



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

**Bishop William R. Johnson Council
June 2019**

Let's all continue to pray for our Brother Jim Breen. Brother Jim is our newsletter editor and is battling lung cancer. He had a chemo session this week. May God provide him healing and full recovery.

Grand Knight's Report

June is the Month of Grads, Dads, and Golf

Hello my brothers! I recently read this quote..." To the world you are a Dad. To our family you are the world." This month of June is the Month we celebrate Father's Day. To all Dads and Grand Dads congratulations and Happy Father's Day. We celebrate our all-important role in our families. We also celebrate graduations this month. For Council 9487 we celebrate the end of my position of Grand Knight and elect a new group of officers.

This next General Meeting on June 5th we invite you to attend where we elect our new officers for 2019-2020. Our Deputy Grand Knight Vince Vasquez is our incoming Grand Knight nominee. We also are proposing budget related items before the meeting to finalize the budget in July/August.

The first weekend of June our Council 9487 is hosting a Pancake Breakfast. We will be hosting on Sunday June 2nd after the 7AM and 8:30AM masses. We will offer Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Juice. Please come and join us in the kitchen or eat in the parish hall and support the Knights. All proceeds will go to our various charities.

We recently finished in Third Place within the state for our efforts in the Intellectual Disabilities Drive. I hear we came really close to finishing in second by just a few hundred dollars. I sincerely thank all who volunteered their time with this drive. It

is a great honor to finish at this high level with all the Councils that represent the State of California. We should all be proud of our results.

I am happy to announce that our Council will be donating toward the purchase of wheelchairs with the Knights of Columbus logo to be used at Christ Cathedral at the request of our Bishop. We are answering the call from our Chapter Brothers to help provide funding for this need.

Our golf tournament is quickly coming on June 30th. Bro. Al Gamarra is organizing his committee and we already started offering sign ups and tickets for a helicopter ball drop. This year looks to be a competitive group of golfers coming to our tournament. Even if you are not a golfer you can help by entering the ball drop and selling ball drop tickets. I wish all a Blessed Father's Day and hope you can enjoy with your families!

Many Blessings,

- Bob Kupfert, WGK

Officer Elections

Wednesday June 5th is our general business meeting. We will be holding our annual election of officers. The proposed slate is listed below. If you are a 3rd degree Knight and would like to be considered for any officer role please be at the meeting. You will need to have someone ready to nominate you.

Proposed Slate of Officers

Elected Positions:

- Grand Knight Bro. Vince Vasquez
- Deputy Grand Knight Bro. Ken Breneman
- Chancellor Bro. Angel Garcia
- Recorder Open
- Treasurer Bro. Mike Ulibarri
- Advocate Bro. Dominic Rainone
- Warden Bro. Ricardo Teano
- Inside Guard Bro. Wayne Ellis
- Outside Guard Bro. Jeff Henley
- First Year Trustee Bro. Bob Kupfert
- Second Year Trustee PGK Pat Larkin
- Third Year Trustee PGK Roger Sonnenfeld

Appointed Positions:

- Financial Secretary Bro. Joe Merchant
- Lecturer Bro. Ben Niewinski
- Lecturer Bro. Dave Atkins

Knight of the Month – Jose Lopez

Let us congratulate Jose Lopez for distinguishing himself as our Knight of the Month. These are some reasons. Jose is a 4th Degree Knight, has acted as Inside Guard, Outside Guard, a Recorder, has helped in the kitchen, does recycling and recycling barn duty. A mouthful so far. (Barn duty by the way, is a week-long assignment from George to check the recycling area for drop-offs and clearing it to accommodate more.)

Every member of Jose's family is involved with different ministries. Wife Patty does Eucharistic ministry, Children's Liturgy and counting collection money Ministry with Jose. Daughter Jessica, 26, and son Jonathan, 23 belonged to the children's choir for many years. Jonathan is a Knight, graduated from CMU, and now lives in Chicago where he works for a consulting firm. Jessica graduated from LMU, now lives in LA, and works for a multi-media graphic design company.

Jose has recently taken over the Red Cross Blood Drives from Vince, as he prepares to take over as Grand Knight. With the help of Stephen Grindrod and Angel Garcia, they just have a very successful drive on May 14. He is thanking all the donors.

Jose said that becoming a Knight has been the best way to serve our parish and our community. He was hesitant at first but thanks to Ricardo. "It was one of the best decisions in my life. I meet great brothers and feel good every time I am able to serve."

Congratulations Jose!!

- Ricardo Teano, Membership Director

Family of the Month – Birtja Family

Congratulations to the Bob and Susie Birtja, our easy pick as Family of the Month. Bob is a 9 year member. He met John Piccolo and Chip Orłowski during "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" whose gentle "push" got him off the couch and do it!

Bob and wife Susie have done so much the church and council. Bob has participated with the Weekly Recycling program, the Saturday Recycling program, monthly Adoration, events for our disabled population, "Tootsie Roll" events, helping with our KofC dinners, helping with our annual fiesta activities, and Golf Tournament. With Susie, they do monthly "counter" for our collection ministry. In general, Bob tries to support whatever needs come along.

Married 50 years ago, they have 2 beautiful and amazing daughters, Shelley, 47 and Kristen, 44 and 4 grandchildren. Susie is retired after 48 years as Physical Therapist. She now volunteers as Ombudsman for OC and visits residential care homes as senior advocate.

Bob was born Catholic and Susie a convert. Bob attended Catholic school all the way to high school. He joined the US Army Reserve, received a Masters in Education/Administration and retired as a Vice Principal. With his good heart, he still serves as honor guard and flag bearer to Military Funerals.

Congratulations to Bob who is so proud to belong to the council. He feels our Parish benefits greatly from our philanthropic activities throughout the year. Someone is always there to "lend of hand" when the needs arise. This group helps strengthen his Faith and resolve to be a better person.

- Ricardo Teano, Membership Director

5 Proclaimed 2nd Degree Knights

A solemn 2nd degree rite proclaims 5 of our brother Knights to their 2nd degree level. The ceremony was held at the Father Kass Knight Hall in Buena Park on May 26, 2019. The tenet of this Formation Degree is Unity. The new 2nd degree Knights are Stan Banash, Jerry Clements, Joel Kattapuram, Ovidio Najera, and Andrew Shields. Let us congratulate them on their reinvigorating advancement.

We must not forget the brother sideliners who witness and add brotherly support. They are GK Bob Kupfert, Andy Shields, and Ricardo Teano.



L to R: Andy Shields, Ovidio Najera, Andrew Shields, Joel Kattapuram, Jerry Clements, Stan Banash, GK Bob Kupfert, Ricardo Teano

- Ricardo Teano, Membership Director

Mothers Day Roses

Stalwarts of Council 9487 in action. Mother's Day roses are handed out at the church plaza after all masses for a suggested free-will donation to OBRIA. The Happy Mother's Day greeters are current Grand Knight Bob Kupfert, PGK Pat Larkin, and PGK and Head of the Fundraising event Steve Eggert. Happy Mother's Day!!!



- Ricardo Teano, Membership Director