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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, September 1, 2011
7 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall

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A Message From Our Grand Knight

To My Fellow Brother Knights and Families:

I am planning on attending the next chapter meeting which is being held in Weed on September 17. The last chapter meeting was held back in July and I felt like I learned a lot about what other parishes were doing to help get more youth involvement. During our last meeting, we talked about starting up a Facebook page so if anyone is interesting in running one please let me know. This is a great way to promote who we are as Brother Knights; with all the activities and services, we have to offer to our community.

I would like to thank Larry Earley and Joe Lamson for putting together an excellent crew and being in charge of the Tri-Tip dinner at the fair. It was a great turnout and with the extra Tri-Tips left over we sold them to the people to make a little extra money. Also, I would like to thank Jose Gonzales for organizing a crew to clean up the fairground parking lot the weekend before the fair. He was also in charge of the parking lot during the fair. So I want to thank everybody who helped us make the month of August a successful month.

Coming up this month, we will be having our Soccer Challenge Shootout. We will be hanging up posters and advertising the event all month long. This youth activity will be for boys and girls from the ages 10 to 14 years of age. If you like to help out or receive more information about this event, please contact Sergio Sanchez at 570-8408.

Do not forget on Thursday September 15, we will be having our family pot-luck dinner. Invite your family and friends and let them experience the wonderful foods our parish has to offer.

Thank you,
Javier J. Solis
Grand Knight

Un Mensaje De Nuestro Caballero Mayor

A mis compañeros Hermanos Caballeros y sus familias:

Estoy pensando en asistir a la siguiente reunión del capítulo, que se celebrará en Weed el 17 de septiembre. La última reunión del capítulo se llevó a cabo en julio y sentí que aprendí mucho acerca de lo que otras parroquias están haciendo para ayudar a conseguir una mayor participación de la juventud. Durante nuestra última reunión hemos hablado de poner en marcha una página de Facebook así que si alguien está interesado en tomar las riendas de este proyecto favor hágame saber. Esta es una excelente manera de promover lo que somos como Hermanos Caballeros, con todas las actividades y servicio que tenemos que ofrecer a nuestra comunidad.

Me gustaría dar las gracias a Larry Earley y Joe Lamson por armar un excelente equipo y estar a cargo de la cena de Tri-Tip en la feria. Tuvimos una gran participación y con el extra Tri-Tip que sobro, se vendió al público para hacer un poco más de dinero. Además, me gustaría agradecer a José Gonzalez por organizar el equipo para limpiar el estacionamiento en el fin de semana antes de la feria. Él también estuvo encargado del estacionamiento durante la feria. Así que quiero agradecer a todos quienes nos ayudaron a tener este mes de agosto, tan exitoso.

Llegando este mes vamos a tener nuestra Soccer Challenge Shootout. Vamos a colgar carteles y hacer publicidad del evento durante todo el mes. Esta actividad juvenil será para niños y niñas entre las edades de 10 a 14 años. Si usted quiere ayudar o recibir más información sobre este evento, por favor póngase en contacto con Sergio Sánchez en al 570-8408.

No olvides el jueves 15 de septiembre vamos a tener nuestra pot-luck de la familia del mes. Invita a toda tu familia y amistades y dejar que disfruten de la maravillosa comida que nuestra parroquia tiene que ofrecer.

Gracias,
Javier J. Solis , Gran Caballero

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:



Margaret Rodriguez	Micaela Vargas
Laurie Sullivan	Librada Marquez
George Friend	John Robertson
Larry Earley	Carmen Villalobos
Camelo Chavez	Joe Balderama
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Pedro Sr. & Maria Mota	Maria Medina
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Young & Eunice Stewart	Danny Thompson

September Anniversaries

Moe & Amber Santillan	1
Javier & Maria Solis	13
Daniel & Kristine Villalobos	16

September Birthdays

Keith Harshbarger	4	Fred Carlquist	7
Max Ramirez	10	Chris Bennett	16
Armando Sanchez	20	Miguel Carmona	21
Enrique Chavez	21	Terry Parades	24
Mercedes Duran	25	Delores Campos	27

Chaplain's Altar

The Palacio de Deportes is one of Madrid's well-known stadiums, with seating up to 15,000 people. Most events here would be the familiar mix of sports events and concerts, with varying numbers of spectators. In the week of August 15th through the 21st, however, the Knights of Columbus transformed it into one of the largest chapels and Catholic event centers on earth.

Following Pope Benedict XVI's 2008 invitation to the young people to gather in Madrid for the 26th World Youth Day this summer, the Knights of Columbus joined with the Sisters of Life (sistersoflife.org) from New York City to host the largest English-speaking venue at the global gathering of youth. The largest gathering of people ever to take place in Spain, with almost 2 million pilgrims joining together to pray and celebrate with the Holy Father, WYD Madrid had over 30,000 pilgrims from the United States alone.

In making over the Palacio de Deportes into the Love and Life Center, the Knights of Columbus brought in outstanding speakers and musicians to join with bishops and religious orders in hosting the many visitors streaming through the stadium's doors. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson joined with many others in welcoming parishes and youth groups, as they in turn prepared to welcome the Holy Father to Madrid.

In providing a lively and engaging center for English speaking pilgrims, the Knights of Columbus continued in their familiar motto, 'In service to one, in service to all'. One of the Knights' particular strengths is their combined local and national--now global--presence. While formed of men at the parish level, the Knights of Columbus provide an effective witness at the global level as well, thanks to their close-knit participation.

Through our participation and promotion of our local council, we not only build each other up, but assist in the new evangelization launched by John Paul II, and continued actively by his successor and the Catholic Church around the world.

Reverend Avram Brown
Chaplain
Saint Mary's Council #12527

We Remain Strong

Even in unstable economic times, the Knights of Columbus remains a cornerstone of financial stability to its members and their families.

These statistics from the second quarter of 2011 help tell the story:

- Earnings before dividends increased 16% to a record \$214 million;
- Earnings after dividends were \$30.5 million — more than double last year's level;
- Assets now total \$17.7 billion — 10% more than a year ago;
- Our surplus now stands at \$1.7 billion;
- Our surplus ratio remains strong at 12.3%, well above the industry 11.1% average;
- \$3.7 billion of new insurance was issued.

Taken together, the above statistics represent what is the best performance for Knights of Columbus Insurance in a decade. Remember, there is no more highly rated insurer in North America than the Knights of Columbus.

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PRO LIFE CORNER

Dear Brother Knights:

Pro-Life Report--September 2011

From the Priests for Life website: The Catholic View of Women blog by Janet Moreno, executive director of Priests for Life.

In the words of Mike Pence (Republican Congressman from Indiana), "The reality is that Planned Parenthood receives hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars from federal funding sources other than Title X. Of the \$363 million they received last year, according to the GAO (Government Accounting Office), only \$53 million was from Title X."

\$363 million last year - That is almost a MILLION DOLLARS A DAY. Planned Parenthood has consistently claimed that most of that federal money goes to contraception -not abortion. They are constantly pontificating to us that contraception lowers the unintended pregnancy rate, and - by connection - the abortion rate. However, if Planned Parenthood has been raking in all of this federal funding all these years, and if contraceptives work so darn well, why is the rate of unintended pregnancies among low-income women rising? I mean, it has not even stabilized - it is actually still rising!

Look - We all work hard, prices are going up, jobs are scarce, and a lot of us are very sensitive right now, about how the government is managing our money. Therefore, it is only right that we wonder if this is money well spent...Self-discipline and abstinence are very economical alternatives.

Moreover, from Fr. Frank Pavone, President and Founder of Priests for Life:

Mother Teresa was called from this world on September 5, 1997. As we approach her anniversary of her death, we invite you to say this special prayer each day.
Father of Life, You always defend the poor and oppressed. In Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, You raised up a voice for the voiceless and a friend to the poorest of the poor, the unborn child. She brought women away from the despair of abortion clinics to the hope of a loving community that cared for her and her child. She spoke the truth to men and women of power, asking them how we could tell people not to kill one another while allowing a mother to kill her own child. Father, as we honor this humble and faithful woman, we ask you to give us the grace to follow her example. May we be bold in word and generous in action to love and serve the unborn and to awaken our world to know, as Mother Teresa said, that the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion. Fill us with love, bring us peace and let us share your life forever. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mike Trainor,
Pro-Life Chairman

Notes From Our Deacon

Dear Brother Knights in Christ,

Wednesday, September 14 is the day we celebrate the "The Triumph of the Holy Cross." This little story about Satan and Jesus sums up what Jesus did for us.

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap used bait I knew they could not resist. Got 'em all!" "What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked. Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!" "And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly. "How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked. "Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you!! You don't want those people!!" "How much?" He asked again. Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your tears, and all your blood."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

God invites us to meditate on the Beauty of the Cross. It may seem inappropriate to consider this instrument of torture and death as something attractive, but this is often the way God works. He loves creating holy reversals that turn our thinking upside down.

So where is the beauty of the cross? It's in the humility that it signifies. There it stands on Golgotha, two simple, plain beams of wood. There is nothing glorious or majestic about it. No jewels, no gold, no mystical heavenly glow. And yet it was this crude weapon that Jesus chose as his throne.

The one who once sat on a throne of pure gold in heaven chose to be fastened by cold iron spikes to a splintering branch stained with blood and tears and smeared with sweat. The Eternal Son, whom angels surrounded with songs of praise and adoration, chose instead to hear the people cry "Crucify him!" and "We have no king but Caesar". The eternal Word of God, who spoke worlds into existence, uttered no grand decrees from that throne. The few words that he did dare to speak---words of comfort and mercy---only drained Him of his life even more quickly.

Brothers, this is the 'Triumph of the Holy Cross'!! At every turn, Jesus drained sin of its power--- not through violent combat but through humble surrender. Where sin would have expected him to curse his tormentors, he blessed them. Where sin would have pushed him to come down from the cross and prove his divinity, he remained there, as helpless as any other man. Because he did not give into pride, anger, or vengeance, Jesus starved sin of its energy. There was nothing left to feed it. In the end, all that remained was Jesus, still fixed on the cross, noble and triumphant in silence.

Let us set aside some time to kneel before a crucifix. Gaze on Jesus' wounds and see there the victory of humility. Behold the man who gave you eternal life by giving up his own life. Rejoice in His victory---for it is yours as well!!!

Thank you Jesus for leaving your throne in heaven and taking up the earthly throne of your cross! Thank you for destroying death once and for all!!

Deacon Doug Tokuno

Council Activities

A Message From Our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

Statement on Standard & Poor's Action

Today's action by Standard and Poor's does not reflect in any way on the business operations or performance of the Knights of Columbus. S&P's action – as their statement indicates – was caused by the downgrade of the rating of the United States in response to this country's debt crisis. According to S&P's statement on the methodology for their decision, "the U.S. sovereign credit rating constrains the long-term ratings on these U.S. insurers." S&P's latest release cites the "very strong financial profiles" and "favorable business profiles" of the Knights of Columbus and other insurers affected by their rating revision. In addition, they cite the benefit the Knights of Columbus has from our "affinity relationships with our policyholders."

Because of our sound and ethical business practices and investment strategies, the Knights of Columbus is stronger today relative to the industry than it was five years ago. Over the past five years, the life insurance industry as a whole has seen a 6.8 percent decrease in sales. But during that same time, Knights of Columbus life insurance sales have grown by 20.7 percent. Since the financial crisis began in 2008, we have improved both operational performance and the credit quality of our investments. We continue to have the highest rating possible from A.M. Best (A++) and the highest rating S&P is able to give to any insurance company based in the United States (AA+). In short, there continues to be no more highly rated insurer in the United States than the Knights of Columbus, and our members can continue to have the highest confidence in our performance as a company and in the safety of the money that they have entrusted to us.

Please refer any media inquiries to Andrew Walther in our communication's department at (203) 752-4253.

First Degree Exemplification

There is going to be a First Degree Exemplification at the Saint Thomas Community Center on Montgomery Street in Oroville on Wednesday, September 7 at 7 pm. The Monsignor Degnan Council #2603 of Oroville is hosting this degree. For more information, please contact PGK Robert Miller at 846-4514.

Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls, ages 10-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels.

The recommended time frame is:

Council Championship–September.
District Championship–October.
Regional Championship–October/November.
State Championship–November.

For more information please contact Sergio Sanchez at 570-8408 or Grand Knight Javier Solis, Jr. at 321-2963.

Deadline For The October Bulletin

The deadline for articles for the October Bulletin will be Thursday, September 25. We need to get the bulletin done so the brother knights can receive the bulletin before the upcoming meeting. If you have any article that needs to be in the bulletin; please turn it in before the deadline. Thank you for your cooperation.

Important Information

Membership Center

Hello, I am Robert Miller, the membership chairman for this council. 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 September 1 meeting, or please see me at Mass in Live Oak or when I am in Gridley. I have some forms in my music bag.

Last month, we parked cars and served Tri-Tip at the Butte County Fair, we are getting a household name around town. I hope that Catholic gentlemen will want to be part of our great brotherhood, by giving them a Form 100 and get them to a First Degree Exemplification.

Next month, we are going to have our Sunday Breakfasts in Gridley and in Live Oak. We are looking for new chairmen for these breakfasts. If you would like to step up take this position at either breakfast, please let Grand Knight Javier Solis, Jr. at 321-2963.

Last month our new Pastor, Father Avram Brown transferred from the Redding Council #3978 and became our Worthy Chaplain. I would like to thank Deacon Doug Tokuno for serving as Religious Advisor for our council.

I hope to see you at the meeting this Thursday and for some of you, who are not active in our council, please get involved and we do appreciate your involvement in any of our activities.

Take Care and God Bless,

Robert Miller, PGK, 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 monthly meeting on Thursday, September 8 at 7 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall on 1561 Hazel Street in Gridley. Our e-mail address is assembly2706@yahoo.com.

This year the Assembly is not taking part having our Santa Maria boat at the Columbus Day Parade in San Francisco. With everybody's busy schedule; not to forget the lodging and parking costs, it is not worth it.

Our assembly is in works right now to have social nights with our spouses. We will probably meet at a restaurant in our local assembly area. This is one way to keep our assembly active.

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.

Name Badges

Always remember when you are 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 or 990-3600; 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.

Northern California Chapter Website

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

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 Javier Solis Jr., 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	Robert Miller	846-4514
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, September 15 at 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley. Please bring your favorite side dish for the evening.

The Family of the Month for August is Jose Gonzalez. Jose was recently the Grand Knight for the 2010-11 Columbian Year. He also was the chairman for the Parking Lot on the Parish Property at the Butte County Fair. He serves as President of the Guadalupe Society of Gridley, and President of the Parents of Sacred Heart. Thank you Jose for what you do for our Council.

**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!!



September 2011



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Council Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3
4 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time	5 Labor Day	6 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	7	8 Assembly Meeting 7:00 pm	9	10
11 Patriot Day (24th Sunday In Ordinary Time)	12	13 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	14	15 Family Potluck In Gridley 6:30 pm	16	17
18 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time	19	20 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24
25 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time	26	27 Rosary Group 7:00 pm	28	29	30	

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