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“HEAVENLY FATHER RAISE YOUR SON MICHAEL TO THE HONORS OF THE ALTAR”



Monsignor Raymond Renwald Council No. 7241

Elk Grove, California

THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

As we are reading the August Knightlife, Msgr. Albert O'Connor will be in Ireland vacationing and relaxing with family and friends in preparation for his new assignment at Holy Spirit.

On the 31st of July we will say goodbye to Monsignor with a reception where everyone will be able to thank him for all he has done for the parishioners of St. Joseph's. Seeing first hand the number of willing participants to help at this occasion speaks to how much his work has been appreciated. The Social hall will be renamed in honor of Monsignor because he had the vision to realize our parish and the Elk Grove Catholic community needed a place to hold events. The economic health of our Council can be directly attributed to the availability of the hall, coupled with a lot of hard work by the Knights. We can also thank him for being instrumental in recognizing the need for a Catholic grade school in the Elk Grove area. St Elizabeth Anne Seton is a result of his determination and leadership skills. Holy Spirit is located in



Land Park which in my opinion is one of the hidden jewels of Sacramento. It has of course the zoo, but also it has mature trees and lots of shade, a wonderful one and a two mile jogging or walking path, and it is near the Sacramento/American River bike trail. I know he will enjoy the weekday quiet of the park. We also hope he has the time to come and visit us once in awhile. I know after spending twenty years at St. Joseph's he has made countless St. Joseph friends that he will keep in contact. Monsignor, may you stay happy and healthy and you know you will always be in our prayers.

The officers are in full throttle as this is crunch time to make sure our council starts off the Columbian year as best we can. If the officers make it through the first three months without any major conflicts we know we are on our way to a good year. There are so many activities to coordinate that it stretches everyone's time and effort. This year we have been fortunate to see some new faces, along with the "usual suspects",

step up to the plate and offer assistance. It makes all the events go much smoother and the "usual suspects in training" learn that they aren't so overwhelmed that they compromise their work/life balance because others will help if asked. This year in addition to the Free Throw Contest, we will try and have a Soccer Kick Contest. This is a great idea because of all the

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August '05

- 5 First Friday Mass and Adoration
- 11 Business Mtng - First Degree Rooms 2&3, 6:30
- 14 Feast of the Assumption
- 25 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00 Renwald room.

September '05

- 2 First Friday Mass and Adoration
- 5 Labor Day- Begin Festival Setup.
- 10 Festival Family Dinner
- 12 Begin take-down activities.
- 15 Business Mtng - Meal (3rd Thursday due to Festival) 6:30 New Hall
- 18 Quarterly Communion & Rosary @ 7:30 a.m. Mas
- 22 Officer's Planning Meeting Rm 1
- 24 Fall Golf Classic

Officers and Committeemen

EG soccer leagues and hundreds of players and it is also an opportunity for the Knights to get involved with the EG youth and your children. Marty is looking for a chairperson for this event. So, one of you present or former Soccer Coaches and/or Players please call him.

By now we have had our Officer's Installation. Thanks Ed Duane, Frank and group for preparing our dinner. We hope the Picnic upgrades have gone well and that it wasn't too hot to enjoy each other's company. The close pool access should help. Paul Saldana will have been honored or roasted the night before Monsignor's reception. Like I said before, four events in five weekends would test any team. We have a brief respite, then in early September, our Deputy Grand Knight Marty Martinez, and Suzan, will be chairing the St. Joseph's 2005 festival. Michael Vrbn and his wife, Maureen, will be assistant chairpersons. The festival will be another success with Marty at the helm. Let's all have a good time, eat, drink, dance and enjoy.

Thanks for listening...

Bill Bickler,
Grand Knight

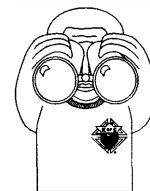
The Bishop's Hour On Catholic Radio 1620 AM is broadcast live from 11 - 12 each morning with a rerun from 9 - 10 in the evening. Brad Fisher

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**THE DEPUTY GRAND
KNIGHT'S
PERSPECTIVE**

Brother Knights,

As we read this month's newsletter, our Parish Pastor, Mentor, and Friend is enjoying himself in his beautiful homeland of Ireland. As we all know by now, He will be leaving our Parish to help others at a different church. Suzan and I have grown to know Monsignor very well in a short time, and though we are sad to see him leave, we wish him the best and will always be thankful for how he strengthened



our faith in our church. Thank you, Father, for making us part of this wonderful parish that is St. Joseph's.

We have our annual festival coming up next month. Suzan and I have the honor of chairing the festival this year. We are glad to be supported by Brother Michael and Maureen Vrban as co-chairs. The festival is a lot of fun. It creates teamwork, forms friendships and benefits our church. I would like to thank in advance, all those who do so much during this time to help get it done. I hope to see everyone at the Saturday dinner, which promises to be fantastic. After partaking in the wonderful food we have planned, you can dance it off to live music being performed by The Midnight Players. Sunday promises to be a great time as well. Plenty of food booths, in case you didn't eat enough the night before, and lots of fun games for adults and the kid's and grandkid's to enjoy. Come join us for a great week end and a wonderful time.

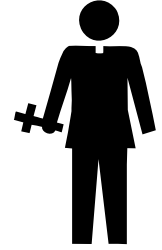
Our business meeting in August is a first degree. Our Chancellor, Brother Michael Jones, has been hard at work already. It would be nice if we could all show strong support for the First Degree meeting by attending. It is impressive to the new candidates and it is rewarding to the Officer(s) who spend a lot of their time trying to support and strengthen our council. We have new members who are getting involved and being active in council functions and it is great to see that happening. It creates teamwork, forms friendships and benefits our church. We have a great council and we should encourage others to experience the Unity and Family that is Monsignor Raymond Renwald Council #7241.

On a personal note, something I always told myself I would not do in this article, getting personal that is, I have to send a message to my wife. As I pondered what to write about for this article, she jokingly said, "write about me". I actually thought about it for a minute, and realized no article in the world would do her justice. Perhaps someday, I may put down on paper what she means to me. An article? I don't think so. A novel? I suppose I could try and limit it to one.

Marty Martinez,
Deputy Grand Knight

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Civility (Respect)



Years ago singer Aretha Franklin recorded what has since become her signature tune: "R e s p e c t". Rodney Dangerfield, the late and dour stand-up comedian, enjoyed success with his signature tag line: "I never get any respect!"

The above two examples I use to introduce this month's theme which I feel cannot be overlooked. Why? Because, whenever we don't show basic civility or respect - to another person - aren't we forgetting the premise of the Golden Rule?

If you want the most egregious examples of when we don't always show proper civility (patience, is needed here too) observe how we behave in traffic. I recently chose the option of early retirement (I admit I am now a 62 year old 'senior citizen'). But frankly, while I am now living quite frugally, I don't in any way shape or form miss the hours I spent driving to and from work over the last 38 plus years. I am a veteran of the L.A. freeway system. I have driven the streets of Rome - Italy for three years. And I have driven Interstate 5 and Highway 99, connecting to the Capital corridor and beyond to the Roseville, Rocklin area for a two year period.

What I observed many drivers do while in traffic just to get ahead of you or another vehicle, was not only uncivil but outright dangerous. If I drove the speed limit, it wasn't enough, someone always had to pass wanting to go even faster. If I drove in a safe manner, someone usually would drive right up behind me as if they wanted to read more easily my rear license plate (aka: tailgating). On a city street, if I dared to slow (rather than speed up) when the signal light turned yellow, I would usually get some words yelled at me or given a generic sign.

I readily admit I have shown some incivility as a driver. My main gripe is someone tailgating me and endangering my life and those of my passengers.

As a Campus Supervisor for a four year period with the Elk Grove school district, I saw many examples of
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FROM THE CHANCELLOR



students and adults (usually parents dropping off and later picking up their children) showing little or no respect and in some cases being most uncivil. At an Elementary school I had worked at, the principal told me of an incident that had happened in the front school parking lot. A parent had "parked" to drop off her child, but at the same time, obstructed the car behind her from passing her when she was ready to leave (rather than just patiently wait for the "parked" car to move). Words were exchanged, and to the great surprise of others, they started a physical confrontation, all in front of their children, and the children of others.

I'm sure most of you remember the incident that happened several months ago at Arco Arena, after a basketball game. Two parties that had left before the actual end of the game, got into an argument over the right away when exiting the Arena parking lot. They then followed each other for a about a mile, while yelling obscenities, giving each other generic hand signs, and finally (a fatal mistake for one of them) they stopped, got out, and apparently the antagonist was beaten severely by the driver and passenger of the pursuing vehicle. At the hospital, the young driver died from his injuries.

Fighting, incivility, rudeness, all violently go against the dictum of the Golden Rule: Treat your neighbor as you wish to be treated. A problem with incivility (disrespecting a person) is that there is a danger of it becoming a habit. If that happens you are in serious trouble and in danger of forgetting what being a Catholic is all about. Who are you going to turn to then?

Sergio Bricca,
Chaplain

Knight's Apparel

Our Knight's clothing agent remains **Mark Mimnaugh**. See him for hats, jackets, and shirts with the KOC logo.

686-4816

As you all are aware, this is the beginning of our Columbian Year and I plan as your new Chancellor to continue our efforts to reach out to the men of our parish and bring them into our Order as Knights of Columbus. For me, membership did not stop at the first degree, but was a journey to attain the second, third and fourth degree. My goal is to stimulate recruitment activity on a daily basis and to encourage members to recruit prospects to our council.

All members who have recruited two new members are in The Very Important Proposer's Club (VIP Club). I thank you for your hard work and effort. We all need to lead by example recognizing the importance of the VIP Club and by promoting it. Our First Degree Exemplification for new members will be held Thursday, August 11, 2005. We have several candidates that will be taking the 1st degree and become proud members of the Knights of Columbus. Also, "Thank You" to the brother Knights for speaking at mass during the recruitment weekend August 6-7, 2005. Remember, the August 6-7 recruitment weekend is not the end of our efforts to recruit new members.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael Jones, Chancellor

A MESSAGE FROM JERRY FONG

My brother Knights,

I want to sincerely extend my thanks and appreciation for your support and hospitality during my term as District Deputy last year. I will not be continuing on as District Deputy for the coming year. I've served over 5 years as a District Deputy which is the maximum term allowed by the Supreme Council. It was an honor and pleasure serving as your District Deputy. I enjoyed talking and listening to you, sharing food and refreshments after the meetings, and attending your First degrees. As you know by now Dave Magnino Past Grand Knight of Good Shepard council is the

new District Deputy. I will be his District Warden for the coming Columbian year. He's a charter member of Good Shepard council, a former Financial Secretary, is a dedicated and hardworking Knight in his council, and foremost, understands the mission the Knights of Columbus. I know Dave will do a superb job as District Deputy. Please extend Dave a warm welcome and make him feel at home when he visits your council meetings.

Fraternally,

Gerald R. Fong

Former Deputy, District 9

**PLEASE. . . .Pray
always for our military
men and women.**




"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen"

When you read this, please stop for a moment and say this prayer for our ground, air and navy personnel in Iraq and everywhere. Of all the gifts you could give to anyone in the US Military, be it Army, Navy, Marines or National Guard, Prayer is the best one...

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



Charles Murphy	8/03/1930
Walter Deckert	8/03/1950
Dan Gougherty	8/03/1958
Thomas Harris	8/06/1948
Russ Tereau	8/08/1947
Thomas Franzoia	8/10/1953
Napoleon De Leon	8/10/1938
Thomas Hopper	8/12/1949
Robert Lanza	8/12/1937
Albert Schoenstein	8/12/1923
Gregory Mahoney	8/14/1960
Mario Soberanis	8/15/1931
Andres Rico	8/16/1960
Richard Pierson	8/19/1952
James Kaneski	8/20/1934
Eugene Murray	8/20/1946
Kenneth Stone	8/22/1943
William Cullen	8/25/1925
Larry Rubitsky	8/25/1952
David Correa	8/27/1938
Paul Fransulich	8/29/1948
Roger Shaffer	8/30/1938
John Morales	8/30/1980



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Wedding Anniversary?**

Your Knightlife editor doesn't have birthday and anniversary dates and spouse's name for all knights. If your birthday or anniversary doesn't appear in the Knightlife in the appropriate month, please call **Dave Motz at 686-1326** and give him that information. We would like to wish you a happy birthday and anniversary.

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Bryan and Gilda Fisher	8/01/1998
Jim and Kim Paquette	8/01/1981
Kieth and Therese Ann Rearick	8/01/1981
John and Catherine Lowry	8/02/1980
Ron and Sheryl Wells	8/04/1990
John and Nancy Zehnder	8/06/1950
John and Christine Ricken	8/06/1994
John and Cathy Loof	8/06/1949
Leon and Donna Sanders	8/13/1998
Randy and Ellie Shelton	8/13/1988
Martin and Suzan Martinez	8/14/1982
Paul and Brenda Saldana	8/16/1987

Richard and Alice Fisher	8/18/1990
Gordon and Mary Blackwood	8/18/1984
Sigmund and Jackie Csicsery	8/20/1983
Rodney and Noreen Blonien	8/21/1967
Dan and Allison Brennan	8/21/1993
Percy and Barbara White	8/21/1953
Mark and Linda Mimnaugh	8/21/1976
Robert and Lala Geban	8/24/1964
Jesse and Loraine Silveira	8/25/1946
Dale and Micki Stevens	8/25/1962
Russ and Vicki Tereau	8/22/1970
Christopher and Nancy Stewart	8/26/1989
Carleton and Chris Chappelle	8/28/1992

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