



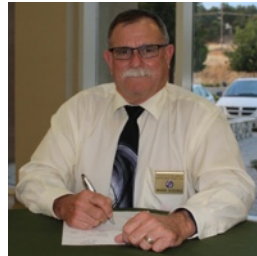
Amador *Knights*

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL • IN SUPPORT OF FAMILY

Grand Knight's Message...

Worthy Brothers

Well the Lenten Season is just about done and the Easter Season is rapidly coming upon us. As much as we all love Christmas I think Easter is so much more beautiful. We all know Christmas is the time when our savior came into this world, was made flesh and blood, and as kids we all got presents. Easter was the time for brightly colored eggs and candy, (remember marshmallow Peeps), and new clothes to wear to church. But in the last few years I personally have found that the Easter Season is by far more important, more meaningful and more beautiful than any snow-covered remembrance of Christmas or molded chocolate bunny.



I never understood why Christmas was celebrated at the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere until I began to realize why Easter was celebrated in the spring. Christmas is cold and dark, and the need to snuggle into your bed when blowing wind, rain and/or snow against the side of the house made you feel safe—kind of like knowing Christ was finally going to make it safe for us now that he was here.

But then comes the springtime and Easter with its rebirth of dormant flowers, grasses and trees. Here in Amador County the emergence of daffodils and dandelions all over the place; followed by wildflowers of yellows, reds, pinks, blues and all the bright green foliage. Very much like the colors of the eggs we went looking for when Mom and Dad hid them in the yard; of course, we always forgot to find that one, so well hidden, it reminded us of its hiding place in July.

That rebirth is what Jesus came here for; not his first birth. That is why Easter has become a holiday for me like no other holiday we celebrate. It is truly the expression of our faith; Christ returned from death to show us the way to eternal life. The cells in our body have an expiration date, and there is one cell in our body, that, when it stops doing its job we will cease to live. Kind of humbling; isn't it? However, so long as we continue to have faith in the rebirth of Jesus Christ at Easter, on our death we will follow Him into eternal life. Death is not a time to despair but to rejoice that we have returned to the Father.

Pax Vobiscum

Mark Koenig
Grand Knight

Council Minutes:

By David Sanders

The meeting was called to order on March 14, 2017 by Grand Knight (GK) Mark Koenig. DD Rich and Field Agent Bronson were present at the meeting. Roll call followed our Chaplin leading us in the opening prayer. The Chancellor, Trustee third year, Trustee second year and Trustee first year were excused. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were read and approved.

Membership Report

The Council has received an application and approved Dwain Taylor as a potential member. A First Degree Exemplification was scheduled for Mr. Taylor tonight, however it was postponed until he is feeling better. The membership committee is in communication with several potential members and hopes to reschedule a First Degree Exemplification for several candidates in the near future.

Grand Knight Report

GK Koenig spoke of the importance of the Council complying with the Shield the Vulnerable requirements. All members who intend to serve the community on parish property are encouraged to come to SKD on March 19 from 10:30 to 12:00 and fill out the

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For your information...

Officers Meeting date change. . .

April's officer meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, April 3rd at 5:30 at Grand Knight Mark Koenig's home. Please note the change for your calendar.

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insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

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

Sincerely,
Greg Bronson

Special Dates

Jean Bowling	Birthday	April 4 th
Tomeline & Thomas Campbell	Anniversary	April 4 th
Anita Felix	Birthday	April 6 th
Anita and Cecilio Felix	Anniversary	April 6 th
Nancy and Dennis Shortino	Anniversary	April 10 th
Fr. Larry Beck	Birthday	April 11 th
Lindsay Neasbitt	Birthday	April 11 th
Lou Svarc	Birthday	April 14 th
Paulette Magee	Birthday	April 16 th
Sarah and Daniel Powers	Anniversary	April 16 th
Gillette Strazzo	Birthday	April 17 th
Raul Rodriguez	Birthday	April 21 st
Kristin and Jeffrey Jordan	Anniversary	April 28 th
Kathy and David Payne	Anniversary	April 28 th

Prayer List:

- ❖ Don Armstrong
- ❖ Joan Calvin
- ❖ Bill Gaffey
- ❖ Joe Mathews
- ❖ Shirley Palsak
- ❖ Cindy Perez
- ❖ Kay Placido
- ❖ David Rich
- ❖ Rose and Catrine Savino
- ❖ Judy Simoni
- ❖ Nancy Shortino
- ❖ Lou Svarc

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:

April 11, 2017

Dennis Shortino

May 9, 2017

Kevin Darr

A message from the District Deputy...

Worthy Brothers,

In my youth we always called our time off from school "Easter vacation" and looked forward to it. We looked forward to those magical bunnies that somehow produced chocolate eggs, coloring regular eggs with food coloring that were nowhere near as good as the ones from the bunnies, new clothes, city Easter egg hunts, boxes of See's candy, families gathering for grand dinners, and friends gathering for joy, etc.

But we were also taught by our parents that the above was very much not the reason for the season. We were brought through the Easter week day by day in the true meaning of the week -what the Palms were all about of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and that the Palms were to be focused upon and not the See's candy. Every day though the week had a real meaning. And as the days passed to Good Friday all the stores in our little town closed at noon until 3 PM and the bells of our churches rang out and the faithful gathered.

Then on Sunday we were brought great joy that our Savior who that suffered and died for our sins had been taken body and soul into Heaven. You see we were taught the true meaning of the week, past the bunnies.

I think one of our first mistakes in our society came with how I started this story, where I said "time off from school called Easter Week." When I was president of the Pollock Pines School District I was conducting a meeting and I changed the wording on the agenda from "Spring Break to Easter Week." I was quickly corrected by the Superintendent that I was in error. That the week was to "get out and play in the snow," that it had nothing to do with a religious thing. I said then why is snow play week on the same days as Easter week.

I was told to change my term to Spring Break or there would be trouble. I said to her, then let there be trouble. I was not going to change my terminology and my beliefs in what I knew to be true and correct. I ask each of you to enjoy the bunnies but hold true to the real reason for the season in teaching our families as we were taught in our youth.

Bless you all in this season.

Yours in Delivering the Promise,
David A. Rich,
District Deputy
California District 8

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appropriate form and get finger printed by Live Scan personnel.

Members will have an opportunity to address the parish at every Mass to discuss Founders Day after April 16.

GK Koenig spoke at the RCIA meeting this evening.

The next Officers meeting was rescheduled to April 3 in order to open up the evening for members who wish to attend the penance service.

There is fish and potatoes for sale, see Brother Campoy.

Several Brothers volunteered to supply soup at the Lenten supper after Stations of the Cross on March 24.

The State Convention is fast approaching and DD Rich was a logical candidate and is willing and able to attend for the Council.

Chaplain Report

Fr. Arlon suggested that council members continue to speak to RCIA participants to encourage new membership. He also requested prayers for the transitioning to one priest for our parish and for the new mass schedules that will need to be implemented.

Communications

The Amador Pregnancy Help Center is moving to a new location and they invited K of C 1849 to the open house on March 31 and April 1.

Treasurer Report

There is currently \$11,147.92 in the checking account and \$501.95 and 634.77 in our El Dorado Savings Bank CD accounts. The March statement for the checking account has not been received as of this meeting.

Financial Secretary Report

Reading of the Bills.

Income

Dues \$193.95

Fish sales \$70

Car show \$25

Dinner \$70

Disbursements

Family Bowling night \$188.00

Dan Placido- Hospitality Sunday- \$117.20

Bob Strazzo- Winter dinner- \$111.80

Mark Koenig- Credit /Debit reader -\$31.25

Sherdean Swift -Mass card - \$10.00

Jane Ragusano - Decorations for Rib dinner- \$64.65

Nick Ragusano- Car Show subscription, Newsletter, and Web Hosting - \$455.33

Vocations No report

Programs Director Report

1. The Family Bowling Night was a fun event approximately 20 persons were in attendance

2. A Family Potluck is set to take place March 21st at 6:00pm. at SKD

3. The annual Parish Retreat is set for April 29, 2017. The Council will coordinate with the Parish Men's Club to offer help setting up, tearing down and hosting lunch. Bob Strazzo and Tim Knittel will work to make sure there are men assigned to help.

4. There will be a Rosary before Mass on April 30, 2017.

5. Our Council shall host an omelet breakfast at Sacred Heart Church after the 8am mass on May 21. Help will be needed to make this event a success.

6. June 10 is the scheduled date of the car show and a co-chair is needed to help in the planning of this big event.

7. Tickets are available for the April 22 rib dinner

8. The Fair Oaks Festival is scheduled for May 7 and volunteers will be needed

9. The Knights are sponsoring the soup supper after the Living Stations at SKD on March 24

Community Director Report

No Report

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

The bills were approved to be paid.

Insurance Agent Report

We never know where God will take us on our next step- Are you prepared? Be prepared! Brother Bronson is here to help.

District Deputy Report

The District continues to search for the right candidate to fill the District Deputy position for 2018 and anyone interested will get training by DD Dave Rich.

On July 6 there is a Chapter meeting in Yuba City

There is a 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemption in Marysville on June 2 and 3

At the end of June DD Rich retires his position as DD, a party is in the planning stages, stay tuned for details.

DD Rich thanked Council 1849 for embracing and complying with the Live Scan program.

Good of the Order

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Repose of the soul of Curt Calvin, Norm Vogt, Jaime Garcia's Mother, Judy Finch, Father George Thomas, Bob Burns, Francis Mummy, and Mary Millar. Pray also for the family of Joan Calvin, Richard Holgate, the Garcia family, Stan Blosk, Kay Placido, Dennis Shortino, Pam Edwards, Jack Quinn, the Millar family, Alfredo, Marie Klemm, Coleen Justi, Vincent Smith, Steve Cunoe, Francis Mundry, Ed Tolsdorf, Ken Martin, Molly Kohlschreiber, Patricia Condon, Henry Riley, Dave Rich, Jon Wheat, Judy Simoni, Chollie Walsh, Holly H, Mrs. Greene, Joe Matthews, Mrs. Andretti, Bill Gaffey, Linda Knock and Mary Vogt.

The Field Agent's Corner. . .

Title Here

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can — properly structured — guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life

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Lecturer Report

April 1 is the next wood cutting and splitting party at SKD

Chaplain's Summation

When we do good things no one remembers, when we do bad things no one forgets. During this Lenten Season be mindful that Jesus died for our sins.

Presented by Fr. Arlon

GK closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

K of C gives nearly \$2 million to aid Syrian and Iraqi Christian Refugees

A YEAR AFTER U.S. GENOCIDE DECLARATION, K OF C CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT FOR THOSE TARGETED BY ISIS

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – A year after the U.S. House of Representatives and State Department declared that ISIS was committing genocide against Christians and other religious minorities, the Knights of Columbus is continuing its humanitarian support for persecuted Christian communities in the region by contributing nearly \$2 million in new assistance.

Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson announced the organization's \$1.9 million in new assistance, noting: "A year ago, our country declared with one voice that genocide was occurring to Christians and other religious minority communities, but words are not enough." He added: "Those targeted for genocide continue to need our assistance, especially since many have received no funding from the U.S. government or from the United Nations. The new administration should rectify the policies it found in place, and stop the de facto discrimination that is continuing to endanger these communities targeted by ISIS for genocide."

The Knights of Columbus donation includes support for:

- Medical clinics in Iraq
- Easter food baskets for displaced Christians under the care of the Archdiocese of Erbil

- General relief for the Christians of Aleppo, Syria, via the city's Melkite Archdiocese
- Support for the Christian refugee relief programs of the Syriac Catholic patriarchThe K of C has raised more than \$12 million for Christian refugee relief since 2014.

The Knights also spearheaded the campaign that led to last year's March 17 genocide declaration by the State Department. As part of the effort, the organization and its partners prepared a nearly 300-page report on the genocide being carried out against Christians by ISIS and other extremist groups. The State Department's declaration was only the second instance in which the U.S. government declared an ongoing situation to be genocide.

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Anderson has said 2017 may be "the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist," and has called for aid from the U.S. government and the international community. He has also urged prayer for "those who are being persecuted and killed for their faith," and announced that the K of C will lead a Novena of Grace and Solidarity that will be prayed by the Knights and others for nine straight days from March 12 to 20. Donations to support Christian refugees can be made at www.christiansatrisk.org and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and 100 percent of all donations will be used to assist Christians and other religious minorities, primarily from Iraq and Syria.

Council's March Potluck a fun evening for all



ARC Reaps “Tootsie Roll® Drive” Benefits

Last October, in the middle of the season’s first rain storm, the Amador County Council 1849, Knights of Columbus held its annual drive for “People with Intellectual Disabilities” here in Amador County. With reduced expectations, due to the storm, members were not ready for the results.

Over \$4,000 dollars was collected during the three day period—Friday through Sunday. The amount surprised everyone as the rain caused the cancellation of collecting donations from in front of WalMart, one of the major stores in Amador County.

But the citizens of Amador found a way to donate as never before, increasing the amount from last year by more than \$400.

A total of \$4,016.46 was presented to the ARC, surpassing their expectations as well. “I’m amazed,” said The Arc’s Executive Director, Karyn Gregorius, “each year the check keeps getting bigger!”

“The Knights of Columbus have been raising funds for The Arc for the past two decades and have made a very positive impact on our ability to accomplish our mission,” Gregorius said. “The Arc has faced some difficult State budget cuts and loss of fund-raising revenues over the years. The financial support received from the Knights has helped us to sustain and improve our programs and services; we are truly grateful for their unwavering support.”

The ARC of Amador and Calaveras has a special place in the hearts of the Council. Two of its members are participants of the ARC: Charlie Esola and Jacob Schmidt.

Both Charlie and Jacob are very active members and were out in the stormy weather that weekend in October 2016 giving out Tootsie Rolls® and receiving donations from the community.

The yearly drive is held under the auspices of *The Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc.* It has been organized exclusively for charitable or educational



From left to right: Arnie Simoni, John Bowling, Charlie Esola, Jacob Schmidt, Grand Knight Mark Koenig, and Deputy Grand Knight Joe Trassare

purposes benefiting people with intellectual disabilities. The Foundation has been found to be in compliance with the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Officers of Council 1849

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The Foundation was formed and incorporated in 1988 in the State of California and has been collecting funds for their outreach to organizations supporting people with intellectual disabilities since then, collecting and distributing over \$16 million.



From the editor/publisher of **Amador Knights**: This and the next two issues of **Amador Knights** will conclude our work on the newsletter. We are seeking another member or several members to take over the monthly work. We can assist in the transition and supply layout templates. Please let us know soon if you are willing to take on this important work of the Council. Email us at news@kofc-1849.org or nragusano@kofc-1849.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fools' Day
2 Fifth Sunday of Lent	3 5:30 Officers meeting at GK home	4	5	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Meeting	12	13 Holy Thursday	14 Good Friday	15 Easter Vigil
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22 Tri-Tip Dinner 5:30 NHB 6:30 Dinner
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