



Officers for Columbian Year 2009-2010

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CALENDAR

8/24 Officer's Meeting Adult Ministry Center 7:30
9/8 Council Meeting 6:50

8/30 Pancake Breakfast after 7, 8, and 9:15 Masses

See attached calendar for more events

Grand Knight's Letter:

My Brother Knights,

The month of September for me, means "back to school", soccer, shorter evenings, my daughter getting another year older and a sense of starting something new again.

The 1st degree on August 11th had a large showing of over 35 knights in attendance. We added 2 new Knights to our council, Sean Mockler and Neil Desmond. We also initiated 2 new Knights from St. John Vianney.

The Installation dinner on Tuesday Aug 18th was performed by our Worthy District Deputy John Gonzales. We had a great showing of families to this honorary event. The meal was fantastic by Ricardo, The Taco Guy and his mobile taco cart. Ricardo at (925) 366-0173 for any of your catering needs!

The Back to School BBQ and Father Joyce's Family reunion were a great success. On Saturday the preparation was fast and furious - 10 knights rubbed, chopped and fried to their hearts content. On Saturday night, while 20 Knights enjoyed Poker with the Pastor, 3 knights wives, Rachel Becker, Lori Sanderson and Julie Peterson prepared all the coleslaw and 360 potatoes. On Sunday we came together as 30 knights and wives to serve over 550 meals. A special Thanks to: Brother Garst and Chris Mowery barbequed over 250 pounds of meat in the blazing sun. Also Brother Vince "Lemonade"

Cirelli for helping us procure 700 bottles of donated water from Ace Hardware and making Lemonade. Brother Garst did a great job as my co-chair of the Back to School BBQ.

ID Drive- Tootsie Roll drive will be taking place on Oct. 16, 17, and 18. We still need a chairman or co chairman. I hope one or two of you guys will step up and be the Tootsie Roll King. This is a fun drive to raise money for a worthy cause- Intellectual Disabilities. Last year we raised \$2,888.00 and I hope this year we can raise more for our local charities. I have ordered 8 cases of Tootsie Rolls.....

Veterans Day Care Package Drive has been approved. The event will help the CTK Family send care packages to the Troops on the front line. On the weekends of Nov. 7th & 8th and Nov. 14th & 15th, the Knights will be asking for donations outside of all Masses. Brother Jim Blair will be Chairman for this drive. Please send Brother Jim the names and addresses of any family or friends that are overseas now or in the near future.

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

Sincerely,

Jay Becker

Grand Knight, Council #5811

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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.

First Degree: A First Degree Exemplification was held at the August Meeting on Aug 11th. There were a total of 4 new Knights exemplified into the First Degree. Two of the new Knights admitted into the Order were from our Council. Please Welcome Brothers Neil Desmond and Sean Mockler to our council when you see them.

2009-2010 Officers: Officers for Columbian Year 2009-2010 were installed on Aug 18 by the Worthy District Deputy John Gonzales.



The knights are truly a family as officers pose with children



Officers form the cross as they take the oath of office



DD John Gonzales confers the oath of office to newly installed officers

Dinner was catered by Ricardo Soldanaldo, "The Taco man". Tacos were freshly made and served directly from his cart, along with rice and beans and all the trimmings.

Youth Director: Due to an omission, the appointment of PGK Chris Mowery as Youth Director was omitted in the August Newsletter. Sorry Chris!

Pancake Breakfast: The Back to School Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday after 7, 8:00 and 9:15 Masses. Setup will start at 6:15 am on Sunday. We need people to setup, cook, serve and cleanup. We especially need people to help with cleanup after the final serving. Please show up and help out.

Family of the Month Program - Warden Rob Curran and Family, September Family of the Month;

“When all is said and done, more is said than done.” -Lou Holtz, former Notre Dame football coach. While this is true in many circles, it is certainly not the case with the Curran family. Rob, Kasey, John (6), Tommy (3), and Matt (1) are all active participants in both their family life and being part of the Christ the King community.

“Being part of a Catholic community and giving back are important to us”, says Rob, who is a 3rd Degree Knight- and both he and Kasey lead by example. It is common to see them around CTK in various roles- acting as chairpersons for the school Auction, Kasey teaching her 3rd year of Religious Education, or Rob participating in Knights events ranging from the Back to School BBQ to the annual St. Patrick’s dinner. “If you want something done, give it to a busy person”, Rob says. Busy yes... but also balanced.

While the Curran’s maintain a busy schedule, they make time for family. Season ticket holders to both the San Francisco Giants and 49ers, the Curran’s are avid fans and enjoy regularly seeing their favorite teams in action. “A perfect day for us might go something like this- in the Fall, I’ll coach John’s Little League team on a Saturday morning and then we’ll head to San Francisco and get ready for the 49ers game. We have a 5th Wheel Trailer that we take with us, and we’ll spend the night at Candlestick Point. After getting the trailer set-up, we’ll drive over to St. Paul of the Shipwreck parish and attend Mass, then go out to dinner. Then we’ll rest up and get ready for the game on Sunday.”

When not at a ballgame, there is usually one taking place in the Curran’s front yard. John, Tommy and Matt can be seen playing baseball, football or basketball year round. Rob is right in the action as well, coaching the boys on fundamentals, and also teaching them about teamwork- making sure that John is taking time to help his younger brothers. “The kids have several older cousins in the area, and we get together regularly with them. It’s important to help the kids learn how to improve, but just as important to help them learn to help the younger kids”, says Rob who grew up playing baseball at CTK and De La Salle, and is now a member of the CTK Dad’s softball team, “The Padres”.

After a full day of activity, the day winds down with more family time. Rob and Kasey work together to get the kids fed and bathed, and then Kasey reads to the boys. BBQing is big in the Curran household, and they feature many specialties ranging from tri-tip to homemade pizzas cooked on the grill.

When asked about who has influenced them, Rob says that many of the Knights are role models for him. “The guys who do things together as a family- they bring their wives and kids to the events and make them a part of it as well.” Babe Ruth once said, “the way a team plays as a whole determines its success.” Based on the way the Curran family plays together and with the CTK community, they are certainly champions.

Christmas for the Troops Drive: The Christmas for the Troops Drive is underway. Please visit the website www.kofeph.org to make a donation. We will be using this money to purchase comfort items for our soldiers overseas and to pay for shipping costs. If you would like to make a direct purchase please go to the website for a list of suggested items. Try to keep the size and weight reasonable though because we have to pay for shipping.

Members are starting to take up challenge to match their individual donation of \$50.00 towards this patriotic endeavor. So far seven members have contributed \$50.00 each to the drive.

Please look for further announcements in upcoming newsletters on the volunteer opportunities we will have. If you would like to help organize this effort or make a donation by check or cash, please contact Jim Blair at 925-228-8787 or jim.blair@uhc.com.

Reminder: 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. Note: if you took the training in 2008 you must take the course for 2009-2010.

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 (3rd 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

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.



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
Making a difference for life.

For this month's column, I thought a little “Life Insurance 101” might be beneficial.

Whole life insurance calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product – one with guaranteed cash values – that offers a limited period of premium payments. The Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

“Twenty Pay Life” is exactly as the name suggests – a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is “paid up” and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

Another such plan is our “Life Paid Up at 65.” You buy this permanent product and you only pay premiums to age 65. Then, premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance – permanent life insurance – and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

I have detailed information on all of these products. At your convenience, I'll meet with you and your wife to perform a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, to help determine which of our many life insurance products is right for you and your family.

Call me – let's talk.

Fraternally yours,

Lawrence Bell Actuary F.A. #14570

I can be reached at (925) 439-2857 or email lawrence.bell@kofc.org.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE TROOPS Drive Communications Points

1. Date and purpose of the event
2. What is needed and how it will be obtained
3. Where the donations are going
4. Event schedule, donation coordination
5. Who to contact for more information

Veterans Day Care Package Drive

Veterans Day is on November 11th and is rapidly approaching! The Knights of Columbus Council #5811 has launched a campaign to gather food, letters, and gift items that will be sent to our well-deserving troops serving overseas. The Knights are also accepting cash donations that will be used to acquire additional items and pay for shipping. For a list of acceptable food and supply items, please click this [link](#) for more information.

As part of this campaign, the Knights are selling magnetic yellow ribbons emblazoned with "Support Our Troops". These ribbons are available for a suggested donation of \$5.00 or the contribution of supplies for the troops. 100% of all cash donations will go directly to acquiring and shipping items to the troops.

The Knights are accepting donations of cash and goods now through November 11th. All of the donated items will be displayed in front of the Christ the King sanctuary on Sunday, November 15th so your generosity and appreciation for our service personnel will be evident to all. These items will immediately be packed and shipped to our deserving troops.

Future announcements will be made concerning dates and times for the collection of donations and yellow ribbon availability.

Please contact Jim Blair at (925) 228-8787 or jim.blair@uhc.com for more information or to coordinate donations.

The Knights of Columbus Council #5811 sincerely thanks you for your generosity and support of the men and women who serve us all!

Challenge: GK Jay Becker, DGK Garst Peterson, FS Tom Chin and Brother Jim Blair have each pledged \$50.00 towards this effort and challenge other brothers to match with a \$50.00 donation.

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NOTES

7/4 Independence Day
 7/14 Council meeting 6:50 PM

8/11 Council Meeting 6:50PM
 8/18 Officers installation
 8/22 back to School prep 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
 8/23 Back to School BBQ 10:00 am – 6:00pm
 8/25 Officers meeting 7:30 PM
 8/30 Pancake Breakfast –6:15 am

9/7 Labor Day
 9/8 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 9/25 Officers meeting 7:30 PM

10/12 Columbus Day
 10/13 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 10/16,17,18 – Mental Disabilities Drive
 10/25 Halloween Pancake Breakfast
 (Tentative)
 10/27 Officers meeting 7:30

TBD Sausage making and sales
 11/7 &8 Collect for Christmas For the Troops
 11/10 Council Meeting
 11/24 Officers meeting 7:30
 11/26 Thanksgiving

12/8 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 12/12 Parish Christmas Party (Tentative)
 12/22 Officers Meeting 7:30
 12/25 Christmas

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1/1 New Years Day
 1/9 Free Throw Contest (Tentative)
 1/12 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 1/18 Martin Luther King Day

2/9 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 2/15 Presidents Day
 2/17 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins

3/9 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 3/13 St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Tentative)

4/3 Easter Egg Hunt
 4/4 Easter Sunday - Assist with Parking after Masses
 4/13 Council Meeting

5/11 Council Meeting 6:50 PM
 5/21, 22, 23 Parish Festival & KofC State Convention

6/8 Council Meeting –Elections 6:50 PM

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