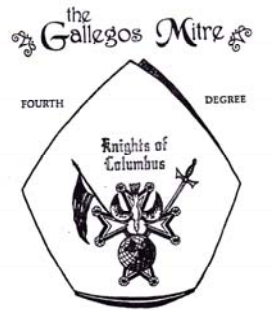




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Brother Knights,



As we begin our Lenten season on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010 we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. This is a time to examine our relationship with God and with others. As Catholics we should also prepare ourselves during this season by fasting, prayers and almsgiving.

Fasting (self denial). We should encourage self-denial so as to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and to strengthen our relationship with God, not just during lent but throughout the year.

Abstinence: As adults we are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Voluntary fasting, especially on Ash Wednesdays and Fridays, is highly recommended. By fasting it is generally understood that we eat one full meal each day and two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. We can also try to abstain from alcoholic drinks, needless television and video games, Internet use and social entertainment, which is of true spiritual value and is strongly encouraged.

Prayer: In order to deepen our love for Christ we as Catholics are urged to read and pray over sacred Scripture. We should also participate in devotions offered by our parish and to pray individually and as a family as well as in common with others. During this time of lent we should try to make private visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray regularly.

Almsgiving: As Catholics the act of giving to the poor has always been encouraged and is an ancient tradition of the Church. It's also an expression of penance, and a form of piety, and an expression of Lenten conversion. In our Lenten journey of faith let us pray to God for direction and show us how to walk in his way, not just during Lent but also throughout our lives.

March 19th is the feast day of our beloved Saint Joseph. As we all know, not much is known about him other than he was the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus. He was presumed to have died before Jesus started his ministry, although not a single word was recorded in the Bible to have been spoken by Saint Joseph. However, we can assume he took an active role as husband to Mary and father to Jesus.

I wish you all a happy St. Joseph's day.

April 10th is the 106 Exemplification at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento, just 6 weeks away. We are on the home stretch, and time is short. Sir Knights line up your candidates.

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Mark your calendars for April 24th for our Prime rib and shrimp dinner, it will be held at the assembly hall in Galt. For those attending the dinner, please consider bringing a raffle gift.

**In God We Trust
Your Faithful Navigator
Daniel Wayne**



FUTURE MEETINGS

Business meeting starts at 6:30
Planning Meeting starts at 7:00

MARCH

10 March Planning Meeting
23 March Business Meeting

APRIL

10 4th Degree Exemplification
14 April Planning Meeting
24 Prime Rib and Shrimp Dinner
27 April Business Meeting

APPOINTED POSITIONS

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Please pray for the following Knights and wives in your daily prayers. I have sent them get well cards. Also remember all our Brother Knights who are sick and/or in distress and especially those in our Assembly.

Arlene Costello
Mike Felion
Frank Heinz
Dee Madruga
George Philips
William Redmond



Jack Kasper
Bernice McGuire
Al Nicolini
Rachael Contreras
Russ Tereau
Raymond Vermette

Please let me know of any Brother Sir Knights and family in need of our prayers.

Your may e-mail me at pfnpkg44@hotmail.com or call me at (916)686-5977.

God Bless

Niel Evans
Sunshine Chairman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If you should see any of these fine Sir Knights, wish them a happy birthday.



Sir Knight	Gary A. Lomazzi	4 th
Sir Knight	Sergio F Bricca	7 th
Sir Knight	Daniel P. Ponsano	14 th
Sir Knight	Roger Anthony Baht	17 th
Sir Knight	Rev. Michael Pintacura	17 th
Sir Knight	John C. Brodie	25 th
Sir Knight	Joseph M. Hudetz	27 th
Sir Knight	Soliman Martin	28 th
Sir Knight	Dan L. Brennan	30 th



Our Knight's clothing agent is:

Russ Tereau

Hats \$10
Polo Shirts \$18
T-Shirts \$12
Aprons \$12
All with the 4th Degree Logo

SIR KNIGHTS

2010 Dues

Sir Knights, please keep those dues coming in. Our dues for the year are \$25.00 and you can mail your check to:

David Crowe, Faithful Comptroller,
9509 Nut Tree Court, Elk Grove, CA
95624-1916

Thanks and God Bless.

4th Degree Exemplification

April 10, 2010

At the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento

Here are some dates to remember...



March 27, 2010

Is the deadline that the Master must receive your check(s) for the Saturday Ladies' Luncheon and/or the Banquet. Use the Ticket Request form in the information packet.

April 2, 2010

Is the deadline for you to purchase your tickets for the Friday night Luau. Reservation form is in the information packet.

For New Candidates:

March 19, 2010

I need to receive their (\$86.67) check for the \$70.00 Initiation fee and their \$16.67 prorated Dues to the end of the year. In return, the Assembly must forward all Applications and the initiation fees for all candidates to the Master by March 27, 2010.

If you are the Sponsor for a new Candidate, please assist them in selecting the accepted Tuxedo and to meet all deadlines.



COLOR CORP SHINES

The color corp came out all smiles and shining as usual but it was in a sober note which we don't like to see or hear but the pedals do fall when we least expect it in these years and that was for our Brother Sir Knight Corky Mello. It was a sad night but a packed house at the Rosary in Galt for Corky and we had 11 color corp. there to show our presence and directed by Neil Evans due to Russ was just fresh out of the hospital. At Corky's funeral the next day it was another great showing and all the color corp did a great job and looked great. The color corp that attended were as follow's: Russ Tereau, Don Snow, Nick Garcia, Percy White, Mike Jones, Bill Duval, Neil Evens, Ed Ortiz, Victor Contreras, Beora Hart, Dan Wayne and Bill Montoya.

Again our Color Corp is doing a great job and very proud to be part of them.

We also attended the mandatory practice on Sat. Feb 20th for the dedication of Good Shepard Church which lasted 2 hours and the best showing of all which we had 16 Color Corp there and we will have that many for the Dedication on March 13th with Bishop Soto and it will be a very nice ceremony and once of a life time to see things like this.

If you are interested in joining the color corp please feel free to contact me at 916-681-0544.

Don't forget our great Hoe Down dinner and dance coming up on May 22, 2010.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

Russ Tereau CCC

Remembering Eugene “Corky” Mello

Earlier this month, our Assembly lost one of the bricks in its foundation when Sir Knight Corky Mello went home to his Heavenly Father. Not one of us can hope to fill his boots. What he lacked in being noticed for his stature, he made up for with his capacity to stand head and shoulders above most mortals in the way he exemplified what it means to be a Sir Knight and a Catholic gentleman.

Those of us lucky enough to also be in the same Council will remember with perhaps more of a chuckle than the rest of you how Corky would swear he was no longer going to participate in whatever the upcoming Knights’ activity. He would say it was time for some of the younger guys to carry more of the load. Then the date and time for the activity would arrive, and so would Corky. As someone who frequently said he would **not** take part in an activity, Corky was a better bet to show up than some guys scheduled.

I know I’m not the only Grand Knight or Faithful Navigator to seek out his wisdom on matters whether or not they had something to do with the Knights. But I will not miss Corky because of what he did for and with the Knights. I will miss him because he is first and foremost my friend.

The first time I saw Corky was at St. Christopher Church. The white cassock he wore and shock of white hair contrasted nicely with his dark complexion as he processed with the cross for Mass. At the time I was sure he was one of those stern priests I remembered from my youth. It turns out he was participating as an altar server. But perhaps that stern look was one of the reasons he earned the nickname “Monsignor.”

Behind that sometimes stern looking exterior was a man with a heart of gold, a great sense of humor, and a tremendous capacity for giving. He also had a knack for taking, but only if you were foolish enough to bet against him at the poker table when he was re-raising over the top of your bet. I was lucky enough during the past few years to be one of the regulars in a monthly card game involving Corky. Only after meeting with his children did we find out how much those monthly games meant to him, and how much he spoke of those card games with those he loved the most.

More often than not, Corky and I sat together at Mass during the past year or so. Lately, even though the Bishop admonished the diocese not to hold hands during the Our Father (among other things) in order to prevent the spread of H1N1, we did anyway. At the end of the prayer he would always give my hand a squeeze, as if he had inside information that Lord indeed had the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever.

When I attended my first Mass after Corky’s death, I was sure that would be where I would miss him the most. As it turns out, it’s at that Saturday evening Mass where I can feel his presence the strongest, and I miss him least.

Godspeed, brother.

Until we meet again. **Sir Knight John Brodie PFN**

THE BURIAL OF SIR KNIGHT CORKY MELLO

SK Ricky Garcia put together a number of Sir Knights to assist the family of Corky Mello. Because of the rain the day of the funeral, they were unable to go to the cemetery. So, the family contacted SK Garcia, and asked the Assembly to assist Friday, 2-12-2010, to bury Corky at the Hicksville-Arno Cemetery.

Present from our Assembly were: SK Ricky Garcia, PFNSK John Brodie, PFNSK Daniel Aguiar SK Frank Altamirano SK Mark Savko SK Brian Vanderspek SK Nick Neuburger rLady Hortense Neuburger SK David Crowe

Someone should have taken pictures. Because of the rain and mud at the cemetery, the SK who assisted were dressed in sport coats, ties, levi’s and boots (combat, milking, etc., etc.). What a ‘hoot’. *Submitted by: Sir Knight David Crowe*