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The Knight Caller

Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli Council #4991

Northern California Chapter

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District 8

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Dear Brother Knights and Families,

It has already been a year ago since I took on the privilege of being the Grand Knight of Msgr. Virgil Gabrielli Council. I have been heartened and blessed with being the leader of the Council. As we approach our Council's 50th Anniversary, I look forward to the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. The Council and the Knights of Columbus are doing well, even though we are challenged with many global and local events, in uncertain times. We will continue to pray for perseverance and good health.

I have just recently returned from the Convention in San Diego, and the State and Supreme leadership are in good hands and the Knights of Columbus are very healthy, both spiritually and financially, in these trying times. Vincent Pacis, was elected the new State Deputy for the next Columbian year, and his motto for this upcoming Columbian year is In Nomine Eius Vinces, which means In His Name, Conquer.

Also recently, we elected a new slate of Council Officers for the next Columbian year. The following Knights were newly elected or re-elected: Steve Payette - Deputy Grand Knight, Philip Phelps - Treasurer, Monte Austin - Advocate, Steve Freitas - Recorder, John Kennedy - Warden, Trustees - Rick Dillon, Jet Towns and John Green, Chancellor - Willie Douglas, Inside Guard - Kosmos Heisler, and Outside Guard - Enrique Canto. I was re-elected as Grand Knight. Henry Nanjo, our Financial Secretary and George Raine, our Lecturer were also reappointed to their present positions. Congratulations to all.

I am looking forward to our 50th year as a Council with great joy. I think it was indeed blessed that the son of our First Grand Knight, Don Payette - whom we miss deeply will be our new Deputy Grand Knight. Preparations are underway to make our 50th Anniversary a well-remembered event. Our dear Brother Vince Verrastro, the outgoing Deputy Grand Knight, has recovered well, although still a little weak is the Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Committee, along with myself, John Green, and George Raine. Sadly, we will miss our notetaking secretary for the committee, Joyce Dillon. If any spouse is interested in assisting us, please contact Vince. You will find his contact information at the back of the newsletter.

We are also anticipating the arrival of Fr. Enrique Alvarez, at the beginning of July, as our new pastor and we are planning on asking him if he would honor us as the Council Chaplain. We also wish a fond farewell to our outgoing Pastor, Fr. Joe Ternullo as he leaves our community here at St. Lawrence. Fr. Joe will be missed.

I would like to express appreciation to all the Knights and families who have assisted me in the past, for all the events that we do. There is much friendship, fellowship and fraternity here at the Council.

I would like to invite some of our younger Knights to assist us in our fundraising and community efforts at the Council. When I took a pledge to join the Knights, I was asked during my interview what I could do to help the Council and the Knights in general. I have tried to do the best I could do within my abilities to make my Council better. Although many of us are busy with work, family life, and leisurely activities, I feel it is a distinct privilege to be a Knight of Columbus. A lot of us now that are reaching senior citizen age, cannot always perform many physical tasks. We will always need your help. I strongly invite and implore all members of the Knights from 1st Degree to 4th Degree to help us with our fundraisers, be it the Knights Breakfast each month, the Crab Feed, Pot Luck events, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Christmas Party, or to help with the some of the state events such as the Wheelchair Foundation, Special Olympics, Catholics Come Home, Keep Christ in Christmas, or Respect Life initiatives, among others. I am also looking for a Hispanic Outreach Coordinator here at our Council.

Within this newsletter, you can find some of the events you can help with. There is always something we can do as Knights and show our appreciation within the Church and our parish and our Order. We are very blessed with much talent here in our Council. We are truly In Service to One – In Service to All. It is really an Experience of a Lifetime.

If you are not a 4th Degree member yet, please contact me. The 4th Degree Exemplification is always in April in Sacramento, and it is never too soon to look at our special Degree of Patriotism.

I also invite our Knights and their families to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. To join is free, and an application can be found at the back of the Columbia magazine, or you can join online. The Guild's purpose is to promote and support our founder's cause for sainthood. You will receive a monthly newsletter on the status of Fr. McGivney's canonization, and you can also obtain promotional items about Fr. McGivney.

Lastly, let us remember in our prayers many of our dear loved ones which we have lost recently. Our field agent, Dennis Ware recently lost his father, and we especially want to remember and pray for Joyce Dillon, Fran Phelps, and John Kibbey. I am looking forward to the next Columbian year with joy and anticipation.

Always yours in Christ,

James Stroh
Grand Knight

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE DEPUTY

PROVIDED BY FIELD AGENT - DENNIS WARE

Fontana, CA – May 17, 2009 – Officers and Leaders of the California Knights of Columbus, the push is on to recruit with a valiant effort to meet our goals for this Columbian year. We all must stride to make our goals in every department both recruitment and Insurance. It is Father Michael J. McGivney's dream to have a council in every parish, all members of that parish in the Knights of Columbus and all members protected by our personal Catholic insurance programs. In your effort to recruit please do not forget about the Insurance programs.

All leaders should have something from our Brotherhood. It has come to my attention that Officers to include Grand Knights and District Deputies and the rest, may not have a single thing from the Brotherhood, not even an a little Annuity.

This puts, leading by example, way behind. You can assist your own council toward the star council award and lead new men by having yourself on the books as an insured member. Our order gains financial strength from our Insurance programs. Our Fraternity would not exist without it. We need all officers to examine their current position in relation to our protection programs and talk to their Field Agent or General Agent about taking advantage of the wonderful products we have.

Remember all our products are owned by us, they are designed by Brothers to Protect Brothers. You can't beat our system. We have been successful for years and having both a solid successful company and ones that uses its funds to support our Faith is unbeatable. I urge you to talk to your Field Agent and find a way to participate. Leading by example is the best leadership. Let's have everyone make star council awards and shoot for double star councils and districts.

May God Bless you and yours,

Robert J. Villalobos
California State Deputy
Saint Anthony Pray For Us

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A NEW FRATERNAL YEAR 2009 -2010

A new fraternal year is upon us. Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights, as well as the other entire dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year. I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

The attainment of the Star Council status is a yearlong commitment, as well as the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. I'm certainly committed to help conduct, any Fraternal Benefits Nights or Information Nights, which you want to hold in our council, this fraternal year. I am interested in working, hand in hand, with our membership committee, and I am certainly committed to helping on the insurance side.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by helping to guide the membership committee members to recruit him and other prospects.

Let's begin now, and get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of our council.

Call me today, as always, I'm at your service.

To contact me with regards to any of your insurance needs, please call my home 530-885-9091, my cell 916-203-9091 or e-mail me at dennis.ware@kofc.org

Your Brother and Field Agent,

Dennis D. Ware

Dennis Ware F.I.C.F. CSA
Field Agent #12172
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SAVE THIS DATE – JUNE 5, 2010

The Council's 50th anniversary is next June 5th. We are planning a big dinner party. We have reserved the Lions Gate for a dinner party. There are more details to come, but this will be an event to remember.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

We are happy to announce that Lucas Mullen and Justin Lobo, were each selected to receive our **John W. Kritzer Scholarships** for 2009. We are forwarding two \$500 checks to Christian Brothers and Jesuit High Schools to apply towards Lucas' and Justin's tuition for the upcoming school year.

Thanks to those who submitted applications. If you know a student who will be a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior at a Catholic high school in the Fall of 2010, please encourage them to submit an application next year.

EMAIL:

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WHERE ARE YOU?

If you were to look at the meeting attendance log for the last few years there are 2 things that would jump out at you. First, there are usually no more than 14 Brother Knights at most meetings, and 12 of those are the officers. Second, it's the same brothers at almost all of these meetings. When you joined the Knights of Columbus we asked if you were going to take an active part in the council, and you replied, "YES". We need **YOU!** We need your ideas, your input, and your support. All we are asking is for 2

hours of your month. Please make an attempt to come to a business meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

PAST EVENTS

Family Potluck:

We had a potluck dinner on Sunday April 19. There were about 50 people and we had a good time.

Mother / Daughter Tea:

We had a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday May 9th. There were about 150 ladies in attendance. There was plenty of food, music, special readings and a raffle. Thanks to Carole & George Raine, Linda & Paul Stubbs, Theresa Webb, Terri Verrastro, Ruth Pass, Mary Pass, Carol Pass, Barb Meyers and Carol & Monte Austin for setting up the hall. Thanks to James Stroh, Steve Freitas, Paul Stubbs, and Monte Austin for resetting the hall for the breakfast.

Election of Officers:

Congratulations to our new council officers for the 2009-2010 Columbian Year. A list of the new officers is stated in the 3rd paragraph of the Grand Knight's Message at the beginning of this newsletter

Memorial Day Mass:

Our annual Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetery was on May 25th at 10:00AM. There was a good-sized crowd at the Mass. Thanks to Fr. Michael Kiernan for celebrating the Mass and to the St. Lawrence Church Choir for leading us in great music. After the Mass we assembled around Msgr. Gabrielli's grave and recited the rosary and remembered our passed brothers and spouses. We also served coffee and donuts to attendees of the mass, and we received many compliments for our work. Thanks to Mike & Susan Monk and their crew for setting up the chairs for us, Vince Verrastro for organizing the mass, Rick Dillon for getting the donuts, Ruth Pass and Phil Phelps for doing the readings, Steve Freitas, Lupe Vargas, James Stroh, Vince Verastro and Monte Austin who assisted as ministers of communion.

Donation to Parish Facility Fund:

We passed our resolution to donate \$5000.00 to the Parish Facility Fund. The check has been given to the parish, and Fr. Joe mentioned that we had done so when he made his pitch to the parish at Sunday Mass.

UP COMING EVENTS



Fireworks Booth

Our annual fireworks booth will open on Monday June 29th at 9:00AM. We need help with this especially during the day. This event is one of our biggest fundraisers. If you can help us by working a few hours in the booth, please let Phil Phelps know. If



you can't work the booth, please purchase your 4th of July fire works from us.

Ladies Night Out:

We will be having our Ladies Night Out on July 19, 2009 at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 731 Sunrise Ave., Roseville. Please call Grand Knight James Stroh at 331-1061 so we can get a head count.

Council Picnic:

Our Council Picnic will be August 29th from noon to 5:00pm. We will have it at St. Lawrence Hall and yard area. This will also be a membership drive, so if you know someone that might want to join the Knights of Columbus, invite them to come along also. More info will be in the next Knight Caller.

Long Range Activities:

We attended the Parish Calendar Meeting and set our activities for the next year. Here is what the current plan is through June 2010: Aug. 29 – Picnic; Sept. 26 – Fundraiser Dinner; Oct. 18 – Past Grand Knights’ Dinner; Dec. 20 – Christmas Party

This is the schedule for the 1st 6 months of 2010: Jan. 10 – Free Throw Competition; Jan. 30 – Crab Feed; Feb. 21 – Pot Luck Dinner; March 20 – Corned Beef Dinner (fundraiser); April 18 – Potluck Dinner; May 8 – Mother Daughter Tea; June 27 – Potluck Dinner.

Happy Birthday to the Following Knights.

June		July		August	
JERRY CORONA	6-Jun	THOMAS SMITH	1-Jul	WAYNE TODD	2-Aug
FRANK WILGUS	17-Jun	RODRIGO MOLINA	3-Jul	Fr. JOSEPH TERNULLO	2-Aug
JERRY CONLEY	18-Jun	HENRY NANJO	3-Jul	WILLIAM ROWLETTE	4-Aug
MATTHEW SHANK	24-Jun	JOHN TESTA	5-Jul	JAMES SPITZER	7-Aug
GUADALUPE VARGAS, JR	27-Jun	RONALD MULLIN	6-Jul	GEORGE ZIECINA	14-Aug
		RUDOLPH GARCIA	8-Jul	JOHN VOLZ	15-Aug
		ERNEST STOUTE	10-Jul	GREGORY FRANCHI	17-Aug
		ALAN LAWRENCE	10-Jul	TAMRAT GIRMA	23-Aug
		SEAN ENDERS	11-Jul	JOSE GONZALEZ	24-Aug
		MICHAEL MONK II	20-Jul	HOWARD JANES	26-Aug
		CHRISTOPHER WALL	20-Jul	BRIAN BEEBE	27-Aug
		DANIEL MERJUDIO	21-Jul	GENE FOWLER	27-Aug
		BRIAN HILL	21-Jul	DONALD GALLI	27-Aug
		KEVIN JACKSON	22-Jul	LEE RATCLIFF	28-Aug
		JAMES STROH	25-Jul		
		DWIGHT TENETTE	26-Jul		

Activities Calendar

Please save this page and refer to it for dates of activities.

June 2009			
3	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Officers' Meeting
13	1:00PM	St. Lawrence Hall	Breakfast Setup
14	7:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Monthly Breakfast
17	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Business Meeting
29 - 30	9AM -10PM	Parking Lot	Fireworks Booth
July 2009			
1-4	9AM -10PM	Parking Lot	Fireworks Booth
1	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Officers' Meeting
11	8:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Breakfast Setup
10	7:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Monthly Breakfast
15	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Business Meeting
19	5:00PM	Old Spaghetti Factory Roseville	Ladies Night Out
August 2009			
5	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Officers' Meeting
8	8:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Breakfast Setup
9	7:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Monthly Breakfast
19	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Business Meeting
29	Noon-5PM	St. Lawrence Hall & Yard	Council Picnic
September 2009			
2	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Officers' Meeting
12	8:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Breakfast Setup
13	7:30AM	St. Lawrence Hall	Monthly Breakfast
16	7:30PM	Gabrielli Hall	Business Meeting
26	All Day	St. Lawrence Hall	Fundraiser Dinner

Officers for the 2009-2010 Columbian Year					
OFFICE	NAME	PHONE	OFFICE	NAME	PHONE
Grand Knight	James Stroh	331-1061	Warden	John Kennedy	348-6535
Chaplain	Fr. Joe Ternullo	332-4777	Inside Guard	Kosmo Heistler	332-8000
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Payette	332-8000	Outside Guard	Enrique Canto	
Chancellor	Willie Douglas	784-8321	Trustee 3rd yr.	Rick Dillon	344-5652
Recording Secretary	Steve Freitas	338-0303	Trustee 2nd yr.	Jet Towns	
Financial Secretary	Henry Nanjo	729-4359	Trustee 1st yr.	John Green	729-6269
Treasurer	Phil Phelps	348-7555	General Agent	Don Krolak	797-1760
Lecturer	George Raine	334-0370	Insurance Agent	Dennis Ware	203-9091
Advocate	Monte Austin	991-7721	District Deputy	Lawrence Rositani	486-4377



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