

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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– Kevin Sabicer photo

Rich Mills fills his plate at the pancake breakfast held Sept. 10 on the church patio. *MR Drive is Oct. 20-22*

Brothers, we need help

by Bill Breen, MR Chairman

Brothers: Oct. 20, 21 and 22 are the dates for our 2006 MR (Tootsie Roll Drive) drive at all local stores.

We will be soliciting from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day at nine stores in the Lake Forest, Foothill Ranch and Mission Viejo areas. The shifts will be two hours in duration.

We are asking every ablebodied brother to volunteer for at least one shift and where possible a shift a day. The confirmation students and students from the local high schools will also help.

We need you but we also need your families. For some strange reason the kids and women collect much more than we guys.

We need a total of 600-plus helpers. If you want to work with someone you know, call them or me at (949) 770-4939.

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<u>GK Report</u> Knights shine at Festival

by Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

Brothers, you did it again, shinning the Knight Light brightly by donating your time and talents to make the Santiago de Compostela Festival the success it was.

Many people gave countless hours to pull it off, but it was evident everywhere you looked Friday, Saturday or Sunday and the five days preceding the

festival. You could find a brother Knight doing something, working set-up, the beer booth, staffing a game booth, selling tickets, cooking/serving breakfast, food booths,



counting the receipts, and on and on. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

I could't help but feel the love and fellowship in the air, kids, big and small, fellow parishioners laughing eating and enjoying each other's company. This sense of community fellowship is what you, the Knights of Columbus, do best. Thank you.

Special thanks to Hector Guzman, Chris Detar, Mike Sofka, and Steve Eggert. They worked on the set-up all week, then went

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Knights of the Month Mike, Chris and Steve

Our three Knights of the Month are giants among men, putting the enjoyment of others above themselves. Mike Sofka, along with Chris Detar and Steve Eggert, worked tirelessly the week prior to the festival. The electrical set up is a maze of sophisticated bundles stretching from one end of the church grounds to the other. Also, the tent set-up and placement, tables, decorations, signing up and organizing the other volunteers and so much more.

The amount of physical labor and knowledge needed to accomplish the complete set-up prior to the Festival opening is mind boggling. Not to mention the time they gave during the Festival, and late into the night getting the teardown accomplished. Although not alone, they truly deserve the honor and distinction of being Knights of the Month.

Take a moment and thank them for all their efforts, because without it, the Festival would not have been the same.

- Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

<u>Family of the Month</u>

Hector and Cindy Guzman

It is my pleasure to announce Hector and Cindy Guzman as our Family of the Month. They gave unselfishly of their time and talent by contributing to the success of our Festival.

Hector co-chaired the event, attending the monthly and sometimes weekly meetings, organizing and planning the event. It could never have happened without Cindy handling all the things that still need attention at home. It was her support of Hector's work at the Festival that enabled him not to miss a beat on his ushering duties. Let us not forget time is a valuable commodity, and we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful family share theirs with us.

- Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

Entertainment books are here

by Rich Piecuch, PGK

The 2007 Orange County Enternment Books have arrived.

The latest version offers major discounts on shopping and services at Hallmark, Pier 1 Imports, Radio Shack, etc.

It also offers discounts at fine and informal dining establishments. Some of the new retaurants include The Abbey, Johnny Rockets, Caterina's Bistro, the Fish Market & Grill on the Lake, A&W Restaurant, Carvels, Seattle's Best Coffee, Togo's Eatery, and more.

Many of the favorites are also included in this years edition: Five Crowns, Villa Nova, Lampost Pizza, the Melting Pot, etc.

The book also has many offers for family fun, such as Opera Pacific, Angels baseball, Santa Ana Zoo, Knott's Berry Farm, Ripley's Believe of Not, etc.

It offers great travel savings, and books for surrounding areas are also available.

At \$35 apiece, it doesn't take long for the book to pay for itself.

Get your orders in quickly, while our supply lasts.

Call **Rich Piecuch** at **830**-**1475** or **Jim Bailey** at **770-8272** to reserve your copies, start saving money and assist our Council in this annual fund-raiser.

Thank you.

Recycling

Solid efforts, plenty of material, helps boost September program

by Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer

Our September program continued to be very good. The newspaper total was ample and the balance of our recyclables was as usual, very strong.

Council member response for help was very good and spread out evenly throughout the morning. But we would still like to see more of our younger Brothers give us an hour or two at the monthly second Saturday program.

In addition, our "Every Monday Crew" continues to give us a faithful effort. Thank you one and all.

We have made a weekly commitment to pick up a truckload of "hard white" sheet paper from a local manufacturing company, thanks to member Dan Diesel. It is greatly appreciated, Dan.

The Council has now raised \$208,000 to date and counting. The "beat goes on."

Now is the time to give a big thank you to the following who helped us in September: John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Gene Ganley, Pat Bole, Joe DeProspero, Dick Sanders, Carmelo Abaoag, Richard Mills, Michael Shiraishi, Richard Shiraishi, Rich Piecuch, Roger Sonnenfeld, Andy Kotnik, Don Pooters, Don Leuer, Rich Mulhaupt, Dan Ramella, Claude Makin, Michael Haubert, John Piccolo, Rob Balen, David Balen, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Rick Reynolds, Richard Olson, Charles Young, Eddie Morrisroe, Pat Walloch, and Vivian DuBois.

Coffee and Doughnuts Program

Help needed: 3 Brothers for one Sunday a month

by Joe Schulte PGK, Advocate

Brothers, as you know we have been a cornerstone in our Parish's efforts to provide a measure of fellowship by hosting coffee and doughnuts after Masses the second Sunday of every month.

If we are to continue with this tradition, it is absolutely necessary for additional volunteers to step forward.

I am asking for a minimum of three Brothers to accept this most worthy challenge so we can continue to provide our parish community with the opportunity to get to know one another in a most unassuming environment.

It would require your commitment for one Sunday, every quarter, from approximately 7 to 11:30 a.m.

Please contact me at 770-7884, or after the normal business meeting on Oct. 4.

Thank you.

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Thanks to the Monday Crew:

Mo Boivin, Richard and

Barbara Ciolek,

Jay Donahue,

Vivian Dubois,

Gene Ganley,

Hector Guzman, Bob and

Judy Morgan,

Rich Piecuch, Bill Priester,

Dan Ramella, John Ruelas,

Bob Short, Mike Sofka,

Sister Agnes Steiner,

Otis Givenrod

Pray for

World

Peace

September meeting highlights

by Randy Gamache, Recording Secretary

Special Speaker. District Deputy Guy Gottschalk spoke on the importance of the up-coming membership drive. He challenged our Council to get our First Degree team up and running and stated his team is better than ours. Let's prove him wrong! He reminded us the 4th degree is Oct. 7 at the Irvine Marriot.

Recycling. The program earned about \$1,500 this month but our support was down. On a good note, our efforts have not gone un-noticed, we were mentioned in the state bulletin that we have risen over \$205,000.

MR Drive. Chairman Bill Breen addressed the upcoming drive Oct. 7-8. We are continually number one in the state. Last year we raised over \$41,500 and the Supreme Council challenged us to raise \$50,000 this year. Corporate sponsors are the answer. Bill called for more help.

Degree Teams. Ed Brown said the First Degree team has had a couple of sessions and is doing well. Five or six back-up Knights are needed to help when team members are absent. He also informed the Council that Joe Schulte will be serving as the team captain.

Golf Tournament

Chip Orlowski discussed the upcoming golf tournament for Theo's work. We had 33 paid golfers last year and he expects to have between 60 and 65 this year. Come out and support this worthy cause.

Knights in Poland. Poland has started so many enough Councils in Poland that they have been sanctioned as a province for the Knights of Columbus.

Entertainment Books. More than 300 books have arrived, priced at \$35 each. See Rick Piecuch for purchases and multibook discounts.

Brothers, we need help

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Signup sheets will be available at the Oct. 4 meeting. We will also be calling each of you.

Last year our council was first in the state with total contributions of \$41,500.

Several other Councils were close behind and have vowed to pass us this year.

In addition our goal has been increased to \$50,000 by the State Council.

Let's show them that Bishop Johnson Council can rise to the challenge.

Help us help the Mentally Handicapped Children and keep Council 9487 number one.

Membership blitz coming on Oct. 7-8

by Michael Williams, PGK Membership Chairman

Our membership blitz is coming this month, on Columbus Day weekend, and your help and support is needed.

Father Dave has consented to give our Council time on the pulpit for talking about membership in the Knights before and after the Saturday Mass and all Sunday masses on Oct. 7-8.

Help is needed for setting up the table prior to Masses on those two days. For a half-hour before and after each



mass, Knights are needed to distribute literature and talk to people about membership in the world's oldest Catholic men's fraternal organization.

A blitz can offer all eligible men and their families the chance to enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

We can move the hearts and minds, sparing no effort in approaching qualified individuals for members.

Your Council needs your help. As they say in the Navy, it's all hands on deck.

Kof C has more than 1.6 million members around the world

With more than 1.6 million members throughout North America and the rest of the world, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

October Birthdays

01 Jill Young

01 Kathleen Elenz

01 Donna Meeks

02 Katherine Kane

02 Carolyn Signorile

05 Brian Dobkowski

04 Richard Ciolek

05 Sam Ahn

06 Donn Finn

06 Ruth Stevens

08 Jennifer Ross

10 Sharon Leuer

10 Rhonda Ury

11 Robyn Belz

12 John Marchetta

12 Mark Petrash

13 Bernie Laituri

14 Richard Samaniego

10 Frances Plauche

06 Kathleen Nolan

02 John Ojeda



15 Theresa Pooters 16 James Fitzgerald 17 Mark Denman 17 Ernest Ramirez 18 David Balen 19 Thomas McKenna 19 Patrick Hunt 20 Paul Olson 20 Donald Leuer 21 Toni Gryzanoski 22 Christopher Russell 23 Janeen Blackwelder 23 Michael Gregg 25 Gregory Manning 26 Joan Donahue 27 Joan Loos 28 Mary Lynn Cowan 28 Joseph Stude 28 Ken Hartsig 29 Ronald Lindabury

- October Anniversaries
- 07 Joseph/Aida Zuniga
- 09 Bernard/Linda Laituri
- 04 Michael/Lisa Gregg
- 14 Julio/Anna Martinez
- 21 Joseph/Mary Papac
- 21 Chris/Ann Smith
- 24 Patrick/Robin Bole
- 28 David/Josie Alves
- 29 Joseph/Eileen Reinoehl
- 29 James/Kathleen Elenz
- 30 Richard/Barbara Ciolek

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on to work Saturday and Sunday and stayed late Sunday night to clean up. You make us all proud to have you as Brothers and friends. A hardy thank you, from me to all the Knights that gave of their time and talents to make the Festival a success.

After such a strong showing of Knights in action, our upcoming membership drive will be a huge success. Mike Williams is running our membership drive on Oct. 7-8. Membership is the heart and soul of our order. It is important to continue our growth to keep our council vibrant and alive. The new ideas and energy produced by growth energizes us all, so let's all do our part by talking to any and all eligible Catholic gentlemen about the order, and the good work you and your Brothers do. Please make yourself available after Mass on Oct. 7-8 to speak with prospective new members.

Moving on to our next challenge, the MR Drive starts Friday, Oct. 20, and ends Sunday, Oct. 22. If you haven't been contacted by a store captain, please call Bill Breen at 770-4939, for a store assignment. We are looking forward to raising \$50,000 to help those in need.

Brothers again it is my privilege and honor to be associated with Council 9487. Thank you, God Bless you and your families.



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