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9487 Division 5**

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March 2008

Grand Knight's Report

Council heads into glorious Easter season



DINING WITH CLERGY: Knights chaplain Fr. Efrain Flores (l) shares dinner table with John and Mary Ojeda and Joe Schulte at Clergy Night.

Council 9487 had largest single group at Clergy Night with 44

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

Council 9487 was very well represented at this year's Clergy Night held at Marywood on Jan. 28.

We had 44 from our Council and were, by far, the largest single group. Both Fr. Dave and Fr. Efrain were able to attend and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Our spouses are welcome and made up a large portion of the attendees.

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by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

My Brother Knights, my best wishes for you and your family during this Lenten Season as we prepare for the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

My hope is that God's peace be with you as Easter approaches. Sometimes peace is hard to come by with all the distractions of life facing us each day.

As you peruse this Newsletter, you will soon appreciate that our Council

has been very busy with fraternal activities and space does not allow us to print all of them.

Many thanks, to our Brother Knights who have lent a hand to help with the Parish Lenten Fish Dinners. On Feb. 29 we joined with our choir for a pasta family Lenten dinner.

On Friday, March 7, we do it again with our famous fresh fish stew Lenten Family Dinner. Where else can you get Bouillabaisse or Cioppino for only \$6 or \$20 for your entire family?

We also will be serving good old macaroni and cheese for the children.

It has been a good year, but until we meet our insurance goal of eight new insurance members, you are going to hear my pitch.

You can help the Council achieve the Star Council award

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The Chaplain's Message
**Scripture, tradition
and the magisterium**



by Fr. Efrain Flores, Chaplain, Parochial Vicar

Do you know how lucky we are to be Catholics?

We have the Holy Scriptures in which God reveals himself to us through the inspired word. The Bible traces our faith tradition from creation, through trials and tribulations and ultimately to our justification and salvation.

God wants us to know him. He wrote to us (the Ten Commandments). He spoke to us (through the prophets). And finally he came to visit us (in the form of Jesus Christ).

Humanity became the means by which God would most fully reveal and communicate himself to us. God's revelation also reaches us through our Catholic tradition. From the time of the apostles, our worship ritual formed and quickly evolved into the mass celebration of the Eucharist.

Institutions were established to promulgate and propagate the living heritage of the Church's faith. And to provide interpretation and guidance we have the magisterium, which is the Holy Father and the bishops throughout the world. Yes, we are lucky indeed to share in the Catholic faith, which is the fullest and truest expression of the Christian faith. May the Lord bless you abundantly in this Easter season.

Knight of the Month

John Kistner

It is with great pleasure that the officers have selected John Kistner as our Knight of the Month.

John does an outstanding job as our Sickness and Distress chairman making certain that all those in need receive acknowledgement and encouragement from our Council.

When John began having severe back problems and had to back out of Joplin Youth Camp and Corazon ministries, he stepped forward and offered to take over Sickness and Distress.

John has served three years on our Parish Council and one year as Chairman. Be sure to congratulate John for the fine work he does for our Council and Church.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

Family of the Month

The Richard Pineros Family

We are very pleased to honor Richard and Raquel Pineros as our March Family of the Month.

Rich has continued to do a tremendous service to both the Council and Fr. Efrain by assisting in preparing our Chaplain's column. In addition to Council activities, Rich is an accomplished lecturer and Raquel has been a Eucharist Minister.

They attend almost all Council functions and also serve as leaders in our Latino community. Dedicated families like the Pineros have made our Church and Council great.

— John Piccolo, G.K.



AWARD WINNERS: Silverado High School students Chris Jones (l) and Sophia Najera (far right) are flanked by GK John Piccolo and Kathy Lindstron, assistant principal. Our Council donated ten \$5 gift certificates for last quarter perfect attendance. Those who achieved two consecutive quarters also received a pass to Knott's Berry Farm and gift certificate to Coldstone Creamery. Silverado provides us with wastepaper which we enter into our recycling program. Students learn that recycling is good for our environment and results in tangible rewards.

Recycling Report

February newspaper haul was equal to the previous month

by Gene Ganley and George Notthelfer

The February collection of newspapers was equal to what we took in the previous month. The remainder of our recycle items was at the usual all-time high.

The Council brothers and teen helpers provided great support.

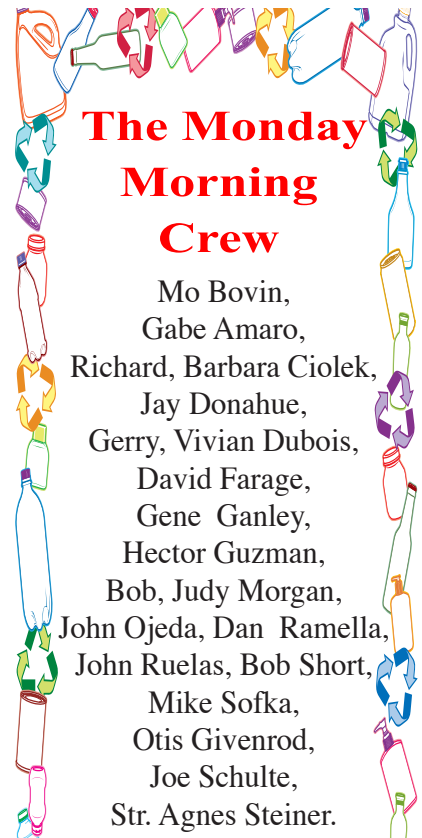
We had an abundance of magazines at our Saturday program in February, which created a problem. So I got a hold of Brother Gerry Dubois and David Farage, a friend of our Council, and after more than four hours, the glue-bound edges were sheared from the magazines and the pages were secured in the recycling bins.



Thank you fellows, for a job well done.

We have now raised a grand total of \$237,000 to date and counting!

Here is the part of this story that's easy to write. It's a pleasure to thank the following for their help: George Notthelfer, Jim Breen, John Ojeda, Gene Ganley, Daniel Cienfuegos, Levi Cienfuegos, Mike Ulibarri, Rich Mills, Pat Bole, Joe DeProspero, Dan Ramella, Ricardo Teano, Bob Morgan, Rudy Contreras, Sullivan Parker, Carlos Navarro, Stefan Mariano, Catherine Ratkowski, Lauren Ratkowski, Ashley Sawyer, Kyrene Que, Aliana Garces, Sorasya Rosales, Brent Ritschel, Ryan Murray, Emily Pennachio, Stephanie Raymundo, Rich Mulhaupt, Hector Guzman, Rich Quinn, Tom Reimann, Andrew Reimann, Matthew Reimasnn, Steve Eggert, Peter Eggert, Charles Young, John Piccolo, Gerry Dubois, Joseph Lozano, Eddie Morrisroe.



The Monday Morning Crew

Mo Bovin,
Gabe Amaro,
Richard, Barbara Ciolek,
Jay Donahue,
Gerry, Vivian Dubois,
David Farage,
Gene Ganley,
Hector Guzman,
Bob, Judy Morgan,
John Ojeda, Dan Ramella,
John Ruelas, Bob Short,
Mike Sofka,
Otis Givenrod,
Joe Schulte,
Str. Agnes Steiner.

Maintenance Update

Brothers help spruce up the storage rooms

by Gene Ganley

We finished two storage rooms in the main hall of the church by placing plywood and wood trim on the walls. We primed and painted the two storage rooms and the main storage room where the paper cutting machine is kept.



Gerry Dubois, Dan Ramella and Richard Petrash finished the jobs,

Thank you Brothers, for a job well done.

Bunco Night coming

Don't look now, but Bunco Night is just around the corner. It will be held on Saturday night, March 8, and starts at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

The bargain-basement cost is only \$5 per person, which is quite reasonable for what promises to be another big night of fun and laughs. Jim and his wife Nancy, who work

so hard each year to make this event a big success, can use some help.

They will need a bartender, ticket seller, check-in person or persons and help putting out appetizers and

dessert. Jim will also need a bit of help setting up on the afternoon of the event.

The prizes are usually done from the proceeds, but if anyone has something they would like to donate, that would help a lot. Attendance is already ahead of previous events so we may have a lot of players.

Please give Jim a call at 458-0472, or send him an e-mail at jameslamperis@cox.net if you can help.

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The event is held by the Knights of Columbus Orange County Chapter to honor our priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and other religious who serve our Orange County Catholic Community. This gives them the opportunity to break bread with the Knights and each other in a totally informal and relaxed atmosphere.

Clergy Night is usually held on the fourth Monday of January so why not pencil this event in for next year? Just give it one try and you might find yourself, like many in our Council, attending year after year.



PARTY-GOERS: Taking part in the fun at the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance on Feb. 9 were Paul and Nancy Coulter (l) and Raquel and Richard Pineros.

Valentine's Day bash big success

by John Piccolo, GK

The Valentine's Day dinner dance Feb. 9, was a big hit.

Bishop Johnson Council and friends joined with Cardinal McIntyre Council, based at St Kilian, at our Parish Hall for a great time of friendship, great food, and dancing to the wee hours.

By sheer coincidence, both Councils had 110 paid attendees, which made for a great party.

Our hall was so stunningly decorated that it was hard to believe that it was not an exquisite nightclub.

Couples were on the dance floor even before we called the tables for the buffet line.

Many door prizes donated

from local businesses were given away and a few lucky couples took home prizes from the silent auction.

It took an enormous amount of work to make this event so successful and at the risk of leaving someone out, I want to thank Joe Schulte, Rick Reynolds, Michael Lynch, and Ricardo Teano.

Also Paul and Nancy Coulter, John and Virginia Osley, Charlie and Jill Young, Rich and Carolyn Quinn, Rich and Patty Piecuch for helping with last second details and bartending duties.

Thanks to the Piecuchs for the beverages and making the beautiful gift baskets; Bill Breen for taking care of the finances and to event chairman and master of ceremonies, Pat Walloch.

Finally, a big thank you to the one person who worked the hardest and just so happens to be my wonderful wife, Penny Piccolo.

The Knights from both Councils are so pleased with the social and financial results, that this might be the beginning of a new relationship.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also, 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 upcoming Council meeting. You may also email Program Chairman with any articles or announcements you would like included in the Newsletter.

March 5: Wednesday: Council Business Meeting. Bring any Form 100s to be read for our First Degree on March 27.

March 7, Friday: Boullabaisse/Ciopinno/Macroni and Cheese Lenten Family Dinner. 5:30 to 7:00.

March 8, Saturday: Bunco Night and potluck dessert and snacks, 7 p.m.

March 21: Good Friday: Parish Lenten Family Fish Dinner.

March 26:, Thursday: First Degree in Parish Hall.

April 26-27: Saturday and Sunday State Membership Blitz.

**Pray
for
Vocations**

Membership Report

Help needed for new membership drive during April 26-27 weekend

by Michael Williams, Membership Chairmant

Step right up!" That was the beginning of the barker's call when the circus came to town.

Most of our membership is of the age to be able to remember that cry.

Our 340 strong Council has many activities to support our church, families, and charities. As we grow, we need new men to share our workload.

We stand on the threshold of the third and final State Membership Blitz for 2007-2008 to be held the weekend of April 26-27. I need help in building an effective drive

I have asked and received permission from Father Dave to speak prior to the beginning of each Mass. We may miss some of the latecomers, but hopefully catch more interest.

I am recruiting a family for each Mass to make a brief presentation. A short script will be prepared to assist you.

I will need help putting information cards in the pews, passing out cards prior to each mass, and taking names after each Mass. We will have an information table where you can bring a good prospect. All of this takes manpower and I need volunteers.

You may think you that you are not recruiter material, but if you

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Insurance Report

Right to apply issue is explained

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Insurance Field Agent

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from K of C members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a Knights' widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of insured members.

If a member has not availed himself of our highly rated life insurance program, or purchased an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

But if the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her life and on the lives of members' minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one



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SELECT COMPANY: John and Pernny Piccolo with Bishop Tod Brown.

Council well-represented by Piccolos at two events

by John Piccolo, GK

Penny and I were very honored to represent our great Council at two recent high visibility events.

On Jan. 27, we attended mass at St. Josephs Church on Minter Street in Santa Ana. The purpose was to honor Robert Wilke, our Orange County Chapter President, and to welcome the new St. Josephs Council into our Order. The Chapter officers were dressed in whites and a Fourth Degree honor guard in full regalia added dignity to the event.

If you are ever near the Santa Ana train station, find Minter and take a few minutes to stop by St. Josephs to admire the oldest church in Santa Ana. It is in the beautiful old style and built by German immigrants.

A wonderful brunch followed in a downtown Santa Ana restaurant where Jim Scroggin, our State Deputy, joined us for our Chapter President's Testimonial. We chatted with Jim for a few minutes and he asked me to convey his appreciation for our great work on the MR Drive.

The following Saturday, Feb. 2, Penny and I, along with five other Chapter Knights and spouses were guests of Orange County Chapter Charities annual Mardi Gras Ball. We were invited to the special VIP room where we mingled with the "who's who" in Catholic Charities.

Again, Penny and I were able to chat with Bishop Tod Brown and he thanked our Council for our commitment to the MR drive. I said that on behalf of the 350 Brothers of Council 9487, you are very welcome and our commitment will continue for years to come.

Our MR Drive money is combined with other OC Chapter Councils to send many intellectually disabled young men and ladies to weeklong Camp Re-Creation in the San Bernardino Mountains.

The Knights of Columbus and the Camp were showcased with a beautifully produced 15-minute DVD. At the end, the auctioneer was able to raise \$32,700 in about five minutes from the attendees just by asking.

Penny and I had a very special day and evening. Thank you Brother Knights for allowing us to represent our Council.

Help is needed to get marriage amendment on November ballot

The Knights of Columbus involvement is critical in seeking to obtain the 1.1 million signatures needed by April 1 to qualify the marriage amendment for the November ballot.

The California Catholic Conference has set as one of its legislative priorities the defense and support of the institution of marriage between a man and woman as the basic foundation of society.

The California Supreme Court and State Legislature are attempting to overturn the law voted on and approved by 60 percent of voters in 2000.



Our efforts begin by collecting signatures in support of this endeavor to help our Bishops get this proposition on the ballot.

"However if and to the extent that any signature-gathering takes place on parish property, it must be carried out in accordance with the position and under the direction of the local bishop and parish pastor," wrote Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Auxiliary Bishop of California, in a letter to Jim Scroggin, the K of C State Deputy.

The complete letter and other information on the marriage amendment initiative can be seen on <http://www.kofc-california.org/>, see "marriage Amendment Initiative" link.



March Birthdays

02 Rev. John Luongo
 03 Kathleen Kuri
 04 Thomas Pratte
 04 Patricia Sevcisin
 05 Carol Bender
 05 Robin Bole
 07 Randy Meeks
 07 Alfonso Pena
 09 Terry Alt
 09 Thomas Hartline
 10 Edie Lynch
 10 Brian Beach
 10 Jerome Ernst
 12 Marty Medina
 13 Linda Keeley
 14 Gloria DeRosia
 14 Virginia Osley
 15 Rev. Efrain Flores
 15 Raymond Puzio
 17 John Saita
 19 Rita Goold

19 Eugene Arriola
 19 Casey Kelly
 20 Teresa Alt
 20 Charles Young
 20 Ike Conner
 21 Mike Martinez
 22 Amanda LaRosa
 24 Robert Weigel
 25 Mike Sofka
 25 George Nothhelfer
 25 Joseph Papac
 25 Dianne Surak
 25 Victor Burriola
 26 James McCarthy
 29 Theresa Fernandez
 30 Robert Lieska
 30 Mark Murietta
 30 Robert Morgan
 31 Peter Onutrak

March Anniversaries

05 Al/Norma Pena
 11 Robert/Sarah Lieske
 16 Al/Linda Ravgiala
 20 John/Joanne Cashman
 22 Jim/Amanda Breen
 22 Robert/Teresa Lopez
 23 Tim/Jeanette McSkane
 23 Mark/Donna Griffin
 29 Henry/Danuta Zakrzewski



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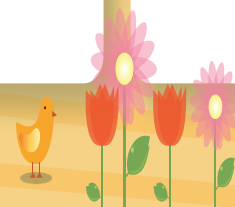
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 2nd Sunday of Lent	3 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	4 2nd Degree 7:30 p.m. F. Valley	5 General Meeting, 8 p.m.	6	7 1st Friday Adoration Lenten Fish Fry	8 Recycle 7 a.m.-noon Bunco Night, Parish Hall
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	11	12 1st Degrees 7:30 p.m. St. Columbans St. Edwards	13	14 Lenten Dinner	15
16 Palm Sunday	17 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m St. Pat's Day 1st Degree, BP	18	19 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	20 Chapter Meeting, First Day of Spring	21 Good Friday Lenten Dinner	22
23 Easter Sunday	24 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	25 Feast of the Annunciation	26 First Degree P.Hall	27	28	29
30	31 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m					





REPRESENTATIVES from Council 9487 will visit Haitian children March 15.

Council 9487 team heading to Haiti to help Fr. Marc's kids

Remember from our youth, one of the basic tenants of the Catholic Church is to support our Missionaries.

On March 20, three spouses and the daughter of our Brother Knights are traveling to Haiti to visit Fr. Marc Boisvert and the children of Project Hope.

These intrepid missionaries are Dee Orlowski, Penny Piccolo, Katy McCarthy, and Jamie LaFave.

One purpose of this trip is to bring gifts to the over 600 boys and now girls under the care of Project Hope. Because of a financial crisis, the children did not receive Christmas presents and the goal is to bring something for each child. These are children who possess nothing and even a small gift, such as a Hot Wheel, is a treasure.

I am asking that they next time you hit the ATM or go out for dinner, please put a \$20.00 bill in your pocket and hand it to either Dee or the Grand Knight, sometime before March 18. Your donation will be well spent on a small gift and your name will be included on an Easter card presented to Fr. Marc and the Children.

John Piccolo, G.K.

INSURANCE:

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year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things. First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance.

Second, I'll provide them my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility. I'm at 322-7266. Call me – let's talk.

HELP:

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can simply ask a prospect for his name and phone number, we have a job for you.

I want you to be everything else, so Step Right Up!

We have a 1st Degree scheduled for Thursday, March 26

Between now and our March 6 meeting, please ask one stranger if he would like to join the Knights of Columbus.

We can read his Form 100 on March 5 and initiate him on March 26.

Welcome new members Vladimir Anderson and David Bohmfalk who took their First Degree at Fr. Kass Hall on Feb. 25.

Vlad, a Newport Beach police officer, was proposed by my Francisco Palop.

Dave, a teacher at Santa Margarita Catholic HS, was proposed by Jim Breen.

Congratulations to our new Brother Knights.

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and help the Knights of Columbus with charitable activities simply by purchasing at least a \$300 annuity, which you will receive back with tax-deferred interest.

You can even make it tax-deductible or tax-free by setting up an IRA.

Call me at 951-1550 or see me at the meeting and I will help you make the arrangements.

Mark Yubeta, our Field Agent has promised me that you will not be hit hard to buy life insurance if all you want to do is help the Council with an annuity.

If you are not an insurance member, your help will be greatly appreciated and you will be part of what Fr. McGivney envisioned so many years ago.

I wish you a very Happy Easter and will see you on March 5..

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