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Monsignor Raymond Renwald Council No. 7241

Elk Grove, California

THE GRAND KNIGHT’S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Summer is almost over. It has been a good summer. Not too hot, and lots of sunshine. I can no longer guarantee to my family and friends back in Wisconsin that it won't rain between Memorial Day and Labor Day, as we saw rain this season in Elk Grove. The pool season is fast coming to a close and parents are checking off the “back to school” supply items off their lists. Alex was looking bored and was happy to see his SEAS buddies at football practice this week. The communiqués from school have begun and you can feel autumn is near.

If you attended the August Business meeting you couldn't help but notice a familiar face and voice leading the proceedings. I want to thank Past Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and Sir Knight Percy White for standing in for me, and leading the meeting. I went back to WI for a family reunion. It was great seeing my grandson, Isaac, my daughter Sarah, Grandma Bickler, Grandpa Bialk, my niece, brother and wife etc... We ate too much, played cards and just enjoyed catching up on the recent changes in our lives, especially my daughter's, and Adam, Isaac's dad. It was wonderful to see how Sarah and Adam have adapted and how my prediction that parenthood would



change their priorities came true. I really didn't go out on a limb with that observation.

Recently while watching Alex's football practice I noticed someone reading the latest Harry Potter novel. As I had already read and enjoyed the book, and all the previous books, we entered into a discussion about the series and how imaginative the author is in creating this “other world” with the scenery details, great secondary characters, while keeping the reader in suspense about what is going to happen next. Our talk advanced to her telling me about someone asking how this book could be allowed at a Catholic Book Fair for children. They also felt it should be removed. They were under the opinion that because it dealt with witchcraft and magic it was inappropriate for Christian youth. The person making the comment hadn't read any of the books. Why I am bringing this up? I have always had an issue with *uninformed people* telling me what I should or shouldn't be reading or doing. I am concerned, but not surprised, that some people don't understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction. The Harry Potter books are fiction. They are well written, interesting and in my opinion a book that interests our children to read instead of watching

TV or playing video games is a good thing. If you are doing your parental duty of keeping open communication with your child you will know if they are learning how to build a bomb on the internet, or reading bad literature. If you are wondering if the Potter books are appropriate, read any of the Books and in my opinion you will gladly hand it over to your kids to enjoy. If you do have concerns, talk to your children, make sure they know that this is a make-believe world

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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. Mass.
- 22 Officer's Planning Mtng 7:00 Rm1
- 24 Fall Golf Classic

October '05

- 7 First Friday Mass and Adoration
- 12 Columbus Day
- 13 Business Meeting
- 14, 15, 16 Tootsie Roll Drive Weekend
- 27 Officer's Planning Meeting 7:00
- 29, 30 Membership Drive Weekend

Officers and Committeemen

to avoid asking you for some galleons to purchase a “Nimbus 2000 broom to go play Quiddich. By the way, if I could have any of the interesting make-believe contraptions in the book it would be the “Invisibility Cloak”.

The July picnic was a success again this year. The change of scenery, a different spot, and pool tickets went well, and everyone seemed to have a good time. If you have any ideas for next year, please let the officers know so we can discuss, prepare the budget and put into action for 2006. I want to thank everyone for their help in making it a fun time and hopefully next year it will become an event that families will put on their calendar as a must attend.

Monsignor’s reception was well attended by the Knights, and I know he was touched by the attendance and testimonials from all the groups he supported. Paul’s PGK dinner was fun and it was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. I will always cherish the memory of the surprised facial expression on Sergio when it was announced that he was the Knight of the Year. A well deserved honor. I want to thank our esteemed colleague, Sir Knight Bill DuVal for being the Master of Ceremonies again this year. He always does a great job.

The St. Joseph’s Festival, co-chaired by the Martinezs and the Vrbans is fast approaching. Listening to the enthusiasm of both Marty and Michael discussing the changes for this year I know it will be an exciting weekend of fun, food and games for all to enjoy. This year the Filipino community within St. Joseph’s is coordinating the Saturday night Festival Dinner and the menu sounds scrumptious. Following the dinner there will be a band to fulfill your dancing fix.

The Fall Golf Classic is being resurrected in September this year with co-chairs Dave Crowe, Paul Saldana, Pete Vacura and Mr. John Mello. In my opinion, this event needed some new ideas, and help for Peter, and I am interested and excited to see what changes they put into place.

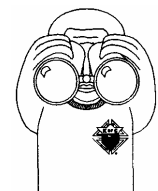
I want to remind all knights to keep all our ill and distressed brothers and family members in our prayers.

Thanks for listening...

Bill Bickler,
Grand Knight

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THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT’S PERSPECTIVE



Brother Knights,

Congratulations to our brothers who went through the First Degree in August. Welcome Brothers and we hope to see you at our meetings and events. I have been a Knight for only a few years. Though I have had the privilege to serve under successful Past Grand Knights, there are charter members and long time members who have held that position that I did not have the privilege to serve under. That was of

course, until our last meeting. When our Most Worthy Grand Knight could not make the meeting, our Brother and Past Grand Knight, Percy White, stepped in for him. For one meeting I had the privilege to serve under a man I consider a friend, and beyond me personally, a mentor to those of us Knights who are still learning what it really means to be a Knight of Columbus. I hope all those in attendance walked away with a little something extra from that meeting. Thank you Percy for the opportunity and a job well done.

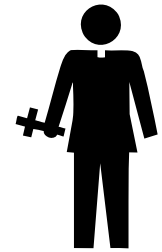
Our Parish festival is right upon us. This is the time to bring the whole family to enjoy the fun, food and games. A lot of hard work and preparation goes into this event to make it successful. Let's show our support of the church by attending the festivities scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept 10 and 11. As chairperson of the festival this year I would like to send a big thank you to all the individual chairpersons for all the work they have done so far. I ask them to keep in mind that decisions have to be made that may or may not go along with the popular vote. Right, wrong or indifferent, remember we all have the same goal. To get through the work, get to the fun and it has been successful when it's all done.

In closing, I would like to say this, I am writing this article in the early morning. I am sitting on the balcony of a hotel room overlooking Lake Tahoe. As I look out at the mountains, trees and blue water I find myself thinking there is so much we take for granted. We should thank the Lord everyday, not only for beauty such as this, but the beauty of Family, friendships and our fraternity which has brought all of us together as Brothers.

Your Deputy Grand Knight,
Marty Martinez

Knight's Website
 visit our website at
www.cwo.com/~dglc/index.html

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS



Topic: Equality?

For the past 33 years, the number one "hot button" issue has been:

Pro-Life? Or, Pro-Choice?

For Catholics, there is no debate – **we are pro-life.**

Recently I read an article that reported that abortions were down in recent years. Some of the reasons given for this decline were, the improvement of prescriptions which inhibit fertilization. More and more teens, foregoing sexual activity until later. And, a couple of other medical reasons which basically prevent fertilization.

Now this is fine and certainly heading in the right direction, **but**, it still is a fact that thousands of "pre-born" infants are destroyed due to the **finality** of an abortion procedure. Let's keep praying that this 'medical procedure' be one day ended.

The above I offer as a preface, to present what I feel is an emerging "hot button" issue. In July, of this year, **Canada**, became the fourth country to pass national legislation recognizing the legitimacy of same-sex-marriages. The other three countries are: **Belgium, The Netherlands, and Spain.** Here at home in **California**, (and already in a few other states) **this past January**, state legislation was approved that recognizes the 'equality' of same-sex couples, and for them, to have access, to the same benefits that married couples have traditionally been offered by business and by the work community, this legislation was signed by our current Governor.

Question: Where are we heading? Is our society going to 'hell in a hand-basket'? Well, **it** might seem that way, but I still have great faith in our country and in our basic decency as individuals.

Here are a few, but comforting statistics, to help us keep things in perspective:

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+++ Our country, is the most openly religious society – period. Attendance, at weekly Sunday services have never been higher, and **exceed** all other individual countries’ attendance level. (**Alas, Rome’s 450 churches**, mostly remain empty on Sunday, except for the tourists, who come to see St, Peter’s and, the Vatican.)

+++ We are the most generous, when it comes to charity and giving, more than any other country. Further, we give far more aid to countries, than asked for by them.

+++ While our family structure has taken hits in recent years, it is still the foundation for our way of life. Soccer moms, Scouting, family vacations, **are all still very popular** and very much of our daily lives (ask the theme parks about their attendance rates – all doing very well – thank you very much.)

+++ As members of the Knights of Columbus, we have a special appreciation for families, for it is part of our motivation and reason for our existence. Recall that Father McGivney, was very concerned over the welfare of the families in his parish, and established a mechanism for insuring economic continuity upon the death of the principal bread winner, through the **Knights Insurance Program**, which today has expanded to include other benefits, such as **Long Term Care Insurance**. (My own father was in a convalescent home for almost seven years.)

Now I would like to answer the question that formed the title of my column:

It seems that society both here and in some countries abroad, have taken upon themselves to overturn established moral standards, we have seen plenty of examples over the years. But the issue of considering same-sex couples as ‘equal’ to opposite sex couples, who marry, is ludicrous. To state the obvious, if there is no possibility of a fruitful union (the birth of children) between a ‘couple’ then, all you have is a sexual union, which is **not** what was intended by **God**. Two people can have appreciation and also have a strong connection for each other, but the relationship is always platonic, such as siblings, relatives, and good friends. But **only** a married heterosexual couple, is entitled to the gift of sexual expression. **So, the answer to the question is:** There is no equating same-sex couples with heterosexual couples. **PEACE.**

For more: Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Gift of A Child (page 571, @ 2378) **Offenses Against the Dignity of Marriage** (page 576, @ 2396).

Sergio Bricca,
Chaplain

Knights’ 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 brother Knights who helped out after mass during the recruitment weekend August 6-7, 2005. Also, thanks to Dave Crowe for speaking at the Sunday Mass and a special thank you to Sergio Bricca for speaking at several masses. We added four new members and one transfer member to our council at the 1st degree Exemplification Thursday, August 11, 2005. I would like to congratulate and welcome our new brother Knights. Thank you to those Knights who sponsored the new brothers.

Exemplification of the Second and Third Degree
Saturday, September 10, 2005
10:00am
At St. Teresa Church 11610 Atwood Rd in Auburn, CA
For More Information call:
Michael Jones, (916) 684-5803
Or Tim DeWitt (530) 885-5454

Get Ready for the Blitz!

Our Blitz weekend membership drive will be held Saturday-Sunday October 29-30, 2005. The Blitz is an effective recruiting program. It has been successful in generating interest and gaining new members into our council. Please see the Chancellor to obtain 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.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Jones, Chancellor

Life Insurance is Peace of Mind.

If you died last night, would you have the peace of mind to know that your family would be able to survive in the same fashion they would have if you were still alive?

If you went to the doctor yesterday and found you had some serious medical conditions that might threaten your life or make you incapable of caring for yourself, would you have the peace of mind to know that you have adequate life insurance? Do you have a Long Term Care Insurance program to provide the necessary care your family might not be able to provide?

Have the Peace of Mind of knowing your family's financial future is as secure. I'm a phone call away. You can reach me at 714-0699 or e-mail bugsfish@aol.com

Your Brother Knight and Field Agent,

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Bruce Thorpe	9/06/1955
Rigo Delatorre	9/10/1961
Phillip L Montgomery	9/10/1948
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Patrick McGuire	9/11/1959
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Stephen Mizerek	9/14/1929
Francis McGuire	9/17/1923
Walt Schoen	9/17/1924
Richard Baker	9/17/1937
Edward Goffaux	9/19/1935
Roy Nicholas	9/20/1935
Ed Parra	9/22/1956
Paul Carrillo	9/26/1946
Cosme Juarez	9/27/1923
Michael Felion	9/27/1943
Mark Mimnaugh	9/28/1954
Gilbert Albiani	9/29/1937
Gary Martin	9/29/1959

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...

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David and Jo Olson	9/10/1979
Anthony & Ruth Ann Machado	9/16/1967
Gary and Dinah Winthrow	9/16/1967

James and Bonnie Kaneski	9/19/1959
William and Janice Redmond	9/21/1974
John and Shawana Zaucha	9/21/1991
Michael and Mary Aye	9/23/1993
William and Leslie Russ	9/29/2002
David and Elva Correa	9/29/1959

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