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Council Votes for Rally for Life

Council 4438 has voted to participate in the First Annual Rally for Life. The event, scheduled for April 17-18, 2010, is the first local fundraiser on a grand scale to raise money in support of research for a cure for breast cancer.



During the December Membership meeting, Candy Piscatelli, wife of brother **Knight Tony Piscatelli**, made an excellent presentation to the members present. She asked for Council support for this event by forming teams of "walkers" to participate in the upcoming Rally.

This month at the Membership meeting, members voted for the Council to financially sponsor the event. The Council is now seeking one or two brother Knights to chair and coordinate the formation of Council teams who will participate on the actual Rally days.

Be prepared to say YES when you are called and asked to participate by asking friends and relatives to sponsor a select number of laps around the track at Verdugo High School on the days of the Rally. ALL FUNDS RAISED will go directly to cancer research.

And the cure sought is not just for women's breast cancer. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2009 about 1,910 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among men in the United States. Breast cancer is about 100 times less common among men than among women. For men, the lifetime risk of getting breast cancer is about 1/10th of 1% (1 in 1,000). The number of breast cancer cases in men relative to the population has been fairly stable over the last 30 years.

In 2009, it is estimated that about 440 men died from breast cancer in the United States. That doesn't sound like a lot – unless you were one of those 440!

Council Information

MEETING

Council Officers
1st Tuesday / monthly
Tuesday, **February 2**
7:30 p.m.

MEETING

General
Membership
2nd Tuesday / monthly
Tuesday, **February 9**
Doors open @ 6:00 p.m.
Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

MEETING

Lourdes Columbian
Society
4th Tuesday
Regular Meeting
7:30 p.m.

INSURANCE

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Fifth Sunday Breakfast To Add New Tradition

Sunday, January 31, 2010, will be the first Fifth Sunday of the month for the New Year. Traditionally, members of Council 4438 and their families have gathered in the Parish Hall after the 7 a.m. Mass. There they have enjoyed a delicious Fifth Sunday Breakfast specially prepared by **PGK Wayne Thompson** and several of the other Knights. On the 31st of this month we intend to add a new tradition.

As many may have already noticed, there are no longer any altar servers assigned to the 7:00 a.m. Mass. It has been proposed that, for the Fifth Sunday, the Knights fill in the gap in a variety of ministries

during Mass that day.

Many Knights are Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors. Some even remember how to serve Mass.



Those who don't participate in a particular ministry will be asked to gather in the front pews on the right side with spouses and family as a sign of unity and solid physical presence.

Expect a call in the very near future from **PGK Joe Battaglia** to ask you to volunteer your services at the 7 a.m. Mass for this coming Fifth Sunday. Then come on over for Wayne's famous Fifth Sunday Breakfast.

New Assessment Levied for Culture of Life

Financial Secretary Jack Hodges reports that he has mailed dues notices to all brother Knights of Council 4438. In addition to the \$36 membership renewal, there is a new \$2 per member assessment levied by the "Building a Culture of Life Resolution" passed during the 127th Supreme Convention.

The Resolution recognized that restoring a common respect for the sanctity of human life and the dignity of every human person would require much more than laws that ban or limit abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, euthanasia and similar threats against human life. An effort must be made to change the hearts and minds of millions of people – a much more demanding job than enacting individual pieces of legislation.

To that end the new \$2 assessment helps fund this effort.

Chaplain's Corner

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them for such is the kingdom of God. Amen I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God as a little child will not enter into it." (Mk. 10:14-16)

There aren't many gifts that come with no strings attached. There aren't many free lunches.

Jesus uses the image of little children to make the point that when children receive a gift, it would never occur to them that they had earned this gift. They know it's a total gift. They don't repay it. They're just thankful for it.

The key line of the Gospel is when Jesus says: "You've got to accept the reign of God like the little child. I want to give this to you as a gift. I want to give you forgiveness – no strings attached and don't think you earned it. You can't. All I ask is a grateful heart. I give you love. All as a gift.

There are very few gifts like that.

We are called by the Lord to come together and celebrate that kind of a God, and we come to celebrate those kinds of gifts.

We don't come to Mass as consumers, willing to pay. We don't come as people thinking we're better than anyone else, that we've earned anything.

We just come to Mass and we shake hands with one another, smile, sing, pray, say thank you – because the Lord gives us this incredible kind of gift every day.

No strings attached.

Fr. Freddie

The Trinity — V

Last year, PGK Joe Battaglia gave a presentation on the Trinity, what we believe about it, and how we came to that belief. The following is the final segment of his presentation on **What the Church Believes About the Trinity — and What It Doesn't**.

There is clearly then only one person and two distinct natures, human and divine, then is it possible for us to say that this was the case before Jesus the Christ was born, but after the union into one person, the divine nature swallowed up the human nature of Jesus. Thus we would have Jesus as one person (so far, so good), and two natures (looking good!), but really just the divine nature remaining in existence (sorry, no cigar!!!). If Jesus' human nature was swallowed up by His divine nature, then His body was not real, it only looked like a body. Strange, yes, but actually this was the position held in MONOPHYSITISM around the year A.D. 440. It, too, was condemned by the Council of Chalcedon in A.D. 457. Coming from this Council was the following clear statement of what the Church believed as dogma and still asserts today:

"We ought to acknowledge one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, Only-Begotten, in two natures, without confusion, change, division, or separation; the differences in natures being in no wise taken away by the union. On the contrary, the property of each is preserved, and concurs into one person and one hypostasis."

How, then, is Jesus the Christ God and Man? In the light of what I've already blundered through it might be simpler to say clearly the ways in which He is NOT God and Man. If I look at all the attempted solutions, they all seem so logical. But precisely because they are so simple, they manage to destroy the whole thing as God revealed it. Possibly the bottom line of all this is that the teaching of the Church, so painfully arrived at, as it comes to us in the doctrine of the Triune God, means the simple honesty of renouncing any total solution. Basically what has been said is that this is what the Church believes, based upon revelation and the necessity of reality. In her wisdom she is not about the say how it can be. We at least know how it is NOT to be understood.

In the end, having wrestled with the problem to see what its many consequences truly are, we are left with the glaring reality that this is a mystery that can never be adequately plumbed by man. This is a confession of faith – ultimately the only way to avoid the arrogance of knowledge, which makes simple solutions so tempting and so false.

Teaching Our Children

by Jeff Storey, Knights Insurance Agent

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure that they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget. Give me a call soon to schedule a meeting at (626) 281-5572 .



Council Considers Columbian Squires

During this month's Membership Meeting a vote was taken to look into the formation of a Columbian Squires Circle for youth in our Council, ages 10-18. Brother **Knight Chuck Naudet** is looking for fellow Knights to counsel this new Circle. The Columbian Squires is the official youth organization of the Knights.

Founded on August 4, 1925 with the institution of Duluth Circle 1 in Duluth, MN, the Columbian Squires program strives to provide "the spiritual, cultural, civic, social and physical improvement of its members, and the development of their leadership qualities," (*section II, Article II of the "Laws and Rules of the Columbian Squires"*). There are over 25,000 Catholic young men in over 1,400 local units, called circles, throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Bahamas and Guam.

The Squires is designed to develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, who have a strong commitment to the Church and who are ready, willing and capable of patterning their lives after the Youth Christ.

Though sponsored by a council or assembly, the Circle is run by and for young men, under the guidance of several Knights, who serve as counselors. Squires are to be leaders, thus to the degree they are able, they are given the opportunity to lead, by running their own meetings, investing their own members, setting their circle's agenda and implementing their program of activities.

Squires have fun. They meet new friends; they travel, play sports and socialize. Squires are serious-minded, too. Squires are involved in promoting vocations, marching in defense of unborn life, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, supporting Special Olympics and promoting Catholic education, among countless other activities. Thus, the Squires circle is an athletic team, a youth group, a social club, a cultural and civic improvement association, a management training course, a civil rights organization and a spiritual development program all rolled into one.



Squires Emblem Description

The Squires emblem includes a Maltese cross upon which are the letters "P" (physical fitness); "I" (intellectual development); S (spiritual growth and the practice of our faith); and "C" (citizenship and civic life). The large letters "C" and "S" intertwined with the cross respectively represent Christ and Squires. The "K" centered on the cross symbolizes the Knights of Columbus. **Esto Dignus**, the Squires' motto encircling the emblem, is Latin for **"Be Worthy."**

Essay Contest a Go: \$250 Prize

Council 4438 Members voted this month to participate in Supreme's Annual Essay Contest. This year's theme: *"The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society."* Winner of the Essay Contest will receive a \$250 prize.

This year will be a pilot program for the Council. For this first year, participation will be limited to eighth graders from Our Lady of Lourdes School. As a pilot program, judging of submitted essays will remain local. In the future, local winners will receive an award and their essays will be forwarded to the Knights District Deputy. Winners at the District level will go on to the state level. Winners at the state level will be forwarded to the Supreme Council for international judging.

OLL Eighth Grade students wishing to participate must submit an essay that reflects the assigned theme and be the student's original work. The essay must be typed and be between 500 and 750 words in length. The student's name should appear only on the official Knights of Columbus Essay Contest entry form, which must be stapled to the essay. All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus and will not be returned.

Deadline for essay submission is **Wednesday, March 31, 2010**, by the end of that school day. Winners will be announced before graduation this year.

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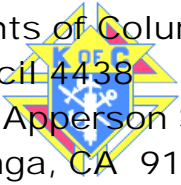
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Emil Walcek	'62-'63
Alphonse Dekat*	'63-'64
Phil Rousseau*	'64-'65
Chester Guzowski	'65-'66
Claude Leonard*	'66-'67
George Love	'67-'68
Rudolph Kne	'68-'69
Floyd Miller	'69-'70
James Chapman	'70-'71
Ervin Stratman	'71-'72
Mondell Metz	'72-'73
Phil Rousseau*	'73-'74
Joel Dapp	'74-'75
John Mullins	'75-'76
Joseph Tappero*	'76-'77
James Kelleher*	'77-'78
Chester Sharp*	'78-'79
Carlos Vaca	'79-'80
Mondell Metz	'80-'81
Raymond Hroskicoski	'81-'82
Carl Haase	'82-'83
Wayne Thompson	'83-'84
Arnold Gaska	'84-'85
Frank Valadez	'85-'86
Thomas Owenson	'86-'87
Paul Rutan	'87-'88
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James Mitten	'94-'95
Roy Holmstrom	'95-'96
Fred Niell	'96-'97
Jack Hodges	'97-'98
Wayne Thompson	'98-'99
Russ Kadera	'99-'00
Russ Kadera	'00-'01
Mike Sabo	'01-'02
Carl deSilveira	'02-'03
Bob Birney	'03-'04
Carl Haase	'04-'05
Bob Birney	'05-'06
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Joe Battaglia	'07-'08
Jack Hodges	'08-'09

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From the Desk of Pat Bellue

Our Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

I recently received the Third Degree of the Knights of Columbus. My decision was not solely for the purpose of satisfying the need for officers being Third Degree, but for myself as a member of the Knights of Columbus to move on to the next level, toward full Knighthood. I encourage everyone who is not a Second or Third Degree to go through the process of getting these Degrees for the HONOR of being called a FULL member of the Knights of Columbus. Upcoming degrees are as follows:

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(both required)
} | Second Degree January 24, 2010
Canoga Park Council 3601
Check-in 10:00 a.m., Start 10:30 a.m. |
| | Third Degree January 24, 2010
Canoga Park Council 3601
Check-in 1:00 p.m., Start 2:00 p.m. |
| Second Degree — | January 27, 2010
Long Beach Council 3629
Check-in 7:00 p.m., Start 8:00 p.m. |
| Third Degree — | February 28, 2010
Buena Park
Check-in 1:00 p.m., Start 2:00 p.m. |

Give me a call (cell: 818-237-0742) and I'll work with you to get you to the next degree.

A Prayer for Priests

In this Year of the Priest, O God,
 we ask Your blessing on those
 you have called to priestly ministry.
 May they, above all, be faithful and passionate followers of
 Your beloved son, Jesus.

May they be compassionate, as Jesus was, toward
 all who seek spiritual comfort and forgiveness
 May they open wide their hearts to all in need of
 Your merciful embrace.

May they be teachers, as Jesus was,
 steeped in Your Word and teaching, on fire with
 it, and breaking it open for all who are hungry
 for Your holy and transforming Word.

May they be prophets, as Jesus was,
 speaking courageously for what is right and true, proclaiming
 Your kingdom to all in need of Your grace and giving
 voice to all Your children, especially the poor and marginalized.

May they be prayerful, as Jesus was,
 hearts burning within them and set upon You above all.
 From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 may they be the voice of praise and thanksgiving, and of
 faith, hope, and love to all in their care.

St. John Vianney, beloved priest of God, pray for us and for all
 your brother priests. Amen.

