

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council # 9487 Division 5

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Family and Knight of the Year



John and Mary Ojeda and Gene Ganley hold their awards with pride.

John, Mary Ojeda and Gene Ganley selected Knight, family of the year

The Officers of Council 9487 have selected John and Mary Ojeda as 2007 Family of the Year and Gene Ganley Knight of the Year.

John and Mary Ojeda are in inspiration to us all. Members of the Ojeda family team can be frequently found working at the church whether it is sorting cans and bottles at Saturday recycling, on the Altar of our Lord as Eucharist ministers, and every place in between.

John and Mary are also counters and I have come to appreciate this tremendous commitment in time. All the beautiful decorations

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First Degree will be held on Oct. 12

by Joe Schulte, Degree Chairman

Council 9487 will host the next First Degree ceremony at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12 in the Parish Hall.

A few Brother Knights are needed to serve as sideliners.

Candidates should report by 7 p.m.

Grand Knight's Report There's plenty more to come in the future

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

It's hard to believe that by the time you read this message, we will have completed the first quarter of the Columbian Year.

We had a busy July through

September and have planned several events in the near future. Please refer to the "Save the Dates" column on page 6 and the monthly planning calen-



dar, page 9. There are numerous opportunities to serve our Council and we really need your help.

Step one for our first of three State Membership Blitzes is over. On behalf of the entire Council, many thanks and appreciation to Mike Williams, PGK and his team of Knights who helped. Mike had a very well thought-out plan and executed it to perfection during a weekend when other events were vying for attention.

Brother Mike is our October Knight of the Month and I refer you to that message for more information on what remains to be done. The final step will be our new members First Degree scheduled for Friday, Oct.12.

Our great Order stands for Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. However, the Knights

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<u>The Chaplain's Message</u> **Putting the principles** of our Order to work



by Fr. Efrain Flores, Chaplain, Parochial Vicar

As the school year gets underway, we have new faces in our classrooms and perhaps new co-workers or neighbors. All these situations are an opportunity for us to put into practice the principles of our knightly order: charity, fraternity

and especially unity. There is a focus on unity in the September issue of the Columbia Magazine. I encourage all Knights to prayerfully read this article by our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop William E. Lori on pages 4 and 5 of this (and every) issue.

It is a call to remind us of the universal plan of salvation that Christ fulfilled for the Father. All are invited to the Lord's table and over the centuries there has been division of the Church many times over. We believe that Jesus established one Church and that "the Church of Christ *subsists* in the Catholic Church." We need to pray and work for the unity of all Christians. We must try to focus on the elements that we have in common rather than our differences. Isn't that what unity is all about. Have a blessed month.

<u>Knight of the Month</u> Mike Williams

The officers of Council 9487 are very pleased to select Mike Williams, PGK as our October Knight of the Month. Brother Mike is a dedicated member of our Council who has a real passion for membership, serving as our chairman for several years.

Due to Mike's planning and foresight, we just concluded a successful Membership Blitz resulting in adding 61 new prospects to our list and writing four new applications for membership to our Order.

He has put together a strong team that is now contacting our large list of prospective members. We are indeed fortunate to have Brother Mike, his wonderful wife, Mary, and his entire family as active members of our Parish. Be sure to congratulate Mike.

– John Piccolo, G.K.

Family of the Month **The Blaney Family**

We have selected Brother John Blaney as October family of the month. We are fortunate to have John and his lovely wife, Ann Marie as active members of our Parish. John has been active in several areas of youth ministry including a Boy Scout leader for several years. If you bought tickets for our Country Fair and City Nights, you saw Ann Marie "on duty" the entire time the table was in operation.

The Blaney family is active in Children's Liturgy, Vacation Bible School, Bible Study. They have a 15 year-old daughter, Shaelyn attending El Toro and a 12 year-old son, Garrett, who is an altar server. Last, but certainly not least, Brother John has taken over a portion of the Knights "Donut Store" duty, the Council's long-standing outreach to our Parish community. – John Piccolo, G.K.



MONDAY CREW: *Pictured (l to r) are the Knights' outstanding Monday recycling team of Dave Farrage, a-non Knight, Bob Short, Gene Ganley, Dan Ramella, Barb Ciolek, Rich Ciolek, John Ruelas, Bud Givenrod, and Bob Morgan.*

<u>Recycling Report</u> The Monday morning crew needs help

Did you know that a large percentage of the newspaper we recycle is done by our Monday morning crew? If you are retired or just taking a few days off and want to have a good time with these fun-loving guys, join them any Monday rain or shine. Meet behind the church near the back kitchen entrance at about 7:30 a.m. They are usually done by 9:30.

This additional income means so much to all our charitable programs and they could really use some extra help. If available, why not give it a try? No need to call for a reservation, just show up. If you have physical limitations, no worry, they will find something



for you to do. – John Piccolo, G.K.

Thanks to another successful recycling program in August we have now raised \$225,000. The paper on that second Saturday was light, however.

We had a good response from our Council members plus a good share of teens working for service hours.

Four \$50 Savings Bonds were raffled off to Judy Berkey of Forest Gardens Mobile Home Park; Lisa Johnson and Council member Scott Napp.

Congratulations to all.

And, congratulations to our Council for reaching that lofty amount. Now it is time to thank the following Brothers and in some cases, their families for a job well done.

John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Pat Bole, Ron Freed, Rich Piecuch, John Piccolo, Dan Ramella, Gay Ramella, Joe DeProspero, Gene Ganley, Jose Lozano, Sal Gonzales, Ricardo Teano, Don Leuer, Nicolas Greer, Randall Gamache, John Gallegos, Cheyenne Gallegos, Claude Makin, Ramon Navarro, Jose Lopez, Bob Morgan, Rob Balen, Roger Sonnenfeld, Charles Young, Emily Young, Anna Young, Steve Seastrom, Pat Walloch, Peter Yellen, Becky Reese, and Gerry Dubois.

- Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer

The full Monday Morning Crew

Mo Boivin Richard, Barbara Ciolek, Jay Donahue, Mike Sofka, Gerry, Vivian Dubois, David Farrage, — Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman, Bob, Judy Morgan, Rich Piecuch, Bill Priester, Dan Ramella, John Ruelas, Bob Short Str.Agnes Steiner Otis Givenrod

MR Drive Yearly push for kids is coming up

by John Ojeda, PGK

Oct. 19-20 and 21 are the dates to mark on your calendars for this years MR (Tootsie Roll) drive. This year's drive has started with our Chairman and FS, Bill Breen, contacting the stores where we will be soliciting, visiting the schools in the area, and speaking to the Confirmation classes at Santiago for volunteers.

This drive requires over 500 volunteers, many of whom are not Knights. We need all of our Brothers to help out with super-vising the two-hour shifts at all the locations. The more volunteers makes the burden less for store captains in charge of these locations.

Make this a family event; demonstrate the Unity, Fraternity, and Charity that the Knights of Our Council are known for. Council 9487 was No. 1 in the state again last year with \$40,000 collected.

We should be able to do \$50,000 but can't without everyone's support. If you are willing to help we will have sign up sheets at the next two general meetings.

If you wish to keep the same schedules of shifts and location you have worked in the past, please call Bill at 949-770-4939. Many Brothers like to work the stores closest to home.

Let us not forget the reason for this drive.

The Councils in Orange County raise funds that stay in Orange County. These funds provide a week camp and several weekend retreats for those intellectually disabled from the area.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS–*Brother Mike Williams, Membership Chairman* (*r*) tells a candidate about becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Membership Report Successful drive results in 61 new candidates for membership

by Mike Williams, PGK

One of our Council's most successful two-day membership blitzes in years resulted in 61 new candidates for inclusion in our Order during the Sept. 15-16 weekend.

Eager Brother Knights blanketed the church before and after Masses, passing out interest cards and getting names of prospects that were called over the next seven-to-10 day period.

The results of those calls by Brothers John Ojeda, Ken Allen, Michael Lynch, Jim Breen, Charlie Young and myself yielded a great turnout at the Open House Sept. 25 at the Parish Hall.

A total of 13 Knights of the future were on hand to hear my welcome address and meet many of our former Grand Knights, current officers and other Brother Knights.

They filled out the Form 100s (see opposite page) applied for membership into our Order and are scheduled to take their First Degree on Friday, Oct. 12, in the Parish Hall.

Thanks to all who stepped forward to make this drive a success and obtain names and numbers.

Increasing our membership is very important to the Knights of Columbus and the blitz was a total team effort.

Hopefully, we will obtain more completed Form 100s that we can vote upon during our October Council meeting.

As soon as we have our final numbers and a firm date, we will let everyone know, as many sideliners make a good degree.

KofC Membership Form 100

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Program Chairman's <u>Report</u>

Save these dates for important upcoming events. Also, refer to the Council calendar on page 9 of this Newsletter for the dates of all programs. Please call or email DGK and Program Chairman Jim Breen (837-5567 or jimbreen@ lwsbnews.com) if you have an item(s) to present at the upcoming Council meeting.

Sunday, Sept. 30: Theo's Works Golf Tournament and dinner. Contact Chip Orlowski or Pete Kellen for more information or to register to play.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Council Business meeting, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 6: Prepare breakfast for Religious Ed lock-in. Meet in Parish kitchen at 7 a.m. for 8:30 breakfast

Saturday, Oct. 6: Columbus Day Celebration will be an Italian night with spaghetti dinner and spumoni, 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Knights helping with the event please arrive at 4 p.m. to set-up.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: Second Degree, St. Columban's KofC Hall. Meet at Santiago upper lot at 6 p.m. to carpool.

Friday, Oct. 12: First Degree, 7 p.m., Parish Hall.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 19-21: Annual MR Drive to benefit mentally challenged youth of Orange County.

Sunday, Nov. 4: Third Degree at St Edwards. Meet at Santiago patio at 12:15 p.m. to carpool.

– Jim Breen, Program Chairman

Insurance Report Knights, families well-served with long-term care policies

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Insurance Field Agent

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, longterm care insurance has provided us with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And for our long-term care clients in the United States, a Knights of Columbus long-term care policy brings added value in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway." That's a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates.

The network covers home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully



credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest we get together so I can show you more on how to avail yourself of this valuable, value-added benefit. Call me – let's talk. (949) 322-7266.

FAMILY, KNIGHT OF THE YEAR:

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in the church at Christmas and Easter is due in large part to John and Mary. It takes a lot of work to put up the decorations, take them down and pack them away.

John has served on our Parish Council and has been an outstanding representative for our Council. As Past Grand Knight, John has been a tremendous mentor for on-coming GKs. One final accolade is that Brother John can hit a golf ball a ton off the tee.

We are honored to name the Ojeda Family as our 2007 Family of the Year. Be sure to give John and Mary your congratulations.

We are so fortunate to have Brother Gene as a Knight. To both our Council and Church, Brother Gene simply gives it all, a man with his heart in the right place.

No one ever needs to ask Brother Gene to take on a project because he has already seen the need and finished the job. Just a few mention a few tasks that Gene takes on includes the recycling program that he created. It is our cash-cow that allows our great Council to be so charitable.

Gene is at Santiago almost every day doing repairs and handy work around the Church and he oversees the money counters, a huge commitment in time. He and wife Iva do all the financial consolidation and counting for the MR Drive.

On top of it all, Gene is a great guy and a person anyone is proud to call a friend. The next time you see Gene, give him your congratulations and thank him for all his service. *John Piccolo, G.K.*

September meeting highlights

by Tom Murphy, Recorder

Mike Williams on membership: We are missing opportunities to talk to people (wives included) about joining the Knights. Please take the time to promote the Knights to other people especially at Knight functions.

John Ojeda on the MR Drive: The MR Drive is set for the weekend of Oct. 19-21. We will not be able to work the Ralph's store on Portola.

Jim Breen on the Columbus Day Celebration: The first annual Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner and Spumoni celebration will be Oct 6. The proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics.

Gene Ganley and George Nothhelfer on recycling: August was one of the best turnouts in a long time. Please help support the recycling program held the second Saturday of the month from 7 a.m. to noon.

Roger Sonnenfeld on the Festival: The theme this year is Country Days and City Nights. Please consider hepling out on Sept. 22.

John Piccolo on Knight and Family of the Year: Plaques were given to Gene Ganley and John Ojeda, the 2007 winners.

New 2008 Entertainment Books have finally arrived

The 2008 Orange County Entertainment Books are now available.

Rich Piecuch or a designated assistant will be on hand before and after all the Masses through December to sell them for \$35 each.

As usual, the books offer great value with major discounts on shopping and services at such places as Hallmark, and Pier 1 Imports.

They also come packed with great discounts on numerous fine and informal dining establishments. Perfect for all members of the family!

Get your orders in quickly, while the limited supply lasts. Call Rich at 830-1475 to reserve your copies and start saving money and assisting our Council in this annual fund-raiser. Thank you.

START SAVING TODAY!





SALES DATES: 9-1-07 TO 12-23-07



15 Theresa Pooters 01 Jill Young 16 James Fitzgerald 01 Kathleen Elenz 18 David Balen 01 Donna Meeks 19 Thomas McKenna 02 Katherine Kane 20 Paul Olson 02 John Ojeda 20 Donald Leuer 04 Carolyn Signorile 21 Toni Gryzanoski 04 Richard Ciolek 23 Janeen Blackwelder 05 Brian Dobkowski 23 Michael Gregg 05 Sam Ahn 25 Gregory Manning 06 Donn Finn 25 John Marchetta 06 Ruth Stevens 25 Virgilio Maupan 06 Kathleen Nolan 26 Joan Donahue 08 Jennifer Ross 27 Joan Loos 10 Sharon Leuer 28 Mary Lynn Cowan 10 Frances Plauche 28 Ken Hartsig 10 Rhonda Ury 29 Ronald Lindabury 11 Robyn Belz 29 Eugene Ganley 11 Lynn Cowan 30 John Kistner 12 Mark Petrash 31 David Alves. 13 Bernie Laituri 14 Richard Samaniego 31 Rudy Contreras

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cannot do anything for our church, families, country, and each other without members. Any group who does not aggressively seek to grow in numbers is destined to decline and eventually cease to exist. Please invite that gentleman who has been sitting next to you at Mass to attend our open house on Monday, Sept. 24.

Our next big family social event will be the Council's first Columbus Day celebration Oct. 6, an Italianthemed evening with a spaghetti dinner featuring meat sauce, marinara, or white sauce, bread, salads, and spumoni ice-cream for dessert.

We will have theme decorations and music by your favorite Italian crooners. Beverages will include soda, beer, wines, and

October Anniversaries

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of course, Chianti in the basket. Sounds like a lot of fun!

You get all this for \$6 per adult and \$4 per child with a cap of \$20 per family. However, we want to "make you and offer that you can't refuse." So, if you buy advance tickets in front of the church the weekend of Sept. 29- 30 or at the Oct. 3 Council meeting, you get \$1 off each meal.

This event benefits Orange County K of C Chapter Special Olympics Fund. Please try to attend and support this great organization that does so much good to those in need. If you receive this Newsletter before the weekend of Sept. 29-30, please check in

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with Ron and Alicia Freed before Mass and ask how you can help with the advanced ticket sales.

When I became DGK and GK, I started paying more attention to what was in Columbia magazine. I ask everyone to please read carefully the article by our Supreme Chaplain found on pages 4 and 5. Look for more regarding this article in the Chaplain's Column on page 2.

This is the first in series of articles meant to explain the essential elements of our Catholic Faith. You are encouraged to pass on what you read to your families, especially young children and teens. Everyone, sooner or later, comes in contact with a person who disputes our beliefs. The old saying that "Power is Knowledge" is so true and the Supreme Council hopes these articles will both educate and equip you for life in the community.

Thank you always for your dedicated service and we will see you at the Oct. 3 meeting.

"FAITH, FAMILY, AND FRATERNITY"



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