



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council # 9487  
Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church  
Lake Forest, California

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**March 2007**



**TRY THIS:** GK Roger Sonnenfeld gives some tips to a young contestant.

## Winners advance in free-throw contest

by Tom Murphy

The winners in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held at Santiago and Serra all came to Blessed Sacrament Church in Westminster for the district competition on Feb. 17.

Boys and girls entered in most of the age groups and two made it to the state) level.

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## Grand Knight's Report A special night in the life of little Maryclare

by Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

Hello my Brothers in Christ. It is my pleasure to congratulate and thank you all for yet another fabulous event. On Saturday, Feb. 17, our parish hall was filled to capacity with beautiful people that came together to support the Ernie Ramirez family. Many were from our parish and many more from other areas.

The positive energy in the room, silent prayers, love, joy, and generosity from all in attendance on behalf of MaryC-lare Ramirez was overwhelming. The Ramirez family is truly blessed with great friends.

For those of you who may not know her situation, Maryclare is a 5-year-old girl who began having symptoms last Dec. 26

that were diagnosed as an aggressive cancer in her spinal column. A seven-inch tumor was found surrounding her spinal cord and her condition is inoperable. Many procedures and two surgeries were performed, followed by chemotherapy and radiation. It now appears as if she will recover most of the use of her lower body.

Here is a note from Ernie Ramirez:

**Feb. 17, 09:38 p.m.**

Hello everyone, what a great day today was. Maryclare is home and currently sleeping upstairs in her own bed. The spring in her step was something that I had not seen since Christmas. Well, she's not quite all the way back to where she was then,

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### Insurance Report

## Accepting responsibility

by Dan Huffman, Field Agent

If you are like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we are trying to instill in them--concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it--seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them.

Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

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***Knight of the Month***

**Steve Eggert**

It is with great pleasure that I present to you our Knight of the Month for March, Brother Steve Eggert. Steve seems to be there when you need him, stepping up to do what ever is needed to fulfill the job at hand.

From cooking spaghetti sauce to serving, sweeping up, or doing dishes, Brother Steve is there quietly getting it done for others.

Thank you Steve we all appreciate you, March Knight (light) of the Month.  
– Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

***Family of the Month***

**Gerry, Vivian Dubois**

Hard-working Vivian and Gerry Dubois were an easy choice as our family of the month for March.

Vivian has been a frequent helper at the Saturday and Monday recycling sessions for over a year with help from husband Gerry.

Gerry also had a hand in resurfacing the cabinetry on the church patio along with Randy Gamache and Gene Ganley.

So thanks to the Dubois, our Family of the Month for March.

– Roger Sonnenfeld, GK

***Tell us your story***

***Fond memories of our Council***

by John Ojeda, Past Grand Knight

**Remembering:** This is a memory I am asking from you. Twenty years of Bishop Johnson Council 9487. Let us remember the events and people who have helped make this time here memorable. I would like to know and have preserved the beginning of the Council. I did not know Jerry Gau. Help us preserve our Council's history with your memories.

**Remembering Mike Harrison:** Mike is one of the reasons I have been active in the Knights. I joined for many reasons but Mike's infectious personality and willingness to help when asked gave me the sense that I can make a difference too.

Mike was a major "Boy" in the breakfasts, and dinners put on by Council 9487. He always arrived with his tunes; normally oldies, and he kept the atmosphere light and happy.

Mike has left us but his memory will live with me. Big Mike tended bar at most of the major events.

That is the reason we never saw much of Wendy his wife. He was one of the working Knights.

I was honored to give his eulogy. He went to soon for all of us but indicates to us Knights why we should heed the watchwords of our order spoken to us at our First Degree.

Nelson Sweeney stepped up to help console Wendy and their son Michael. I hope I helped ease their pain and present words that Mike would have wanted.

I asked Mike to present my name in nomination for Deputy Grand Knight of our Council. He was not able to make that meeting but I persevered. Many times with Mike right beside me.



## Recycling

# February program was satisfactory



by Gene Ganley  
and George Nothhelfer

The results of our February program were satisfactory.

The amount of newspapers we receive has been down for the last couple of months, but we have managed to pick up the slack in other areas.

Thanks to a good supply of magazines, we have been able to withstand the shortfall of newspapers.

The response for our other recyclable products was very good

last month.

We have put our faith in Almighty God and our efforts have seen us through.

Support from our Council members, including some of our new Brothers, was very good, along with the usual strong turnout by the teens. All turned out despite the threat of rain.

Now is the time to thank the following: George Nothhelfer, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Pat Bole, Rich Mills, Gene Ganley, Joe DeProspero, Bob Morgan,

John Piccolo, David Balen, Daniel, Levi, Jenny Cienfuegos, Rudy Contreras, Claude Makin, Katherine Wood, Nancy Lilona, Guillermo Lilona, Brianna Kuehn, Stephanie Raymundo, Katie and Nicole Deluise, Dan Ramella, Fred Eggert, Rob Balen, Erin Colicchio, Felicity Wilberg, Pete Kellen, Don Leuer, Rick Reynolds, Daniel Baldonado, Matthew Meyer, Gerry Dubois, Charles Young, Anna Young and Ashley Darling.

## Notice of intent for motion to remit insurance premiums

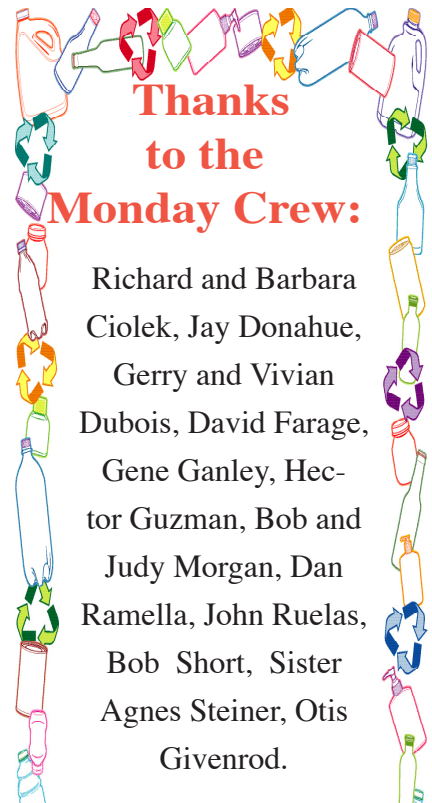
by John Piccolo, Deputy Grand Knight

According to Council 9478 bylaws, this notice advises all members that the Council will vote on March 7, 2007 to pay liability insurance premiums of \$777 for a Directors and Officers (D and O) liability policy and \$675 for a Liquor Liability policy. These are separate premiums for two policies.

Prior to 2005, our insurance was handled by the State Council and each Council was assessed its share of the master policy premium. This was a comprehensive policy and included the coverage mentioned in the first paragraph.

On approximately Nov. 1, 2005, each Council was responsible for obtaining its own coverage. We purchased a basic liability policy from the same broker who handled the State, but it is lacking these two very important elements.

The consensus of the Council Officers and the Brothers attending the business meeting on Feb. 7, is that we need to obtain these policies immediately. If any Brother wishes to comment, please do so when this item is brought to the floor under new business at our next meeting on March 7.



## Maintenance Update

## Brother Dan Ramella answers the mail (slot) call



by Gene Ganley

Two letter (mail) slots were installed at the church last month.

They were placed in doors at the Music Office and the library at the Parish Hall.

Brother Dan Ramella performed his usual fine job handling the assignment. So to Dan, thanks for a job very well done.





## March Birthdays

02 Rev. John Luongo	19 Israel Cunner
02 Kathleen Kuri	20 Teresa Alt
04 Thomas Pratte	20 Charles Young
04 Patricia Sevcisin	21 Mike Martinez
05 Carol Bender	22 Amanda LaRosa
05 Robin Bole	24 Robert Weigel
05 Michelle Stout	25 George Nothhelfer
07 Randy Meeks	25 Joseph Papac
07 Alfonso Pena	25 Ignacio Sotelo
10 Edie Lynch	25 Dianne Surak
10 Brian Beach	26 James McCarthy
12 Marty Medina	27 Mark Dubeau
13 Linda Keeley	25 Soraya Lopinto
14 Gloria DeRosia	29 Theresa Fernandez
14 Virginia Osley	30 Robert Lieska
15 Raymond Puzio	30 Mark Murietta
19 Linda Goold	30 Robert Morgan

## March Anniversaries

11 Robert/Sarah Lieske
15 Alfonso/Norma Pena
20 Al/Linda Ravgiala
20 John/Joanne Cashman
22 Jim/Amanda Breen
23 Tim/Jeanette McShane
23 Mark/Donna Griffin
29 Henry/Danuta Zakrzewski



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## WINNERS:

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Winners from Council 9487 were Kathleen Imagawa, 14, who won at the chapter level and placed third in the regional; 12-year-old Joseph Micalizio who won chapter and qualified for but could not make the regional; and Nicholas Prokop, 13, who won at the chapter level and finished fourth at the regional.

A good time was had by all.

Special thanks to brothers Eddie Brown, Charlie Young, Roger Sonnenfeld and John Piccolo for all their help.

## Knights offer tuition assistance

by Ken Allen, Past Grand Knight

If your child has attended a Catholic school this year, then Council 9487 wants to help you.

Please have your child compose a brief letter regarding their education and a brief letter from the Knight's parent indicating a willingness to accept tuition assistance from the council.

Then present them to me or the Grand Knight at the March, April or May business meeting, held the first Wednesday of the month.

They can also be e-mailed to me at kenallenfh@cox.net .

# Accepting responsibility

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We know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share with those of your children old enough to understand why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare.

You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if your not around.

They will see that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and

best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing.

But they learn from what you do, just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

I want to meet with you to review your existing coverage. Based upon that review, and on the comprehensive needs analysis that I'll perform we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

Give me a call. My number is (949) 547-6614.

Faternally, Dan Huffman.

# GK REPORT:

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as she's now dealing with some muscle atrophy issues, but she is really moving around very well all things considered.

I think being home is going to be very good for her. We can't tell you how touched we were at the tremendous turnout at the spaghetti dinner tonight. We were so happy to see people who had come from next door and from a long way.

It felt more like a celebration than anything else, and that is exactly what we hoped it would be.

I can't thank the Knights of Columbus, Alice Manning, Julie Strauss, Abby Quiroz enough for putting it all together. It was nice to speak with some of you.

I was also pleased to hear that many of you really enjoy these Carepages. As I told many of you today, we find this therapeutic to do and I think it will be a great journal for Maryclare to read when she comes of age.

It will be great for her to know how many of you were out there and how much you all rallied to her aid.

I know that Elizabeth and I really can't believe it sometimes. As I told my Dad, I know that even though there were a lot of people there, it really feels like the tip of the iceberg of support that we've felt.

I would wager that a similar event held in any of 20 cities across the country (world even) would produce a similar turnout. I have heard that Maryclare has touched a great number of lives, and that is a strong positive about this whole situation.

All I can say is, thank you all. Today is a day of celebration... Maryclare is home!

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Ernie, It is we who thank you for inviting us into your lives. God is great indeed!

## February meeting highlights

by Randy Gamache, Recorder

**New Business:** It was brought to our attention that new Council insurance policies need to be purchased at an increased premium. The policies are to cover our officers, Council and so alcohol can be served at KofC events. It was noted that in order to present to the council for a vote, it must appear in this Newsletter one month prior to the voting council meeting.

**Special Speaker:** District Deputy Guy Gottschalk congratulated our First Degree Team on its recent certification and welcomed the newest Brother Knights to our Council.

**Membership Committee:** Mike Williams reported a successful drive that resulted in 15 new members.

**20th Anniversary:** Past GK John Ojeda suggested that some of you Brothers write about their fondest memories of their time in Council 9487 and forward it to John (jfo2mko@cox.net) Roger Sonnenfeld (sonnfamil@cox.net) or Jim Breen (jimbreen@lwsbnews.com) for inclusion in a special Newsletter to be kept for preservation. (See John Ojeda's story, page 2).

**MR Drive:** Bill Breen: Reported our final totals: \$41,000 raised, nearly double of the next closest Council and tops in California for the 10th consecutive year.

# K of C Bishop William R. Johnson

## Council 9487

### March 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 1st Friday Adoration World Day of Prayer	3
4 2nd Sunday of Lent	5 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	6 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	7	8	9 Lenten Dinner	10 Recycling 7 to noon Membership Drive
11 Daylight Sav. Time begins Membership Drive	12 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	13 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	14 KofC Open House-	15	16 Lenten Dinner	17 St. Patrick's Day
18 4th Sunday of Lent	19 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	20 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	21 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m First Day of Spring	22 Chapter Meeting	23 Lenten Dinner	24 KofC Day of Sharing
25 Feast of the Annunciation	26 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	27 First Degree Practice 7:30 p.m.	28	29 1st Degree at Santiago 125th Founders Day	30 Lenten Dinner	31 So California Chapter Testimonial

## Membership drive, open house planned this month

We will hold another membership drive during the weekend of March 10-11, followed by an open house March 14 in the Parish Hall.

Interest cards will be distributed prior to Mass, so I will need some help with that task help 15 minutes before and after all the Masses.

Please sign up at our March 7 meeting.

Our degree team will have a First Degree on March 29, so please put that on your calendar too.

– Mike Williams, PGK

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