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Knights of Columbus

Saint Mary's Council

#12527 - Division 2

Gridley, California

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

**Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2009
7:30 p.m. 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:

As the recession continues to grow and the need to help one another also grows. The Knights of Columbus are remarkably strong. Our ability to give money and time to our church and community continues to lead our council to our road to recovery. Let us show how charity and unity is our main focus. Keep us the great work brother knights and let us pray for all our brother knights who are having difficult times. Our 365 Club is there for those who are too ill to support their families, and not for just a bail out. There are government agencies to help those struggling with mortgages. There are government agencies there to help with food stamps and financial aid. Let us protect our 365 Club for those who most need it.

Time is getting close for the Saint Patrick's Day (March 17). We will be celebrating it on Saturday, March 14 at the Moose Lodge in Gridley. All brother knights are encouraged to go. Let us make this another great success. Please sign up to help at the March 5 meeting. I want to personally thank Chevo Castaneda and Mario Duenas for stepping up to the plate and taking over control of the Gridley and Live Oak Breakfasts.

Our family of the Month Potlucks last month in Live Oak was a great success. Congratulations to Felisiano Maldonado for being chosen family of the month. Thank you Robert Miller for the presentation of the Fourth Degree. And a special thanks to Armando and Maria Sanchez for their presentation of the Appeal.

Let us not forget to get those nominations into our nomination committee. We need to choose who will lead us for the 2009-10 Columbian Year. Congratulations to Enrique Rayon who received his Second & Third Degrees last month. A special prayer for Margaret Chacon-Sears and family of our Faithful Navigator Joe Chacon; may she rest in peace.

Let us continue to do our important work and let us not ask what our council can do for us but what can we do for our council.

May God Bless You,

Jesse Saldivar
Grand Knight

Un Mensaje De Nuestro Cabellero Mayor

Para Mis Hermanos Caballeros Y Familias:

Aunque la recesión sigue creciendo y la necesidad de ayudar el uno al otro también crece, los Caballeros de Colon siguen notablemente fuertes. Nuestra capacidad de dar una donación y tiempo a nuestra iglesia y comunidad sigue conduciendo nuestro consejo al camino de la recuperación. Déjenos mostrar como la caridad y la unidad son nuestro foco principal. Mantengan el buen trabajo hermanos caballeros y déjenos orar para todos nuestros hermanos caballeros quienes esten pasando por tiempos difíciles. Nuestro Club 365 está allí para aquellos que están enfermos para apoyar sus familias, y no sólo una fianza. Hay agencias del gobierno para ayudar aquellos luchando con hipotecas. Hay agencias del gobierno para ayudar con estampillas de comida y ayuda financiera. Déjenos proteger nuestro Club 365 para aquellos quienes lo necesiten.

El tiempo se acerca para el Día de San Patricio (el 17 de marzo). Lo celebraremos el sábado, 14 de marzo en el Moose Lodge en Gridley. Todos los hermanos caballeros son invitados a venir. Déjenos hacer este un gran éxito. Por favor firme la lista de ayuda en la reunión del 5 de marzo. Quiero agradecer personalmente a Chevo Castaneda y Mario Duenas para asumir la responsabilidad de los desayunos de Gridley y Live Oak.

Nuestra cena "potluck" de familia el mes pasado en Live Oak era un gran éxito. Felicitaciones a Felisiano Maldonado por ser elegido familia del mes. Gracias a Robert Miller por la presentación del Cuarto Grado y gracias en especial a Armando y Maria Sanchez por su presentación de la Petición Anual.

Tenemos que elegir quién nos conducirá durante el 2009-10 Año Colombiano. Déjenos no olvidar de avisar a nuestro comité de nombramiento de nuestros nombramientos. Felicitaciones a Enrique Rayon y Richard Torres queines recibieron sus Segundo y Tercero Grados el mes pasado. Una oración especial para Marcy Chacon-Sears y familia hija de nuestro Navegante Fiel Joe Chacon; que descanse en la paz.

Déjenos seguir haciendo nuestro trabajo importante y no preguntar que es que nuestro consejo puede hacer para nosotros, sin no que es lo que nosotros podemos hacer para nuestro consejo.

Que Dios los Bendiga

Jesse Saldivar
Cabellero Mayor

The 2008-2009 Saint Mary's Council #12527

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Announcements

March Anniversaries

Alejandro & Pamela Lopez	22
Jesus & Margarita Venegas	29

March Birthdays

Arnold Bromme	1	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		

PRAYER CENTRAL



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

Rosa Fuentes	Marcelle O'Neal
Danie Mota	Joe Dailey
Stephanie Fischer	John Robertson
Raphael Pina†	Marcie Sears†
Arnold Bromme	Jesse Stansbury
Winchel Jeffers	Virginia Piorkowski

A Message From Our Field Agent:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE *Making a difference for life*

"Can you sleep when the wind blows?"

Years ago, a farmer who owned land along the Atlantic seacoast constantly advertised for hired hands. Most men were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic as they dreaded the awful storms that raged across the land, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops.

One day a short, thin man approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man. Although he was puzzled by the answer, the farmer hired him.

The little man worked hard around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer was satisfied with the man's work. One night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm's coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows."

Furious, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he rushed out to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarps, the cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and all the doors were barred. At that moment the farmer understood what the hired hand meant.

When you're prepared spiritually, emotionally, and financially, you have nothing to fear. Can you sleep when the wind blows through your life? We secure ourselves against the storms of life by heeding the Word of God. We secure ourselves by making and reviewing plans we've made for protecting our families. We secure ourselves by meeting our obligations to our families as God requires us to do as Catholic gentlemen.

Permanent life insurance with your Knights of Columbus (currently paying dividends of 7%) has assured the welfare of its members and their families for more than 126 years. We buy life insurance not because we might die, but because our families must go on living. We don't know if we are going to die too soon, or live too long. Life insurance allows us to prepare for either possibility. It allows us to send money ahead into the future, not to get rich, but to assure that we and our families will not want.

Call me at (530) 300-3831 and let's talk for a few minutes. Let's set a time to make sure your family is going to be taken care of. As we learned long ago... **"Tempus fugit, memento mori"**

I'm at (530) 300-3831 or Michael.Conroy@kofc.org Call me...let's talk today.

Go mbeannaí Dia duit,

Mike Conroy
Supreme Field Agent Representative
Knights of Columbus
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PRO LIFECORNER

Pro-Life Update

Greetings Brothers,

In a few weeks we are going to enter the Lenten season. What does Lent mean to you? Is it simply an annual church tradition culminating in an Easter ceremony or do you actually join millions of Catholics worldwide in a time of self denial, introspection, and repentance?

What grieves the heart of God in your life, our nation, and our world? Scripture warns us that in the times preceding our Lord's return many men will lose their consciences and that a great falling away or apostasy will occur. Why might weak believers fall away from our faith? Our Catholic Church's stalwart refusal to bend a knee to Satan concerning abortion, divorce, and remarriage (after divorce) has already resulted in many following after other gods and doctrines of men. This Lenten season pray to end the practice of abortion and that God might grant Catholics courage to hold fast to the teachings of the Holy See.

Are you equipped yet? By doing a Google search and typing in www.catholiclinks.com then bookmarking this website in *favorites* you can access the following with a click of the mouse you can access:

American Catholic / California Conference of Bishops
Catholic Answers / Catholic Family Life/ Catholic Herald
Catholic City / Catholic News Service / Catholic Online
Diocese of Sacramento / EWTN / The Holy See- The Vatican
Immaculate Heart Radio / Knights of Columbus / Mass Times
Movie Reviews / National Catholic Register/ National Family
Planning Sites
Creighton Model Fertility Care System / The Couple to Couple
League
Planificacion Natural de la Familian (espanol) / Our Sunday Visitor
Pope Paul Institute / Priests for Life / St. Anthony Messenger
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops / Vatican News Service
Yuba-Sutter Right to Life

Earlier in this article I asked you the question: "what displeases Almighty God?" During this Lenten season as you prepare for a celebration of Christ's Death and Resurrection you might want to visit many of these websites. Give God the opportunity to bring you up to date with what is happening around the world from a Catholic vantage point. Where we have been victorious give Him the thanks, praise, and adoration He deserves and where we have failed ask His forgiveness and guidance. You might be impressed with the "streaming video" clips, MP3 down-loadable sermons, and just the overall scope of resources available through these web links. Sometimes we must strip ourselves down to the bare bones in order for God to build us up a new man. If you ever get the opportunity you might check out St. Ignatius of Loyola and the "Spiritual Exercises" he suggested.

Brother Gerald Hill

Chaplain's Altar

Dear Brothers Knights in Christ

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus Christ heals the paralytic. The paralytic is carried by four friends who believe that Jesus Christ has the power to heal him. When they reached the house where Christ was preaching, the whole house was so full that there was no room for them to enter into the house. These men were desperate to see Jesus Christ and they decided to open the roof of the house and they let the man down the roof with his mat. When Jesus Christ saw their faith, he said to the man, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

The task which the four men in the gospel story undertook was not easy. It was very difficult for them to carry the man all the way to the house where Jesus Christ was. What was important for them was not the difficulty involved in carrying this man but it was the need for this paralytic to see Jesus Christ. They understood that Jesus Christ was their last best hope for this man. They had faith that if only this man would be in the presence of Jesus, he would be healed. This is like of the story of the woman in the gospel of Matthew 9: 20-22; this woman had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured." This is the kind of faith that brings about miracles. We just believe that if we encounter Jesus Christ, our problem would be solved. How many times have we sincerely said to ourselves and believed it that the Eucharist we are about to receive would bring a solution to our problem. Jesus Christ was not a miracle worker for 2000 years ago; he is a miracle worker today. Jesus Christ still heals. The problem we have is that we do not have absolute faith in him.

If we can only have absolute faith in Jesus Christ, as he has unconditional love for us, we will receive a miracle.

Let us pray during this beautiful Lenten season for absolute faith in Jesus!!

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Deacon Doug Tokuno

Council Activities

The Tenth Annual
Saint Patrick's
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Will Be Held From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
On Saturday, March 14, 2008
At The Moose Lodge In Gridley

Adults--\$15.00 Children--\$10.00
Advance Ticket Sales
Take Out Available

For More Information
Please Contact Larry Earley at 868-1460

We will need donation prizes
for drawings!!

Scholarship Information

Please read: If you have a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter and 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 Joe Lamson, (846-4692) or Mike Dahl (846-3190). These forms will be due by March 30. Not to forget, brother knights you have to a member in good standing to take part in this process.

New Third Degree Knights!!

We would like to recognize the two brother knights that completed their road to knighthood:

**Enrique Rayon
Richard Torres**

These brothers are both full fledged knights!!

There is going to be another Second/Third Degree in Sacramento only in Spanish. The next Second/Third in English will be held on June 14 in Marysville.

Last Month's Meeting Highlights

Grand Knight Jesse Saldivar called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. on February 5, 2009. All officers were present with the exception of Ignacio Curiel, Jack Slota, Joe Lamson, Javier Solis and John Heenan.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived: motion by James Valenzuela, seconded by Larry Earley.

The Grand Knight reported that there were two applications for membership: Javier Negrete and Javier Negrete Jr. He also reported that the Crab Feed netted approximately \$8,500, that the Pig Raffle proceeds all went to the 4th degree, and that all members should be thinking about new officers for 2009-2010. Jerry Hill suggested that we may want to consider having a nominating committee. A nominating committee was established composed of Lowell King, Armando Sanchez and James Valenzuela.

The Treasurer reported that there is \$30,270.21 in the account.

The Financial Secretary reported receipts of \$19,351.19 and bills of \$1,866.49. Since only one trustee was present the payment of the bills was deferred.

Committees:

Membership: Robert Miller announced the dates and locations of various degrees, that we now have a new chairman for the Gridley pancake breakfast, Eusebio Castenenada, and that as retreat captain he is taking sign-ups for the annual men's retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center in Citrus Heights on February 20-24. Robert also reminded the members to join the Father McGivney Guild on-line for free, that we are still hoping for more volunteers for the Phone Tree currently staffed by himself, Sixto Mota, and Mike Trainor. Also, he would appreciate help on putting together the bulletin.

Church: Jose Gonzales reported that 100 dozen tamales were sold for a profit of \$1,400 to be split with the Fourth Degree.

Social: Larry Earley reminded the council that the annual St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage dinner will be at the Moose Lodge on Saturday, March 14. He has tickets and flyers. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children, under 6 years old is free. Donations of raffle items would be appreciated. Please turn in ticket proceeds the first few days in March.

Pro-Life: Jerry Hill reported that 3 of our council members attended Bishop Soto's Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral on January 22nd and had our Gridley banner in full view at the Capital Steps at the subsequent pro-life rally. However, at the Walk-for-Life rally in San Francisco, where many Knights of Columbus Councils were in attendance, our Gridley Council was under represented. Catholic bishops are asking the faithful to pray that the new administration will not revoke our country's commitment to the Mexico City ban on abortion and that the Obama administration will not support FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act) or any of its piecemeal legislative proposals which are diametrically opposed to the perennial teachings of our Faith. Also, we need to be aware the California State Attorney General, Jerry Brown, is challenging Proposition 8, which was supported by the Knights of Columbus. This would not only overturn the vote of the people, but it too would be a violation of Catholic principle.

Youth: James Valenzuela reported that three winners of the free throw contest will go on to compete at the next level in Yuba City.

Fourth Degree: The Assembly will have a function in Oroville on February 12th and that the Santa Maria replica will be on display. Fourth degree exemplification will be on April 25.

New Business: Armando Sanchez made a motion, seconded by Fidencio Ramirez, to have the council sponsor 2 members of attend the retreat on February 20-22. \$200 was suggested. The motion passed. Fidencio's reminder that the council annually sponsors the cost for rosaries and holy cards for the first communicants will be put to a motion at the next meeting. Jerry Hill suggested that the council could show Catholic movies at the monthly potluck. It was decided that it would be better to check with Father Miguel first and have it as a parish sponsored event. Mike Dahl reminded the council that applications for high school scholarships are now due. Jesse Saldivar reminds us that dues are now due. Ed Miller made a motion, seconded by Fidencio to accept the two new applications for membership; passed. A lady in the parish whose husband is sick and needs medical assistance has no insurance and requests help. The hat was passed around.

Good of the Order: Pray for Tom Hughes' daughter, Rosa Fuentes, and Arnold Bromme, John Robertson, Jesse Stansbury, and Winchel Jeffers.

Adjournment

Mike Trainor
Recorder

Important Information

Membership Center

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

Last month Enrique Rayon and Richard Torres completed their road to Knighthood last month as a Third Degree Brother Knight. This month, there is going to be a Second & Third Degree Exemplification in Spanish on March 29 at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Sacramento. Please contact Grand Knight Jesse Saldivar at (916) 256-0206, or Deputy Grand Knight Robert Miller at 846-4514. Taking your Second and Third Degree completes your road to knighthood in our brotherhood in any language.

Speaking of membership, we have two breakfasts and the Saint Patrick's Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner; it is great way to show what we do for our parish and our community, and then sign a Form 100 and bring it to the following meeting, and take them to a First Degree Exemplification in Marysville, Lincoln, or Oroville.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at 846-4514 or 300-3194 or at kc12527@cwnet.com. I will be glad to talk to you. Take Care and God Bless.

Robert Miller. DGK. Chairman

New Brother Knight

We would like to recognize the brother knight that received their First Degree in our order last month:

Javier Negrete

Welcome Brother Knights!! If you see these new brothers, please get them involved in any of our activities or fundraisers 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.



Fourth Degree

The Degree of Patriotism

The Father Joseph O'Callahan Assembly #2706 of the Fourth Degree will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish on Hazel Street in Gridley. Our e-mail address is assembly2706@yahoo.com.

The Fourth Degree Exemplification will be on April 25 at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento. We need to get our active Third Degree brother knights sign a Form 4. Then the candidates pay \$70.00 (that is for your installation fee and your dinner for evening), and rent or buy a black tuxedo for the day. The Fourth Degree information night went pretty well last month in Live Oak for the Saint Mary's Council #12527 Family of the Month Potluck; we need to plan an evening with the Monsignor Council #2603 of Oroville. For more information about joining the Fourth Degree contact Faithful Navigator SK Joseph Chacon at 846-2390, or Faithful Comptroller SK Fidencio Ramirez at 846-5418. It would be great to see ten candidates from each council there.

The Santa Maria boat is looking better and better each day. After the Fourth Degree meeting last month, the Sir Knights went over to see the boat to see what it needs to get finished to be used for parades and celebrations. For more information please call SK Jon Hoffman at 533-7069. This assembly serves the Southern Butte County and Northern Sutter County areas. We are the Degree of Patriotism; God Bless America.

Segundo Y Tercer Grado Exemplificacion Sanuario Nacional De Nuestra Señora De Guadalupe 711 T Street, Sacramento Domingo, 29 De Marzo

(There is going to be a Second & Third Exemplification all in Spanish. For more information, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Robert Miller at 846-4514 or 300-3194. They have this Spanish speaking exemplification only once a year.)

Superior Northern California Chapter Website

The chapter has a website. This link to this website is: www.kofcncc.org

Everyone should please take a look at the Chapter Website to get any information on which pertains to the Northern California Chapter.

Additional Announcements

Program Circle

Please contact Grand Knight Jesse Saldivar at (916) 256-0206 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	(916) 256-0206
Membership Program	Robert Miller	300-3194
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
Gridley Breakfast	Chevo Castaneda	868-5832
Live Oak Breakfast	Mario Duenas	695-3644
Church	Jose Gonzalez	846-9607
Family	Keith Harshbarger	846-4734
Columbian Retirement Home	John Heenan	695-3117
Youth	James Valenzuela, Jr.	846-0829



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Field Agent

Family Of The Month Potluck

The Family Of The Month Potluck will be held at on the Third Thursday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley. Please bring your favorite dish for the evening. The Family of the Month for February was the Felisiano Maldonado 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**. 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!!

March 2009

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
<i>1 First Sunday In Lent (Gridley Breakfast)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3 Rosary Group 7 p.m.</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5 Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>6 (FISH)</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8 Second Sunday In Lent</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10 Rosary Group 7 p.m.</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Assembly Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>13 (FISH)</i>	<i>14 Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner</i>
<i>5 Third Sunday In Lent (Live Oak Breakfast)</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17 Saint Patrick's Day R.G. 7 p.m.</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19 Family Potluck in Gridley 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>20 (FISH)</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22 Fourth Sunday In Lent</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24 Rosary Group 7 p.m.</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27 (FISH)</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29 Fifth Sunday In Lent Founder's Day</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>				

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