



Knights of Columbus

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Knight Echo



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District 35

Division 5

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Grand Knight's Message

My Brothers; Now that summer is about over we enter a very busy time in the lives of families with children. School supplies, clothes, car pools practices etc. Homework, sports, clubs and new friends. Because of these duties nothing other than our meetings have been scheduled.

However here is a list of things to look forward to in the coming months;

10/3/2009 Council family Picnic....Hot dogs hamburgers etc @ St. Agnes 12:00 to 4:00pm.

10/10/ 2009 Pasta dinner in lieu of the M.R. Drive. (tootsie roll) St Agnes Hall 6:00 to 7:30pm.

11/11/2009 Memorial Mass for deceased brothers. St Agnes Chapel. 7:00pm reception in the hall following Mass. (coffee, cookies, cake maybe wine & cheese, we will discuss.

12/11/2009 Childrens Christmas party, St Agnes Hall, 6:00pm till ?

The dates of 11/14 & 15, 11/21 & 22, 11/28 & 29, 12/5 & 6, 12/12 & 13 were submitted to the Finance Committee for approval to sell Christmas cards. Not finalized yet.

Please keep checking our website for updates on the upcoming events.

This Wednesday Sept 2, 2009 is our monthly business meeting 7:30pm in St Agnes Hall. Please come and hear about a new Activity our Council has an opportunity to sponsor.

Our newsletter "The Echo" is not limited to nor is it reserved for articles from our Council officers. Any member who would like to contribute an article must first submit it to the Editor for approval and if space and time permits it may be used.

This is the same for "Our Website", the more information we share the better prepared we are to serve.

Please let us hear from you!!

Thank you!

George Conlow

Grand Knight

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Schedule of Events beyond this month

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Articles and news for the Knight Echo are due the last Saturday of each month.



September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Business Mtg. 7:30 pm St. Agnes Church Hall	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 4th Degree Mtg. 8:00 pm at St. Francis	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Officer's Mtg. 7:30 pm George's house	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



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Membership

TAKE EVERY CHANCE YOU GET TO GET PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE KNIGHTS AND IF YOU DON'T GET THEM THE FIRST TIME TRY AGAIN . ALSO IF YOU DO GET A NEW PERSON TO JOIN. KEEP HIM INTERESTED IN THE KNIGHTS . BECAUSE IF HE LOSES INTEREST HE WON'T STAY AROUND LONG. WE NEED TO LOOK FOR NEW MEMBERS ALL YEAR LONG NOT JUST WHEN WE HAVE DRIVES.

BROTHER ED BURGESS

Councils 7663 (Rodeo) and 13766 (Pinole) regularly hold a First Degree Exemplification on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Saint Patrick's Church Hall in Rodeo. Registration is at 7:00pm, start at 7:30pm.

Pro-Life

We have a very good pro-life resource in our local area - California Right to Life ! For information on, you can help or donate, or just to receive e-mail updates, call Cecilia Cody @ (925) 944-5351 or e-mail - callife@calright2life.org. Donations to the California Right to Life Education Fund are tax deductible.

Brother Knights, please remind anyone you think might be interested, about the Gabriel Project Conference/Traing on Saturday, Sept 12th at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Continental breakfast and lunch provided. For information and reservations contact Vicki Evans @

415-614-5533 OR evansv@sfarchdiocese.org. PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 8TH.

Also, our Respect Life Information Tables are coming to St. Agnes on the fist weekend of October, Respect Life Sunday ! If you can help man a table before or after a Mass, please contact Bro. David Zarri @ 925 686-9277 , davidlzarri@earthlink.net.

Volunteer Opportunities

Bro. David Zarri

St. Agnes needs someone to co-ordinate the Gift Shop. Volunteers have already agreed to man the shop after masses but no one has come forward to lead. Duties of the leader include Inventory control and sales records. The St Agnes Office will assist in training if needed. This is a good opportunity for a retired Knight or the wife of a Knight to assist the



September

	Years
05 M r . James J	63
13 M r . Abrams, Jeff	61
14 M r . Rainero, Dennis J	58
23 R e v . Rudzewicz, Jan	52
30 M r . Ouimet, Donald W	71



September

	Years
09 Mr. Robert I Jean	48
12 Mr. G rundman, James E Barbara	17
Mr. M alucelli, Bob Diane	17
15 Mr. K i sak, Thomas P Catherine	47
25 Mr. M cManus, Hugh Bridie	51
28 Mr. D i mech, James G	13

Please send in your wedding Anniversary dates to Pat Deplazes at patdpl@aol.com

St. Agnes News

St Agnes Church has a new Pastor. See attached letter below from the August 30th church Bulletin.

Dear Friends,

As your new pastor, I want to tell you how excited and happy I am to be here with you! God is good! As your guest for the next several years, God willing, I promise the following:

- 1) This is your parish and everyone who walks through the doors of St. Agnes is important, not just in the eyes of God but also in mine. From the youngest baby baptized to the oldest member in our midst, all are welcomed, all are treasured, all are important.
- 2) Your vision of parish, school and community life is your vision and I promise to support you in all your dreams and in making your vision a reality. In other words, I do not bring my own vision to the fore nor do I have any hidden agenda. As time goes on, I will share with you my vision of church life, community life, and parish life, and together we will enliven our parish in ways unfortold and not yet revealed.
- 3) As your newest fellow parishioner, I want to make clear that communication and healthy dialogue is of utmost importance and I promise a listening ear, an open heart, and a friendly face. We may not agree on everything, nor should we, but let us always seek the truth together and walk together in peace.
- 4) As much as is humanly possible, I will be present to you in all your joys and sorrows, in good times and in bad, and in sickness and in health. This will be apparent at your social events as well as in everyday life. However, I won't be able to bi-locate and be in two places at the same time.

I would like our pastoral council to arrange a "history-telling" day so you can tell me your history, replete with many stories and remembrances. Many of you have been with our parish since its starting days in 1964, and many of you have interesting, if not colorful, stories. This day can also serve as a formal welcoming day for yours truly.

Allow me now to tell you something about myself. I was born in San Francisco on July 9, 1953 and grew up in St. Paul's Parish in Noe Valley. My parents came over from County Cork, Ireland, in 1948 and settled in San Francisco. My sister, Kathi, and my brothers, Dan, Kevin (deceased), Rich and I grew up in a very loving home and were blessed with loving parents (also deceased) who treasured their Irish brogues, Irish culture and heritage. Above all, they blessed us with the gift of faith, Catholic to the core.... At the tender age of 14, I went off to the high school seminary, St. Francis High School, in Watsonville and connected with the Salesians of Don Bosco. After high school, I went to the Salesian Novitiate in Ipswich, Massachusetts and then to the college seminary, Don Bosco College, in Newton, New Jersey. After college, I taught for three years at two different high schools in Los Angeles: St. John Bosco HS in Bellflower and Bishop Mora Salesian HS in East Los Angeles. From there I went to the Franciscan Graduate Theological School in Berkeley and then to the Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio for my theological studies. Eventually I was ordained a priest at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco (26 years ago) and returned to East Los Angeles and taught at Bishop Mora Salesian HS for three years. Then I taught at Salesian HS in Richmond, California for two years. I transferred to the Diocese of Oakland in 1988 and served as parochial vicar at St. Augustine's Church in Pleasanton and St. Michael Church in Livermore. In 1993, I was appointed pastor of St. Ignatius Church in Antioch and that was my first pastorate. In 2001, I became pastor of St. Philip Neri Church in Alameda and in 2007 I became the pastor of St. Albert the Great Church as part of an initial effort to merge the two parishes.

Last year I celebrated my silver anniversary and then took a long-awaited sabbatical but more on that later. In short, my Sabbath gave me some rest and, above all, a renewed spirit and energy.

I look forward to meeting all of you and walking with you on our journey of faith.

In God's love and mine,

Fr. Vincent Cotter

CHRISTIANITY IN PERIL

EYE OPENEER VIDEO: This video linked below will make you think about the future of America and what was once a Christian Europe. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-3X5hIFXYU> To summarize the video, if a nation birth rate falls below 2.11, that nation is in decline. Once a nation's birthrate falls below 1.9 history indicates it will not make a come back because there just are not sufficient children being born to produce the population required to sustain the nation 2 generations in the future.

SPECIFIC BIRTHRATES: France 1.8 - England 1.6 - Greece 1.3 - Germany 1.3 - Italy 1.2 - Spain 1.1 Yet because of immigration, which is 90% Muslim, Europe as we know it will cease to exist. For comparison, the Muslim birth rate in France is 8.1. France will be a Muslim nation in 39 years.

It is not much better in North America. Canada's birth rate is 1.6, America's non Hispanic birth rate is also 1.6. Counting Hispanic births, America's birth rate is 2.11, the bare minimum needed to sustain our civilization. Muslim population in the US in 1970 was 100,000. Today it is 9 Million. By the year 2050 the Muslim population will be 50 million. Muslims have recently surpassed the number of Catholics worldwide.

CAUSES IN BIRTHRATE'S DECLINE? Yep, overpopulation was a myth pushed on Americans. Since the 1950's four generations of parents thought it prudent to limit their family to two children so as not to over tax their standard of living or the earth's resources? Paul Ehrlich and his best selling book in 1969 *The Population Bomb* has all the intellectual credibility of the Flat Earth Society. If every one of the earth's 6 billion resided in Texas, there would be room enough for every family of four to have a house and 1/8th acre of land - and the rest of the globe would be vacant of humans.

When my daughter was pregnant with her 4th, 5th & 6th child, naive folks in the stores who previously fell hook, line and sinker for the population bomb myth, would comment, "Are all these children YOURS?" The day is coming soon when these same folks will welcome a young adult in their assisted living quarters who speaks English to them.

In addition, since 1973, there are approximately 50 million US citizens missing. They were conceived as mistakes, and not allowed to be born. The devil of "Choice" killed 50 million citizens, the oldest who would be 37 this year.

But I suspect that abortion was only the tip of the population decline iceberg. Contraception is really the culprit. Since the 1950's married couples could easily choose to restrict the size of their families. Contraception got its start in the Christian West in the 1920's. Up till that time, all Christian denominations held that contraception was a sin. At its 1930 Lambeth Conference, the Anglican / Episcopalian church, swayed by growing social pressure, announced that contraception would be allowed for couples but only "when there were serious reasons" to limit the size of a family. By the time the pill became rampant in America and Europe in the early 1960's, all the Protestant churches professed it acceptable to contracept. Rampant use of the Pill, vasectomies, and tubal ligations have been extremely effective in reducing the birthrate.

Only the Catholic Church still proclaims the historic Christian position against contraception. But that official position, which held that contraception was a sin was under attack. In 1968 Pope Paul VI issued his landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae* there was an overwhelming outcry and major dissenting by a majority catholic priests and Bishops. The secular media had utter disdain for this antiquated belief left over from the Dark Ages and suggested the Church join the 20th century. Indeed, if there's anything on earth that unites the Church's adversaries, it is the teaching against contraception.

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Humanae Vitae stated: Contraception is "any action which, either in anticipation of the conjugal act [sexual intercourse], or in its accomplishment, or in the development of its natural consequences, proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible" (*Humanae Vitae* 14). This includes sterilization, condoms and other barrier methods, spermicides, *coitus interruptus* (withdrawal method), the Pill, and all other such methods. For a complete reading of *Humanae Vitae* here is a link: www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae_en.html

However, history will decide the wisdom of the Pope when in 1968 he listed four primary consequences should contraception become the norm. Pope Paul VI predicted:

- a general lowering of moral standards throughout society;
- a rise in infidelity,
- a lessening of respect for women by men; and
- the coercive use of reproductive technologies by governments.

It appears our society has sunk even lower than the Pope predicted. Pornography is rampant & homosexuals are encouraged by governments and secular media. Infanticide is practiced in abortion and particularly partial birth abortions. Divorce ends half of all marriages. Trafficking of women for sexual pleasures is occurring. China limits each couple to one child with forced abortions and coercive laws.

CONTRACEPTIVE FALLOUT: When you can divorce the sexual union from fertility, then why should it be restricted to a married man and woman? "If contraceptive intercourse is permissible, then what objection could there be after all sorts of sexual deviancy; to cohabitation, masturbation, copulation, sodomy, polygamy, domestic violence and a host of other perverted sexual practices. Today, with total sexual license, the only restraint is the fear of sexually transmitted diseases.

WHAT HOPE DO WE HAVE TO SAVE THE CHRISTIAN WEST? God is the one truth to which all mankind is drawn. Jesus has professed that his church will last until the end of time. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it". (Matt 16:18) But He also tells us a lot depends on us when He posed the question in Luke 18: 7-8 **And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"**

St. **AUGUSTINE** reflected on the last statement by suggesting: Our Lord adds this to show, that when faith fails, prayer dies. In order to pray then, we must have faith, and that our faith fail not, we must pray. Faith pours forth prayer, and the pouring forth of the heart in prayer gives steadfastness to faith.

PRAY, PRAY AND PRAY SOME MORE. In 1571 Islam was on the verge of conquering all Europe. The Turkish Sultan Selim's fleet controlled most of the Mediterranean Sea and had vowed to soon turn St. Peter's into a Mosque. Pope Clement VII called upon all Catholics to pray the rosary for victory of the fleet of the Holy League of Venice over the Ottoman Turks. That prayer was answered in the great sea battle near Lepanto. It was the first major defeat of the Turks in 200 years and ended the threat of Islam conquering Italy at least until 2050.

WHAT COULD CONVERT ATHEISTS AND MUSLIMS: Sister Faustina in 1930's often saw Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament. He told her that the day would come when God, in his mercy, will let every living person see his soul the way God sees it, and they will not die. Should that happen, mass conversions would take place and there would be a return to restoring unity in one Church.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CONCORD COUNCIL 6038**2009/2010 PROPOSED BUDGET****Income:****Proposed****2009/2010**

365 Club 345.00
 Badges & Misc. 35.00
 Christmas Card Sales 1,400.00
 Christmas Party 500.00
 Council Picnic 450.00
 Crab Feed 5,600.00
 Dues 3,200.00
 Initiation & Assessment Fees 75.00
 Interest 150.00
 Ladies Night 550.00
 PGK Dinner 110.00
 Intellectually Challenged Drive 1,000.00
 Misc. Income 100.00
 RSVP Refund 100.00
 Wheelchair Foundation 400.00
 St. Patricks Dinner 2,200.00
 Youth Activities 220.00
 50/50 Raffle 125.00
\$ 16,560.00

Expense:**Proposed****2009/2010**

365 Club 345.00
 Badges 35.00
 Public Safety Awards 2009 230.00
 Catholic Advertising 145.00
 Certificates & Awards 65.00
 Christmas Card Parish Contribution 200.00
 Christmas Cards Purchase 1,000.00
 Christmas Party 300.00
 Convention Ads.& Hospitality 75.00
 Convention Delegates 600.00
 Council Picnic 450.00
 Crab Feed 2,600.00
 Degrees 150.00
 4th Degree Hospitality 100.00
 Charity 900.00
 Bishop's Vocation Fund 200.00
 Public Safety Awards 2010 300.00
 Fourth of July Picnic & Parade 250.00
 Grand Knights Fund 250.00
 Ladies Night 365.00
 Liability Insurance 350.00
 Intellectually Challenged Drive 1,000.00
 Meeting and Social Refreshments 350.00
 Membership Recruitment 240.00
 Memorials & Cards 50.00
 Per Capita Tax State 1,540.00
 Per Capita Tax Supreme 285.00
 Per Capita Chapter 40.00
 PGK Dinner 75.00
 Seminarian Donation 500.00
 St. Patricks Dinner 2,200.00
 Supplies & Postage 350.00
 Wheelchair Foundation 400.00
 Web Page 120.00
 Youth Activities 500.00
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