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# Saint Mary's Bulletin

## Knights of Columbus

### Saint Mary's Council

#### #12527 - Division 3

#### Gridley, California

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

Meeting: Thursday, March 3, 2011  
7 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall

1561 Hazel Street, Gridley

Mailing address: P.O. Box 717, Gridley, CA 95948

**Charity-Unity-Fraternity-Patriotism**

### A Message From Our Grand Knight

To My Fellow Brother Knights and Families:

This March brings us into the Lenten season, a time of year that we should take and examine our faith. We live in a time when our daily routine keeps most of us very busy but I hope that we are not so busy that we forget that our spiritual life will help us be better people. Making time each day to reflect and pray gives Our Lord the opportunity to help us with our lives and make us better Catholic men and women. Please remember your Brother Knights and families in your prayers especially those that may be sick or in distress.

Last month we had our first degree and had four new candidates. Congratulations to, Dagoberto Vasquez, Damian Mrakuzic, Pablo Soto and Daniel Villalobos Jr. Our potluck was a great success. Congratulations also to Javier Solis, he was our family of the Month. Please continue to support our family of the Month potlucks. Feel free to invite your family and neighbors, let's make this a big event every time.

This month again we will be having another First Degree on March 17, please help us welcome our new members on this special day. There will also be a Second and Third Degree in Marysville. While you are not required to take these degrees, they are given to help you learn more about what it means to be a Knight. Each degree gives you more knowledge and helps you to be better prepared as a Knight. All first-degree members should take time to make these degrees and become Brother Knights in the third degree. It would also be very nice to see more Brother Knights come and support these men as they move forward as Knights of Columbus. I know that it has been a long time since many of you have taken these degrees, there have been some changes, and you can sometimes pick up on some things that you might have missed while taking your own degrees. We are a fraternal organization and what better way to show these men how a fraternal organization works, than to come support them as they enter and advance through their degrees.

Viva Jesus!

Jose Gonzalez  
Grand Knight

### Un Mensaje De Nuestro Caballero Mayor

Para mis compañeros Hermanos Caballeros y Familias:

En este mes de marzo nos lleva a la temporada de la Cuaresma, un tiempo del año en que debemos tomar y examinar nuestra fe. Vivimos en un momento en el cual nuestra rutina diaria nos mantiene a la mayoría de nosotros muy ocupados, pero espero que no estamos tan ocupados que nos olvidamos que nuestra vida espiritual nos ayudará a ser mejores personas. Haciendo tiempo cada día para reflexionar y orar dándole a Nuestro Señor la oportunidad de ayudarnos con nuestras vidas la cual nos hacen mejores hombres y mujeres católicos. Favor de recordar a nuestros hermanos Caballeros y sus familias en sus oraciones, especialmente los que pueden estar enfermos o en peligro.

El mes pasado tuvimos nuestro primer grado y tuvimos cuatro nuevos candidatos. Felicitaciones a, Dagoberto Vásquez, Damian Mrakuzic, Pablo Soto y Daniel Villalobos Jr. Nuestra potluck fue un gran éxito. Felicidades también a Javier Solís, que fue seleccionado como nuestra familia del mes. Por favor, seguir apoyando a nuestras reuniones de la familia del Mes. Favor de invitar a toda tu familia y vecinos, vamos a hacer de este un gran evento en todo momento.

Este mes volvemos a tener otro título de primera grado, este 17 de Marzo, por favor ayúdanos a dar la bienvenida a nuestros nuevos miembros en este día especial. También habrá un segundo y tercer grado en Marysville. No es obligación tomar estos grados pero se ofrecen para ayudarle a aprender más acerca de lo que significa ser un caballero. Cada nivel nos da más conocimiento y nos ayuda a estar mejor preparados como caballeros. Todos los miembros de primer grado deben tomar tiempo para hacer estos grados y se conviertan en Hermanos Caballeros en el tercer grado. También sería muy agradable ver más Hermanos Caballeros venir y apoyar a estos hombres a medida que avanzan hacia adelante como Caballeros de Colón. Sé que ha pasado mucho tiempo de que muchos de ustedes han tomado estos grados y ha habido algunos cambios y usted puede beneficiar de algunas cosas que ustedes pudieron no haber captado durante la toma de sus títulos propios. Nosotros somos una organización fraternal y qué mejor manera de mostrar a estos hombres como una organización fraternal traba aja, hay que asistir y apoyar a medida que entran y van avanzando en sus grados.

¡Viva Jesús!

José González  
Caballero Mayor

## The 2010-2011 Saint Mary's Council #12527

### Knights of Columbus Officers

<b>Grand Knight</b>	<b>Jose Gonzalez</b>	<b>301-6910</b>
<b>Religious Advisor</b>	<b>Doug Tokuno</b>	<b>533-6306</b>
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<b>Warden</b>	<b>Rogelio Ochoa</b>	<b>695-2004</b>
<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Lucio Angel</b>	<b>846-5309</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Robert Miller</b>	<b>846-4514</b>
<b>Inside Guard</b>	<b>Daniel Duran</b>	<b>695-0660</b>
<b>Outside Guard</b>	<b>Armando Sanchez</b>	<b>846-5012</b>
<b>Trustee 1st Year</b>	<b>Javier Solis</b>	<b>846-5835</b>
<b>Trustee 2nd Year</b>	<b>Lowell King</b>	<b>846-3050</b>
<b>Trustee 3rd Year</b>	<b>James Valenzuela</b>	<b>846-0829</b>
<b>District Deputy</b>	<b>Joe Fisher</b>	<b>673-3984</b>
<b>District Warden</b>	<b>Bill Dodson</b>	<b>673-1890</b>
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<b>General Agent</b>	<b>Don Krolak</b>	<b>528-3001</b>

## PRAYER CENTRAL

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

Margaret Rodriguez	Virginia Piorkowski
Laurie Sullivan	Librada Marquez
George Friend	John Robertson
Joe Fisher	Norman Will
Jesse Saldivar	Joe Balderama
Dr. Don & Joan Sullivan	Carmen Cardin
Pedro Sr. & Maria Mota	Eunice Stewart
Carmen Villalobos	Alonso Venegas
Camelo Chavez	Maria Medina



## March Anniversaries

Alejandro & Pamela Lopez	22
Jesus & Margarita Venegas	29

## March Birthdays

Gloria Blair	3	Lisa Donati	4
Amparo Menchanca	5	Javier Solis	6
Ascanio Campos	7	Joe Lamson	8
James Valenzuela	11	Kristine Villalobos	12
Gullermo Santillan	15	Jose Santana	16
John Heenan	17	Jose Gonzalez	19

## We Need Your Information

We still have only twenty-eight brother knights that receive the Saint Mary's Bulletin by e-mail. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to the council's e-mail: [kc12527@digitalpath.net](mailto:kc12527@digitalpath.net). You can give it to Robert Miller, PGK at the March 3 meeting. If you do not have an e-mail address, please contact Robert at 846-4514 and he can give you an e-mail address at no cost.

We would also update our birthday and anniversary lists. Please contact Financial Secretary Larry Earley at 868-1460 or Past Grand Knight Robert Miller at 846-4514. To update our records, we do not want to miss your birthday and/or anniversary in our monthly bulletin. Therefore, we need your information.

## Richard Bennett Scholarship

If you have a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter, is a graduating senior, and attends at Biggs, Gridley, or Live Oak High School; have them fill out the Knights of Columbus Application at their counseling office 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 15. Not to forget, brother knights you have to be a member in good standing (by paying your 2011 dues) to take part in this process.

## Deadline For The April Bulletin

The deadline for articles for the March bulletin will be March 25. We need to get the bulletin done so the brother knights can receive their bulletin before the meeting. If you have any article that needs to be in the bulletin, have it before the deadline; or wait to have it next month's bulletin.



**A Message From Our Field Agent:**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE**  
**“YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE”**

**“TAX DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER”**

**April 15 - tax day - is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA, ROTH-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 Knights of Columbus IRA 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 guaranteed retirement income that you cannot outlive – 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 IRA, ROTH-IRA of tax differed or tax free 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! To contact me with regards to any of your insurance or other financial needs, please call my office at (530) 532-9620 my cell (530) 990-3332 or e-mail me at [john.carney@kofc.org](mailto:john.carney@kofc.org)**

**Fraternally, Your Brother and Field Agent,**

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# PRO LIFE CORNER

Dear Brother Knights:

**From Priests for Life Website,  
We Have The Following Two Posts:**

## **Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God**

Our Lord tells us in the Gospels not to be concerned over questions like what are we to eat or what are we to wear. He warns against worldly anxieties, and commands us instead to seek first the Kingdom of God. Worldly anxiety over our ability to provide for ourselves leads to many evils, including the temptation to abort one's children. The Lord's command is to seek His Kingdom first, a mentality which is key to saying yes to life. To put God's kingdom first means that choosing what is right is more important and central to us than calculating how much material security we will gain or lose. It means the readiness to sacrifice to make room for God and for others, including those who are unplanned or inconvenient. It means always saying yes to life.

## **The Most Unimaginable Infidelity.**

The Lord declares in His word that even if a mother forsakes her own child, He will not forsake us. He uses the abandonment of one's own child as an example of the most unimaginable infidelity. This passage makes it clear that God cannot possibly think that the act of abortion is ever justified. It is the forsaking of the child whom God has entrusted not only to that mother, but to all of us. God's own faithfulness to us is reflected in how we take care of one another, particularly the weak and the lowly. That's why pro-life work glorifies God. It restores to the human community that compassionate care and protection that those made in God's image are to have for one another. Let's give mothers the strength never to forsake their children.

Mike Trainor  
Pro-Life Chairman

# Chaplain's Altar

Greetings Brother Knights in Christ,

The great season of Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday so how about asking ourselves what special things we can do in preparation for the most important event in all of history. You ask what is this most important event? It is the death and resurrection of Jesus!! Jesus' death and resurrection is the "center of gravity" of all time. It is so important that the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night celebrating Jesus' resurrection is the greatest celebration of the Church each year. It is so important a celebration that we will spend over six weeks preparing for it, during this season of Lent.

We will renew our baptismal promises during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Saint Paul says, in his letter to the Romans, that when we were baptized we died to our old way of life to live a new way of life. When we were baptized, we went into the tomb with Jesus and rose out of the tomb again with Jesus to a new life. The season of Lent is our gift from the Church to give us time once again to die to our old sinful ways of life and rise out of the tomb with Jesus to a new way of life so that by the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night when we renew our baptismal vows we will also have renewed our lives. So it is a time when we try to control our desires and exercise self-control. The second preface of Lent states,

"This great season of grace is your gift to your family to renew us in spirit. You give us strength to purify our hearts, to control our desires, and so to serve you in freedom."

The first Sunday of Lent's Gospel tells us of the time Jesus spent in the desert. Jesus' forty days in the desert not yielding to sin despite temptation, he is our model for overcoming sin during Lent. In the desert, Jesus was tempted by Satan to totally wreck his Father's plan. The three pieces of Scripture that Jesus quoted show him overcoming temptations and submitting to his Father's plan:

"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

"You must not put the Lord your God to the test."

"You must worship the Lord your God and serve him alone."

Jesus submitted to his Father's will. During Lent let us die to ourselves like Jesus and rise to new life with Jesus, as we make sacrifices and do things we do not normally do. All the "doing" of Lent is to be a symbol of what is meant to be happening inside each of us during Lent, dying to our old sinful way of life and rising to new life with Jesus. The focus of Lent is on renewing our lives in service of the Lord, becoming more like him.

We all have been given an opportunity to help the poor by donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal, that does so much good helping the underprivileged in the diocese. As we look at different scenes from around our diocese, we cannot but say that we have a lot for which to be thankful to God.

Let us pray that this Lent be a time of special grace for each of us. Amen?

May God continue to bless this great Council!

Deacon Doug Tokuno

# Council Activities

## **Twelfth Annual Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

**Saturday, March 12  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall  
1561 Hazel Street, Gridley**

**Adults \$15.00—Children \$10.00**

**Beer & Wine Available/Door Prizes**

**Please Contact Chairman:  
Javier Solis: 846-5835/828-9273**

**“Save The Date!!”**

## **Sunday Breakfasts This Month**

The Mi Casa organization is sending fifteen high school students to Spain on April 22. These students do tutoring for the organization.

This month these students are going to be helping at the Gridley Breakfast on March 6 from 8 am to 12 noon, and they will be at the Live Oak Breakfast on March 20 from 7 am to 10 am. There will be a donation basket at both breakfasts. The cost at these breakfasts will be \$5.00 and they selling pre-sell tickets.

For more information, please Sandra Rodriguez at 354-5885. Please come and support these students to achieve their goals in the future.

## **New Brother Knights**

Saint Mary's Council #12527 would like to welcome our new First Degree Brother Knights:

**Damian Mrakuzic  
Pablo Soto  
Dagoberto Vasquez  
Daniel Villalobos Jr.**

When you see these new brother knights at Mass or around our parish community, make sure you tell them that you are a brother knight and get them involved with one of our council's activities. Brothers Damian, Pablo, Dagoberto, and Daniel Jr., welcome to the Knights of Columbus Saint Mary's Council #12527.

## **Need Help On The Phone Tree**

We will need brother knights to help on the council's phone tree. For now, we only have three brother knights, and they are burned out from making all the phone calls each month.

With brother knights using the internet, brother knights will be contacted by their e-mail; for the ones who do not have internet access will still be contacted by phone. We need about ten to twenty brother knights to call five to ten brother knights if we get many volunteers. Please call Robert Miller, PGK at 846-4514 if you would like to help with the phone tree.

## **First Degrees Coming Up**

March 16 (Wednesday) at 7 pm at the Saint Thomas Community Center in Oroville

March 17 (Thursday) at 5:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley.

## **Second & Third Degree**

April 9 (Saturday) at the Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Redding.

# Important Information

## Membership Center

Hello, I am Robert Miller, the membership chairman for this council. Remember 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 March 3 meeting, or see me at Mass in Gridley or in Live Oak, and I have some in my music bag.

We are getting our First Degree team back together in a long time. Last month, four Catholic gentlemen received their First Degree here in our council. If you are sponsoring a candidate, please bring them to our March 3 meeting.

Not to forget, we have our monthly potlucks, and our two monthly breakfasts we serve until May have become very popular in our parish community. Keep up the good work.

Take Care and God Bless,  
Robert Miller, PGK, Chairman

## Name Badges

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 Larry Earley at 868-1460; and one will be ordered for you for \$5.00. If you are a Fourth Degree Sir Knight, you can have your badge with the Third and Fourth Degree Emblems.

## 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](mailto: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 annual monthly meeting on Thursday, March 10 at 7 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on 1561 Hazel Street in Gridley. Our e-mail address is [assembly2706@yahoo.com](mailto:assembly2706@yahoo.com).

We are still planning to have information nights about the Fourth Degree in Oroville and in Gridley. If you are an active brother knight in the Third Degree, please come to this event in either town. The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on Saturday, April 30 at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento. All Third Degree Brother Knights in good standing and have received their First Degree on or before October 30, 2010 to be part of the Fourth Degree.

Our assembly is looking for a stereo system for the Santa Maria boat. We can use it to play music at parades and/or festivals. Please contact SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069 if you have a stereo system to sell or donate to the assembly.

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.

## Northern California Chapter Website

The chapter has a website. The link to this website is:

[www.kofcncc.org](http://www.kofcncc.org)

Please go the Chapter Website to get any information on which to pertain to the Northern California Chapter.

# Additional Announcements

## Program Circle

Please contact Grand Knight Jose Gonzalez at 301-6910 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:

<b>Council</b>	Jose Gonzalez	301-6910
<b>Program</b>	Sixto Mota	846-3470
<b>Membership</b>	Robert Miller	846-4514
<b>St. Patrick's Day Dinner</b>	Javier Solis	846-5835
<b>Pro-Life</b>	Michael Trainor	846-2535
<b>MR Drive</b>	Daniel Villalobos	846-5278
<b>Gridley Breakfast</b>	Pedro Mota	846-2371
<b>Live Oak Breakfast</b>	Robert Miller	846-4514
<b>Church</b>	Tim Bradford	680-8123
<b>Family</b>	Ignacio Curiel	846-0905
<b>Columbian Retirement Home</b>	John Heenan	695-3117
<b>Youth</b>	James Valenzuela, Jr.	846-0829



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## Family of the Month Potluck

The Family of the Month Potluck will be on Thursday, March 17 at 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley. Please bring your favorite dish for the evening.

The Family of the Month for February is Javier Solis. He is a Past Grand Knight and now currently serving as The First Year Trustee for the council. He is the chairman for this year's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner this month. Thank you for what you do for the Knights of Columbus.





**If you know a brother knight and/or spouse that are in sickness or distress,  
Please Contact Chancellor Enrique Rayon at 315-9739.**

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](http://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](mailto:kc12527@digitalpath.net). When you join, you will receive a monthly newsletter. Thank you for your cooperation!!



# March 2011



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	2	3 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Gridley Breakfast)	7	8 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	9 Ash Wednesday 	10 Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm	11 	12 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner
13 First Sunday In Lent	14	15 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	16	17 Saint Patrick's Day (Potluck In Gridley 6:30 pm)	18 	19
20 Second Sunday In Lent (Live Oak Breakfast)	21	22 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	23	24	25 	26
27 Third Sunday In Lent	28	29 Founder's Day  Rosary Group 7:00 pm	30	31		

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