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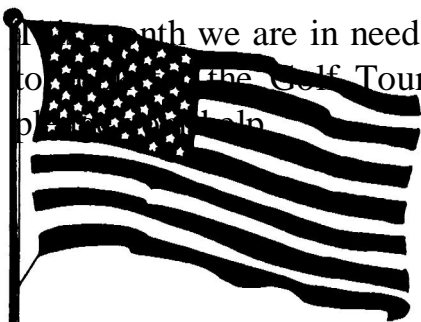
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ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Nowhere else does the practice of all the ideals of our order come together more cohesively than when we recite the pledge of allegiance to our country and say the words “under God”. The Knights of Columbus led the effort to persuade President Dwight D. Eisenhower and the U.S. Congress to add those words to the pledge. Our stand here is based not just on our religious heritage as Catholics but also on political principles fundamental in the founding of our country. We hold that the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable by the state because they exist prior to the state. Our Declaration of Independence refers to the Creator as the source of these rights. There are people who would now say that these rights are given by the state or by the people themselves. As we have seen time and time again through history, especially the last 100 years, the rights of some people are easily taken away by others in control of the state apparatus. Our own history is tarnished by the denial of fundamental rights to Blacks, Catholics, and other groups. Catholic Church teaching holds that man can discover God through nature and know the “natural law” which He instilled there. This is what the Founders of our country meant when they referred to “self-evident truths”. The principle of “under God” keeps us from giving into the shallow morality of “our country right or wrong” and “majority rule” when we or our government transgresses fundamental rights. Let us join with our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, an attorney admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, in reflecting on these principles and support him in his brief opposing the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declaring mandatory recitation of the pledge of allegiance unconstitutional because of the words “under God”. As Knights in support of the pledge, where have we “filed our briefs” with the people we know.



In May we are in need of help to pick orchids to distribute at Masses on Mother's Day and to the Golf Tournament Dinner. Please call John Vogel, Deputy Grand Knight, to please help.

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By John Vogel, Deputy Grand Knight

Spring is here and with it come good times, warm weather and fun activities. The next event on tap is the Memorial Day Picnic at Stow Park in Gotta. Always a fun get together, this year's event promises to be special. The menu will include barbecued tri-tip or chicken, garlic bread and salad. Beer and wine will be available, as well as soft drinks. Worthy PGK Felix Sanchez is chairing the event.

MAY

3	Mon	Officers Meeting, Conference Room, 8 PM
9	Sun	Mother's Day Flowers – After Morning Masses
10	Mon	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30 PM
19	Wed	Dinner?, Parish Hall
30	Sun	Corporate Communion & Pancake Breakfast - Parish Hall after Mass
31	Mon	Memorial Day Picnic – Stowe Park

JUNE

7	Mon	Officers Meeting, Conference Room, 8 PM
12	Sat	Grand Knight's Party – Parish Hall, 7:00 PM
14	Mon	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30 PM
20	Sun	Father's Day Cards - – After Morning Masses
30	Wed	New Officer's Installation – Place & Time TBD

JULY

5	Mon	Officer's Meeting, Conference Room, 8 PM
12	Mon	Business Meeting, Parish Hall, 7:30 PM
18	Sun	After Mass BBQ - Parish Hall after Mass
25	Sun	Pancake Breakfast - Parish Hall after Mass

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Therese Robillard, wife of Brother Paul Robillard
Alyssa Swiacki, daughter of Brother Walter Swiacki
Mel Hoosier, in-law of Brother's Mike Donovan and of Robert Clarke
Julia Wasil, wife of Brother Jim Wasil
Eleanor Richards, wife of Brother Robert Richards
Frank Queues
Ed Carroll
Angie Scanlon
Leo Stark
Ernestine Sanchez
May God grant them peace and comfort.

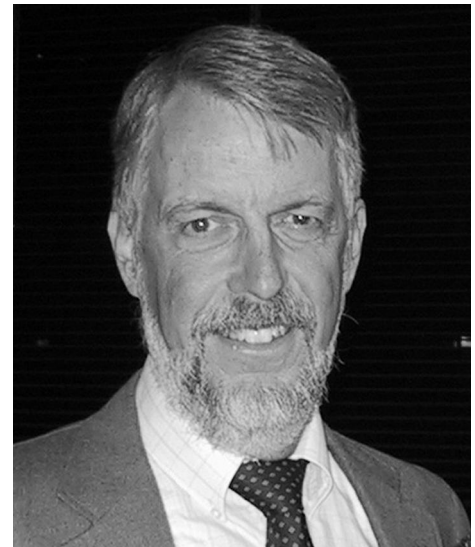


Please pray for Brother Knights who are ill or recovering from illness:

Jesse Garcia
Jim Wasil
Leonard Mooy
Chuck Burke
Fred Cota
George Romich

Other persons for whom prayers are requested:

Nancy Herrera
Anne Marie McBeth, daughter of Max Keller
Patrick Donohoe, son of Frank Donohoe
Jill Lowery, daughter of Ray Tafelski
Ellen Velasco, granddaughter of Bruce Velasco
Christopher Woodall, brother-in-law of Bill Regis
Eileen Wengler, sister-in-law of Ralph Wengler
Chawa Ramirez, wife of Nacho Ramirez
Harriet Burke, wife of Chuck Burke
The mother of PGK Felix Sanchez
The mother of Mark Christman
Teresa Meza, sister of Jose Meza
Sabina Salamone, mother-in-law of Ralph Wengler
Michael T. McGrew, grandson of Tom Cordeiro
If you know of any corrections or changes to this report, please contact Chris Arnoult at fcarnoult@ieee.org or by phone at 964-6324.



Birthdays to Celebrate in MAY

Albert S. Moriarty Jr.	05/08
Rev. Paul S. Rospond	05/08
Paul E. Christiansen	05/09
Ronald E. Fuller	05/11
Paul F. Strittmatter	05/12
Rev. Alberto Ledesma	05/12
Frank J. Pineda	05/13
George M. Romich	05/13
Francis J. Donohoe Jr.	05/18
Roy K. Fong	05/18
Leonard H. Mooy	05/19
Edward Ochoa	05/20

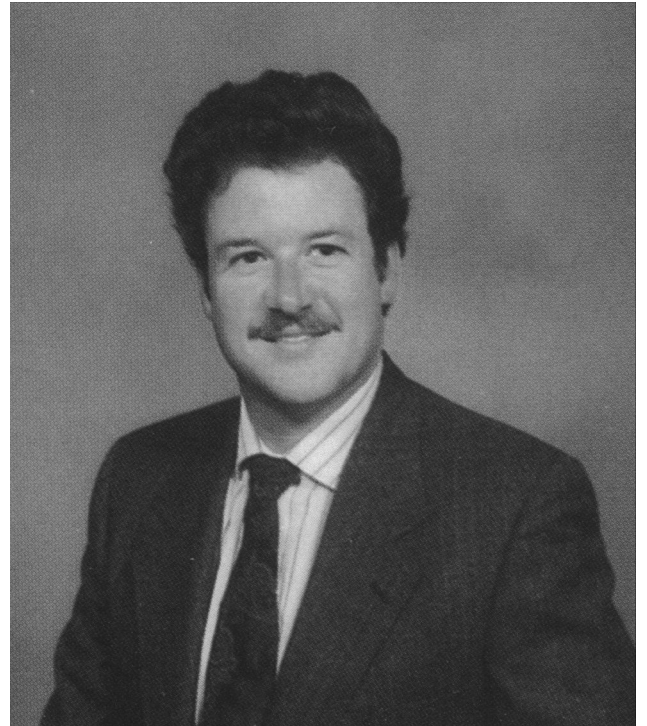
Bulletin Articles



All articles for the Knightline should be submitted to the editor no later than the 20th of each Month for hardcopy reports, or the 23rd of the Month for direct e-mail reports. Please send your reports directly to me teddy1081@Cox.net , Ph # 5630388. Hard copy articles should be turned in at the church rectory. When available, please also provide photos by e-mail, or, hardcopy (Actual photos will be returned). Please be sure to copy the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight so they can approve the articles; their e-mail addresses are: bklinge5@Cox.com 967-4753, and richardscholl@hotmail.com 683-8874. Please feel free to contact any of the above if you have articles that you would like to submit that you think would be of interest to our readers.

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Knight of the Month for April Brian Holtz



This month's Knight of the month is a steady supporter of our Council activities and the ideals of our Order. Brian supports activities such as the Fish Fry's, Fiesta booth and setting up for the Villa Majella "Tea By The Sea". His friend Amy Kriech is usually right there with him helping too. Brian has also been active in the parish as an RCIA team member for 5 years. Brian joined the Knight of Columbus while in college at Cal Poly SLO. He is an electrical engineer employed by Raytheon. Congratulate Brian with me on his service and example to other Knights!



Help is needed for the Memorial Day Picnic. If you are willing please Felix Sanchez at 364-3398

GOSPEL OF LIFE

By Robert and
Cecilia Marks



This is excerpts from an Archdiocesan letter for Denver:" If it quacks like a duck and looks like a duck and walks like a duck, it's probably a duck. A fox can claim to be a duck all day long. But he's still a fox." We've all heard that saying, or some version of it, a thousand times. The reason is simple: It's true. Our actions prove who we are. If a gulf exists between what we say, how we look and what we do, we're not living in a spirit of truth. A fox, even if he quacks, is still a fox. Sooner or later, it becomes obvious. I remembered this last week as I read yet another news report about candidates who claim to be Catholic and then prominently ignore their own faith on matters of public policy. We've come a long way from John F. Kennedy, who merely locked his faith in the closet. Now we have Catholic senators who take pride in arguing for legislation that threatens and destroys life -- and who then also take Communion. The kindest explanation for this sort of behavior is that a lot of Catholic candidates don't know their own faith. And that's why, in a spirit of charity, the Holy See offered its guidance and encouragement in a little document last year *On Some Questions Regarding the Full Participation of Catholics in Public Life*. Nothing in this Roman document is new. But it offers a vision of public service filled with common sense. First, quoting John Paul II, it reminds us that, "man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality." In other words, unless our personal faith shapes our public choices and actions, it's just a pious delusion. Private faith, if it's genuine,

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always becomes public witness -- including political witness. Second, while Christians "must recognize the legitimacy of differing points of view about the organization of worldly affairs," they are also "called to reject, as injurious to democratic life, a conception of pluralism that reflects moral relativism." Appeals to a phony definition of pluralism and tolerance can never excuse inaction in the face of grave evil -- including attacks on the sanctity of life. Catholics can only ensure real pluralism by "living and acting in conformity" with their religious convictions so that, "through political life, society will become more just and more consistent with the dignity of the human person." Third, (democracy) only succeeds to the extent that it is based on a correct understanding of the human person." Catholic lawmakers who do not vigorously seek to protect human dignity and the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death are not serving democracy. They are betraying it. Fourth, "those who are directly involved in lawmaking bodies have a 'grave and clear obligation to oppose' any law that attacks human life. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them." Politics is the exercise of power. Power always has moral implications. And God will hold each of us accountable -- from the average voter to senators and presidents -- for how well we have used our political power to serve the common good and the human person.... The right to life comes first. It precedes and undergirds every other social issue or group of issues. This is why Blessed John XXIII listed it as the first human right in his great encyclical on world peace, *Pacem in Terris*. And as the U.S. bishop stressed in their 1998 pastoral letter *Living the Gospel of Life*, the right to life is the foundation of every other right.

Food for Thought

Having just experienced a close relative's death, and knowing that many of you brother knights have had similar experiences, the following quote from Msgr. Escriva seemed timely: "Haven't you heard the mournful tone with which the worldly complain that "each day that passes is a step nearer death"? It is. And I tell you: rejoice, apostolic soul, for each day that passes brings you closer to Life". (point 738 from the Way by St Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer).

Current Activities

There were a few noteworthy activities that took place between March 29, 2004 and April 29, 2004:

- 1) April 11, 2004: - Easter Sunday! Several Knights assisted with the parking after several of the morning Masses. Thanks to all who helped!
- 2) April 19, 2004 – The Ventura council #2498, hosted a 2nd degree ceremony at the Knights of Columbus hall in Ventura. Larry Stigney brought several members of Councils 5300 and 1684 to the ceremony. There were also members in attendance from Oxnard, Camarillo and Fillmore.
- 3) April 25, 2004: – Sam Alfano gave a short talk about the Knights at the end of the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. A free pancake breakfast was extended to any man interested in becoming a Knight. 4 men expressed an interest in possibly joining our council.

Upcoming Activities

There are a few upcoming events to keep on your calendar:

- 1) Sometime between now and May 29, 2004 – The Icon of the Divine Mercy is in our area until May 29. Rich Scholl is planning on hosting it at St Raphael's during this time. Stay tuned for further details.
- 2) May 23, 2004 – There will be a pancake breakfast and blood drive after the morning Masses.
- 3) May 31, 2004 – The Knights annual Memorial Day picnic will be held at Stowe Park.
- 4) June 12, 2004 – The bus tour to Our Lady of Angels Cathedral has been postponed until October due to scheduling conflicts. As the date gets closer more details will be forthcoming.
- 5) June 12, 2004 - The grand knight's party will be held in the parish hall at 7PM.
- 6) June 14, 2004 – A first degree ceremony will be held during the business meeting.
- 7) June 20, 2004 – Father's day cards will be handed out at the Masses.

Miscellaneous

- 1) If any Knight has pictures of events since July 1 that they want to include in the yearbook, please send a copy of them to Ted or myself. Ted's email address is teddy1081@cox.net and mine is sjsschlesselmann@cox.net.

Thank you.

Stephen Schlesselmann

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We have a calling committee in place to contact people and help notify members of emergencies, events, or to determine attendance figures for particular function. Please note the names of callers and their phone numbers if you need to contact them for any reason. For general calling issues, call Judy Klinge at 967-4753. Note: Those that do not utilize telephone answering machines or services, or wish to be included in an event, may call their respective calling team member at the number listed below:

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District Deputy	Larry Stigney	967-6058
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Deputy Grand Knight	John Vogel	964-0724
Chancellor	Chris Arnoult	964-6324
Warden	Bill Regis	967-8820
Advocate	William McLafferty	685-4284
Recorder	(vacant)	964-7640
Financial Secretary	Ralph Wengler	967-3109
Treasurer	Joe Castro	893-3105
Lecturer	Mark Christman	685-1362
Outside Guard	Jose Meza	682-8637
Outside Guard	Jim Bradbury	964-8001
Inside Guard	Joe Ponce	967-9940
Trustee I	Brian Klinge	967-4753
Trustee II	Michael Donovan	967-9506
Trustee III	Frank Castelo	967-7975

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Program Director	John Vogel	964-0724
Church Director	Joe Castro	893-3105
Community Director (vacant)	Council Director (vacant)	Family Director (vacant)



Memorial Day Picnic

Monday, May 31st

Stowe Grove Park

Festivities will begin at 12:00 Noon

Menu will include

**Barbecued Tri-tip and Chicken,
Garlic Bread and Salad.**

Beverages included

***Everyone is also urged to bring some type of
fresh fruit to be combined into a large fruit salad.***

Ticket Price to be Announced

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