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Monsignor Raymond Renwald Council No. 7241

Elk Grove, California

## THE GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brother Knights,

Happy New Year!



Our annual Crab Feed on January 12<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Teresa and I enjoyed breaking bread with all Brothers Knights, their families and friends. I want to thank Marty Martinez, Chair and all Brother Knights, wives and the youth group for putting together another successful and excellent dinner. Thank you to those who brought raffle prize donations and bottles of wine for our Wine Cellar Raffle. A special thanks to McConnell Estates Winery for their donation of a case of wine. I would like to recognize our skilled bar crew, Russ Tereau, Ed Duane, Keith Henry and Tony Romano. Marty Martinez, Gary Lomazzi, Paul Saldana, Dave Olson, Brian Lane and Chris Martinez did a great job in the kitchen! Mark Heller did another superb job as our MC. Sergio Bricca and Walter Hernandez sold bar tickets very successfully. Joe Madruga expertly checked our guests at the door. Sig Csicery, Suzan Martinez, Teresa Jones, Soli Garcia, Terri Heller and Jeanne Ecker conducted the raffle ticket sales and may have broken a record with sales. Nick Garcia effectively handled the Wine Cellar raffle. Our youth group

servers performed with courtesy and professionalism. Once again, thank you to all who helped with donations, set up, tear down, or just helped in general.

Thank you to Brother Knights who assisted with our Council Basketball Free Throw Contest on January 6<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank Jeff Ecker, Chancellor for coordinating this activity. Fifteen youth competed in the contest. Five of them will participate in the next round of competition on February 3 at the District Free Throw Finals held at St. Anthony's Church.

Jeff Ecker is commended for conducting and coordinating an effective January 6<sup>th</sup> Membership Recruitment Blitz. There were six to eight new prospects that completed the Form 100 and are interested in attending our 1<sup>st</sup> degree exemplification February 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all Brothers who spoke at the Masses and to all sponsors of these new prospects. Remember to contact the candidates to remind them of the 1<sup>st</sup> degree date.

All First Degree exemplifications through the end of the 2007-08 fraternal year will be held in honor of Pope Benedict XVI. Every new member proposed into the Order between Dec. 1, 2007, and June 30, 2008, will be presented with a

limited-edition certificate (#9702) commemorating the papal visit to the United States. Each new Knight recruited between Dec. 1, 2007, and April 20, 2008, will have his name listed in a special book that Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson will present to Pope Benedict XVI.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### FEBRUARY 2008

- 1 First Fri. Mass Adoration**
- 5 Mardi Gras Youth Group**
- 6 Ash Wednesday**
- 7 Buss. Mtg. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Room B 6:30**
- 16 Sweethearts Dinner**
- 28 Officers planning MTG Room B 7:00 St. Peters Room**

#### MARCH 2008

- 7 First Friday Mass & Adoration**
- 13 Business Mtg. Meal 6:30 Room B**
- 16 Palm Sunday**
- 20 Holy Thursday**
- 21 Good Friday**
- 23 Easter Sunday**
- 27 Officers Planning Mtg. 7:00 St. Peter Room Room B**



## **Officers and Committeemen**

Grand Knight	Michael Jones	684-5803
Deputy Grand Knight	Mark Mimnaugh	686-4816
Chancellor	Jeff Ecker	682-6432
Warden	Peter Castro	690-8017
Financial Secretary	Bill Riddle	684-4843
Treasurer	Sigmund Csicsery	685-9491
Recorder	Nick Garcia	429-0515
Advocate	Marty Martinez	682-5840
Inside Guard	Gary Lomazzi	685-8177
Outside Guard	Rick Reynon	686-8044
Trustees:	Russ Tereau	681-0544
	Richard Schloemann	685-1950
	Ken Woodford	682-0141
Acting Chaplain	Sergio Bricca	685-1401
Lecturer	Jesus Castellanos	689-3545
<b>District Deputy</b>	William DuVal	682-4552
Ill and Distressed	Sergio Bricca	685-1401
Activity Directors:		
Church	Sergio Bricca	685-1401
Telephone Comm	Ken Woodford	682-0141
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Tootsie Roll Drive	Neil Evans	686-5977
Scholarship Selection	Nick Garcia	429-0515
Scholarship Inv.	Richard Schloemann	685-1950
SVDP Liaison	Richard Schloemann	685-1950
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Council historian	Dave Brabender	
Bar Management	Russ /Marty	681-0544
K of C Insurance	Heinz J. Muller	642-5415
Right-to Life	Joe Madruga	685-5679
Blood Drive	Neil Evans	686-5977
Wearing Apparel Agent	Mark Mimnaugh	686-4816

Our next event is the annual Valentines Day Sweethearts dinner will be held Saturday, February 16, 2008 in the Social Hall. This is an opportunity to bring your significant other to a wonderful evening. It will be an evening of fine food, great company, and good music for your dancing pleasure. I look forward to seeing all Brothers Knights and their lovely wives at this wonderful dinner. Our 4<sup>th</sup> degree Sir Knights are usually dressed in formal tuxedo, but it is not required.

On Wednesday, **February 6, 2008**, we will enter into one of the most important seasons of the church year—the “40 days” of Lent. The word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, or spring, the time of year when the days begin to lengthen.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the church year because it is a time of penitence, an introspective period during which we take stock of our lives and our relationships to discover and change what we must to prepare for Easter and experience the spiritual renewal that comes when we engage in this type of “making right” activity. So, during Lent we each follow the example of Jesus by sacrificing our own will to the purpose of God. I will sacrifice my Starbucks white chocolate mocha and chocolate overall.

This is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Father McGivney’s Canonization Cause (1997-2007). Visit the Supreme website to read articles published recently to celebrate the tenth anniversary and information gathered on the cause over the past ten years. Link to website: <http://www.kofc.org>

Next Business Meeting/Dinner is Thursday, March 13, 2008. Dinner is served at 6:30pm followed by our meeting at 7:30pm. I look forward to seeing you there to break bread with. An active council is a strong council. Get involved and get active!

Keep in your prayers our recently deceased Brothers William Cullen and Edward Horton.

Remember our next 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration is February 1st. I look forward to joining my Brother Knights as we spend time with our Lord.

Vivat Jesus,

**Michael Jones**  
**Grand Knight**

## FROM THE DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

### Brother Knights:

Lent commences in just two weeks, starting Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, and continues until the beginning of the Triduum on Holy Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Triduum marks the three days from Holy Thursday until the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Easter Sunday this year is March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Easter varies from year to year because it is defined as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of Spring (March 20<sup>th</sup>). This year Easter is almost as early in the calendar as possible. Lent is derived from the Latin word meaning Spring. This Lenten season we have the opportunity to spring forward with new joy and vigor in our service to the Knights of Columbus. We encourage you to join us in our meetings and activities as a part of your Lenten resolutions and commitments.

We will have a first degree ceremony at our next Council Meeting on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate the welcoming of six new members of our Order at this First Degree ceremony. We look forward to your presence and encouragement for these gentlemen.

We will also enjoy the annual Sweethearts Dinner this year on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to celebrate with your spouse and fellow Knights and Knights' Ladies at a St. Valentine's Day event. We look forward to seeing you at these, and all of our events and activities, in the ensuing weeks.

Take care, and to you and your families, a very Blessed Lenten Season.

Yours in Christ,

**Brother Marcus**  
**Deputy Grand Knight**



## FROM THE CHANCELLOR

### Brother Knights,



'Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.'

— James Bryan Conant

On the first weekend of January we had our Membership "Blitz", and it was very successful. Our Grand Knight Michael Jones, Deputy Grand Knight Marcus Mimnaugh, District Deputy Bill Duval, and Acting Chaplain Sergio Bricca all spoke eloquently about the Knights at the end of each mass, challenging the men of our parish to join us. Our table in the church vestibule was pretty busy and if all goes well, it looks like we will have about ten new additions to our council. It's great how our council is growing and we have all of these new brothers to help in all of our activities. By the time you read this, we will be close to having, or will have had our first degree exemplification. We especially need to make all of our new brothers feel welcome.

On that same weekend we also had our council's free throw contest. We had a good little group of about ten shooters ranging in age from 10 to 13 years old with one young lady among the ranks. I'd like to express my thanks to all brother knights who helped to make the free throw contest an organized event and a success.

A Big thanks goes out to all brother Knights that helped to bring candidates to our council now and in the past and to all our brothers who consistently "Stick their necks out" for the Knights of Columbus and Council 7241.

God Bless You,

**Jeff Ecker**  
**Chancellor**

### **Knight's Apparel**

**Our Knight's clothing agent is Mark Mimnaugh.**  
**See him for Hats, Jackets, and shirts with the**  
**KOC logo. 686-4816**

## ACTING CHAPLAIN COMMENTS

The holiday season has come and gone. Let's now consider how we can take advantage of a brand new year. We're all still here. And it is appropriate, to want to get the most benefits from each new year, benefits which I pray will improve our spiritual life. Benefits which will make us a better person. Benefits which will make our family life richer (not necessarily economically) by our effort to make it so.



A dozen years or so, one of my favorite TV programs, was watching and following the adventures of "Star Trek - The Next Generation", its lead was Captain Picard (brilliantly played by the English actor, Patrick Stewart). He had an expression which when he spoke it, it was in fact an order to his crew: "...make it so." That is when all the arguments for or against a decision which required a specific response to whatever the crisis was that episode. When a consensus for a specific action was agreed upon, he would then speak his famous line ....

Advent, Christmas, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, have passed. Many opportunities through communal prayer (the Mass), the many homilies given by our celebrants, and our own reflections during this period of spiritual activities, should have helped us to perhaps fine tune our own lives, and more importantly given us the motivation to take advantage of opportunities to grow even more as Catholic gentlemen and ladies. How?

Could one try to attend *Mass* more than just on Sunday?

Could one try to attend and participate saying a *monthly rosary* on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month (always beginning at 3:30 pm) ?

Could one try to attend evening Mass (7 pm) on the *First Friday* of each month, and perhaps consider staying for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament I know of several that have faithfully attended and participated for years.

Lent begins earlier this year, starting February 6<sup>th</sup>. Could one try to attend the *weekly* Lenten service

held each Friday, and then stay a little longer to participate in private prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?

These and other "exercises" can make you into a better Christian. A better father. A better husband / wife.

Try these and other exercises such as volunteering time at Loaves and Fishes. Service to your Parish. And above all – Husbands, *you* have a special obligation as a Knight to take care of your family. For caring and remembering your family, you will be rewarded in many ways, not the least: Pleasing your Father in Heaven.

ONCE AGAIN, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Your Acting Chaplain Sergio Bricca



### Prayer for Our Military

*The Rev. William J. Bleiler, state chaplain of the New Jersey VFW, wrote the following "Prayer for Our Military" for distribution to VFW members. He is pastor of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cedarville, Cumberland County.*

Almighty God, our Source of strength and courage, we ask Thee to guide the leaders of nations in the ways of peace and justice and enduring freedom for the peoples of the world.

In these times of peril and war against terrorism listen to our prayers for the men and women serving in our armed forces, our military leaders and our allies. Protect them all from harm as they go into battle on land, in the sea and in the air.

Take away whatever fear from their hearts and enable them to overcome swiftly and decisively the violence and cruelty of the enemy.

Protect them from the hatred of others and bolster their personal pride of being American as they rid our world of the works of darkness and weapons of mass destruction.

Console their loved ones and family members who remain on the home front. Gently dry the tears of those who mourn for the wounded in battle and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Oh God, bless them with Thy presence. Grant us homeland security. May Thy Peace, the fruit of justice, truth and mercy, reign in America and throughout the world. Amen.

*No Time to Pray?  
All You Need is One Minute*

#### ILL AND DISTRESSED

If any brother is sick at home, in the hospital, or in distress, please call:

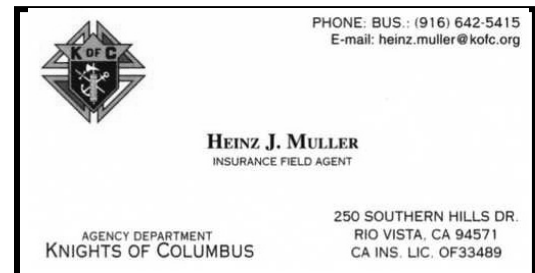
**Sergio Bricca 685-1401**



**“IF” Drawing:**  
**At our General Business Meeting every month a drawing is made from all members’ names to win some cash. “IF” Kevin Hale would have been in attendance, he would have won the drawing for \$30. The \$30 will be carried over to next month. You must be present to win.**



**AND!!!** Brother Ken Woodford **was present and his birth month was January** and he won the **Birthday Drawing** and is now \$10.00 richer.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Beneficiaries...Who Do You Love?

It will soon be Valentine’s Day. Do you know who the beneficiary is on your life insurance policy? It would be a wise idea to find out – and update your beneficiary if necessary. As our K of C agent, I can help you do that. Why is it important? A life insurance policy protects the financial status of another person – or people – in the event of your death. Through a beneficiary designation, you determine just who that should be.

When you purchase a Knights of Columbus insurance policy, you select a primary beneficiary and, if you desire, a contingent, or secondary beneficiary. It’s always a wise move to select a contingent beneficiary because you might outlive your primary beneficiary. A contingent beneficiary is the person designated to receive life insurance policy proceeds if the primary beneficiary dies. You should be as specific as possible in wording your beneficiary designation. By naming you wife, daughter, son, etc., as beneficiary, you make sure that the life insurance proceeds will be available in a timely manner to them. Your life situation will undoubtedly change over time. Plan to update your beneficiary

designations periodically. This will ensure that your life insurance coverage will protect those you want it to protect.

Changing your beneficiary is fairly simple. You simply complete a change of beneficiary for (#113A) for each policy you want to change. I can provide you with these forms - and I will help you to fill them out. I can also help you with beneficiary designations for any life insurance policy you hold - regardless of the company that issued it.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call me at 916-642-5415 or e-mail me at [heinz.muller@kofc.org](mailto:heinz.muller@kofc.org)

I'm at (916) 642-5415

## **Heinz Muller Field Agent**

### **Brother Knights**

Last month on January 12<sup>th</sup> we held our annual crab and shrimp dinner. It was a great success and we have a lot to be thankful for. An event like that is successful only because of the people who support our council by purchasing tickets, and by those who offer their time and talents to assist us.

Many of our Parishioners are able to attend because we can provide babysitting for them.

The servers for the crab feed belong to our youth group and/or our Parish. Jennifer Campbell, our Youth Group Leader, organizes both the babysitting and servers for us. It is a great undertaking and we are blessed to have Jennifer available for us. Please thank her when you see her for all she does for us and remember that we must also support our Youth Group in every way we can.

Ticket selling and ticket check in can be a challenging situation at times. No one likes to stand in line for anything, especially to purchase tickets or getting checked in so you can find a table. However, these things can take time in order to get them done correctly and patience is necessary for everyone involved. Sergio Bricca and Joe Madruga were kind

enough to be patient with us and with our guests for this event. Joe did a great job of checking our guests in at the door and Sergio made sure that everyone that passed by was aware that he was the sole keeper of the beverage tickets to be purchased.

Our beverage bar is always busy. Russ Tereau managed the bar for us. With the help of Ed Duane, Keith Henry, and Tony Romano it was a great success. I know when your on the customer side of the bar it looks easy. Quite honestly, once you're to the point of serving, it really isn't too bad. However, there is a ton of prep work that goes in to making it look easy. These Brothers are there early in the afternoon to get things set up and prepped in order to make your evening as enjoyable as possible. As in most cases, it is all the unseen work that takes the most effort and we should all be thankful that we had Russ and his crew available to us to help get us through the night.

One of the highlights of the evening was the raffle. Thanks to the generosity of many, we had plenty of items donated for our raffle. It was one of our best raffles to date. Sig Csicsery had the task of keeping that organized. He did a great job. Nick Garcia sold tickets for our wine cellar raffle, which had enough wine donated to have two winners, and it did very well also. Theresa Jones, Suzan Martinez, Soli Garcia, Terri Heller and Jeannie Ecker, spent the evening selling raffle tickets for us. With all these lovely ladies selling tickets, who could resist spending money? Apparently not very many because as I mentioned earlier, it was one of our most successful raffles. Thank you Brothers, and Ladies, for an outstanding job.

Our MC for the evening was Mark Heller and as expected, he did a great job. ( Even though he did not call any of my numbers) He keeps the crowd entertained and on their toes.

Not everyone is comfortable with a microphone in their hand but Mark does such a great job at it that we are fortunate to have him there for us.

Several others helped out as needed. Jeff Ecker and Mike Olds helped with ushering. Dave Crowe joined us in the kitchen at crunch time. Others helped with set up and lots of others helped out with tear down. Thank you to you all.

I almost forgot, there were a few other guys that helped out. Chris Martinez, Gary Lomazzi, PGK Paul Saldana, Dave Olson and Brian Lane. These are the guys who put the dinner together. They start early in the afternoon and they start from scratch. They know what they need to do and they know when and how to do it. They get

all the prepping, slicing and dicing done so we are able to serve a good meal on time. I have thanked them all personally but would like to thank them publicly also for the work, effort, and friendship they put in to our opportunities together as Brothers and family of our Council.

I would like to thank Brother Percy White, who is always there for me when guidance or advisement is needed during times of my uncertainty.

I would like to thank our Priests and Church for the continued support of our Council and the work that the Knight's of Columbus are able to do because of that support.

I did not intend for this article to be so long winded. I started out, way back up at the top, stating that we had a successful event and how so many people get involved to make it successful. From the purchasing of tickets to the donations of time, talents and gifts. We truly are a blessed Parish and we definitely are a Blessed Council.

May God Bless You All

## **PGK Marty Martinez**

### **My Brothers,**

A long honored tradition of the Knights of Columbus is to show our respect and support to the families and friends of our fellow Brothers who have passed away. This tradition applies not only to the passing of a Brother Knight, but it also applies to the passing of the spouse or a family member of a Brother Knight, for we are a family (it only makes sense to be there for your Brother Knight at such a tough time). The Knights of Columbus is about family, designed specifically by Father Michael J.

McGivney to assist and support the families in their time of need, and thereafter.

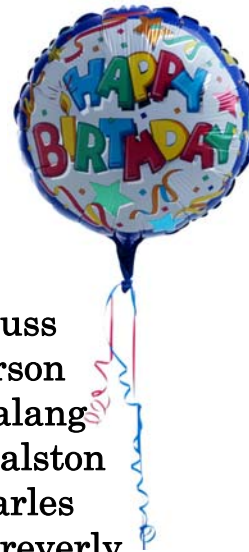
I am sure that all knights are willing to put aside an hour or two to attend a rosary or funeral concerning a Brother Knight, this is wonderful! I am also aware that not everyone is informed of such a rosary or funeral until after the event. To allow ourselves to keep abreast of this highly important and time sensitive information, I would like to encourage all Brother Knights of our council to **call Ken**

**Woodford today, at 682-0141** to have you added to the phone list in order to be alerted in the event of a death notice, with related information.

Let us be informed, so that we may come together to support each other in prayer and showing our respect for the families of the living, and the soul's of those who have passed. It matters little if we knew the deceased or their families, for they are still Brother Knights, who would appreciate your prayers and support. Just imagine the wonderful sign of our Catholic Faith by showing such support for each other, with a grand send-off. It truly would be a great representation the Celebration of one's Life. Please, call Ken and get on the information phone list.

Sincerely,

***Pat McGovern***

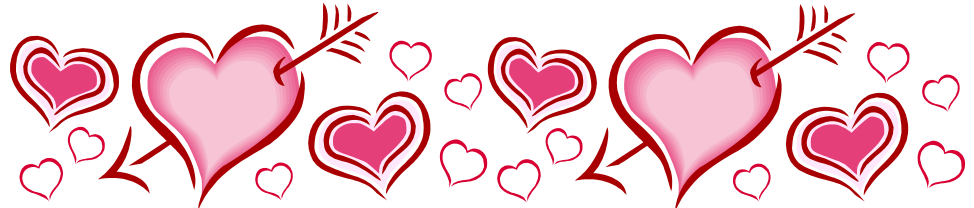


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<b>Alfredo Galang</b>	<b>2/05/1936</b>
<b>William Ralston</b>	<b>2/05/1944</b>
<b>Philip Charles</b>	<b>2/05/1948</b>
<b>Michael Breverly</b>	<b>2/06/1958</b>
<b>Leo Bogaert</b>	<b>2/12/1919</b>
<b>James Trimboli</b>	<b>2/12/1925</b>
<b>William Vice</b>	<b>2/13/1960</b>
<b>Anthony Hock</b>	<b>2/15/1962</b>
<b>Patrick McGovern</b>	<b>2/15/1964</b>
<b>John Jacobs</b>	<b>2/16/1932</b>
<b>Dale Stevens</b>	<b>2/22/1940</b>
<b>Emerson Schenck III</b>	<b>2/23/1961</b>
<b>George Alvarado</b>	<b>2/24/1958</b>
<b>Frank Gwerder</b>	<b>2/26/1946</b>
<b>Melvin Oneto</b>	<b>2/27/1934</b>
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Kevin & Terri McGoldrick	2/02/1991	Ed & Terri Parra	2/19/1983
Joseph & Lena Cortese Jr.	2/07/1970	Tom & Phillis Wooten	2/20/1982
Robert & Terry Stovall	2/08/1997	Edward & Geraldine Rafferty	2/20/1954
Frank & Pat Souza	2/12/1955	Joseph & Dee Madruga	2/23/1957
John & Patricia Almazan	2/12/1994	James & Betsy Sweeney	2/26/1989
Ben & Quirina Van Warmerdam	2/15/1955	Randall & Louise Redeem	

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