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## State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Chaplains and Fellow Knights,

One of the really tragic figures of Sacred Scripture, it seems to me, is the Pharisee Nicodemus. He approaches Jesus in the dark of night for fear that his friends might see him talking to Jesus. He comes so close to believing in Him, but just doesn't quite let himself do so. When Jesus is arrested and tried he says something but melts away quickly when confronted by the High Priest. What must he have thought later when Jesus died and then rose again? When he found out that all that had drawn him to this man, this prophet, was real and true? He was so close, but missed out. He could have made things different.... He could have helped.... "If only I had..."



In a few short days all of us will be called upon to vote on several important issues. Our Church leaders ask us to support Propositions 4 and 8, two urgently needed State Constitutional amendments, one to restore to parents the right to protect their minor age daughters, and the other to protect the institution of marriage as we know it. What if these measures fail, partly for lack of your support and you are left with that same feeling of "I should have done more..."?

No question but that those who oppose these ballot initiatives are mobilizing. We say that we, as Knights, are the strong right arm of the Church. Are we? Are you?

In these next few days every voice and every vote will count, especially yours! And, hopefully, by your un-afraid example and vote, others will follow your lead....

My thanks, my best wishes, and my prayers go with you all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Rev. Charles Fuld, State Chaplain

## State Warden's Message

Recently I was asked why America celebrates explorer Christopher Columbus with a National Holiday but do not recognize Americus Vespucci, this country's namesake. So, I explored both men and found them both to be remarkable.

I noted a major difference that is important to us as Knights. First one Columbus's two goals was bring the word of Jesus Christ to the non-Christians he expected to meet. Vespucci is said to have made a guess at the world's circumference that was accurate within 50 miles. His real achievement seems to be that he concluded America had to be a new continent and not the eastern part of Asia, as Columbus believed.

So, this nation celebrates the person whose goal was to bring the love of Jesus Christ to whomever he met, maybe that should be our personal goal, rather than a brilliant person who guessed at the world's circumference that was accurate within 50 miles in 1500.

What a great nation we live in.

Fraternally yours,  
Ray Warriner, State Warden

Additional information on both men:

### Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain across the Atlantic Ocean in 1492, landing in the "new world" of the Americas and gaining lasting fame. Using ships and money provided by Ferdinand of Aragon and Isabella of Castile Columbus sailed west in search of a sea passage to India. He had two goals: open trade routes for Spain and bring the word of Jesus Christ to the non-Christians he expected to meet. He sailed with three ships (the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria) and on his first trip made landfall somewhere in the Bahamas. He returned to Europe to spread the word, and was named "Admiral of the Ocean Seas" by Ferdinand and Isabella. He made three more voyages in the following years, always believing that he had reached Asia, and his success opened the door for Spain to conquer the Americas. Five centuries after his daring voyage, Columbus is still famous but is also the subject of heated discussions about whether he was a good-guy hero who discovered new worlds or a not-so-nice guy who helped grab the Americas from their native inhabitants. Still, he has long been known as the man who "discovered" America, and the second Monday in October is celebrated as Columbus Day in the United States.

Columbus is also known as Cristobal or Christobal Colon (in Spanish) and Cristoforo Colombo (in Italian).

### Amerigo Vespucci

America is named for Amerigo Vespucci, who explored what is now South America a few years after Columbus's initial voyage. He was a Florentine merchant and navigator who made at least two transatlantic trips to the New World, voyages that inspired cartographer

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Martin Wardseemüller to label the new continent "America" in 1507. Vespucci was employed by the Florentine Medici family as a representative for their operations in Seville, Spain. He went from supplying ships to joining the expedition of Alonso Ojeda as a navigator. Although the record is unclear, it is generally accepted that Vespucci sailed with Ojeda to the northeastern coast of South America in 1499, under the flag of Spain. He made a second voyage in 1502. The story that he reached South America in 1497 is held to be apocryphal; the story that he made a fourth voyage in 1504 is also considered suspect. Somehow an account of a 1497 voyage was published, and Wardseemüller came to believe that Vespucci had commanded the expedition and had reached the New World before Christopher Columbus, who found the mainland in 1498. Wardseemüller named the continent America and the label stuck.

Vespucci is said to have made a guess at the world's circumference that was accurate within 50 miles. His real achievement seems to be that he concluded America had to be a new continent and not the eastern part of Asia, as Columbus believed. An honored citizen in Spain, Vespucci spent the years after his voyages as a maritime official for King Ferdinand. Amerigo Vespucci is sometimes latinized to Americus Vespucius.

### Pro-Life Director's Report

#### AN ELECTION PRAYER TO MARY

*O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.*

*Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.*

*Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.*

*Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's Law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.*

*O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a New Culture of Life.*

*Amen.*

PLEASE SHARE THIS PRAYER WITH EVERYONE!!!!

PGK Marvin Hayes, Pro-Life Director

## Family of the Month

The following are the California winners of the "Family of the Month" contest, obtained through a random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout the order.

### **August 2008**

Family of  
Gerlad & Mary Jane Kipper  
Council 2475 – Santa Maria

Family of  
Reynaldo & Ruth Noriega  
Council 3926 - Westchester

Family of  
Dominiuc & Carole Savoca  
Council 7069 – Fallbrook

### **California Family of the Month**

These are families that reflect the ideals of a Knights of Columbus Catholic Family.

### **July 2008**

Brother Knight Eldon and Lady Knight Joanne Hancock  
With Children Marie, Donna, Lori Ann, and John  
Council # 4970 - Sacramento

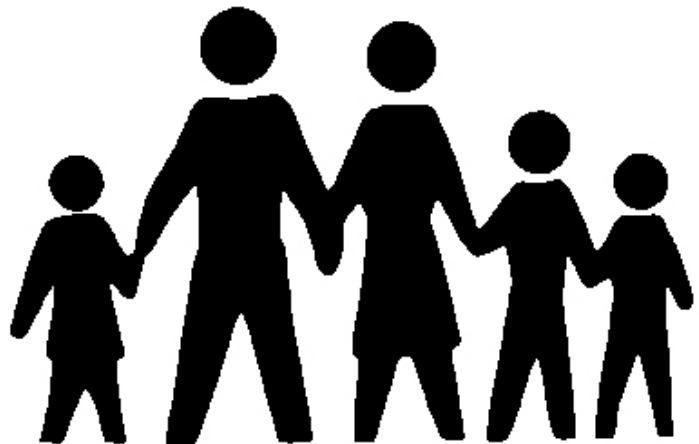
### **August 2008**

Brother Knight David and Lady Knight Danette  
With their daughter Chelse  
Council #2692 - Fremont

Worthy Grand Knights, in order to recognize and promote family involvement in the Order please consult with your Family Activities Director to select a family of the month each month and fill out the "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" form on the Supreme or State Web site and e-mail a copy to [marracq@comcast.net](mailto:marracq@comcast.net) or mail a copy to:

Gregory Marracq,  
1 Village Lane,  
Daly City, CA. 94015

Family of the Month/Year Chairman



## Marian Prayer Program News

The Marian Prayer Program in honor of Our Lady of Charity, which began in October 2007, will continue for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year.

This program features an image of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba. Our Lady of Charity has special significance to our Order, given our first principle of Charity, which was also the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. Therefore, although the Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba, devotion to her is altogether appropriate for Knights of Columbus everywhere. As a sign of spiritual solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy Father and his intentions will be remembered during each prayer service.

Here are some suggestions to help your council in planning the program:

- Once you learn when your council is scheduled to receive the image, consult your chaplain and/or pastor about the service and set a place for the service to be held.
- Find council members and clergy for the various parts of the program.
- Representatives from your council should attend the service at the council from which you will receive the image and bring the image to your council.
- Instruct the congregation to say the prayers at a moderate pace to ensure the service is truly reverent.
- If possible the choir leader should go over the hymns with the congregation before the service.
- Collect all prayer books after the service to be sent along with the image to the next council.
- No money should be collected nor should any social activity be held in conjunction with the service.
- Your grand knight should record the council's program in the logbook that accompanies the image before sending it on to the next council.



Your State Adoration Committeeman / Chapter Coordinator will be setting a new traveling schedule for the image by Chapter and District. Please work with your District Deputy to make note of when your council will next host this event. If you have any questions concerning the schedule contact your jurisdiction's Adoration Committeeman / Chapter Coordinator listed below.

**Northern, Redwood,  
St. Francis**

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E-mail: [bseno@providentcu.org](mailto:bseno@providentcu.org)

**San Jose, Oakland, San Joaquin,  
Junipero Serra**

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Mission High Desert**

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San Diego**

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State Adoration Committee Chairman  
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Vocations News

The Catholic Church annually gives us numerous opportunities to celebration vocations. Three of these annual events include: National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), World Day for Consecrated Life (WDCL), and World Day of Prayer for Vocations (WDP).

NCCV annually publishes user-friendly planning kits to help parishes, schools, dioceses, and religious congregations celebrate these events. The kits are developed to coincide with the Liturgical Calendar and Cycles. Search National Vocation Awareness Week, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and World Day for Consecrated Life for complete descriptions and ordering information.

World & National Annual Events

2009

National Vocation Awareness Week

January 11 - 16

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

February 8

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 25

Take these opportunities to approach your Pastor or Parish Council to ask for a special event to be held to commemorate these dates. Your Diocesan Vocation Office will be a source of information. Call your Chapter Vocation Chairman, Area Vocation Committeeman, or the State Vocation Chairman for ideas.

MR Foundation Report

The time for the Fund Drive to Help People with Mental Retardation is here. Now all your planning and preparation is about to pay off. You have lined up your sites and your volunteers. Now just go out there and collect the money. There are so many people depending on you. Make sure all site captains have a copy of the permission to be on the site, a copy of the MR Foundation Liability Insurance Policy, and any local permits or licenses required. REMBER THE MISSION: The



Columbian Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life, learning and main street employment for children, teens and adults with intellectual disabilities. We need every council to participate if we are going to reach our goal. We can not do it without your help. Please remember many councils donate hundreds or thousands of dollars just from holding a drive on Parish property on a weekend (With the Pastors permission of course). Once the drive is completed be sure to present a "Certificate of Merit" to all your volunteers. If is a great way to say thank-you to your volunteers and they deserve the recognition. Also, list your volunteers in your council bulletin and your parish bulletin if possible.

John Giltner, MR Foundation Public Relations Chairman

## California Columbian Squires News

Much will be happening within the State Circle during the month of October. The main event will be the first meeting of the 2008-2009 State Officers along with the State Committeemen from throughout California. With the help of Immediate Past Grand Knight Peter Tice, this important meeting will be held on Sunday, October 26th, at Kass Hall, home of Buena Park's Fr. Frederick J. Kass Council, No. 3526, and State Chief Squire Jeffery Tice of Circle No. 1707. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will run till 5:00 p.m. Host Grand Knight Juan Baca will be providing lunch and refreshments for attendees for which the State Circle is most appreciative.

Tops on the agenda will be the reintroduction of the old California Columbian Squires Workshop by Southern California State Committeemen John Jouver and Bob Vinson, Sr. According to a recent e-mail from Brother John, he will be giving a presentation outlining the workshop itself and what is involved in putting one on locally. He is also planning on distributing pertinent information and to making it available up and down the state.

In an earlier e-mail from Brother John, he stated that "many years ago, the situation many of us are aware of today existed, namely the lack of knowledge of the Columbian Squires by many in our Order." He went on to say that "circumstances made available an answer to this problem. One member of the State Squires Committee was also involved in another youth program. Selected to attend a national leadership conference for adult and young men, the conference included a workshop session on their program with copies of all the materials brought back home and used locally. Being in the Knights and a counselor in his local Columbian Squires circle, the importance of this method of instruction prompted the adopting, adapting and creation of the Columbian Squires Workshop Program."

Continuing on, Brother John wrote that "later it was learned that the method of operation used was published in a document by the U.S. government, FAA, in early 1970, to train pilots." Brother John then quipped, "No, the squires of today will not be capable of piloting planes after attending a workshop session. They will know and understand more about the Columbian Squires, their circle, the State Circle, the Supreme Council, as related to their circle program."

I think the State Circle is fortunate to have a State Committeeman like Brother John Jouver to ignite a spark in our overall program here in California. If we are to have top notch circles that will stimulate the formation of additional circles, our squires and their counselors need to be on the same page, and a consistent training program is what has been needed. Brothers John and Bob expect to roll out the final product in late Fall.

In addition to the above, I will be presenting an outline for earning individual and circle recognition at next year's state convention. And speaking of the convention, it has been moved to the weekend of 12-14 June with the approval of State Deputy Bob Villalobos so as to avoid Father's Day, which is June 21st next year. With the arrival of the badges for the state officers from supplier Brother Vince Giracello, these and CDs of the pictures

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taken at the 2008 convention will be distributed at the meeting to save the cost of postage to the State Circle.

In closing, please remind your council's M.R.D. chairman that, should any squires be assisting in the passing out of Tootsie Rolls and the collecting of money, please mark their yellow cans and ask the chairman to report the monies collected to the chief counselor so that his circle's total can be submitted for consideration for an M.R.D. award from P.S.D. Frank Nigro at the 2009 convention. Thank you.

Remember, should your Council or Assembly be interested in sponsoring a Circle, please do not hesitate to contact your State Committeeman, Chapter Squires Chairman or call the State Circle "Squire Line" at (760) 666-1828 for information. More next month.

Fraternally,

*Gene Baehl*, Director, California State Circle



On the left is the "California Work Shop" banner for "Circle 000" from eons ago. On the right is the mug given out upon completion of the workshop many moons ago (Both photos courtesy of State Committeeman John Jouver).

Fathers For Good

**New Featured Topic on Fathers for Good Web Site**



The Knights of Columbus' initiative on Fatherhood has moved into its second month with a new featured topic on the Fathers for Good Web site, [www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org).

"Involved Father" is the new topic. Dr. Richard Fitzgibbons, a Catholic psychiatrist, explains why fathers must be involved with their wives and children to fulfill their vocation and achieve personal happiness.

Also featured is a concise article, "8 Habits of Highly Effective Fathers."

The Fathers for Good Web site also includes:

- ◆ A video message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson
- ◆ Podcasts by experts on love, marriage and family life
- ◆ Father's Forum for your comments and questions
- ◆ A "Good for Mothers" section
- ◆ A ballot to cast your vote for next month's topic.

Visit [www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org) today, and tell all your friends about this new Web site sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!

# No Imitations!

## Teen Rally (ages 13 and over)

Why settle for imitations when you can have the REAL THING?



Keynote speaker: **Chris Stefanick**

- Real love; authentic relationships
- Choice for chastity

**Cost: \$10.00**

<http://www.chris-stefanick.com/index.html>

"Having known Chris for almost ten years, I can say that he is one of the best youth speakers I've heard. His love for our Lord, our Lady, and our teens is clear, and his ability to impact his audience is truly a gift."

*Jason Evert, Apologist and Teen Chastity Speaker, Catholic Answers*

**Sunday, October 19, 2008**

**St. John the Baptist Church, 307 Montrose Dr., Folsom 95630**

Check in: 12:30 pm in the parish hall

Ice-breaker, music by the Cimorellis and snacks: 1:00—3:00 pm


**No Imitations!** talk: 3:00 pm in the church (adults invited)

Sunday Mass and Benediction: 4:00 pm (families welcome)


**Rally Sponsorships may be sent to:**  
**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST YOUTH GROUP**  
**NO IMITATIONS! YOUTH RALLY**  
**307 MONTROSE DRIVE**  
**FOLSOM, CA 95630**

*RSVP contact: [baxterkathy@hotmail.com](mailto:baxterkathy@hotmail.com)*

Northern California Fourth Degree News



**Knights of Columbus  
Junipero Serra Province  
Northern California District Presents  
The 2008 Admirals Ball**



**Host Assembly: St. Joseph Assembly #2246  
SK Ralph Manfredo, Faithful Navigator**

**Where: St. John the Baptist Church Hall  
279 S. Main St.  
Milpitas, CA 95035**

**When: November 8, 2008, 6:00 PM Social, 7:00 PM Dinner,**

**Dinner: Buffet - Baron of Beef or Chicken, salad, potatoes  
vegetable & dessert**

**Cost: \$25 per person - paid in advance. Make checks payable  
to: St. Joseph Assembly #2246 and send checks to:  
SK Edward Blake, PEN  
1172 Hillview Dr.  
Milpitas, CA 95035  
Phone: 408-263-0247**

**Recommended Hotel: The Hampton Inn Milpitas  
215 Barber Lane  
Milpitas, CA 95035  
408-428-9090  
Price: \$ 89.00 plus tax, Includes Breakfast**

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### Prayers for Brothers, Family, and Friends

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our deceased Brother Knights, relatives, and friends:

Father Vincent Lorenz, former San Diego Diocese Chapter Chaplain for 8 years, passed away on in early September 2008

Father Jack Riley, Former Friar, Fourth Degree Northern California District

Let us also remember our members, relatives and friends who have had medical attention recently, or will have in the near future:

State Deputy Robert J. Villalobos.

### About The California Knightletter

The *California Knightletter* is posted to the California State Council Web Site after the sixth of each month for download in PDF format. PDF readers can be downloaded for free from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com). Both the full color and black & white version will be available for download and distribution.

**Would you like to see your Council news here?** Prepare up to one page including pictures, describing your Council's recent events or achievements. Please send in Word format (.doc) to the Editor. Picture formats (.jpg, .gif, etc.) are acceptable for pictures and artwork. When preparing these reports, please be sure to write them in the third person, identify the activity depicted and all persons in the photos, and describe the event completely.

**Remember: Who What Where When Why.**

Also, we will publish one page flyers for golf tournaments, Bishop's Vocation dinners, Chapter testimonials or significant Council anniversary dinners, and other major events.

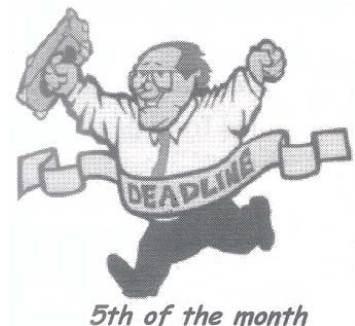
All input for the newsletter should be sent directly to Peter Dreisbach at [CaKnightletter@comcast.net](mailto:CaKnightletter@comcast.net).

**The deadline for the next newsletter will be November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**N.B.!** Due to the time required to convert them for proper inclusion, all input must be sent electronically, in the "content created format" (e.g. Word, e-mail, or text).

Please write your articles in the third person and **not as personal letters** (exceptions: State Officers and Directors).

Do not send PDF documents or images of text or flyers. Input sent as PDF files will not be included. Do not send scanned images of text. All input is subject to minor editing to adjust for formatting.



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