KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Happy New Year January 2006

Getting that Christmas Feeling

by John Ojeda, PGK

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It's a good thing that someone was paying attention.

At the last general meeting I asked for some help to put up decorations for Christmas. It was to be done on a Thursday evening at 6 o'clock.

I was making my calls to remind people and see if we had enough help before calling those I could press into action.

Richard Mills reminded me that there was a special Mass Thursday beginning at 7 p.m.

The best laid plans and all that.

This also meant that Saturday, Dec. 17, would be very busy. There were not as many people signed up for Saturday as there was for Thursday.

You can always count on the generosity of the Knights of Bishop Johnson Council. They are willing to give of their time when that is what is needed.

T'was the day to get Christmas trees into the trucks, Gene Ganley and the See FEELING page 4

GK Report A happy, healthy New Year; K of C makes big difference



Next meeting: Jan. 11

The next general meeting has been moved back one week to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, due to the proximity of the New Year holiday.

Next month's meeting date is the same: Feb. 1.

by Rich Piecuch, Grand Knight

Over the past 10 years, the Knights of Columbus have made a BIG difference.

The Knights have given over 63 million hours of volunteer service, made close to \$140 million in charitable contributions, and supported the blood banks and hospi-



tals by providing over 400,000 blood donors.

These numbers are quite impressive, but when it comes to helping our local community, our work has just begun.

I encourage our brothers to continue volunteering and to support our activities.

We also would like to increase the amount of support to our charitable organizations. In addition to volunteering, I encourage each Council member to share the many honors and benefits of being a Knight with other Catholic men and their families.

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Knight of the Month Jim Bailey



Our Knight of the Month of December is Jim Bailey. Jim has held several positions in our council, but this year, he took on something new.

Jim assumed the leadership (crutches and all) role selling the Entertainment Books. I hope you purchased your book for 2006.

Jim and his committee sold over 285 books so far, a noteworthy accomplishment. Jim is already talking about some innovative ideas for increasing sales next year. Good job, Jim!

– Rich Piecuch, GK

Family of the Month Sal Gonzalez Family

December is a busy month for our Knights and their families.

One family stands out because of their dedication going over and beyond the call. They managed to procure, display and sell beautiful poinsettia plants after all the Masses for two weekends in December. It proved to be a successful fundraiser for our Council.

Sal Gonzalez, his wife, Lisa, and his daughters, Linda and Michele, did an outstanding job.

We greatly appreciate their time and effort to raise over \$1,200 for our many charities. A big thank you to our Family of the Month: the Gonzalez family: Sal, Lisa, Linda and Michele.

– Rich Piecuch, GK

December meeting highlights

Committee Reports - Mark Bustamente is planning a freethrow shooting contest Jan. 9-3 at JSerra High; possibly another at Santiago. A Poster Contest will be from Jan. 4-11. A Family Movie Night is a possibility in February. A Valentine's Day dinner-dance (Feb.11) and Bunco Night are also set.

Recycling - Gene Ganley said \$1,722 was raised in November and \$194K overall. Bob Morgan has been spearheading the effort of the Monday Crew. (See entire list of names on page 3).

Playhouse - John Piccolo said construction is 90 percent complete on the children's playhouse in the Rectory parking lot thanks to Chip Orlowski and Don Leuer. It will be raffled off in January, with the proceeds going to Theo's Works.

New Year's Eve Party — Nelson Sweeney is helping coordinate a party from 8:30 to? in the PH with champagne, party favors, photos of the Knights and their wives. Tickets: \$35 each.

Newsletter — Nine consecutive issues of our newsletter will be submitted in April for the statewide contest.

Coffee & Doughnuts -- Joe Schulte needs help after the Masses (especially the 10:30) the second and fourth Saturday and Sunday of the month. To help, call Joe at 770-7884.

– Jim Breen, Recorder

Recycling



Forecast for the new year looks bright and sunny

by Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer

As always, our Santiago parishioners came through big time for us at December recycling day. In addition, our Council brothers matched them with their controlled attendance, well-spaced over the day. Our overall program is in very good shape, and our forecast is for great things to come this year.

We have some interesting things happening at our recycle program every Monday.

We now have five ladies on our active team. Two sisters-in-law, one Catholic nun and one wife (the spouse of Richard Ciolek) and one daughter (of Otis Givenrod.)

We will be raffling off four \$50 Savings Bonds at the January program (the 4th) in appreciation of the great support by our parishioners. We have now raised \$194,000 since the program first began, and the beat goes on.

We have said this before, but it bears repeating: Council 9487 brothers should be very proud. They have kept our program going all these years.

Not only have we raised a considerable amount of money, which has translated into helping many people and organizations, but a large part has been done to help the environment.

Congratulations to all of you who have played such a major role in our success. It took the following 28 Brothers, students (and one grandchild, Dan Ramella's Blake Johnson) to help us last month, and we extend all a big thank you: George Nothhelfer, Jim Breen, Rich Piecuch, Dan Ramella, Blake Johnson, Rich Mills, Otis Givenrod, Subhan Kusuma, Gene Ganley, Carmen Abaoag, Don Pooters, Don Leuer, Michael Haubert, Rich Quinn, Sean Renden, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Pat Walloch, Jim Fitzgerald, Charles Young, Steve Seastrom, Rob Balen, Richard Olson, Scott Napp, Vivian DuBois, Javier Campos, Jimmy Benavente, and Rochelle Masusal.

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By example, we will not only increase membership, but enable other Catholic men to enjoy an experience of a lifetime through brotherhood and service.

Be sure to carry a Form 100 at all times and be ready to recruit a new member today.

Some of the up and coming events for 2006 include:

- Poster Contest, Jan. 4-11.
- Free Throw Contest, Jan. 9-13.
- Clergy Night, Jan. 30.
- Marriage Renewal and Valentine Dance, Feb. 11.
- Bunco Number 2, March 18.
- Day of Sharing, April 8.



Mo Boivin, Richard and Barbara Ciolek, Jay Donahue, Vivian DuBois, Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman, Bob and Judy Morgan, Rich Piecuch, Dan Ramella, Bill Priester, John Ruelas, Bob Short, Mike Sofka, Sister Agnes Steiner, Otis and Tara Givenrod.

Maintenance Update Council helped set up



trees, chop books

by Gene Ganley

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Council purchased, transported, and set up the parish Christmas trees.

A big thank you goes to Brothers John Ruelas, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, and Dan Ramella for their efforts.

On Dec. 7, 8 and 14, we sheared the glued backs from telephone book pages. These pages were then recycled with the newspapers.

Thank you Brothers Bob Morgan and Gene Ganley.





<u>January</u> <u>Birthdays</u>

01DamHanh LaGriffin 01 Steven McKay 03 Dottie Jeffers 03 John Piccolo 05 Arthur Johnson 06 Bruno Pantoni 09 Joan Boyd 09 Betty Gilmour 09 Wendy Harrison 09 Paul Rymer 10 Scott Seamark 11 Rita Bishop 11 Eduardo Chin 12 Mark Blackwelder 12 Elizabeth De Prospero 30 William Marilly 14 Ana Martinez 14 Randy Johnson

17 Mary Papac 17 Janet Lopez 17 Carrie Kistner 17 Richard Sanders 20 Sam Nainoa 21 Rich Mulhaupt 23 Frank Kloer 25 Philip Harmon 26 Wesley Kobayashi 26 Vince Eacona 26 Richard Pineros 28 David White 29 Helen Mauter 29 Donna Furniss 31 Josie Alves

31 Joanne Cashma



Anni<u>versarys</u> 04 Leonard & Josie Gribbons

<u>January</u>

05 Mark & Gayle Peters

09 William & Betty Gilmour

11 Anssy & Hermina Okoebor

22 John & Carrie Kistner

23 Rene & Cynthia Robles

26 Ted & Ann Fay

30 Ronald & Joyce Lindabury Jr.



GETTING THAT CHRISTMAS FEELING: From page 1

Knights were paying out the bucks.

They got delivered with care and watered by Kay, so we just had to wait for that fateful Thursday.

The Knights do come through when it matters the most, the parishioners must think it was done by a ghost.

The garland got hung in the eyehooks with care, and the Nativity scene is waiting Jesus to be there.

On Richard, on Joe, on Kevin and Dick. Go Dan, and Mark and Kay with her stick.

Now the manger sits empty awaiting the day when we dress in our finest *instead of for play.*

The Church is what matters and fraternity abounds, when friends come together, then God is around.

When we enter the Church may we all raise our eyes, to the beauty He gives us. This is no Surprise.

Our crews consisted of Bob Morgan, John Ruelas, Gene Ganley, Dan Ramella, Theresa Hollings, Joe Schulte, Richard Mills, Rich Piecuch, Karen Cardinale, Mark Bustamante, Roger Sonnenfeld, Kevin Mooney, Eileen Goodman, Sean Goodman, Pete Van Deudekoff, Debbie van Deudekoff, Joanne Cashman and our leader Kay Kenson.

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January, 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day holiday	3	4 Poster Contest, Jan. 4-11	5	6 First Friday Adoration Feast of The Epiphany	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Mobil Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m. Free-throw Contest, Jan. 9-13		General Meeting, 8 p.m. 1st Degree, St. Columbans, Mission SJC			Recycle, 7 a.mNoon
15 Coffee and Doughnuts	Mobil Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m. 1st Degree at Father Kass 		18 Officers Meeting	19	20	21
22	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 23	24	25	26	27	28
2nd Degree at Father Kass	Mobil Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m.			Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann		
29 KofC Corporate Communion, Breakfast	30 Mobil Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m. Clergy Night	31				