



Tax Day April 15



CTK Festival BBQ Booth
May 14, 15, 16

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CALENDAR

Apr13 - Council Meeting
 May 11 – Council meeting
 May 20,221, 22 – State Convention – San Jose
 June 8 – Council Meeting Elections
 See attached calendar for more events

Apr 27 -Officers Meeting
 May 15 – Festival
 May 25 – Officers Meeting
 Jun 22 Officers meeting

Grand Knight's Letter:

My Brother Knights,

April to me means that spring has arrived and Easter is around the corner. The Easter Vigil is the backbone of our Catholic faith. Many adults enter into the Catholic Church after long study in the RCIA program through, baptism, communion and confirmation at the Vigil. Please keep our own Fr Declan and Sr Maureen in your prayers everyday this month in their time of need. Also this month in our prayers, we add Past Grand Knight Jack Murphy, who is doing much better and hopes to be around CTK soon.

1st Degree on April 13th at our General Meeting. Please invite any Catholic gentleman that would like to join our order. Please contact Jim Blair for info: (925) 639-5924 or jim.blair@phs.com

Eagle Scout Project Michael Bayer has been landscaping the area outside the RE office. The Knights donated the funds for 3 concrete benches for the project. Stop by to see his great work.

ST. Patrick's Day Celebration Once again the event was well attended and I have heard many compliments on the event. Thanks to all Brother Knights that helped out. Special thanks to Chefs Garst Peterson, Chris Mowery and Sam Patti. The CTK kitchen is outdated and in need of some new equipment. In the upcoming years, it is our goal to update the kitchen.

This year the Knights donated all new plates and silverware to be used for any event.

4th Annual St. Patrick's Friday talk & Green Beer Once again Father Joyce requested 'Green Beer' for his Friday night talk on St. Patrick on March 19th. This year the talk did not coincide with our St. Patrick's Celebration set up night, so I just picked up the donated green beer keg and tap at BevMo, served and returned. Father Joyce and the 100+ prisoners were very thankful to the Knights.

Winter Nights Breakfast The Knights cooked breakfast for 40 homeless guests, at the CTK Gym on March 27th. Brother Chris Mowery and his crew did a great job!

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday April 3rd located, on the CTK grass area. Details in the newsletter.

Shield the Vulnerable. Thank you to all Brothers who completed this Diocesan Mandatory Course. If you have not completed it, please do it ASAP on www.shieldthevulnerable.org.

Please contact me for any new ideas, questions, complaints, or just to have a beer.

Sincerely,

Jay Becker

Grand Knight, Council #5811

www.kofcph.org

Email Addresses and any change of address: If you've moved or change email addresses or are new and have not provided your email address, please send updated information to FS Tom Chin, email: taychin63@sbcglobal.net or mail to 255 Jeanne Drive, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. We want to keep our membership information up to date and email addresses are essential to speedy sharing of information.

Reminder: For the new members those that have not completed the mandatory Shield the Vulnerable training, please complete it as soon as possible Since most of our events include children the parish and diocese requires us to complete the Child safety training. Any new members and anyone who has not completed the training for 2009-2010 must so. See Fr. Joyce's letter (Attached) Training is online at www.shieldthevulnerable.org it requires approximately one hour. Once completed, print out the certificate for your files and one to be submitted to the parish office attn: Marilyn and forward a copy to the Grand Knight. Note: if you took the training in 2008 you must take the course for 2009-2010.

First Degree: a first degree will be held during our April meeting on April 13th. If you have any candidates please have them arrive at 7:00 pm to process paperwork.

Upcoming Degrees:

Apr XX: Tentative Third Degree. Danville. Sunday. Details to follow.

May 4: First Degree. San Ramon. St. Joan of Arc Multi Purpose Room. 7 pm registration.

2010 Dues: It's dues time again. Dues are \$35.00 for the year. This year there is a convenient way to pay your dues, just go to <http://www.kofcph.org/merchandise.html> and click on the buy now button next to Annual Dues. For those that want to do it the old fashioned way, pay by mail to FS Tom Chin, 255 Jeanne Drive or in person at the meetings. New Membership cards have arrived and will be available at the next meeting for those that have paid their dues.



Family of the Month: The Mullane Family is our council's Family of the month.

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others." – Pope John Paul II

For the Mullane's- Mike, Julie, Jack (6), Katie (4), Mary (2), and "Madeline (3 Months), service is a trait that runs strong, both in their home and in the community. "We enjoy pitching in and helping, and making a difference," says Mike, a 3rd Degree Knight and the Inside Guard and Family Director of the Council.

The Mullane's are active in many events around Christ The King and the community, including being Procurement Chairperson's for the school auction, baking for the Garden Café, coaching Little League baseball, being regular supporters of the Contra Costa County Food Bank, and participating

in Knights events such as the Parish Christmas Party, Back to School BBQ, Pancake Breakfasts, Easter Egg Hunt, and the St. Patrick's Day party. The Mullane's also attend Mass together each Saturday evening, typically followed by dinner with friends. "It is one of our favorite times of the week," says Mike. "A lot of times, Saturdays are really busy with sports, kid's parties, or chores around the house. Saturday Mass is when we slow things down- we put family first, pray together, and then enjoy time with family and friends."

During the week, the evening meal is the cornerstone of the day. After a busy day of keeping the house running smoothly, picking up and dropping off the kids from school and activities, helping with homework, and making sure that the kids get outside and play, Julie is a magician at pulling the evening meal together. "I get the kids to help; Jack, Katie, and Mary help prepare dinner and also set the table and clear it off," says Julie. Dinner starts with one of the kids blessing the meal, and is followed by lots of conversation. "We take turns asking each other 'what was your favorite part of the day?' and we also like to tell jokes," says Mike.

"Dinner together is really important," says Mike, who works as a Director at The Clorox Company in Oakland. "Julie and I both made a career changes several years ago in order to put our family first- so that we would be able to do this every night."

After dinner, the day begins to wind down with the kids taking baths, brushing teeth, getting on pajamas, and then stories and prayers. "It's quite an event," says Mike. "Julie keeps us all- myself included! - on task, and we all help one another." Mike adds, "Julie does a great job with everything- she is a great Mom and Wife, and makes sure to give each of the kid's special 'one on one time' as well- that's not easy, especially when also taking care of a 3 month old."

In the movie "Parenthood", there is a scene where the grandmother says, "You know, when I was nineteen, Grandpa took me on a roller coaster. Up, down, up, down. Oh, what a ride! I always wanted to go again. You know, it was just so interesting to me that a ride could make me so frightened, so scared, so sick, so excited, and so thrilled all together! Some didn't like it. They went on the merry-go-round. That just goes around. Nothing. I like the roller coaster. You get more out of it."

For Mike and Julie, raising four kids and keeping busy serving each other and the community sometimes feels like being on that roller coaster, but they and their kids agree- they wouldn't trade any of it.

Parish Festival: Our council will be cooking for the BBQ Booth again this year. Brother Tim Clancey is the Chairperson for this event. Email Brother Tim at tlancey@firstrepublic.com or call 925-952-8260 to sign up for a shift. Shifts are as follows: **Friday 5/14** - 5:30 - 8:00 pm; 8:00 - 10:30 pm; **Saturday - 5/15** - 1:30 - 4:00 pm; 4:00 - 6:00 pm; 6:00 - 8:00 pm; 8:00 - 10:30 pm; **Sunday 5/16** - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm; 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

Golf Tournament & CTK Auction: See Brother Rob Currans note and attached flyer. Attached is the flyer and registration form for my golf tournament. People can also register on line at www.healthdcouncil.org. Brother Knights, please email or call me when they register so I can track them and make sure they get in the foursome they want to be in. If they do not have a foursome I will make foursomes of the Knights that sign up. I'm hoping to get 16 Knights to play (about 12 have already committed).

Also, we (the auction chairs) are looking for 4 to 5 Knights to commit ahead of time to volunteer to help as "back room" helpers. This will be night of auction May 1st and it will be from approximately 7:00 to 11:00/12:00. The back room is responsible for gathering and handing out all the auction items in the tent to the winning bidders at the end of the evening. Dinner and beverages will be provided. Not mandatory but helpful if the volunteers can come on Friday night for a 30 minute walk through of the tent to familiarize themselves with item locations, process, etc.

Thanks,

Rob

Prayer Requests: The clergy and staff of our parish for quick recovery of those that is sick or injured.

Easter Activities: On Easter Saturday (Mar. 3rd) we hosted the Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under. Details of

the event will be presented at the April meeting.

Council 5811 Website: Have you checked out our new website yet? Thanks to the efforts of DGK Garst Peterson, our council website is a reality. It is still in the infancy stage and will continue to be updated as input is received by members. Check out the website at <http://kofcph.org/>. You can now order Tee Shirts, Polo Shirts and “Keep Christ in Christ” car magnets, make donations to our Christmas for the Troops drive as well as pay your dues online. Future plans include picture gallery, and members only section and links with the CTK website. Any merchandise ordered will be delivered at the next meeting.

Council Polo Shirts and T-shirts: T-shirts and polo shirt are available at the meetings Red T-Shirts - \$7.00; Polo shirts (red or blue) - \$20.00.



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“I already have insurance at work.”

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could – one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.

Fraternally yours,

Lawrence Bell Actuary F.A. #14570

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NOTES

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- 1/1 New Years Day
 - 1/3 Council Holiday Party
 - 1/12 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 - 1/18 Martin Luther King Day
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- 2/6 Free Throw Contest
 - 2/9 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 - 2/15 Presidents Day
 - 2/17 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
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- 3/9 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 - 3/13 St. Patrick’s Day Dinner 6:00 PM
 - 3/20 Breakfast for the Homeless
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- 4/3 Easter Egg Hunt
 - 4/4 Easter Sunday - Assist with Parking after Masses
 - 4/13 Council Meeting – First Degree
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- 5/11 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 - 5/14,15, 16 – Parish Festival
 - 5/21, 22, 23 KofC State Convention
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- 6/8 Council Meeting –Elections 6:50 PM
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