



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council # 9487

Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church

Lake Forest, California

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Merry Christmas

December 2006

GK Report

Another great month for our Council

by Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

What a great month.

Starting on Sunday Oct. 29, our Corporate Communion Mass and breakfast was another success.

I think we have some opportunities to expand this not only with our membership but to invite others who have not seen our Knight Light. Help me work on that for next time.

That was followed by the Past Grand Knights Dinner honoring Richard Piecuch and his beautiful wife Patricia for all their hard work last year.

Those of you who were able to attend know it was to say the least, a festive night. The weatherman worked with us and the rain stayed away for the evening.

There was 44-plus people at the party enjoying the bratwurst,

tri-tip, with all the fixings, followed up with a bountiful cream puff for desert.

A special thank you goes out to my family and my brother and



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Knights invited to march in LN parade on Dec. 9

by Frank Jarvis, Color Corps Commander

A call has been issued for all Knights in the District to participate in the annual Laguna Niguel Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 9.

We will assemble at the parking lot of St. Timothy's church on Crown Valley Parkway at 8:30 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served. It will be an easy march since it is only 0.9 miles, all of it slightly downhill. Vans at the end will return us to St. Timothy's.

Please mark your calendar and make every effort to support this effort.

Hopefully, we will have the drummers with us if they are not making their annual trip to Mexico that weekend.

We will be getting the Color Corps, Fourth Degree Knights in their tuxedos and Third Degree Knights in dark suits to march with us in the parade.

The St. Timothy Squires and hopefully the Squires from Our Lady of Fatima will join in.

Crown Valley Parkway will be closed at the parade route, so enter the back way.

From I-5, exit Crown Valley and go southwest. From the 73, get off at Greenfield and proceed south to Crown Valley.

At Moulton Parkway/Golden Lantern, turn left for one block. Turn right on Aloma for one block. Turn right on Nueve Vista. Turn right into St. Timothy's parking lot, just before the signal.

God bless and hope you can make it.

New Year's Eve gala coming up

Come join us at Knights' annual New Year's Eve Gala on Sunday night, Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to whenever.

Only \$30 a couple will get you a nice dinner, drinks, and noise-makers for that special witching hour.

To buy your tickets, or for more information, call me, Nelson Sweeney, at (714) 542-3852.

— Nelson Sweeney

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Knight of the Month **Eddie Brown**

Eddie Brown, a charter member of Council 9487, has been selected as Knight of the Month for November for his devotion and service in a number of areas.

A key member of the Fourth Degree team, Eddie is Past Faithful Navigator, Past District Deputy and recently took over the responsibility of Faithful Administrator.

In addition, Eddie is always ready to greet parishioners as an user at the 8:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday.

So congratulations to Eddie, our Knight of the month.

– Roger Sonnenfeld

Family of the Month

Bill and Pearl Breen

It's hard to imagine another couple that plays a more active role at Santiago than Bill and Pearl Breen, our Family of the Month.

A charter member of our Council, Bill spearheads the MR Drive that raises more money every year than any other other Council in California. He coordinated the 2006 drive in October and the record-setting drive in 2005 that raised more than \$40,000.

Bill, a Knight for more than 50 years, capably serves our Council as Financial Secretary and started the Wheelies Program that gets wheelchair-bound patients to 8:30 Mass every Sunday.

Pearl established and runs the church library, sings in the choir, lectors, is a reader at children's liturgy, leads the senior group at church and is a docent at Heritage Hill Park. She is also as a Precinct worker on election day.

– Roger Sonnenfeld



Insurance Report

Give your family gifts of security and protection

by **Dan Huffman**
Field Agent

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas.

To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for

years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security and protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you. Fraternally, Dan Huffman



YOU LOAD 23 TONS: Big rig with 23 tons of brochures for Knights.

Windfall received for recycling

Our Council was recently blessed with a major donation by Exhibit Works, Inc. of 23 tons of 2006 Kia automobile brochures for recycling.

The picture above gives you an idea of the magnitude of the donation.

Our Council is very thankful for the windfall and a letter of gratitude was sent to Mike De Pue of the company.

– Gene Ganley

Recycling

Program averaging \$1,500 a month

by Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer

Our November program was more of the same, very successful. The program has been averaging \$1,500 a month while helping the environment over these last 18 years, a record our Council is very proud of.

The program has been fueled by the ongoing help from our Brothers, local teens and friends. We had a small number of teens who helped considerably last month and we thank them.

Mel Conard and David Farrag, winners of Savings Bonds in October donated their winnings back to the Council. For that, we are very grateful.

We continue to receive a good supply of recyclables from the Forest Gardens Home Mobil Park and greatly appreciate it.

Now is time to say thank you to the following who helped us:

George Nothhelfer, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Bob Morgan, Rich Picuch, Pat Bole, Rich Mills, Hector Guzman, Joe DeProspero, Gene Ganley, Don Pooters, Marican Olmo, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Maurice Lewis, Sal Gonzalez, Michael Shiraishi, Richard Shiraishi, John Piccolo, Erwyn Cubaco, Dan Ramella, Jeff Carta, Phillip Carta, Mike Lawry, John Piccolo, Cheyenne Gallegos, John Gallegos, Tom Canaris, Claude Makin, Michael Haubert, Richard Quinn, Joe LaRosa, Jake LaRosa, Eddie Morrisroe, Pat Walloch, Matthew Meyer, Jake Liedahl, Howard Olson, Cameron Olson.



Thanks to the Monday Crew:

Mo Boivin, Richard and

Barbara Ciolek,

Jay Donahue,

Gerry and

Vivian Dubois,

Gene Ganley,

Hector Guzman,

Bob and Judy Morgan,

Dan Ramella, John Ruelas,

Bob Short,

Sister Agnes Steiner,

Otis Givenrod

MR Drive

Contributions from Brothers are still needed

Brothers: You recently received a request for member contributions to this year's MR Drive. Many of you responded very generously and for this we thank you. If you have just not gotten around to doing it, please do so now. We would like to close out our books next month. Please help us exceed last year's state leading total of \$40,000-plus.

To those of you who participated in the solicitation, thank you. We had a disappointing year at the stores.

At most of the stores we had to share with other solicitors. As a result we only raised \$9,800 compared to \$13,000 last year. Now if the member corporate contributions this year make up for this we can be first in the state again. I thank you in advance.

– Bill Breen, MR Drive Chairman

November meeting highlights

KofC Insurance

Insurance Field Agent Dan Huffman reported that Baby Boomers are a good target and at risk for investment scams. When it comes time to retire they find they have fallen short of retirement income. The Knights of Columbus Insurance programs have \$13.4 million in reserves and \$30 billion in assets and have earned the highest rating in the industry: AA++. Think about your future and set up an appointment with Dan today by calling (949) 547-6614.

GK Report

Worthy Grand Knight Roger Sonnenfeld requested all Brother Knights read this monthly Newsletter. It's a good reminder of what it means to be a Knight. He requested we share our experiences and fellowship with other church members who are Catholic gentlemen in good standing. Help them make the right choice in becoming a Knight.

Award

A special award was presented to Brother Jim Naumann for 50 years of service as a Knight.

Ushers

Father Dave said our ushers are now considered part of the Hospitality Ministry.

MR Drive

Bill Breen addressed the MR drive. Last year, \$13,000 was raised compared to \$9,000 this year. There was competition from the Boy Scouts. Corporate sponsorship is up and he feels we can still reach our goal if we all dig deep.

Recycling

Gene Ganley reported a large windfall of 23 tons of outdated automobile catalogs for recycling.

— by *Randy Gamache, Recording Secretary*

Entertainment book a gift that keeps on giving

by **Rich Piecuch, PGK**

Why wait a day longer?

The 2007 version of the Entertainment Books make a perfect gift for under the tree for a beloved family member.

Or, for that last minute gift for a friend or co-worker.

Reasonably priced at \$35 each, the book offers major discounts on many shopping and services at such stores as Hallmark, Pier 1 Imports, Radio Shack, etc. It also offers discounts at fine and informal dining establishments.

Some of the new restaurants 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.

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 or Not, etc.

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

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.

KofC is world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization

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.

The sale of insurance has been a part of the Order's program since its founding in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Conn.

In 2002, members reported

raising and contributing a record \$128 million to charity and volunteering a record 60 million hours of service.

The Knights now have a presence in more than 12 countries.

December Birthdays



02 Mercedes Abaoag	17 Peter Manarino
02 Nelson Sweeney	17 Claude Mauer
03 Steve Eggert	17 Ted Fay
04 William Gordon	19 Mark Griffin
05 Richard Quinn	23 Rich Piccuch, PGK
07 Sally McKenna	26 William Murphy
07 James Naumann	28 Maria Palop
07 Barbara Walloch	29 Steve Goold
07 Lorraine Epperson	30 Mary Ann Husava
08 B.J. Schell	31 Edward Brown
09 Nicole Skertic	31 Jeanne Donovan
10 John Mills	31 Richard Donovan
	31 Dominique Herman

December Anniversaries



01 Rolando/Tina Fernandez
 05 Mike/Jackie Martinez
 05 James/Coleen McNally
 06 Pat/Karen Cardinale
 08 Frank/Jody O'Brien
 13 Ray/Marlene Puzio
 16 Thomas/Mary Pratte
 14 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe
 19 Ron/Diane Surak
 24 Tracy/Karen Letzring
 30 Dennis/Nancy Miller

GK's MESSAGE:

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sister in-law for all their help in the organization, and preparation that went into the celebration.

And also to all of you who came to share in this wonderful event. Congratulations Rich and Pat and thank you from all of us.

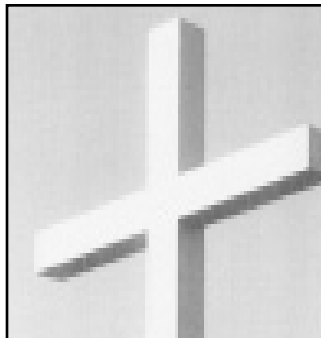
Looking back over this last month of thanksgiving I cannot help but be thankful for all that has been given to me.

Wonderful loving family, great friends, the opportunities that have been put in front of me and the God-given gifts to handle the daily challenges that we all face each day.

Thank you my Brothers for your prayers, and your support.

Vivat Jesus, Roger Sonnenfeld G.K.

*Pray for
 World
 Peace*



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Council 9487

December 2006



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 1st Friday Adoration	2
3	4 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	5 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	6 General Meeting, 8 p.m.	7 Chapter Meeting, SJB, Costa Mesa, 8 p.m.	8 Immaculate Conception	9 Recycling, 7 a.m. to noon
10	11 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	12 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	13 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	19 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22 First Day of Winter	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve Gala at Santiago						

