



# KNIGHTLIFE

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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,

The state of society is a question that has been debated within our council since I have been a Knight. I know the dialogue of one issue regarding our society has been discussed for generations, in our cities, states and country with the previous bemoaning the lost innocence known during their childhoods. During the summer, one of our Knights made a trip back in time to the neighborhood where he was raised. He was astonished to see that his church was locked and was saddened by the fact that he needed to get assistance to visit the place he worshipped as a child. He made this passionate report to the council and warned us to stay strong, and to not let the same thing happen to St. Joseph's and our neighborhoods. The Knights in attendance were touched by the strong emotions of the speaker and we felt his sadness.

I know many of you can remember the days of summer when we could just call a friend, go to their house, knock on the door, let yourself in and call for your friend to get his things together for an all day hike, or bike ride, to wherever. This was allowed as long as you were home before the streetlights came on by timers, not solar sensors. Our parents weren't seemingly worried that any harm

would come to us. A big difference was that your neighbors knew your name, your family, and where you lived. They knew if a stranger was driving, or hanging around the area. Also, if they saw you misbehaving in a store, or at school, or anywhere in public, or if you were in trouble, a phone call would be made to inform your parents and the appropriate punishment, or help would follow. Our lives are so different from our parents. We don't know a tenth of the people who cohabit our neighborhood. We are so busy we don't take the time to establish those relationships and in turn our children have lost some of their freedoms.

Today, there are two opinions on how to ensure your children are safe and/or supervised. One set of parents won't let their child walk alone, or go anywhere. The other set allows the same freedoms, or so it seems, that I enjoyed. Both outlooks have their positives and negatives. On the one hand, not letting your child out of the care of a "trusted" adult will make it less likely they will come into contact with "undesirable" people and their safety will be enhanced. Although, by following this agenda, my belief is that our children are losing the skills of self-reliance that I learned as a boy. I encountered a few

"strange" characters and was either lucky or listened to the voice in my head that told me this was not a nice person, or this was a bad situation. If I found myself in one of these predicaments a hasty exit was in order. The parents that allow more freedom may have confidence in their child's ability to protect themselves and refuses to allow the apparent increase of the "strange" characters to inhibit the growth of the child. The more protective parent on the other hand is waiting until the child is older before allowing these freedoms.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October '05

- 7 First Friday Mass and Adoration
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 Business Meeting 7 p.m.
- 21,22,23 Project RideTootsie Roll Drive Weekend
- 27 Officer's Planning Meeting 7 p.m. Renwald Rm

### November '05

- 4 First Friday Mass and Adoration
- 5 Spaghetti Dinner SEAS
- 5,6 Membership Drive Weekend
- 6 Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers – 7:30 a.m. Mass, Pancake breakfast to honor Widows.
- 10 Business Mtng and 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Rm A
- 17 Officer's Planning Mtng, Renwald Rm 7 p.m. – I week early due to Thanksgiving.
- 24 Thanksgiving

Neither of these is right or wrong. Not all children are alike, some are more adventurous, and some are more apprehensive. Being a parent is not easy, and you have to follow your conscience on what you believe is right.

Have you gone to the Excellent Knights website? No John, you can't get there on your email machine. Our Chancellor, Brother Michael Jones has done a super job on upgrading the site. If you lost, or didn't receive your Knightlife, they are on the website. The address is <http://www.cwo.com/~dglc/cnlpage.html>. I have it as one of my favorites to make it easily accessible. Thanks Michael for a great job.

We will need Knights to man the stores for the Project Ride Tootsie Roll drive. Contact Marty Martinez to offer assistance. Don't use the September Knightlife Calendar of Events date of October 16<sup>th</sup> weekend. It is the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an important duty we have as Knights, - to help others. The money donated will be forwarded to help some kids that need our assistance. The last I heard, the City of Elk Grove has discontinued funding this worthy cause. The loss of over \$200,000 has to made up somewhere. They, and we, can't afford to not help make up the difference. Please help. Think about your healthy children, or grandchildren and spend a couple hours that weekend in thanksgiving by helping others.

Thanks for listening...

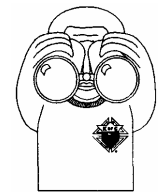
**Bill Bickler,**  
Grand Knight

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**THE DEPUTY GRAND  
KNIGHT'S  
PERSPECTIVE**



Our Parish Festival was a great success. The Saturday dinner was great. Pete and Rose De La Cruz organized and put on a wonderful meal that was enjoyed by almost 500 people. An outstanding job and many thanks to Pete and Rose and all those who helped make that dinner a success. The music afterwards was good and all those who attended seemed to be having a good time. The Festival on Sunday was filled with great food, games, and a lot of people. Thank You to all who chaired, volunteered, or otherwise made themselves available to assist in the success of our festival. Thank you for your support, your help, and most of all, your patience.

When I say that the festival was a success, I am not measuring success by monetary gain. I am measuring success by what the festival is meant to accomplish. The festival is meant to bring the Parish together. For us all to gather at our church for something other than Sunday Mass. For us to get together and enjoy the food, drink, and games that so many of our fellow parishioners have worked so hard to make available to us. To have a good time with our family and friends. The people that step up to chair the

different booths and events can not be thanked enough. After all the meetings, the agreements and disagreements, it really takes all of us working together to make this event successful.

People coming together to accomplish a common goal is something we as Knight's should all be familiar with. In chairing the festival this year I found myself relying heavily on my Brother Knights to help where and when needed at a moments notice. That shouldn't surprise anyone. That's what the Knights do. We are here to assist and support the Church and the Priest's in any way we can. We are also here to support each other. The Knight's of Columbus is a good way to help others. Friendships are formed through the Knights. Families are brought together. In October we will have a membership drive. This is an opportunity the Church provides us to help recruit new members after each Mass. The week end of October 29 and 30 we would like to ask all Knights that can, to stay after Mass for a few extra minutes and help support our council. Help us to strengthen our council and bring families together.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be having our tootsie roll drive. This drive benefits Project Ride and the wonderful work they do with children who are faced with difficult challenges. We need a few more adults to help with this drive. It will require two hours of your time on the day of the drive. If we can get enough volunteers we may be able to get it down to one hour of your time. Charity is an important part of the Knights of Columbus, and this is merely a donation of your time. Please contact me if you are available to help.

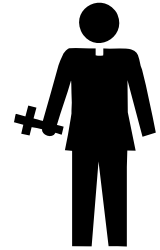
We have our new Priest coming to join us on October 15. Father Bosque will be filling the vacancy left by Monsignor O'Connor. Please take the time to introduce yourselves not only as parishioners but as Knights of Columbus for St. Josephs Church. A name badge worn to mass can go a long way in making him feel comfortable about who he is talking to. Don't forget to introduce yourself, and don't forget your name badges.

Your Deputy Grand Knight,  
**Marty Martinez**

### **Knight's Website**

Visit our council's website at  
[www.cwo.com/~dglc/index.html](http://www.cwo.com/~dglc/index.html)

## **CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS**



### **Topic: How Honest Are We?**

Years ago, when I was a teacher at Don Bosco Technical Institute, located in the City of Rosemead, south-east from Los Angeles, I came across a pamphlet published by The Christophers, an organization based in NY, who publish pamphlets for the sole purpose of encouraging personal responsibility over one's behavior. It's by intention that the Christophers adapted the organization's name from the Greek **Christophoros**, which means – Christbearer.

The title of the pamphlet is: **Honesty is Still in Style**. In it, a series of questions are posed and then briefly answered using quotations from famous and well known individuals, and, it is also filled with anecdotal short examples of honesty by individuals.

One of the questions: **Why be honest?** Remember when you were in Catholic elementary school, when nuns were the primary religious educators? I do [I was raised by nuns at a Catholic Orphanage in Italy,] and then taught by them here when in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The saying in substance was always – remember, when you think you're alone, God is there. That certainly would limit my options [although not always, which is why we have confession]. The answer offered: God demands it, and further, in the words of Thomas Merton [former Trappist monk, now long deceased] writes, "honesty, is the basis for all human relationships...." The lie, destroys relationships, and in some instances does great harm which violates the essence of the Golden Rule.

Another question: Consider the cost [of dishonesty]. In business, particularly retailers, the number one expense that they must try to make up for is from losses from stolen merchandise, or cash from receipts, by employees. [Note, it is given that, all businesses must cover the expense of having employees, and related business costs.]

I'll end by relating the following **true recent example of honest behavior**. Teenagers, often surprise us in unexpected and wonderful ways. You may have read an

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article a couple of months ago, about a teenager who found a wallet on the street which was stuffed with \$19,000 in one hundreds. Frankly, perhaps even 'honest Abe' might have been tempted to hang onto it, not this young man. He turned it over to the local police authorities, and then waited. It turns out that a local, had prepared to go on a trip to Las Vegas [somewhere in the desert, I believe] and in the excitement had somehow misplaced his wallet. Well you know the rest. **PEACE.**

**P.S.** In January, more on honesty plus some really good New Year's Resolutions.

**Sergio Bricca,**  
Chaplain

## Knight's Apparel

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

686-4816

## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

I want to thank all the Knights who helped out at the Church Festival and worked the Knights booth. It was a very successful festival and it couldn't have been done without all the help.

Congratulations to Marty Martinez on the Shining Armor Award! Awarded for service in the Order, the "Shining Armor Award is giving during the first year of membership to those men who exemplify what a true Knight of Columbus is.



The concept of "Shining Armor Award program is to get new members active in the Knights of Columbus and honor them as a valued member of our council.

To qualify for the "Shining Armor Award" new Knights must, during their first year of membership:

- Be involved in a least 3 council service programs.
- Attend at least 3 council business meetings.
- Receive their Second and Third degrees.
- Meet with their council's Insurance representative.
- Recruit at least one new member.

These are the qualifications for the basic program. Please see the Chancellor for Qualification Cards (4292) The card will help all new members keep track of their progress toward attaining the "Shining Armor Award". The Grand Knight verifies each completed requirement.

Your continued involvement, participation and support of our council's activities are valued. We need everyone's help to increase our membership and keep it strong.

Get Ready for the Blitz!

Our Blitz weekend membership drive will be held Saturday-Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The Blitz is an effective recruiting program. It has been successful in generating interest and gaining new members into our council. I am asking all brother Knights to please see the Chancellor to obtain membership materials, e.g. Prospect Referral Cards or Form 100's to hand out to potential candidates before, during and after mass. The Prospect Referral Card includes the Chancellors contact information and I encourage you to use this card to recruit prospects to our council. Also, I will be asking a few brother Knights to speak at mass on our behalf.

Thank you and God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus!

**Michael Jones,** Chancellor

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Scott Alstad	10/01/1961
Jorge Rodriguez	10/03/1955
John Pfeifer	10/04/1958
Sigmund Csicsery	10/04/1962
John Lally	10/05/1955
Clarence Kresha	10/05/1938
Richard Fisher	10/07/1961
Roch Dold	10/07/1958
Martin Jaquez	10/12/1945
George Loughner	10/12/1943
Michael Aye	10/20/1950
Case Van Steyn	10/12/1946
Fred Mohl	10/14/1915
George Mooney	10/14/1927
Leon Sanders	10/14/1956
Richard Ramirez	10/18/1943
Bill Bickler	10/18/1953
Tony S. Enriquez	10/18/1938
David Muniz	10/19/1963
Dennis Balinsat	10/25/1962
Thomas DuVal	10/27/1957
Randall Redeen	10/27/1951
Richard Schloemann	10/27/1932
Richard Bauer	10/28/1952

**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, Air Force, or National Guard, Prayer is the best one...

## Happy Birthday : Fred Mohl


One of our senior and highly respected brothers, Fred Mohl turns 90 on October 14. Fred's dedication and many years of service to the Knights here and in Florida and Panama, are an inspiration to all of us.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of our Scholarships:

Joseph Champion	Elk Grove High School
Erica Marie Skreslet	Laguna Creek High School

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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !



Don & Viviane Gut	10/02/1948
David & Tiffany Rios Jr.	10/02/1995
Peter & Linda Lee Lemieux	10/03/1971
Roger & Fay Shafer	10/03/1958
Paul & Sheryl Niemann	10/07/1995
Ron & Stacy McCarley	10/08/1994
David & Mary Ann Almeida	10/19/1946
Roger & Margaret Baht	10/20/1973

Michael & Maria Breverly	10/21/1978
Alfredo & Mercedes Galang	10/21/1992
Joel & Jennifer Robinson	10/23/2000
Rick & Cindy Reynon	10/23/1979
Case & Christine Van Steyn	10/23/1971
Peter & Connie Davila	10/25/1977
David & Janet Brabender	10/28/1967

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