



## Flag Day June 14,

I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## What Makes A Dad



God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad.

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## CALENDAR

6/9/09 Council Meeting (Elections)

7:30 PM

### Grand Knight's Letter:

Brother Knights,

Let me begin by again thanking you for allowing me to you for this past year. This is my final letter as Grand Knight as we close our Columbian year.

Being it my last letter I will keep it short, but I will speak from the heart. My last letter is going to speak on us being a Catholic organization. My final words to you in this form will come as a call to always remember being Catholic, and living out what it means to be a Catholic gentlemen.

Over the summer, time becomes a little more relaxed, families are together more, time is taken for vacation and trips, and it seems to become more difficult to stick to our Catholic faith. Remember the promise you made in your first degree, carry the rosary with you. Pray it as a family on long drives, teach your children its meaning and power as a prayer.

Don't forget your pledge to live as a practical Catholic in the church. On vacation find a parish in the area, and attend Sunday mass. Within your families you have the ability to instill a strong faith through practice in your family. To show them why being a Knight is much more than just doing service, and drinking beer. Show them the faith we belong to and

strive to support. Use trips as an opportunity, if possible, to visit some great places for our church. Take a trip to San Luis Obispo, and take the family to the mission as well as the beach. If you find yourself in San Francisco, I urge you to visit St. Peter and Paul's in north beach, the church is beautiful.

I look forward to working with you at the few service opportunities this summer, and definitely look forward to seeing you and your families on Sundays at mass.

God Bless, and Enjoy the Summer,

Chris

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**2009-2010 Slate of Officers:** Elections will be held at the June Meeting, all members are encouraged to attend. If there is anybody else that wants to be an officer you can self nominate or nominate someone else before the election.

GRAND KNIGHT	Jay Becker	Deputy Grand Knight	Garst Peterson
Chancellor	Roberto Bracamontes	Warden	Rob Curran
Outside Guard	Jim Blair	Inside Guard	Mike Mullane
Recorder	Bill Johansen	Advocate	Dave Lueders
Financial Secretary (appointed)	Tom Chin	Treasurer	Roger Liebich
1st Year Trustee	Chris Mowery	2nd Year Trustee	Steve Zalewski
3rd Year Trustee	Ron Colyar		

There are also opportunities to serve as Directors of the different programs such as Youth, Membership, Church, Vocations, Community, Public Relations directors and Lecturer. These are all appointed by the incoming Grand Knight, so feel free to contact the incoming Grand Knight and express your interest.

**Flag Day June 14:** Fly the Flag and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The organized movement for adding "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance can be traced to a resolution adopted by the Knights of Columbus' national board of directors in April 1951, at the height of the Korean War. The resolution called on all Knights to add the words "under God" to the Pledge customarily recited at the openings of local meetings.

The words "under God" were not added until June 14, 1954, thanks in part to efforts by religious leaders from the Knights of Columbus, as well as the Hearst Newspapers and the American Legion, who were "worried that orations used by 'godless communists' sound similar to the Pledge of Allegiance."

To hear a heartfelt rendition of the pledge of Allegiance by Red Skelton go to <http://patriotfiles.org/Pledge.htm> .

**Family of the Month Nominations:** Please contact Brother Mike Mullane ([mike.mullane@clorox.com](mailto:mike.mullane@clorox.com)) with nominations for Family of the Month. Please include who you are nominating, and a brief description of why.

## **Looking for a New Ministry?**

Brother Dave Lueders is looking for volunteers to work on a ministry to Juvenile Hall inmates. Volunteers work for approximately 1 hour once a month (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) to bring the gospel to those youth most often forgotten. No experience needed – training will be provided.

For more information, please contact Brother Dave Lueders at (925) 798-1494. Matthew 25: 31-46

**Parish Festival:** Thank you to all members and family members that helped in the Barbeque booth this year.

**Council 5811 Website:** Thanks to the efforts of Brother 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/>. Future plans include the ability to pay dues online, picture galley, and members only section and links with the CTK website.

**Knights of Columbus California State Convention:** The State convention was held on May 14-16 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego. Brothers Tom Chin and Roger Liebich were delegates for our Council. The convention was well organized especially the registration and voting processes. The outgoing State Deputy gave his annual report on the California State Council. There were several programs presented that are worth looking into for participation by our council. Awards were given for the top ten in the different programs such as membership, youth, church etc. The only downside of this portion of the program was that they tried to hurry through the process due to the fact that only three hours were allocated for awards. So only the top three in each category were presented and the rest just read off and certificates to be forwarded. Our council did get a certificate of award for membership. The certificated was presented by The Oakland Chapter president at the last Chapter meeting to our Grand Knight Chris Mowery.

The State Officers for Columbian Year 2009-2010 were held. There was only one position that had more than 2 candidates, Brothers Timothy Carvalho and Manuel Lima were the candidates for the Office of State Warden. Brother Timothy Carvalho won the written balloting for the position, the rest of the state officers were elected by voice vote. The officers for Columbian Year 2009 - 2010 are: State Deputy – Brother Vincent Pacis; State Secretary – Brother Ivan Reek; State Treasurer – Brother Charles Clark; State Warden – State Advocate; State Warden – Brother Timothy Carvalho.

Other Resolutions were voted on by voice vote. There were a total of 98 resolutions submitted initially. Ninety five were congratulatory resolutions for years of service, years as a priest etc. Only three resolutions pertained to administration of the order, of these three two were pulled before voting. The third resolution recommended a change to the Constitutional laws to allow councils to petition their bishops to approve an ordained Deacon as their Chaplain, this was approved and will be presented at the National Convention for vote. There were an additional Resolutions submitted too late for printing but was allowed to be presented by the Delegates. Most were congratulatory resolutions and passed easily. The one resolution that affects councils directly pertained to Financial Secretary's title after finishing their term. There is no formal recognition of the FS after completion of term like Past Grand Knights. It was recommended that that Supreme Council consider the title Former FS. This was passed and will be addressed at the National Convention.

Programs: Reports were presented by the Officers of the Columbian Foundation, Columbian Retirement Home, Columbian Charities, Wheelchair foundation and Special Olympics. Currently our council participates in the first three either directly or indirectly. We should consider supporting the wheelchair foundation and Special Olympics program (located in Pleasant Hill). I will give a brief presentation and submit for consideration at the June meeting.

Overall, the Convention was well organized, entertainment nights were excellent. Hospitality rooms were good. The combined Oakland and St. Francis Chapter hospitality room was excellent there was plenty of food and liquid refreshment. However, might be a while before we eat Pilipino food after a whole weekend of it.

If there are any question concerning the Convention feel free to ask either Brother Tom or Roger.

**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.

**Landscape Maintenance Ministry:** Brother Ron Freitas is a member of the CTK Landscape Ministry. They help maintain and improve the landscape around the Church property. This Ministry needs additional members to keep up with the work. If you are interested please contact Brother Ron at [ronfreitas1016@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ronfreitas1016@sbcglobal.net) or (925) 933-2790.



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Have you ever heard the expression “lazy days of summer?” While the hot weather may encourage a slower paced life, in many ways summer can be the busiest time of the year. Especially for parents with school-aged children. And being busy, it’s easy to forget about

such things as reviewing your life insurance coverage.

The purpose of this column is to encourage you to meet with me before the end of the summer. Whether or not you have life insurance with the Order, I’ll be happy to meet with you and make sure your coverage continues to meet your needs and goals. If you’ve had any life changes since you last bought a policy (new home, new child, new job, etc.), chances are your life insurance needs to be updated. I’ll work with you to make sure you have the coverage you need at a price you can afford.

When we meet, you’ll discover that the time we spend together will be time well-spent. Let’s get together soon. Because summer is not only busy, it’s also coming to an end.

Fraternally yours,

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