

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**Bishop William R. Johnson Council**  
**# 9487 Division 5**  
Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church  
Lake Forest, Calif. 92630  
**November 2007**



## Grand Knight's Report

## Another new month, another full calendar

by **John Piccolo, Grand Knight**

Every month I start my message with a huge collective "thank you" to all our generous Brother Knights who donated their valuable time to make another month a great success.

There are several articles in this Newsletter and I am not going to repeat the details. We started with our "breakfast for dinner" feast for our Parish's religious education department followed



by the Columbus Day celebration. Last weekend, we completed our MR Tootsie Roll drive.

No rest for the weary, because right around the corner we have several events for November including a Third Degree, our Memorial Mass, a blood drive, and our first ever recognition of our Parish Veterans. See the "Save the Dates" on page 6 for details. I do want to dwell a moment on Veterans' Day, which

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## Special Olympics big winner at Spaghetti Dinner

Our Council Celebrated the 125-year anniversary of the Knights of Columbus and Columbus Day on Oct. 6 with a delicious spaghetti dinner with plenty of good spumoni ice cream for dessert.

We were honored to have as guests our Pastor, Fr. David; our Chaplain, Fr. Efrain; and the Knights of Columbus State Chairman for Special Olympics, Mr. Al Castellano.

Because of the hard work by many brother Knights who banded together to make this evening a success, our Council made a net profit of \$782 that will be donated to OC Chapter Special



**BROTHERS IN ARMS:** *Knights ( l to r ) Al Castellano, GK John Piccolo and former GK John Ruelas at Spaghetti Dinner celebration.*

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## *Next Third Degree will be held on Nov. 4 at St. Edwards in Dana Point*

The next Third Degree will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, at St. Edwards Church in Dana Point.

Candidates will meet at 12:15 p.m. at our Church patio to car-pool. Candidates must arrive at St. Edwards by 1 p.m. The degree will conclude at about 4:30.

An optional dinner at 5:30 is complimentary to the new initiates.

Please call GK John Piccolo at 949-951-1550 or email johnpicc@yahoo.com to make reservations. We must provide an accurate count prior to the degree.

If you are not yet a full Knight, we highly recommend that you complete this milestone by taking your Third Degree.

— *John Piccolo, G.K.*



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*The Chaplain's Message*  
**All Saints Day recalls  
the Cristero Rebellion**

**by Fr. Efrain Flores, Chaplain, Parochial Vicar**

Nov. 1 is All Saint's day, an occasion that honors all the Saints of the church.

A list of Saints who were also Knights can be found on pages 38-39 of the October issue of Columbia magazine. I ask you to join me in including them as well as all of the Saints in your prayers this season.

Also on page 39 is a disturbing photo from the Cristero Rebellion, a strong reminder for us to be grateful to be living in a country where we are free to practice our faith.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Cristero Rebellion, I will summarize it briefly: In 1917, after the Mexican Revolution a new constitution was adopted which outlawed religious orders, restricted the church's right to own property, prohibited priests and nuns from wearing clericals or habits, secularization of all schools, among

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*Knight of the Month*

## **Michael Lynch**

The Officers of Council 9487 are pleased to select Brother Michael Lynch as our November Knight of the Month. Mike is an active member of our Council and has recently helped at several important events, including our August Family Night and October Columbus Day dinner. Brother Mike can be counted on to assist at doughnut duty, our long-term outreach to the Parish.

In addition, Brother Mike serves our Church as a Lecturer and an Usher at the 10:30 Mass. We are very pleased to have Mike as a member of our great Council and honored that he is our November honoree.

— *John Piccolo, G.K.*

*Family of the Month*

## **Ron and Alicia Freed**

We are delighted to select Brother Ron and Alicia Freed as our November Family of the Month.

Ron completed RCIA and received the sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil last April, took his First and Second Degrees in May, and became a full Knight by completing his Third Degree on April 10.

Ron immediately volunteered to become an unofficial aid to the Warden and helps set up each and every meeting. Both Ron and Alicia helped with ticket sales for our Ice Cream Social and ran the ticket sales for our recent Columbus Day dinner. They also served by working the hamburger booth at the Parish Fair.

Alicia is a talented artist specializing in religious jewelry. I know that we will be seeing Ron and Alicia at many of our upcoming events and we are honored to name the Freeds as our FOM.

— *John Piccolo, G.K.*





**WHIZ KIDS**-These youngsters provided great help at the October recycling. The family of Thomas Hartline, Ethan, Jonas, and Garrett were great, along with Marissa Reynolds, daughter of Brother Rick. Several youth ministry helpers including Emily Pennachio, worked all morning in the newspaper bin.

### **Recycling Report**

## **Another solid Saturday lifts our total to \$227,000**

by Gene Ganley and George Notthelfer

The October program was carried out successfully, rain or shine. The raindrops that fell were more of a teaser than a good, hard rain.

But as much as we need rain, we were for thankful for it, even though a few newspapers left late Friday were a bit soggy.

Our overall volume of products taken in was still very good. We received a good share of magazines that help keep our newspaper tonnage up.



Our over-all total raised to date has now reached \$227,000. We blew past the \$226,000 level thanks to our benefactors.

Many of our Council members attended, plus a good number of teen helpers earning service hours.

It is a pleasure to thank the following for a job well done:

George Notthelfer, Jim Breen, Pat Bole, Rich Piecuch, John Piccolo, Dan Ramella, Don Pooters, Gene Ganley, Bob Morgan, Rich Mulhaupt, Daniel Baldonado, Cody Irwin, Rudy Contreras, Mayra Garcia, Emily Pennachio, Elliot Cameron, Soraya Rosales, Claude Makin, Marissa Reynolds, Rick Reynolds, Randall Gamache, Don Blankenship, Thomas Hartline, Grace Young, Charles Young, Gerry Dubois, Steve Seastrom, Rob Balen and Pete Kellen.

### **The full Monday Morning Crew**

Mo Boivin

Richard, Barbara Ciolek,

Jay Donahue,

Mike Sofka,

Gerry, Vivian Dubois,

David Farage,

Gene Ganley,

Hector Guzman,

Bob, Judy Morgan,

John Ojeda, Dan Ramella

John Ruelas, Bob Short,

Str. Agnes Steiner

Otis Givenrod,

Joe Schulte, Gabe Amaro.

### ***Want to hold a New Year's Eve bash? let us know***

Since we did not have enough advance reservations to make our planned Monte Carlo Night "break-even," the Officers have decided to cancel the event.

We still have the Hall and DJ reserved, but the Officers felt that there is not enough interest this year to hold a New Years Eve Party.

Before we cancel our all reservations, we ask that if any member wishes to step forward and plan a simple New Years Eve party, please let the Grand Knight know by Sunday, Nov. 11.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

## Membership Report

# Our numbers grow with 10 new members

by Mike Williams, PGK Membership Chair

In our continued effort to grow as a Council the following information is based on your continued efforts to spur that development.

On Oct. 11 and 12, we had 10 new members complete their first degree. Thank you to all who had a hand in supporting this process.



Welcome to our 10. I would encourage you to attend your first meeting on Nov. 7 in the Parish Hall starting at 8 p.m.

If you know any of them, please encourage them to join us at that meeting.

They are John Turpin, John Cana, Steven Val Derrama, Lawrence Jacob, Eric Couch, Sam Riela, Michael Ulibarri, David Mrozinski, Robert Miske, and William Huizar.

Our membership drive continues with an open house scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 28, in the Parish Hall.

There will be bulletin announcements for the two weeks prior to that date. Talk it up among your friends and neighbors.

And, thank you to the committee for their continued support in calling potential members:

They are Ken Allen, Michael Lynch, John Ojeda, Jim Breen and Charlie Young.

Please continue to collect names and past them along for follow up with the committee.



**FLAPJACKERS**—Brothers (l to r) Charles Young, Rick Reynolds, Mark Bustamante and Roger Sonnenfeld, PGK, have some fun in the kitchen.

## Breakfast for the Kids

# *Let's hear it for the Pancake Team*

Imagine you are in charge of feeding about 130 hungry seventh and eighth grade boys and girls along with their 30 or so youth leaders. Who are you going to call?

Not the Ghost Busters, but the world famous Knights of Columbus Pancake Team.

The evening of Friday, Oct. 5, these expert pancake flippers led by Mr. Pancake, himself, Mark Bustamante, took charge of our kitchen to make this happen.

While Brother Mark was preparing the grill, Roger Sonnenfeld, PGK, was whipping up the batter. Meanwhile, Jim Breen and John Piccolo were busy cracking cases of eggs for Charlie Young and Jim to scramble.

The crew had to organize feeding all these youngsters and Brothers Rick Reynolds and Kevin Sabicer were busy setting up the service area.

There were very few leftovers and anyone who wanted seconds helped themselves. Maryann Humbert, Santiago's Director of Religious Education, offered many thanks to the kitchen crew and to our Council. All six of us had a great time.

The next time we cook breakfast, why not join the fun?

— John Piccolo, GK



# GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

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this year falls on a Sunday.

Fr. Dave has given permission to display both our troops serving overseas board along with a Veterans' picture board in front of the Church for all to admire during the Nov. 11 weekend. We will put up a blank picture board the weekend prior on which you Veterans can pin your favorite picture from days gone by.

So start searching through those old albums. If you have a favorite item from the past, like a nametag, wings, a medal, patch, etc., wear it proudly on that Sunday.

During the Mass, our Veterans will be asked to stand to receive an acknowledgement and special blessing. Following the 8:30 mass, all are invited to attend a pancake breakfast and of course for our Vets, it will be "on the house." For everyone else, we are requesting a very minimal donation to cover the cost of ingredients.

This will catch the Vets leaving the 8:30 Mass and arriving for the 10:30, but rumor has it that our Kitchen Czar, Joe Schulte PGK, may have the mess hall open for the 7 o'clock Vets.

November is one of my favorite months because we take time to say thank you to our Veterans and to God for our great nation and all we are thankful for.

When going through RCIA 17 years ago, I attended a mass on Thanksgiving Day and I do not think that I have missed one since then.

After becoming DGK, I started reading Columbia and Knightline cover to cover and every month.

I am going to copy and paste a paragraph from an article that makes me particularly proud to be a Knight: "Earlier this year, a beautiful new headquarters for the Military Archdiocese opened in Washington, D.C. The Knights donated \$1.1 million for the project and provided additional funding of \$3.4 million through our Church Loan program. The new headquarters provides administrative offices, apartments, a chapel and a conference center."

I hope you all enjoy Columbia as much as I do. I will see you Wednesday, Nov. 7 at our Council meeting and for now, "Vivat Jesus."

## Notice of intent for motion

During our Nov. 7 business meeting, there will be a motion from the floor to donate \$3,000 to our State Council's Disaster Relief Fund for California fire relief.

Background: On Oct. 23, 2007, our State Deputy, James Scroggin, transmitted a message to all Councils requesting financial support.

The State Council is ready, willing, and able to provide emergency funds to those in need, especially our Brother Knights, but the fund is very limited and needs to be replenished.

Over many years, Bishop Johnson Council has had income that has exceed budgeted expenses. At the present time, we have reserves that would handle any unforeseen expense and we can make such a donation without affecting Council operations. The State Council also has the mechanism in place to investigate and distribute financial aid.

If you wish to comment or vote on this proposed motion, please attend the meeting.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

At 12:30

## Memorial Mass set for Nov. 4

In November of each year our Council holds a Memorial Mass to honor our deceased Brother Knights.

This year we are combining our Mass with the Parish Mass of Remembrance, which will be held on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m.

The chalice used at this Mass is purchased by our Council and will be donated to a priest serving in a Third World country.

The Fourth Degree Color Guard will be present and the significance of the chalice will be mentioned during the service.

We would like to have as many Knights as possible in attendance and please wear your name badges.

Following mass, there will be a reception hosted by the Parish.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

## SPECIAL:

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Olympics Fund.

Brother Al addressed the gathering to thank us for our commitment and explain Supreme Council's unique relationship with Special Olympics. All levels of the Knights provide financial support. I refer you to [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) for more information. To see what this fine organization does locally, please go to [www.sosc.org/orangecounty.html](http://www.sosc.org/orangecounty.html).

To all who helped in the kitchen, decorations, beverage sales, the Council table, and clean-up, thank you so much for your help and commitment to this fun event.

— John Piccolo, GK

## **PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Save these dates for important upcoming events and refer to the Council calendar on Page 8 of this Newsletter. Please try to call or email DGK and Program Chairman, Jim Breen, if you have an item(s) to present at the Nov. 7 Council meeting. You may also email Program Chairman (jim-breen@lwsbnews.com) with any articles or announcements you would like in the Newsletter.

**Nov. 1, Thursday,** All-Saints Day, May need usher help.

**Nov. 2, Friday:** 12:30-Soccer Challenge at Serra School.

**Nov. 4: Sunday:** 12:30-Memorial Mass combined with Parish Remembrance Mass.

**Nov. 4, Sunday:** 3rd Degree at St. Edwards, Dana Point. Candidates meet at our Church patio at 12:15 to carpool. Candidates due at 1 p.m.

**Nov. 6, Tuesday:** 2nd Degree. Candidates meet Santiago Church upper lot at 6 p.m.

**Nov. 7, Wednesday:** Council monthly business meeting.

**Nov. 8, Thursday:** K of C Blood Drive in Hall. Will need workers for sign-ups during the event. Contact Roger Sonnenfeld, 458-6508, to help.

**Nov. 10, Saturday:** Recycling, 7 a.m. to noon.

**Nov. 11, Sunday:** Veterans' Day pancake breakfast to honor Parish Veterans and those currently serving in our Armed Forces. See Church Bulletin for more information to come.

**Nov. 22, Thursday:** Thanksgiving Day.

**Nov. 28, Wednesday:** Membership Open House. Mike Williams will be in contact with his team to organize this event.

*Jim Breen, Program Chairman*

## **Insurance Report**

# ***Freeze on pension plans could leave Boomers out in the cold***

**Mark Yubeta, Insurance Field Agent**

This month's report is for all you Baby Boomers. Do you know what that is sneaking up on you?

Retirement.

Ouch. I know. It's hard to believe isn't it? Seems like just yesterday... But it's coming and coming fast. And that's actually the good news.

Let me share with you some tidbits that may be of interest:

The trend by companies to freeze or end their employee pension plans may have a big impact on Baby Boomers now on the cusp of retirement.

Boomers with pension plans have counted on monthly retirement checks at the end of their career, but more employers are ending their plans or halting future benefit accruals.

Those at greatest risk include Boomers in their late 40s and early 50s who are still at least a decade from retirement but too old to save enough to make up the difference in their pension benefits.

An August, 2005 survey by Price Waterhouse Coopers showed that nearly half of companies that expect to change their pension plans in the next year are considering freezing benefits for all employees. More than a third of that offered pensions have already pared back these benefits over the last three years.

"That will definitely be a problem for baby boomers," says Karen Friedman at the Pension Rights Center. "You've been at a company under the plan and worked for years with that expectation, and then it's taken away." Call me, Mark Yubeta at (949) 322-7266 and let's talk.



## ***New Entertainment Books available through December***

**by Rich Picuch, PGK**

In case you may not have heard, the 2008 Orange County Entertainment Books are now available. (See full-page display on opposite page).

Rich Picuch 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.

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



## November Birthdays

05 Michelle Ramirez  
 06 Alfred Raviglia  
 07 John Donahue  
 07 Terence Carney  
 09 Jody O'Brien  
 09 Barbara Casabianca  
 10 Raymond Nopper Jr.  
 10 Jack Weston  
 11 Kevin Johnson  
 11 Josie Gribbons  
 11 Lois Ross  
 12 Henry Zakrezewski  
 13 Donald Bibona  
 14 Madeline Lucewicz  
 14 Ralph DiBernardo  
 16 Karen Cardinale  
 19 Don Barnes  
 19 William Bontell

19 Mike Lynch  
 20 Sal Gonzales  
 23 Ramon Navarro  
 23 Linda Adrian  
 23 Karen Bustamante  
 23 Kathy Petrash  
 23 Margot Rudon  
 23 John Turpin  
 23 Lt. Kevin Sweeney  
 24 John Cashman  
 24 Otis Givenrood  
 25 Michael Sevcisin  
 26 Roxana Gaffaney  
 28 Kathy Delmore  
 28 Michael Ranahan  
 29 John Blaney  
 29 Darlene Carpenter  
 30 Mildred Ledger  
 30 Randall Gamache

## November Anniversaries

07 Nelson/Stephanie Sweeney  
 17 Steven/Soraya LoPinto  
 19 Lou/Wilma Stringer  
 24 Steve/Linda Goold  
 25 Ernest/Michelle Ramirez  
 28 Ferdie/Myrtle Furtado  
 28 Delbert/Julia Matonic



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## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT:

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elimination of other basic civil rights for the clergy.

In 1924 the newly elected president, a strident atheist, enacted additional anti-clerical legislation increasing penalties for violations. By 1927, the resistance to such persecution of the Church escalated into an all out rebellion against the government by the people.

Many priests were executed without trial (such as Father Luis Bátiz Sainz, a Knight of Columbus) and are considered martyrs by the church.

Of the 70 members of the Knights that were killed during the rebellion, seven have been elevated to Sainthood and four have the title of Blessed.

The rebellion was ended by diplomatic means through the help of U.S. Ambassador Dwight Whitney Morrow. This little history lesson is a good reminder of how close and how recent religious persecution has existed in North America.

My best wishes to you and your families for Thanksgiving and during our upcoming Advent season.

# K of C Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487

KNIGHTS



## November 2007

*Happy Thanksgiving*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



1  
All-Saints  
Day

2  
All-Souls Day  
1st Friday  
Adoration  
Soccer, 3:30  
Serra School



4  
KofC Memorial  
Mass, 12:30  
3rd Degree  
1pm, St. Eds.

5  
Mobil Park  
Recycling  
7-9:30 a.m



7  
General  
Meeting,  
8 p.m.

8  
Blood Drive  
at Church  
2-8 p.m.



10  
Recycle, 7-12  
Special  
Olympics  
event, 11 am

11  
Vets Day  
Pancakes,  
8:30 Patio  
2nd Degree,  
noon, Patio

12  
Mobil Park  
Recycling  
7-9:30 a.m



14  
First Degree  
Serra Chapel &  
St Columbans



19  
1st Degree  
7 p.m., Fr. Kass  
Mobil Park  
Recycling.  
7-9:30 a.m



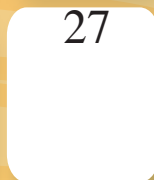
21  
Officers  
Meeting  
7 p.m

22  
Thanksgiving  
Day

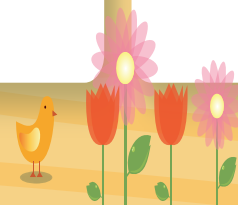


25  
2nd Degree,  
7 p.m.,  
Fr. Kass,  
Buena Park

26  
Mobil Park  
Recycling  
7-9:30 a.m



28  
Membership  
Open House  
7-9 p.m.,  
Parish Hall



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