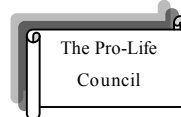




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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

On August 9th I had the privilege of attending a Town Hall meeting with our newly elected State Deputy, Ivan Reek, who came to the Bay Area to meet with Brother Knights of the San Jose Chapter. I would like to briefly share a few key takeaways from that meeting. The California State Council had a record year, meeting all of our recruiting, fundraising and program objectives. This year we would like to focus in three key areas: membership, vocations, and culture of life.

First, new members are the life blood of our organization, so a key objective for the next year will be membership, membership, and membership. Ivan asked us to reach out to lapsed members, and ask if they need assistance of any kind. He reminded us that the Columbian Foundation has grants available for Brother Knights in financial need. Second, Fr. John Poncini, Chapter Chaplain and Director of Vocations for the Diocese of San Jose, spoke to us about what we can do to support vocations. Third, the State Council has decided to give a special focus to the Culture of Life, creating a separate program area. As part of that effort, Brother Knights from San Jose and San Francisco will volunteer to be peacekeepers at the annual Walk for Life in San Francisco, next January. The State Council is also sponsoring a Youth Rally to be held at Fort Mason at the end of the Walk.

This month I would like to focus on our response to the call to create a *Culture of Life*. Our Council is sponsoring multiple programs in this area: *Handicapables*, *Tootsie Roll* fundraiser for people with intellectual disabilities, and the Mass of Reparation on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The *Handicapables* is a program of Catholic Charities started in 1968 for individuals with disabilities. Members enjoy a monthly gathering that includes lunch, group discussions, Mass, and entertainment. On August 21st our Council will have the honor of hosting the *Handicapables* for a second year at St. Justin's Small Hall at 10:00am. We will have a Mass, presided by Fr. Edsil, lunch, and will show the inspiring award-winning short film *Butterfly Circus*, starring Eduardo Verástegui (*Bella*, 2006). Brothers Israel is coordinating this event. Please contact him if you can help.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK



Dates to Remember

21-Aug-10	Handicapables Event
28-Aug-10	Social
11-Sep-10	Business Meeting
2-Oct-10	Business Meeting
10-Oct-10	Membership Drive
15-Oct-10	Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser
16-Oct-10	Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser
17-Oct-10	Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser
6-Nov-10	Business Meeting
17-Nov-10	Dine-out Social/Fundraiser
4-Dec-10	Business Meeting
4-Dec-10	St. Justin's Bazaar?
11-Dec-10	Guadalupe Mass
8-Jan-11	Business Meeting
22-Jan-11	Mass of Reparation?

Council News

Pastor Assistance Fund

Our council will begin selling doughnuts after Mass in order to support our Pastor Assistance Fund. We are planning to start on August 29th and to follow every fourth Sunday of the month.

Handicapables

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Br. Israel Gonzales (israelgpallares@sbcglobal.net) will be in charge of this event. Please contact him if you can help/volunteer.

Our Next Social

This is a reminder that we will be having our next Family Social gathering of Knights, friends, and family on Saturday, August 28th at 6pm.

This evening we will have a special family-oriented program that includes showing the inspiring award-winning short film *Butterfly Circus*, starring Eduardo Verástegui (*Bella*, 2006).

We will also be honored by the visit of Jeff & Jacque' Andersen, who will give us a talk about the Worldwide Marriage Encounters movement.

Br. Davison Vivit (dvvivit@earthlink.net) will be in charge of dinner. Please contact him if you can help/volunteer.

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