



Amador *Knights*

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From the Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

We certainly had a fine turnout at our February Pot-Luck on Tuesday Jan. 17th. after the last few Februaries of low attendance. It was good to see the change.

If you haven't read the article "500 Year-Old Monument at St. Peter's Basilica rededicated", in the January 2012 Amador Knights Newsletter please take a moment to do so. It gives us a picture of the financial support Supreme has provided to the Vatican over the past 30 plus years. Not only for the construction of a new chapel but also the restoration of an adjacent chapel. In addition the cleaning and conserving of 32,000 sq. ft. of the facade of St. Peter's Basilica as well as a number of other projects.

No doubt Supreme has provided funding for projects in the Vatican other than those listed. I have heard previously of some projects Supreme has provided funding for, but I never stopped to realize the number of projects or the total dollars sent to the Vatican by Supreme, which must be in the millions.

When talking to a potential new member we should inform him of the large financial support provided to the Vatican by Supreme. Just one more selling tool.

Well, Feb. 18th will be here soon and as you know that evening we will hold our annual crab feed dinner at

the American Legion Hall. You will note that the price of the Dinner is five dollars more than last year because of the increased cost of the crab. In addition we are asking each Brother to bring a gift for the silent auction. This request for a gift from you is critical because the money raised from the auction is a large part



of our profit from the evening's dinner. Please don't forget this gift.

If you need to use a Form 100 you must use the latest one. The forms are in our supply cabinet in our meeting room at St. Patrick's Church Hall.

Steve Truelsen is no longer our field agent he has been replaced by

Darryl Hall. Steve has been reassigned. Darryl Hall can be reached on his Cell at (916) 337-6141. Steve Truelsen can be reached on his Cell at (209) 483-1047.

Let's work to sell-out all the seating for our Crab- Feed.

Making God's work our own,

John Bowling

Council Minutes:

By Jim Birmingham

The meeting was called to order on January 10, 2012 by Grand Knight Bowling. Roll call followed the opening prayer and all officers were present except the Chaplain and Trustee 1st Year who were excused. The minutes of the November 8 meeting were approved as published in the December 2011 *Amador Knights Newsletter*.

Membership Report

Br. Matthews said the best way to get new members is by asking people you know to join. As a result, the Grand Knight asked for lists from all members next month of people who would be good prospects. He also said to bring interested parties to our Potluck Dinners.

Grand Knight (GK) Report

The annual Walk for Life will be held January 21. It will begin with mass at 9 AM at St. Mary's Cathedral; the walk will start at 1 PM. The Placerville Council has a bus going to San Francisco for \$5 per person.

The Folsom 4th Degree Assembly will have a dinner dance January 14 at St. John's. This event is open to all Knights and the cost is \$18 per person.

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Annual "Walk for Life" largest ever – see article on page 4

First Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree in Poland

The Knights of Columbus in Poland held its first Patriotic Degree exemplification last year, coinciding with Poland's Independence Day on November 11th. Held at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Kraków-Łagiewniki, 24 candidates took part in the degree, which is also known as the Fourth Degree of the Order. Among those in attendance were Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard, Poland State Deputy and Master of the Patriotic Degree in Poland Krzysztof Orzechowski, Former Supreme Master Joseph P. Schultz and Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Kraków, archbishop emeritus, who celebrated Mass before the event.

For most men who follow Jesus, there comes a time when duty extends beyond their own lives, beyond how they lead our families, and into how they serve their fellow man. That's what the Knights of Columbus is all about. The Patriotic Degree allows knights to take this one step further. "Sir Knight" is more than a title. It's an honor.



Former Supreme Master Joseph P. Schultz (left) and Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard (right) stand with Poland State Deputy and Master of the Patriotic Degree in Poland Krzysztof Orzechowski following the Order's first Patriotic (Fourth) Degree. Orzechowski holds a display case showing the Fourth Degree pins of every jurisdiction in the Order and the dates on which the degree was inaugurated in those countries



Special Dates

Jim and Joan Birmingham	Anniversary	February 4 th
Edward Reno	Birthday	February 6 th
Robert Dobbs	Birthday	February 16 th
Nancy Shortino	Birthday	February 18 th
John Bowling	Birthday	February 25 th
Valerie Ferguson	Birthday	February 27 th
David and Valerie Ferguson	Anniversary	February 27 th
Rudy and Lorraine Santos	Anniversary	February 27 th

Dinners for meetings:

February 14, 2012	Arnold Simoni
March 13, 2012	Lou Svarc
April 10, 2012	Sherdean Swift
May 8, 2012	David Rick
June 12, 2012	Andy Palsak

Prayer List:

- ❖ Cindy Perez
- ❖ Rose and Catherine Savino
- ❖ Theresa Cabrini (Ed Tolsdorf's daughter)
- ❖ Bobbie Dobbs
- ❖ Maria and Trena Klemm
- ❖ Arnie Simoni

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.

A message from the District Deputy...

Our District Deputy was unable to provide a message for this month. Look for a message in next month's *Amador Knights*.

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There is a new Form 100 Membership Form so don't use the old ones.

Second and Third Degree Exemplifications will be held at St. John's in Carmichael March 3. Please contact the GK or Brother Matthews if you would like to go.

Treasurer Report

Br. Malone reported the following as of January 8, 2012:

Cash on Hand - \$3,298.94
CD Total - \$2,105.50
ING Savings - \$2,114.59
Total Liquidity - \$6,325.59

Financial Secretary Report

Membership:

(As of December 31, 2011)

Associate Members: 46
Life Members: 2
Honorary Life Members: 13
Insured Members: 26
Inactive Members: 1
Disabled Members: 0
Total Members: 73
Needed members to achieve Star Council: 3
Needed new insured members to achieve Star Council: 4
Member's dues paid as of 1/9/12: 34
First Degree Members: 11
Second Degree Members: 1
Third Degree Members: 48
Fourth Degree Members: 13
Transfer to Colfax Council: Fr. Tom Seabridge

Assets

Monies collected in dues as of 1/9/12: \$991.00
Monies collected for 365 club as of 1/9/12: \$116.64
Payment for Ladies Badge for Nancy Shortino: \$8.50

Expenses

Supreme
Per Capita: \$90.00
Catholic Adv: \$30.00
Culture of Life: \$57.00
Supplies: \$43.59
Total: \$220.59

California State Council
Yearly Total due 2/15/12: \$629.50
Per Capita second installment: \$314.75

Total: \$314.75

Vouchers

V-681 Sherdean Swift \$25.00 for Mass Cards
V-682 Dan Placido \$27.98 for Birthday cake for Ed Tolsdorf
V-683 Mother Lode Printing \$53.88 for Crab Dinner Ticket Printing
V-684 David Rich \$52.44 for mailing/printing and associated costs for dues collection
V-685 Supreme costs....see Expenses for details
V-686 California State Council....see Expenses for details
V-687 John Bowling \$118.08 for wine for Bishop's visit and expenses on Dec. meeting
V-688 Joe Mathews \$120.00 for donation to Catholics Returning Home Program

Programs Director Report

Br. Campoy said Br. Dominick is the chairman of the Crab Feed and he would also like Br. Katz to be a co-chairman. (Br. Katz didn't attend the meeting.) Tickets will be \$35; free tickets will be given to K of C widows and priests of the parish. Each member should provide a gift for the silent auction by the next meeting.

Br. Ragusano requested Knights not forward emails through the K of C email system. Rather, copy and paste information (that otherwise would be forwarded) into another email.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The Trustees found the bills in order and Br. Ragusano moved they be paid. The motion was seconded and passed.

Br. Matthews requested the Knights contribute \$120 to the Catholics Returning Home Program. This permits six ads to be run in the newspaper. Br. Ragusano moved \$120 be approved for this effort. The motion was seconded and passed.

GK Bowling said the owner of Northern California K of C insurance company, Krolak, retired and a new company is in place. As a result, Br. Truelsen was reassigned and Br. Darrell Hall is our new field agent.

Good of the Order

Please keep the following people in your prayers: The family of Dick and Mary Smith, Bob Justice, Cindy and Fred Perez, Cameron Guina, Katie Rose, William Koenig, Michael Flaherty, Donald Krolak, Cindy and Ken Martin, Arnie Simoni, Larry Malone, and Donald Krolak,

The Field Agent's Corner. . .

New Field Agent

Brothers:

As of this month, the Amador County Council 1849, Knights of Columbus, is being serviced by a new field agent. He has not yet had time to make contact with us, but will be doing so shortly.

Hopefully, his column will resume next month.

Editor

Br. Ragusano said to contact Dolores Swift if you know of someone who needs to be on the Prayer List.

District Warden Report

Br. Rich provided the report and said the semi-annual audit is due February 15 and Form 1728, Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity, needs to be submitted. Also, the next Northern California K of C Chapter Meeting will be held January 28 at Sacred Heart Parish Hall in Gridley, California.

The Grand Knight closed the meeting following prayers.

Respectfully submitted by Jim

Eighth annual West Coast Walk for Life draws more than 40 thousand participants

By Bob Dominick

The 8th annual West Coast Walk for Life stole a few hours of precious sunlight from the forecast of a 70% chance of rain in San Francisco, and proceeded without a hitch. Over 40,000 marchers in high spirits filled Market Street for well over a mile as they walked from the Civic Center to the Embarcadero proclaiming their faith in God and their agreement with His principle that all life is sacred.

Speakers at the **Rally** preceding the **Walk** added fuel to the indignation already burning in the nation over the 39-year old decision of the Supreme Court, *Roe vs. Wade*, known as legalized abortion.

A former Miss West Virginia now representing **Silent No More**, an organization of women who speak out about their own experiences of abortion, told the harrowing story of being forced at gunpoint to go to an abortion clinic by her boyfriend. An ob/gyn physician told of his conversion to a pro-life stance after years of performing abortions that took the lives of hundreds of innocent children. He stated, "Abortion is barbaric, abortion is intolerable."



The Walk for life participants include an increasing number of youth from throughout the nation.

As in the past few years, commentators noticed the increasing percentage of young people on the **Walk**. Youth Groups from all over California and beyond stood out in the crowd due to their numbers as well as their flags, banners, creative placards, and spirited voices. Families with children were also commonly seen.

EWTN, the now-legendary Catholic television company brought to birth by Mother Angelica, broadcast the **Rally** live so that people all over the world could participate via TV or Internet. **EWTN's** Fr. Mark Mary and Doug Barry mentioned that the number of countable or reported abortions in the world has recently passed the one billion mark making abortion the leading cause of death worldwide in recent years.

The presence and influence of the Knights of Columbus was evident in the Walk the green and white "Defend Life" placards carried throughout the walk.



A number of California prelates Walked for Life including our own Bishop Jaime Soto





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Annual Crab Feed

Saturday, February 18, 2012

American Legion Hall

12134 Airport Rd. (across from the Italian Picnic Grounds)

No Host Cocktails 5:30 PM Dinner 6:30 PM

Silent Auction - 50/50 Raffle

*Adults \$35 * Children 7-12 \$18 * Children under 7 Free*

For Tickets Call Bob Dominick (209) 223-5314

John Bowling (209) 245-6764 or Tony Campoy (209) 304-7083

The Officers of Council 1849

Grand Knight	John Bowling
Deputy G.K.	Tony Campoy
Chancellor	Dennis Shortino
Warden	Ed Reno
Treasurer	Larry Malone
Recorder	Jim Birmingham
Advocate	Nick Ragusano
Inside Guard	Vacant
Outside Guard	Charlie Esola
Trustees	Robert Dobbs
	Andy Palsak
	Dan Placido
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Sample: jbowling@kofc-1849.org

Annual Scholarship Program ready to roll

The Amador County Council 1849 Knights of Columbus is ready to roll out its Scholarship Award Program for 2012. As it has for the past four years, the Council will again be making available a \$1000.00 scholarship for a

deserving high school senior from Amador County. Forms for this year's Scholarship Program are available on line at www.kofc-1849.org/Amador_Knights/Scholarship.html.

They will also be available from the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center and from each of the two high schools, Amador and Argonaut.

Scholarship candidates must have at least a 3.0 (B) average and must be an active member of the Amador Catholic Community. The award guidelines also indicate that the candidate must "have a statement of how the applicant will give back to the community some portion of time and talent following graduation from the institution of higher learning from which he/she graduates.

It is advised that candidates for the scholarship also provide letters of recommendation.

All application documents, including any letters of support, must be received by April 15, 2012. A postmark does not count. These need to be mailed to the scholarship committee at:

27070 Carson St.
Pioneer, CA 95666-9418

Late documents will not be considered. The presentation of the scholarship award will take place at the student's high school awards night as well as at a Council family potluck dinner night either in May or June of this year.

Calendar of Events. . .

February • 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Holiday for Lincoln's Birthday	14 5:30 Officers 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Meeting	15	16	17	18 Crab Feed
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Family Potluck- 6:00 pm	22 Washington's Birthday Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 First Sunday of Lent	27	28	29 This is a Leap Year!			

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