was staunchly Pro-Life and the mere mention of aborting babies brought tears to his eyes (on several occasions).

To be an effective Pro-Life laborer you had better know what God expects of you. At the officer installation dinner one Brother Knight said to me, "Gerry, you can't possibly know what God expects. You don't know the entire Bible...." Well I kept my peace. If the devil wrote a sermon he would want you to believe that the Bible is too difficult to interpret, try to get you to focus on controversial passages (the exception as opposed to the rule), so you would eventually give up trying. He would make God small as opposed to the omniscient, omnipresent, great God that He is. In other words God is too busy, far away, preoccupied, and unable to care about your measly little soul. What could be further from the truth!

Scripture tells us that God "ponders" the hearts of men. He inhabits the praises of His people (He is there with us at Mass and when we praise Him at home). What God requires of us is plainly evident. "What does the Lord require of thee: to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." Is this too hard? See if you can figure this one out. "I (God) prefer obedience to sacrifice." Woe! Try another. "A new commandment I give unto thee, that ye love others as I also have loved you!" Yikes that might actually hurt! Paul challenges us by the power of the Holy Spirit to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to the Lord, which is our reasonable service (bare minimum considering what He (Jesus) did for us). Grace and I have memorized many of these passages. They are like ornaments about our neck (to ward off the enemy) when we engage in Pro-Life demonstrations, etc. Even Jesus used the sacred scriptures to fend off the devil so we would learn.

When you indicate that scripture is too difficult to interpret you are giving in essence our church an "F" grade. We have two epistles and a Gospel followed by a passionate Priest or Deacon giving all they can muster up in the Homily. What do you mean you do not understand? That is the biggest copout I've ever heard and I hear it far too often from Knights.

This leads me to my closing remarks. Pro-lifer's take note! God is immediately accessible! By the Holy Spirit who intercedes on our behalf we can storm Heaven and come into the Holy of Holies (God's presence). We never pray alone but are joined by mother Mary, all the Angels and Saints (the Communion of Saints) and we should invoke this privilege as often as we can. In fact scripture tells us that all the Angels and Saints rejoice when one sinner turns from his wicked ways! They party up there in Heaven! Let's continue to give the Heavenly Host things to praise God for!

Brother Gerald Hill

Chaplain's Altar

Dear Brother Knights in Christ,

In last Sunday's Gospel reading, we are given an idea of what it really takes for us to be a "disciple of Jesus." What is our response to Jesus calling us to join him. As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem (and all that that will mean for him), a number of people express a desire to join him. Obviously - like many of us - they do not fully understand just precisely what "going to Jerusalem" really means for Jesus and those who go with him. We can look with profit at these three people because one or more of them represents me.

The first one courageously and generously says to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." He has a lot of enthusiasm but may not be aware of the realities facing him. Jesus pulls him up short. Even the wild animals have a place to live, he tells the man, but the "Son of Man" has nowhere to call his own. He has no house, no property, and no money. As Winston Churchill told the British people at the beginning of the Second World War, he had nothing to offer them but "blood, sweat and tears".

One needs to be aware of what is expected of a disciple. One must be ready to let go of people and things, of all strings and attachments, of all external securities and props. Am I ready for this? Or do I set up my securities first and then, carrying them with me, decide to follow him?

The second man also wants to follow Jesus. He makes what seems a reasonable request: "Let me go and bury my father first." The reply of Jesus sounds harsh: "Let the dead bury their own dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God." We should not conclude from this request that the man's father was already dead. He may have been saying that he would follow Jesus only after he had fulfilled his filial duties to his father.

I remember the case of a primary school headmaster in Hong Kong who expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic. But he said that he could not be baptized until he had buried his father according to Buddhist rites. He felt that, as a Catholic, he would not be able to do this properly. However, many others have become Christians in similar circumstances. In the end, this man never became a Christian.

Jesus, of course, is not saying that we should not love and respect members of our family. But he is asking where our priorities in life really are. He is saying that, if we wish to be his disciple, we cannot make our own arrangements first and then, only when we are ready, go and follow him. The demands of the Kingdom, the world of truth, compassion, justice, freedom and peace, which we are called to build, comes first of all. How many of us first plan our careers carefully and only then ask how we can be good Christians, when it obviously should be the other way round? The third man says he wants to follow Jesus but wants to say goodbye to his family and friends first. It is not unlike the previous case. I want to make all my own arrangements first. I want to have some fun in life. But to be a disciple of Jesus, I cannot hesitate. The call is NOW, today and the response must also be now, today.

Are we really willing to become Jesus' disciples?? I think so!!

May God continue to bless our council!!

Your Brother Knight in Christ, Deacon Doug Tokuno

Council Activities

Remembering A Departed Brother Knight:

Lee E.J. Mathis

Last month, Lee Mathis died on June 18 due to a long illness at his home in Gridley; he was 68 years old. Lee was born in Nelson Township, Wisconsin on April 18, 1940, but most of his life he lived in Alaska.

In the Knights of Columbus Lee joined the Northern Lights Council #8303 in North Pole, Alaska; and became a Fourth Degree Sir Knight of Archbishop Segher Assembly #1515 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Lee was very active in his council and assembly; it was known that he was an usher for a funeral for a bishop in the Diocese of Fairbanks.

While living in Alaska, we worked for his father's mechanic shop. And for a while he worked on the Alaska Pipeline. After an automobile accident, he was in poor health due to his kidneys were not functioning well, and had to move to a warmer climate; so he moved to Gridley, California.

When Lee came to Gridley in July 2001, he transferred into the Saint Mary's Council #12527 and the Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2706. With his poor health and abilities, Lee did the best that he could in our council and assembly. He was an usher at the 7:30 a.m. Mass in Live Oak, and he would hand out the books, and during the summer he would close the doors when the trains went by. And to forget he tweeted like a bird.

I have so many memories of Lee, I was subbing for the other organist at the 10:30 Mass in Gridley, the brother knights were taking part in the Mass. This bearded gentleman was asking for the Knights of Columbus; and bunch of us were standing there. He told me that he just moved here, so I got out a Form 100 and a Form 4 because he was Fourth Degree also; and I transferred Lee to our council and assembly. A few months later, I was picking him up to go to the meeting, and he shaved his moustache and beard off, and I did not recognize him, and made me laugh before, during and after the meeting. John Dionne introduced him as a new member just for laughs.

His rosary will be July 7 at 7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in Gridley, and his funeral Mass will be on July 8 at 10 a.m. at the same place. Both services will have the Fourth Degree Colour Guard in attendance, and the reception will be at the Gridley Parish Hall across the street after the funeral.

Lee is survived by his wife Vida; and may God bless her, she was a blessing and best thing that he could ever have. I going to say God Bless You Lee, and I going to miss you a lot, and I know you are not suffering anymore you are at peace with the Lord!!

Second/Third Degree Brother Knights

We would like to recognize the brother knights that received their second and third degrees to complete their road to knighthood:

Mario Duenas
Lowell King
Joe Viscuso#

Only received his Second Degree

Mario and Lowell are now full-fledged brother knights in our order.

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.

Now I am your Deputy Grand Knight, I have a lot on my plate; if anyone would like to help me please let know. Summer time is a busy time for everybody with the peaches and the plums harvests coming up real soon, and before you know it will be the Butte County Fair again.

I would like to work retaining our membership, and to contact our inactive brother knights. I know that some of them have very busy work schedules, but I would like to sit down and talk to them and get them involved with any of our projects and activities in our council. We know have over a hundred brother knights in our council; in this Columbian Year, let us have a goal to add fifty new brother knights by getting those Form 100's out.

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

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

Chancellor Ignacio Curiel called our Last Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on June 5, 2008. All officers were in attendance except Deacon Doug Tokuno, Javier Solis, Jesse Saldivar, Lucio Angel, John Heenan, and Jose Gonzalez were excused.

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

Applications for membership: NA

The Fourth Degree Report: Installation of officers is coming up, and Joseph Chacon will be the new Faithful Navigator will have the installation probably in Marysville.

The Grand Knight reported that Javier Solis went to graduation, he wanted to thank with the help of the Live Oak Church, and throughout the 2007-08 Columbian Year. There was an election and the Inside Guard is Ed Miller (10-6).

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance: \$4,672.59

Income: Breakfast \$747.00; Advertising \$225.00.

Bills: Riso Products, \$139.64; Breakfast and snacks, \$530.00; UPS Store, \$89.24; Casa Lupe, \$212.65; King's Market, \$1,054.83; CWNET, \$119.88. Motion by Fidencio Ramirez, seconded by Ed Miller; Fidencio Ramirez withdraws motion. Larry Earley made motion seconded by Fidencio Ramirez to have Armando Sanchez to go over the bills and pay the bills with Jose Gonzalez; passed.

The Chancellor reported on Vocations: Igancio Curiel shared with some farmers are discouraged with the costs of fuel using their equipment, but our council is not discouraged; because we go out and work and help out.

Committees: Membership: Second/Third Degree Exemplification is coming up this weekend in Marysville, and have a good showing from our council. Youth: Camping trip in Shasta. Pro-Life: Have interesting materials, banning same sex marriage, stick to the teaching of the church.

Unfinished Business: Live Oak Church: Mass was held last Sunday. Front bathroom needs paint and tile.

New Business: Fireworks: Need help with the fireworks booth, please see Javier Solis. Installation will be June 19 in Gridley. Keith Harshbarger is making the main dish. There is going to be a sign in front of the new parish property.

Insurance Agent: NA

District Deputy: Last meeting as District Deputy, be there for the installation. Be installed as District Marshall for the Chapter. Hope to remain friends and part away. Gridley and Lincoln were very active councils in membership and received a shining armor award for the membership and hard work in these councils. And he talked about teamship.

Under Good of the Order: Please pray for Lee Mathis, Arnold Bromme, and Raphael Pina, Henrietta Saldivar, Dan Nevis, and Shirley Miller. Larry Earley talked about Mrs. B and Wheelchair Foundation and 700,000 were given out. Robert Miller announced this was his last meeting as Recorder, only missed one meeting since the council was created. Ignacio Curiel's anniversary will be on June 14 at 5:15 p.m. Mass in Gridley. Membership Drawing: Pedro Mota, was present gave back the \$60.00.

Fidencio Ramirez said closing Prayer, the Hail Mary and Glory To Be.

Adjournment

Robert Miller
Outgoing Recorder

Important Information

Protocol Within The Council

Our council should be following the protocol of the Knights of Columbus. Punctuality will be very important for the officers our council. If any officer is able not attend the monthly meeting, he is to contact the Grand Knight (Jesse Saldivar at 671-1595) and he will be excused for the meeting. Any officer who has been absent more than three meetings, and without the excuse of the Grand Knight, they can be relieved of their office. This is very important to everybody.

At the meeting, the Grand Knight cannot appoint people to the Trustees' positions. And two trustees have to be in attendance to pay the bills. The Grand Knight can appoint the Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Lector, Recorder, Inside and Outside Guards for that meeting. Officers, take your job seriously. If you have questions or comments please contact Grand Knight Jesse Saldivar. Let us all work together and make our council great.

Officers have to wear a dress shirt and tie, because it shows respect for the office. Some brother knights that have not been to a meeting in a while please come and get involved. If there is a problem within the council, please bring it to the meeting so it can be addressed and solved. See you at the next meeting.

Selling Fireworks For Independence Day

We are going to be selling fireworks until the Fourth of July in front of the Casa Lupe Market parking lot in Gridley. We took over for the Gridley High School Parents Club last year; and we were very successful by all the volunteer hours we did at the fireworks booth.

We are selling Phantom Fireworks, and try to get the word around have people come to our fireworks stand to buy lots and lots until it runs out. These fireworks are safe and sane and could not sell to minors under 18 years of age.

For more information about the fireworks, please contact Grand Knight Javier Solis at 846-5835. Please get involved!!

Butte County Fair Parking Cars On The Parish Property

It is going to be Fair time again. The Butte County Fair will be held next month in August 20th to the 24th. We have our parish property on East Gridley Road right across the street from the fairgrounds. People will pay to park on our property to go the Fair; so this makes money for our parish.

We have been doing this for a few years, we have new lights installed on the property, and having the new fence will help us out more. There will be more information in the August bulletin. If you like to help parking cars on the property, please contact Jose Gonzalez at 846-9607. Your help will be appreciated. Thank you for your cooperation.

Having A Spanish Language Article In The Bulletin

There are brother knights in our council that have a hard time reading English. If some of you brother knights that can write very well in Spanish, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Robert Miller at 846-4514. I am unable to translate or write in Spanish, and having a Spanish article in this bulletin; some of our brother knights are unable to read English will not be left out. This Spanish article will be a summary what is going on within the council.

Brother Knights

Always remember when at the meetings, at Mass, at a fundraiser, or at a social function, please wear your name badge. If you do not have a name badge, please contact Financial Secretary Joe Lamson at 846-4692; and one will be ordered for you for \$5.00. If you are a Fourth Degree member you can have your badge with the Third and Fourth Degree Emblems.

Additional Announcements

Program Circle

Please contact Grand Knight Jesse Saldivar at 671-1595 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	Jesse Saldivar	671-1595
Membership		
Monthly Breakfasts		
Program		
	Robert Miller	846-4514
Community		
	Ed 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	695-3117



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Family Of The Month Potluck

The Family Of The Month Potluck will be held at on Thursday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the Parish Hall in Gridley. For more information call Deputy Grand Knight Robert Miller at 846-4514. This month's potluck will be hamburgers and hotdogs barbecue. The Month for June is the Jack Slota Family.



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

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!!



July 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Dominion Day</i> R. G. 7 p.m.	2	3 <i>Council Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. 	4 <i>Fourth of July</i>	5
6 <i>14th Sunday in O.T.</i>	7	8 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	9	10 <i>Assembly Meeting</i> 7:30 p.m. 	11	12
13 <i>15th Sunday In O.T.</i>	14	15 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m..	16	17 <i>Family Potluck</i> 7:00 p.m. Gridley	18	19 <i>Chapter Meeting</i>
20 <i>16th Sunday In O.T.</i>	21	22 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27 <i>17th Sunday In O.T.</i>	28	29 <i>Rosary Group</i> 7 p.m.	30	31		



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