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# <u>Grand Knight's Report</u> Brothers, wives ring in 2007 in fine style

by Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

Happy New Year was heard loud and clear on New Years Eve. The sound of happy fun people was clearly in the air and coming from our Hall. What a



great evening, the decorations were unbelievable, the mood festive and everyone enjoying each others company.

Nelson "The Maitre d" Sweeney dressed smartly in his

tuxedo greeting newcomers at the door and moving from table to table making all in attendance feel welcome.

The DJ. kept the crowd moving and grooving to all kinds of tunes. Joe Schulte (and later in the evening his able assistant Bill Priester) kept all things liquid pouring smoothly at the bar.

Yes the effort put forth by our Brother Nelson Sweeney and his team was superb. The hall was completely decorated in gold

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**PARTY TIME:** Brothers (l to r) Joe Schulte, Bill Priester, Grand Knight Roger Sonnenfeld and Hector Guzman have fun at the Knights New Years Eve party.

and black flowing curtains, accent lighting, the center pieces sprouting gracefully into the air, and a dance floor big enough to actually dance on. Years Dance, a fabulous one, Thank you Nelson, Stephanie, Laura and the rest of your team for your unbelievable talents, and energy.

Yes Brothers, there was a New

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### Happy 20th Birthday Thanks for your memories of 9487

by John Ojeda, Past GK

Gentlemen and our lovely ladies, Bishop Johnson Council is celebrating 20 years in existence this month.

This does not begin to tell the story of this Council. There have been many events and opportunities for the men of Bishop Johnson Council to come together in Faith, Family and Fraternity.

We want you to share with all of us the moments you remember in those last 20 years. We want to remember those members who have gone beyond the call of duty during that time. We want to hear from you about what makes you proud of your Council, people

you remember, important and everyday Knight events, happy stories, tearful stories, and fond memories.

My hope is to get enough memories to put together a special bul-

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# <u>Knight of the Month</u> Joe LaRosa

Congratulations to Brother Joe LaRosa, our Knight of the Month. Joe has supported our council many ways. Not only last month but all year by organizing and running our phone tree information system.

That takes time and organizational skills that are appreciated by all. Not to mention his help and support of our youth programs, by volunteering at several events, recently the successful soccer shoot out. We are blessed to have you Joe, thanks for all you do

– Roger Šonnenfeld, GK

# *Family of the Month* Nelson, Stephanie Sweeney

Congratulations to the Sweeneys, our family of the month. Nelson, Stephanie and friends did a wonderful job promoting and staging the New Years Eve Dance. We all noticed Nelson and Stephanie promoting and selling tickets after the Masses. They also approached other parishes to increase the attendance. The time involved in the days prior to the event was considerable.

They are both wonderful and giving people, so take a moment to thank the Sweeneys when you see them next.

- Roger Sonnenfeld GK.

#### <u>Maintenance Update</u>

# Some fence-mending completed at church by Gene Ganley

About 190 feet of fence that extends from the church ground level to the lower parking lot has been installed.

The fence did not have adequate bracing at the center of each of 19 panels.



We designed and had the braces fabricated. Then we attached the braces to the center of the fence's lower rails and anchored these braces to the concrete walk.

Thank you to Council members Bob Morgan, Gene Ganley, Dan Ramella and our GK Roger Sonnenfeld for a job very well done.

# January meeting highlights

#### by Randy Gamache, Recorder

#### Communications

Bill Breen read a thank you letter a young girl from our parish (Louise) who received money from the MR drive that allowed her to go to camp.

#### New Year's Eve Party

Nelson Sweeney reported a successful event with 111 tickets sold, 26 from our Parish. A small profit was made and plans are in the works do it again in 2007.

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# <u>Recycling</u> The beat goes on ....

#### by Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer

Our program goes on successfully. The amount of newspapers taken in was adequate last month and the rest of our recyclables was over the top.

We continue to get a good response Mondays from Forest Gardens Mobile Home Park collecting newspapers, and an abundance of other recyclables the second Saturday of the month.

Winners of the \$50 Savings Bond last month were Rob Balen, Ken Baer, Patti Delmore and Sam Hana.

Our Council members, with

the help of our Santiago teens, get the job done every month, prompting us to give a prayer of thanks to God.

Now is the time to thank the following: George Nothhelfer, Gene Ganley, Rich Piecuch, Pat Bole, Joe DeProspero, Bob Morgan, John Piccolo, Jim Bailey, Rich Mulhaupt, Richard and Michael Shirashi, Yazmin Muniz, Nathan Ho, Justin Davis, Claude Makin, Dennis DeRosia, Dan Ramella, Becky Reese, Andy Kotnik, Pete Kellen, Rich Quinn, Charles Young, Rick Reynolds, Pat Walloch, and David and Rob Balen.

# Brothers helped brighten church at Christmas

Christmas is a time of giving, and this past one was no exception for the Knights of Bishop Johnson Council. Your Council is always willing to give of its time for a good cause. What better cause then to make the church shine forth in Christmas splendor?

Not only does our Council pay for the trees but we also pick up, deliver, set them up, and take them down. Gene Ganley and Robert Morgan picked up the trees in Aliso Viejo. Santiago's Environmental Ministry head Kay Kenson had already picked out the trees.

When they were delivered to church, Tom Haas was pressed into service and helped put them in tree stands so they could be watered. Earlier in the week Karen and Pat Cardinale assisted Kay with some of the decorations.

On Saturday the big work was done by Kevin Mooney, not a Knight yet, Mark and Courtney Bustamante, George Nothhelfer, Adele Beach, Eileen and Sean Goodman, Pat and Karen Cardinale, Jim Breen, Richard Mills, and John Ojeda. Also helping Kay were Joann Cashman, John's wife, Don and Cora Brown and Mary Ojeda. Mary had to make sure the garland was hanging properly. Don is not a Knight. He needs to become a Catholic first then a Knight.

Taking down always goes so much easier. Once again Karen and Pat Cardinale began taking down decorations with Kay at 9 a.m. That night the job got finished with Gary Clack, Randy Gamache, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Don Leuer, and George Nothhelfer. Don and Cora Brown also helped. The evening takedown was finished in less than 90 minutes.

I cannot thank the Knights and others who come together, have a good time, work hard and do these Good deeds enough. I am proud to be a member of the Knights of Bishop Johnson Council.

– John Ojeda, PGK



# **MEMORIES**

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letin that will record this history for those who come after us. So do not ignore this request, send us those stories.

No computer? No problem.

Just drop a note off at the Church Rectory and address it to the Knights of Columbus.

If you don't feel articulate enough to put it on paper, call John Ojeda at 595-0990, tell me your story and I will write it.

You can review it prior to any comments being published. If you have a computer, email your memories to Jim Breen (jimbreen@lwsbnews.com), JohnOjeda(john.ojeda@cox.net) or Roger Sonnenfeld (rogeraccessx@sbcglobal.net).

This Council has a great history.

Help us preserve it and the many men, ladies and memories that make the Knights of Santiago proud of the 20 years of service to the Church and our community.



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**Dinner at Santiago:** This month I hope to start what will grow into a monthly event. It would be "Dinner at Santiago" held one Saturday a month, a spaghetti dinner served after the 5 p.m. Mass.

A place to gather, chat with friends, make new ones, break bread as one family and community. Now in the planning stages, I hope to have dates by our general meeting Feb. 7. Please let me know of any ideas you might have to help make this a growing, successful event.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Orange County Chapter put on a "Holy Sprit Style" prime rib dinner to honor our State Deputy Emilio Moure. Emilio shared his vision for the Knights here in Orange County and California.

Stressing membership, fellowship, Special Olympics, wheel chair program and the MR Drive, he has a great deal of energy and passion about what we do. We are blessed to have his leadership.

On Sunday morning I was able to attend the Orange County Chapter breakfast in Fountain Valley to honor our past President Randy McMahon. Randy was being watched over by a large picture of our blessed Monsignor Salmon and you could almost here him roasting Randy just like any other meeting.

Not to be outdone, several of Randy's officers joined in to have a little fun at Randy's expense. Thank you Randy McMahon for your service to our Chapter and Council.

Happy Birthday! This month marks the 20th anniversary of Council 9487. I can't help but wonder if at that first general meeting those men imagined what they created here at Santiago. Have we exceeded their expectations? I think so. Come celebrate your Council's birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Cake and refreshments will be served after our general monthly meeting.

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# JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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#### Recycling

Gene Ganley reported that the program raised \$2,294 last month, one of the highest totals ever. **Theo's Work Valentines Dance** 

It's coming up this month and volunteers are needed. The actual date is yet to be determined. Please see Roger Sonnenfeld.

#### **Golf Tournament**

Tentative dates for this year's event are June 10 or June 24. More information will follow.

#### **Entertainment Books**

Rich Piecuch said 255 books have been sold, a slight decrease from last year. The profit was \$1,800.