

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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ROOSTERS BOOSTERS: Participating in the 2007 Roosters program were Dan Ramella (left photo) and Roger Sonnenfeld, daughter Samantha, and Randy Gamache.

Council will distribute meals to those in need

by **John Piccolo, PGK**

Last December, our Council distributed 75 holiday meals to the less fortunate.

The meal boxes were provided by a great organization known as "The Roosters."

Their membership is comprised of leading business people in Orange County and Gelsons Food Market.

Throughout the year, Roosters raises funds for an annual holiday meal distribution that consists of a frozen turkey with all the trimmings including toys for the children.

For more information see their website at www.roosters.org.

This year's event will take place the morning of Sunday, Dec. 21.

We expect to have at least 75 boxes to pass out to families or organizations that serve our brothers and sisters in need.

All those in the Council who need food boxes either for families or organizations, please let me know your count.

If you are collecting for an organization, I need their name in addition to the number of boxes.

Please call John Piccolo, PGK at 949-951-1550.

Leave a message on my phone if you get voice mail.

Grand Knight's Report

Love, trust, honor, true messages of Christmas

by **Dick Petrash, Grand Knight**

Over 2,000 years ago a very special baby was born. He was the son of common people of the time, not rich, not famous, but He was destined to change the face of the world.

For these past 2,000 plus years we have celebrated His birth with a season of celebration of His birth and of His life and teachings.

Today we live in a time of secular nonsense with groups of people striving to change a long honored tradition of this celebration we call Christmas.

Businesses, stores, newspapers and other media foster this change by substituting "Happy Holidays" for "Merry Christmas" hoping to commercialize this very blessed season.

Some of us have succumbed to this new practice by failing to live the message of our Messiah, a message of love, trust and honoring our fellow men.

The Knights of Columbus strive to keep this tradition of the true meaning of Christmas by their push to "Keep Christ in Christmas" messages and by offering Christmas cards with the true meaning of the season.

We as Catholic Christians must remember the true meaning of the Christmas season by living our lives as a reflection of the teachings of our Savior Jesus Christ.



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Family of the Month

The Francisco Palop Family

Francisco Palop, his wife Lupe and children, Francisco Emanuel, Dulce Paloma and Fabiola Sofia, are the family of the month.

Francisco is better known to the brother Knights as Paco. He is one of those Brothers who is always there when needed, but without a lot of fanfare.

Paco has been a Knight since he was 18 years old. He is there for recycling whenever he is available with his son, Francisco. They are also there to help cook, whether a Lenten or spaghetti dinner or pancake breakfast.

Paco and Lupe are Eucharistic Ministers. Francisco is an altar boy and helps out every year with the Tootsie Roll Drive. He volunteered to help with the Parish Festival this year, even though he did not receive any service hours.

He also volunteered to work in the jumping booth and the prize booth. Paco's older daughter, Paloma age 11, sings in the choir.

His younger daughter, Fabiola age 4, has worked the Tootsie Roll Drive since she was a year old. Lupe works at the Vacation Bible School (VBS) each year.

As you can see, they truly are a family that has earned the title "Family of the Month."

- *Charlie Young, DGK*

Knight of the Month

Dr. Peter Yellen

One of our Past Grand Knights has dedicated himself to the art of making pancakes for our very successful parish breakfasts.

He is fondly referred to as "pancake boy" or "flipper boy". At our last breakfast for our veterans, he stood over the kitchen grill for almost four hours creating over 600 wonderful, light and tasty pancakes, supervising the perfect consistency of the 42 pounds of batter used to satisfy the hungry parishioners standing in line with mouths watering.

All of the people eating that morning expressed their gratitude for these light and fluffy works of art.

It is with great pleasure that the officers of our Council express our thanks to Past Grand Knight Dr. Peter Kellen for his tireless efforts to create the perfect "cake."

- *Dick Petrash, GK*

Knight of the Month

Jim Burrell (October)

Jim Burrell has not been a brother Knight very long, but he has come to the aid of the Council in one of its direst hours of need.

He was a Knight less than 24 hours when he assisted in preparing the spaghetti sauce for Fr. Marc's dinner. Jim was the only person who could get the convection oven started so that we could cook the sausages. Without his assistance, we would still be looking at the oven, hoping to cook the sausage.

Jim has also helped with the pancake breakfast during Santiago's festival. Jim and his lovely wife were out of the country in November, vacationing in Argentina and Uruguay. We will have something for him to do upon his return!

- *Dick Petrash, GK*

Recycling Report Parishioners, Council fuel our recycling fire

by Gene Ganley, George Nottthelfer

Our November program went very well thanks to the support of the Santiago parishioners. Our Council support was very good, too.

In conversation with manager Ron Allen of Allan's Recycling of Santa Ana, he said his company had to reduce the prices paid for recycling items immediately.

So now, unfortunately, our program is in for a bit of rough sledding. However, we've been in that position before, and bounced

back very nicely.

With the blessings of our God in Heaven, we will survive as our Council members see us through this problem.

To date, the recycling program has raised \$255,000 and now going for \$300,000!

It is now time to give a big thank you to the following who pitched in their support of last month's program:

John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Bob Morgan, Dan Ramella, Jose Lopez, Pat Bole, Ricardo Teano,

Dennis DeRosa, Christian Soto, Michael Ulibarri, Nicholas Greer, Joe DeProspero, Richard Mills, Dick Petrash, Gene Ganley, PGK; Chip Orlowski, Jim Gilbert, Vincent Gilbert, Eddie Morrisroe, Rich Quinn, Ken Carpenter, Claude Makin, Rob Balen, Eddie Morrisroe, Charles Young, Gerry Dubois.



Membership Report

The help is there, we just need to ask

by Michael Williams, Membership Chairman

I believe we have encountered a first to some degree to borrow from our various levels.

I went with John Garcia to his first degree in Buena Park, and we discussed his second degree in San Clemente for Nov. 17.

With changes in schedules I missed the date, but not our resourceful new 1st degree. He found the location and address, then drove himself to the second degree.

We have new members that we need to get involved in one of our many ministries, they just need to be asked. I would suppose the same could be said for non-members in our parish, they need to be asked.

Please share the reason you joined our council with our faith community. It will grow our membership and ability to support the many things we do as Knights...



The Monday Morning Crew

Richard, Barbara Ciolek,
Jay Donahue,
Gerry, Vivian Dubois,
David Farage,
Gene Ganley,
Hector Guzman,
Bob, Judy Morgan,
John Ojeda,
Dan Ramella,
John Ruelas,
Str. Agnes Steiner.
Bob Short,
Mike Sofka,
Otis Givenrod,
Joe Schulte,
Gary Clack
Rich Quinn
— Submitted by
Gene Ganley

Brothers, please respond to MR

You received a letter in the past weeks asking for a contribution to this year's MR Drive.

If you haven't already responded please consider doing so. We are in a recession and are experiencing a shortfall from previous years.

Anything you can do will be appreciated. Last year we were first in the state with \$39,000. We are presently behind that this year.

Your cooperation will be great.

Bill Breen, MRT Drive Chairman

November meeting highlights

by Steve Eggert, Recorder

GKs Report:

Anyone interested in listing their business on our website should see Jerry Delmore.

GK Dick Petrash will call a meeting in December of all PGK's to discuss the future direction of our Council.

Membership:

Application for membership approved by the membership: Eduardo Wood, proposed by John Piccolo.

New Business:

New member Tom Keedy introduced himself to the council.

Bill Breen requested that the Council consider a donation to sponsor the CI/CII program in their participation in the "Rock and Road in OC" teen anti-drunk-driving program. A motion to donate \$500 was made and approved.

District Deputy Guy Gottschalk attended and presented Star Council plaque to PGK John Piccolo.

The local chapter of Boys Town is looking for assistance. Donated M and M's are available for purchase from Bill Breen.

Committee Reports:

Recycling. George Nothhelfer reported that \$2,867.86 was collected in October.

Ushers. Ken Allen could use help for the Christmas masses.

Other items:

The Council conferred Honorary Lifetime Degrees on Fr. Patrick Moses and Brother Eddie Brown, PGK.

Christmas party White Social to be held on Sunday, Dec. 11.

MR Drive. Bill Breen reported that funds collected should be within \$100 of what was collected last year.

Rich Piecuch will have Entertainment Books for sale through Dec. 15.

Insurance:

Agent Mark Yubeta mentioned that interest rates are headed down and the K of C is offering several new retirement products for members to consider.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also, refer to the Council calendar on the last page of this Newsletter. Call or e-mail the DGK and Program Chairman, Charles Young, if you have an item(s) to present at the next Council meeting. You may also e-mail the Program Chairman with any articles or announcements that you request be included in the Council Newsletter.

December 2008

12-3. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Council business meeting, please attend.

12-4, Thursday: Orange County Chapter Meeting, St. John Neumann's, 5101 Alton Parkway, Irvine, 8 p.m.

12-5, Friday: First Friday Adoration.

12-8, Monday: 1st Degree, Stella Maris, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 105 N. La Esperanza, San Clemente, Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30

12-9, Tuesday: 1st Degree, Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley. Candidates, 7 p.m., Degree 7:30

12-15, Monday: 1st Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall, 8410 Kass Dr., Buena Park. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree, 7:30 pm.

12-17 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Officer's Meeting, all are welcome to attend.

There are no 2nd Degree Ceremonials during the month of December 2008.

Have the Holiest Christmas and Happiest New Year!

— Charlie Young, DGK
Program Chairman

Robert Desmond: A thinking man's Knight

Robert Desmond, a Past Grand Knight, epitomizes the true spirit of the Council.

He was at the local grocery store the day after Halloween and asked the Manager what they do with the leftover Halloween candy.

The manager replied, "We give it away or dispose of it." We provided him with a KofC letter and received five cases of M&Ms. A simple question and a followup gave us a fund raiser.

How many of us pass up similar chances. We are using the candies to raise funds. Congratulations Bob, you are the perfect example of a thinking Knight.

—Bill Breen

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Insurance Report

Protect your loved ones by giving them the insurance they require

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Field Agent

If you're 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're 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.

We also 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 you're not around.



Mark Yubeta

And you'll show them 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, free of charge, we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your needs, goals and budget.

GK REPORT:

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Let us as Knights of Columbus profess our dedication to Catholic principles in our daily lives and through our daily actions. Make this Christmas season one of family, reflection and prayer for all of mankind.

I hope and pray that this Christmas finds you in great spirit, working and striving to foster the

true meaning of this wonderful season.

I speak for the officers of our Council in wishing all of you the most blessed Christmas and hope that the New Year finds us living in the brotherhood of faith, hope and charity which is our order.

Merry Christmas.

Dick Petrash.

'Wheelies' is ministry that is flourishing

by John Ojeda, PGK

It has been five years since Bill Breen started the Wheelie program started, and it has flourished.

We have had weeks where up to 15 residents of the Lake Forest Nursing Home get wheeled to Church for 8:30 Mass.

The Knights and volunteers from the 7 a.m. Mass take the lead in bringing the residents to Mass, and the good folks at 8:30 Mass see that they get back. So far we have not left anyone at Church.



Bill Breen

I would personally like to thank all those who participate for their continued cooperation. This visit to share the Holy Mass with the parishioners of Santiago may be the only outing these residents get for the week.

Most of us find we get more out of this Ministry than they do: Some entire families get involved in taking the residents back to the home.

This is a Charitable Ministry and one that does not involve money or a lot of time. It takes just a few minutes and conversation with a smile.

There are residents at the Nursing Home that do not go to Mass that look forward to us saying hello and talking to them.

Recently the number of residents on our list has swelled to 18.

Not all attend Mass but new

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December Birthdays



December Anniversaries



01 Cindy Guzman	17 Ted Fay	01 Rolando/Tita Fernandez
01 Irma Ruelas	17 Peter Manarino	205 Mike/Jackie Martinez
02 Katherine Kane	17 Claude Mauer	05 James/Coleen McNally
02 Mario Soto	17 Gayle Peters	06 Pat/Karen Cardinale
02 Nelson Sweeney	19 Gaye Ramella	08 Frank/Jody O'Brien
03 Ray Adrian	19 James Breeell	13 Ray/Marlene Puzio
03 Steve Eggert	19 Mark Griffin	16 Thomas/Mary Pratte
04 William Gordon	23 Rich Piecuch, PGK	16 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe
04 David Mrozinski	26 William Murphy	19 Ron/Diane Surak
05 Richard Quinn	28 Maria Palop	24 Tracy/Karen Letzring
05 Carolyn Quinn	29 Steve Goold	31 Richard/Kathy Petrash
07 Sally McKenna	30 Kenneth Stokes	
07 James Naumann	30 Mary Ann Husava	
07 Barbara Walloch	31 Edward Brown	
07 Lorraine Epperson	31 Jeanne Donovan	
09 Nicole Sketic	31 Richard Donovan	
11 Anssy Okebor	31 Dominique Herman	

Council plans service directory

by Dick Petrash, GK

In a recent conversation with a Brother Knight I learned that he was having some work done on his house and needed the services of an electrician.

He used the tried and true method of asking his friends for references for someone who had worked on their homes and who performed the job to expectations.

After the work was completed he learned that one of our members was an electrician and had he known, he would have hired the Brother Knight to do his work.

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WHEELIES:

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volunteers were commissioned. Since then some of these new recruits have continued to answer the call.

I do not believe they are all Knights but as Mike Williams has told us many times, you just have to ask and many answer the call. We have great parishioners at Santiago.

We do many great things as Knights of Bishop Johnson Council; this Ministry is able to continue because of Love and Fellowship of you, My Brothers.

God Bless You.

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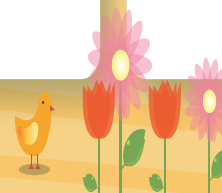
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December 2008

Merry Christmas



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 General Meeting 8 p.m.	4	5 First Friday Adoration	6
7 First Sunday of Advent	8 Feast of Immaculate Conception MPark Recycle 7-9:30	9 2nd Degree Holy Spirit, Fountain Valley 7:30 p.m.	10	11	12 Feast of OL of Guadalupe	13
14 Second Sunday of Advent	15 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	16 Veterans Day	17 1st Degree SJC, 7:30 p.m. Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Third Sunday of Advent	22 MP Recycle 7-9:30 a.m. 2nd Degree OLF, San Clem 7:30	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27
28 Fourth Sunday of Advent	29 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	30	31 New Year's Eve			



Council salutes the nation's veterans with annual breakfast

by Joe Schulte, Advocate

Sunday, Nov. 16, turned out to be another beautiful Southern California morning, and Bishop Johnson Council fulfilled its tribute to our veterans by sponsoring its second annual breakfast in their honor.



Approximately 275 parishioners accepted our invitation to stop by for breakfast on the church patio. Donations exceeded expenses by over \$125. The money will be given to Fr. Marcs' orphanage in Haiti.



BROTHER KNIGHTS provided plenty of support at the breakfast.

We are indebted to the following Brother Knights who unselfishly gave of their time to accomplish our goal:

John Blaney and son Garret, Pablo Palop and son Francisco, Sal Gonzalez, Peter Kellen, Rich Quinn, Charlie Young, Rich Mills, Pat Boles, Ramon Navarro, Gerry



Dubois, Roger Sonnefeld and GK Dick Petrash.

Special thanks to Mike Williams. Through his company Maverick Brands, he donated juice and pancake syrup for this worthy event.

Hopefully I didn't miss mentioning any of the help.

Brothers lend a hand to others who need a ride

by Dick Petrash, GK

The officers of our Council have recently discussed the fact that many of our Brothers are unable to attend our monthly business meetings because of a lack of transportation, temporary illness which prevent their driving or the inability to drive at night.

Some of our fellow Knights are already bringing members to our meetings and taking them home afterwards.

If you are unable to attend our meetings and would like for a Brother to pick you up please give one of our officers listed on page 2 of this Newsletter a call.

We will make arrangements to transport you to the meeting and take you home.

If any of you would like to join the ranks of those transporting our members, one please let of our officers know you are available.

SERVICE:

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Well, our Council has its own website, kofc9487 created and managed by Brother Knight Jerry Delmore.

We have talked and decided to make available on our website a directory of your business or service.

While this will not be an endorsement of your performance or skill, it will give our Brother Knights a place to find what they need.

If you have a business or service that you own or offer, send an E-mail to brother Jerry.

He will create a link through our web page to a directory that will list your name, business or service and how to contact you by phone or E-mail.

Just one more way we can help our fellow Knights

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