



# Amador *Knights*

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## Grand Knight's Message...

Worthy Brothers,

Here we are at the end of the Columbian Year, and have we had a lot of stuff happen this year. Let's see: Father Arlon, our chaplain, arrived in July 2016, and is now being reassigned to Alturas; so, we have to say good-bye to him. Father Larry is being reassigned to El dorado Hills, close enough that we may still see him on occasion but we still have to say good-bye to our pastor of six years. Another good-bye we had to make was to Augie Millar, who passed May 19<sup>th</sup>. A faithful brother Knight who will be missed by all his family and friends.



There are three special days to remember this month; June 4<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Holy Trinity Sunday, and June 18<sup>th</sup>, Corpus Christi Sunday (of course it will also be Fathers Day). So, what do these days mean to us?

**Pentecost:** After Jesus' ascension his disciples returned to Jerusalem and in an upper room began to pray. 50 days after Easter Sunday, the sound of a violent wind filled the house and tongues of fire came to rest on each of them, as promised by Christ. They were baptized by and filled with the Holy Spirit. They were given the power to speak and hear in "tongues." The disciples were not able to stay in the room basking in God's glory but burst out to tell the world of the Word, beginning the church as we know it.

**Holy Trinity Sunday** is celebrated a week after Pentecost honoring the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—the Holy Trinity. Our human mind will never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but it can be summed up using this formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. There is only one God, and the three Persons of God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—are all equally God. They cannot be divided.

Finally, the Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, has origins in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, but actually celebrates the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery; however, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and Christ's Passion on Good Friday, overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday. The Feast is officially held on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday

Pax Christi vobiscum,

Mark Koenig  
Grand Knight

Chalice Presentation... see  
article on page 4

## Council Minutes:

By David Sanders

Prior to the official meeting being called to order, Field Agent Bronson shared a story and asked all brothers and their families to continue praying for the sanctity of life. The Fourth Degree held a very special presentation of the Chalice. A new chalice was presented to Fr. Arlon. Fr. Arlon shall mail the chalice to his priest friend serving in the Philippines.

The meeting was called to order on May 9, 2017 by Grand Knight (GK) Mark Koenig. Guests DD Rich and Sir Knight Steven Morris were present at the meeting and Field Agent Bronson left to travel to another Council meeting. Roll call followed our Chaplin leading us in the opening prayer. The Treasurer and Trustee first year were excused. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were approved as written in the April 2017 Amador Knights newsletter.

### Membership Report

The Council has received notification from a potential member that he will need to back out for now because he became a new father.

### Chancellor Report

No report

*Please see Council Minutes on page 3*

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## For your information...

**Funeral mass for Brother Augie Millar** has been set for Saturday, June 24, 2017, at 11:00 am at Our Lady of the Pines. A reception will follow in Haran Hall.

*Last edition of Amador Knights (unless someone is willing to take it over).*

Please see letter on page 4.

**Appreciation Dinner: Saturday, June 24, 2017**  
5:30 No Host Bar • 6:30 Dinner

### Special Dates

Nancy Koenig	Birthday	June 1st
Nancy and Mark Koenig	Anniversary	June 1st
Joe Matthews	Birthday	June 6th
Jean and John Bowling	Anniversary	June 7th
Thomas Gilbin	Birthday	June 8th
Lellani and Michael Shortino	Anniversary	June 8th
Alan Lennox	Birthday	June 9th
Kathleen Placido	Birthday	June 10th
Melissa and David Sanders	Anniversary	June 15th
Melissa Sanders	Birthday	June 19th
Patricia and John Condon	Anniversary	June 20th
Arnie Simoni	Birthday	June 21st
Bill Gaffey	Birthday	June 25th
Thomas Maistretti	Birthday	June 25th
Bob Strazzo	Birthday	June 26th
Lisa and Joe Trassare	Anniversary	June 26th
Jeffery Jordan	Birthday	June 28th
Kathleen and Dan Placido	Anniversary	June 29th
Lindsay and Paul Neasbitt	Anniversary	June 30th

### Prayer List:

- ❖ Don Armstrong
- ❖ Joan Calvin
- ❖ Bill Gaffey
- ❖ Joe Mathews
- ❖ Shirley Palsak
- ❖ Cindy Perez
- ❖ Kay Placido
- ❖ David Rich
- ❖ Dorothy Reno
- ❖ The Millar Family

If any member knows of another member or a family member who is sick or in distress, please call Dolores Swift at 209 223-1310.

### Dinners for meetings:

June 13, 2017

Ed Reno

### A message from the District Deputy...

Worthy Brothers,

And it all comes down to this, as Johnny Carson said on this last day. What a ride, six years of service to each of you, your Council and the Knights of Columbus. I was truly blessed to be given this calling by our dear Lord.

In life there are a few things that stand out as memorial events. My birth, parents, wife, children, being honored by the citizens of your home town as being honorable as a native son for all your accomplishments, and for my service to all of you and your friendship in return.

Joni Mitchell, in her first major song, said, "Something is lost and something is gained in living every day." I gained so much on July 1, 2011 as I stepped up to be your District Warden. On June 30, 2017 I will loose one of the greatest volunteer jobs I have ever held as your District Deputy. But on July 1, 2017, the friendship will continue on and love for each of you will never die.

I take with me a suitcase full of cherished memories. I always looked at my role in this outstanding organization as just a conductor with all of you making the beautiful music. I have said more than once that the true honor in the Knights is to serve; this is heartfelt and should be the charge of every brother Knight.

I leave you with my signature line which has carried me through 62 years of life, and will carry me to my maker someday. There are many that make promises to do one thing or another, these promises do not make a man; what makes a man is in the delivery of said promises. It is the measure of him or all of us really. It proves our worth to all and to our maker that one's promise will be up held and means something. I hope that my promise to serve my very best to all of you was delivered in full.

God Bless all of you and your families, step up to the honor and serve, and deliver on all of your promises, large or small.

Thank you....

Yours in Delivering the Promise,

David A. Rich, Soon to be your former District Deputy  
California District 8

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### Grand Knight Report

GK Koenig and other selected Brothers shall address the parish at every Mass to discuss Founders Day during all masses on the weekend of May 13 and 14.

The parish retreat was great and Brother Mark thanked those that were able to support the efforts.

Save the date - The Interfaith Food Bank shall have a fundraiser golf tournament at Castle Oaks titled "Swing to end Hunger" on June 30. The event begins at 8am.

### Chaplain Report

Fr. Arlon thanked the Fourth Degree for the beautiful chalice and special presentation and he mentioned the service on May 13 that will be in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appearance of Mary in Fatima.

### Communications

None this month

### Treasurer Report

There is currently \$631.94 and \$502.11 in the CD accounts and \$11,144.70 in the checking account.

### Financial Secretary Report

#### Income

Dues \$149.60  
50/50 \$5  
Finger printing \$170  
Dinner \$68  
Rib dinner \$3359  
Car show \$400  
Rib sales \$90

#### Disbursements

Rib dinner clean up	\$200
Rib Dinner food items	\$82.51
Rib Dinner food	\$1285.80
Rib dinner ice cream	\$20.50
Rib Dinner decorations	\$17.34
Reimbursement for supplies	\$256.20
Supplies (Supreme)	\$16.05
365 club donation	\$284.7
Car show ads	\$200
State Convention	\$480
Mass card	\$10

### Warden Delivered Bills

**Vocations** No report

### Programs Director Report

1. The Family Potluck is scheduled on May 16
2. The Summer appreciation dinner is scheduled for June 24 at SKD
3. The Rosary before Mass at SKD on April 30, 2017 was well attended
4. Volunteers are needed at the breakfast located at Sacred Heart Church after the 8am mass on May 21.
5. June 10 is the scheduled date of the car show. Sponsorships are strong and still being accepted.

6. June 22 at Sacred Heart Church shall be a 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ordination Mass and celebration for Fr. Relihan.

7. It was decided that the council will not participate in this years Fair Oaks Festival for various reasons.

### Church Director Report

On Thursday, June 22 at Sacred Heart Church there is scheduled to be a 70<sup>th</sup> Ordination Mass anniversary celebration to honor Father Relihan, Pastor Emeritus. Bishop Soto is scheduled to attend the 5:00 service that evening.

### Community Director Report

No Report

### Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

### New Business

The bills were approved to be paid. It was moved and seconded to donate funds to Fr. Arlon to aid in the publishing of his book on St. Augustine. This matter shall be tabled for 30 days and voted upon at the next scheduled meeting.

Nominations of officers for the 2018 Columbian year were read, and the nominations were opened and closed. There were two seat changes, the Treasurer shall be Tim Burr and the Chancellor shall be John Donor. At this time, the Warden position is open

The Budget was presented, moved to approve and seconded and tabled until the June 2017 meeting.

### Insurance Agent Report

Presented earlier in the evening

### District Deputy Report

DD Dave Rich introduced Steven Morris as the new DD. He shall begin service on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Welcome Brother Morris!

There is a Chapter meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in July in Benicia.

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification in Marysville on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Brother Rich encouraged us to apply for the Columbian award.

The family of the year nomination form needs to be turned into Supreme soon

At the end of June DD Rich retires his position as DD, and a party is planned; all are invited to attend on July 1. Festivities begin at noon and lunch shall be served at 1:30. Call Brother Rich at 530- 644- 6168 to RSVP and get directions.

### Good of the Order

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Repose of the soul of Mary Zobralski, Jim Powell, Curt Calvin, Norm Vogt, Judy Finch, Father George Thomas, Bob Burns, Francis Mummy, and Mary Millar. Pray also for Jim Perine, Bob Sweeny, Dorothy Wahl, Dorothy Reno, the family of Joan Calvin, Richard Holgate, the Garcia family, Stan Blosk, Kay Placido, Pam Edwards, Jack Quinn, Augie and the Millar family, Alfredo, Marie Klemm, Coleen Justi, Vincent Smith, Steve Cunoe, Francis Mundry, Ed Tolsdorf, Ken Martin, Molly Kohlschreiber, Patricia Condon, Henry Riley,

## The Field Agent's Corner. . .

### Lunch Time Surprise

During a recent lunch appointment with a Brother Knight, I noticed a woman who I recognized sitting a couple tables over. It didn't take me long to realize who it was. Cate Dyer of StemExpress. So who is Cate? Let me give you some background.

About a year ago the Center for Medical Progress, which is a team investigative journalists, began releasing years worth of undercover videos. These videos exposed Planned Parenthood selling aborted babies bodies and organs to companies like StemExpress for medical research. StemExpress Founder and CEO Cate Dyer was featured in these videos discussing these fetal purchases. If you haven't watched these videos, you can find them online. But please note, they are beyond disturbing.

StemExpress was headquartered right in our community in downtown Placerville, a few hundred yards from St. Patricks. Thanks to the community outrage, StemExpress was forced to move locations but unfortunately now conducts its "business" in Folsom.

Its easy for us to forget the spiritual battle we are in! That moment of seeing Ms. Dyer reminded me how close evil really is to all of us. Please pray for her conversion. And please continue to do the good works that you do as Knights of Columbus! Thanks to your efforts, and with your partnership in our Insurance Program, we've been able to donate over 750 Ultrasound machines to Pregnancy Care Centers through the country!

I'm at 530-503-7473 or  
greg.bronson@kofc.org.  
Call me – let's talk.

Sincerely,  
Greg Bronson

Dave Rich, Jon Wheat, Judy Simoni, Cholli Walsh, Holly H, Mrs. Greene, Joe Matthews, Mrs. Andretti, Bill Gaffey, Linda Knock and Mary Vogt.

### Lecturer Report

No report

### Chaplain's Summation

Fr. Arlon thanked the Knights again for the wonderful chalice.

GK closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

## Fourth Degree presents chalice to Fr. Arlon's fellow priest

Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus are often called to memorialize a Knight or assist with a deceased member's family. They are also called upon to serve the clergy in a very special way.

That way is the Memorial Chalice Program. Deceased members as well as the receiving priest are then remembered in a very special ceremony.

Typically the names of four deceased members of the Fourth Degree are inscribed on the bottom of a chalice. That chalice is then presented to a priest.

On May 9<sup>th</sup>, that ceremony was presented by members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in which a chalice was given to Fr. Arlon Vergara, who is accepting it for a close priest friend of his in the Philippines.

The names engraved on the chalice are: Sir Knights Thomas Barbieri, Ray Chaisson, Harry Verkel, and John Mahaney.

The Council was particularly pleased to host this ceremony in honor of Fr. Arlon's service to the Council as its Chaplain. Fr. Arlon will be leaving St. Katharine Drexel Parish Community at the end of June.

The Council thanks him for his service to the Parish and the community. It is fitting that he be given the honor and joy of bringing this chalice to the Philippines and to a brother priest.



To Fr. Arlon, the Council says, "Thank you and God Speed."

## Last Issue of the *Amador Knights*

*Brother Knights:*

Unless another Knight is willing to undertake the publishing of the Council's monthly newsletter, *Amador Knights*, this will be its final issue.

As can be seen by the volume of this year's publications, it has been an eleven year run. Prior to that, a newsletter had been published for three additional years.

There was a one year break as I served as District Deputy. Following that stint, I started the *Amador Knights*. After a few years doing it by myself, I asked my wife Jane to assist as associate editor, which she graciously did. So, to her, I also say Thank You.

And for eleven years I pushed fellow Grand Knights to get their comments in to us on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. I also bugged the various recorders to get the minutes of the prior month's meeting in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

And, of course, the various District Deputies endured the emails and/or phone calls to make the deadlines as well as the Field Agents!

But we were always attempting to get the edition out to the members usually by the last day of the month. Sometimes it did not get delivered until the first day.

Most members now receive the *Amador Knights* via email. We actually have a few subscribers who signed up on the website as well.

It is our continued hope that someone will agree to take over the responsibility of editor/publisher of the newsletter as it has become a primary means of communication of information to Brother Knights.

Nicholas Ragusano  
Editor/Publisher  
*Amador Knights*

# Proposed Budget Summary

As with any budget proposal, these numbers reflect what is anticipated, not actual. There are several changes from the 2016-2017 budget. We are moving back to having only one car show this Columbian Year. In addition, as noted in the presentation during the May business meeting, the Council has been serving well over 200 guests at the various dinners.

Those changes make a significant difference in the expected income and expenditures. As always, the council does consider its charitable expenditures to be of a high priority. The pie chart indicates that the Council puts about 20% of its budget into that.

Expected Balance Forward			\$ 11,000.00
Total Income			\$ 20,900.00
<b>Expenditures</b>			
400 Fees	\$	3,100.00	
500 Regular Occurring Expenses	\$	4,150.00	
600 Charitable Expenses	\$	4,775.00	
700 Other Expenses	\$	800.00	
800 Council Activities	\$	10,050.00	
900 Benevolent Fund	\$	850.00	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>23,725.00</b>	
Balance after Exp.			\$ (2,825.00)
Total Expected Balance Forward			\$ 8,175.00

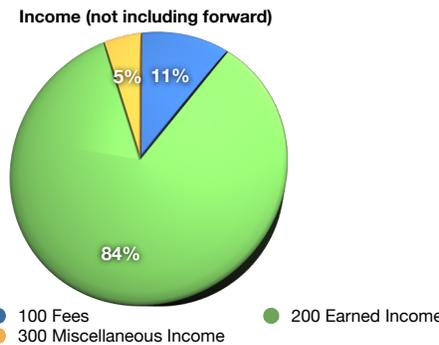
  

Fees	13%
Reg. Expenses	17%
Charitable Exp.	20%
Other Exp.	3%
Council Activities	42%
Benevolent Fnd.	4%

However that is slightly misleading as that amount does not take into account overhead. When looking the same numbers and subtracting the Council's costs for the activities, 67% becomes the amount given to its charitable causes.

The budget committee's presentation of the budget proposal

			Balance
Balance Fwd			\$ 11,000.00
<b>Income Accounts</b>			
100 Fees	\$	2,300.00	
200 Earned Income	\$	17,600.00	
300 Miscellaneous Income	\$	1,000.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,900.00</b>	
<b>Total Working Balance</b>			<b>\$ 31,900.00</b>



was automatically tabled until this month's meeting, where it will be reintroduced for final consideration. In addition, the complete presentation is now available online. A link with a password was sent to members.

As the Council grows and becomes even more active in the St. Katharine Drexel Parish and Amador County community, the budget will continue to change to reflect that growth. Charity is the primary goal of the Knights of Columbus, and throughout the past century, millions of dollars as been put to work helping those in need.

As members of the Knights, each brother can take pride in his contribution. Whether it be through monetary donations, volunteer hours, or participating in the various Council activities, your work matters.

## The Officers of Council 1849

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Grand Knight    | Mark Koenig            |
| Chaplain        | Rev. Arlon Vergara OSA |
| Deputy G.K.     | Joe Trassare           |
| Chancellor      | Tim Burr               |
| Warden          | John Doner             |
| Treasurer       | Alfredo Ornelas        |
| Recorder        | Dave Sanders           |
| Advocate        | Nick Ragusano          |
| Inside Guard    | Robbert Strazzo        |
| Outside Guard   | Charlie Esola          |
| <b>Trustees</b> |                        |
| Three Year      | Paul Neasbitt          |
| Two Year        | Dennis Shortino        |
| One Year        | Ed Reno                |
| Lecturer        | Tony Campoy            |
| Financial Sec.  | Jim Birmingham         |
| Dist. Deputy    | David Rich             |
| Field Agent     | Greg Bronson           |

All Council Officers (except Br. Charlie Esola) can be reached by email. Use the first letter of their first name, the entire last name, followed by: @kofc-1849.org.

Sample: mkoenig@kofc-1849.org

Ask a Catholic Gentleman to join the ranks of the Knights of Columbus.



Help him to gain an experience of a lifetime.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Goodbye -- Nick & Jane Ragusano						
4 Feast of Pentecost	5	6 5:30 Officers meeting	7	8	9	10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Knight Rider Car Show
11	12	13 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Business	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Fathers Day	19	20	21	22	23	24 Appreciation Dinner 5:30 No Host Bar 6:30 Dinner Served
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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