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Grand Knight's Report Goodbye to 2008 and greetings to 2009

by Dick Petrash, Grand Knight

I don't think many of us feel sad at the passing of 2008.

It was a year of nasty political fighting, propositions on our ballot which could put all religions to the test, parental notification for minors seeking abortions and of course, the war in Iraq.

At the end of the year we experienced the worst economic downturn since the great depression. A happy goodbye to 2008.

Many of our brothers have been affected

by the slumping economy and many have been laid off from their jobs or terminated.

Because of this, we are going to try to help those who may need our assistance. Brother Mike Sevcisin has many contacts with companies throughout California and in other states. Mike is willing to accept resumes' from any brother seeking employment.

Of course, any information given to Mike will be held in strictest confidentiality and

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Roosters food distribution day a major success

by John Piccolo, PGK

Sunday morning, Dec. 21, was a great time for all Brother Knights and Friends of the Council who participated in the annual Roosters Food Distribution.

The Roosters was founded about 14 years ago by a handful of Orange County businessmen who wanted to do something for the community.

They saw a need, which was to make sure those less fortunate could enjoy a Christmas feast. By raising funds and partnering with Gelson's Market, they have made this happen.

This year Roosters donated about 3,500 food boxes and our Council received 75 that we allocated to St. Vincent De Paul, Isaiah House, CASA Orange County, South County Outreach, and number of individual families.

We met at the church at to caravan to Irvine. Our intrepid

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- John Piccolo photo

VOLUNTEER: Brother John Blaney does his part on the assembly line.

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Third Degree ceremony is Feb. 22

Attention all Second Degree Knights! This is a "Save the Date" notice for your Third Degree to be held Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m.

Watch for details information in next month's Newsletter. Your Third Degree is a milestone event and at the conclusion you become a full Knight.



If you are a First Degree Knight, you may take your Second Degree on Tuesday, Feb.3, at Holy Spirit in Fountain Valley and then be eligible to take your Third Degree on the 22nd. Call John Piccolo at 949-951-1550 if you wish to attend.

- John Piccolo, PGK

Knights of the Month

Rich Piecuch, RicardoTeano

The choice for December's Knight of the month is one of the easiest awards to determine and, it includes two of our Brother Knights.

Since early September a Brother Knight has been giving up most of his Sunday mornings sitting in front of church and raising money for our Council.

Another Brother, his "second in command" has also given much of his time assisting and filling in for the head salesman when he had other commitments.

Of course I refer to our Entertainment Book Chairman, Past Grand Knight Rich Piecuch and his right hand, sometimes elf Brother Ricardo Teano.

Both of these individuals dedicated themselves to the success of this annual fundraiser through dedication and hard work.

It is with great pleasure that we honor Brothers Rich Piecuch and Ricardo Teano.

- Dick Petrash, GK

Pray for Vocatíons



Rich Piecuch



Ricardo Teano

Recycling Report Thanks to all who make our recycle motor hum

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

Our January program went very well.

As a K of C Council, we are very proud of our program.

We have now been doing this for about 20 years and it has been a major success thanks in part to our Santiago parishoners.

We have now raised a total of \$257,000 to date.

As everyone knows, the U.S. economy has been in a tailspin. So, we expect that our values the values for our recycling products

will also be down.

We are now asking any and all, parishoners who can help this year to come and support us.

We will raffling off four \$25 gas cards at our next program on Jan. 10 when we hope to have sufficient help.

So as always, it is the time to thank all those people who helped out last month and make our recycle motor go:

George Nothhelfer, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Bob Morgan, Dan Ramella, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Ricardo Teano, Gene Ganley, John Piccolo, Joe Lozano, Charles Young, Ramon Navarro, Emily Pennachio, Conner Atkins,



Shareny Parada, Maya Garcia, Michael Thomas, Rich Mulhaupt, Gerry Dubois, Dennis DeRosia, Kiersten Irwin, Catherine Mann, Pat Walloch, Peter Kellen.

Membership Report Looking within your faith strengthens resolve

by Michael Williams, Membership Chairman

I am struggling to write about membership growth, when there are so many other pressing issues in our lives that take precedence.

I do not have the magical answer to this growth or for that manner all the other puzzling questions.

What I do know is that when I look within my faith it helps provides the resolve to tackle those problems and issues.

To paraphrase what I heard in a recent Sunday's sermon; How did I find God in my life today and what am I doing about bringing God into other peoples lives?

What does this have to do with membership?

Think about what we do as Knights and share that good with our parish.

Just the Facts Smoking a very expensive habit



Here is an interesting statistic about smoking that was submitted by Gene Ganley:

If you started smoking at the age of 14 and lived to the age of 70, you would have spent about \$94,1000 on cigarattes during your lifetime.

Think about that!





Gabe Amaro, Richard, Barbara Ciolek. Jay Donahue, Gerry, Vivian Dubois, David Farrage, Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman, Bob, Judy Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, John Ruelas, Str. Agnes Steiner. Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Gary Clack **Rich Quinn** – Submitted by Gene Ganley

December meeting highlights

by Steve Eggert, Recorder

New Members:

Applications were accepted for Daniel O'Neill, Michael Adrian and Adam Doolittle.

GK's Report:

Noted maintenance efforts of Jerry Delmore, Bob Morgan and others.

New Business:

Rick Reynolds said that the Boys Town open house is upcoming. Insurance Agent Mark Yubeta said several life insurance and annuity products are available for for members' consideration.

Committee Reports:

Recycling: George Nothhelfer said the total funds raised is now \$255,000. Join us for the next recycling on Saturday, Jan. 10. Shirts: Still available for sale from DGK Charlie Young.

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drivers were Randy Gamache, Roger and Samantha Sonnenfeld, Dan Ramella, John and Anne Marie Blaney, and Charlie Young.

They were accompanied by John Piccolo and Joanne and Steve Lambert with several young men and women from our Youth Ministry.

After checking in at the volunteer table, we attended an inspiring opening ceremony and were shown how to fill each box.

Every box in contain a large frozen turkey, a 5 -pound bag of potatoes, stuffing, rice-a-roni, canned vegetables and fruit, and heaps of treats including toys for the children.

spent walking down the line filling boxes went by in the blink of an eye.

What made it most enjoyable was intermingling with the hun- disappointed.

dreds of volunteers and listening to a young lady with a beautiful voice playing her guitar and singing Christmas carols.

Before we knew it, it was time to jump into our trucks and join the line to receive our allotment.

We went our separate ways with Brothers Roger and John to Isaiah House, Brother Randy to Casa, and Brothers Dan, Charlie, and John returning to the church.

It was a great day. We met volunteers from ages 4 to 84 and there was something to do for everyone.

As soon as the call goes The hour and 45 minutes we out next year, why not make a commitment with your family to attend this v ery worthwhile half-day event?

I promise that you will not be



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.

January 2009

1/2, Friday: Adoration. 1/6, Tuesday: 1st Degree, Holy Spirit Parish Hall, 17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree, 7:30. 1/7, Wednesday: 8 p.m., Council

business meeting.

1/14, Wednesday: 1st Degree, St. Columban's Council Hall, 7836 Westminster Ave., Westminster. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30. 1st Degree, The Great Stone Church, Mission San Juan Capistrano, 31641 El Camino Real, SJC.Candidates 7 p.m., Degree, 7:30.

1/19, Monday: 1st Degree, Father Kass Council Hall, 8410 Kass Drive, Buena Park.Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30. 1/19, Monday: 2nd Degree,

Our Lady of Fatima church, 105 North Esperanza, San Clemente. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

1/21, Wednesday: Officer's Meeting, all are welcome to attend.

1/25, Sunday: 2nd Degree, Father Kass Council Hall, 8410 Kass Drive, Buena Park.Candidates 1 p.m., Degree 1:30 p.m.

> – Charlie Young, DGK **Program Chairman**



– John Piccolo photo

CASTING OFF: Brother Vlad Anderson watches his son Vlad Jr. compete in the 2008 free throw contest. Brother Vlad is chairman this year, when the competition will be held Sunday, Jan. 22, from 8 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot.

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there is no guarantee that you will find a job through the good auspices of Brother Mike. Just e-mail your resume' to *Mikepat7sun@ earthlink.net* and he will try to pass the information to companies looking for someone with your job skills. We're just offering another layer in networking.

To give Mike some additional ammunition, if you are aware of a company looking to hire some really good men, pass the information to Mike via e-mail and perhaps we can lend some much needed assistance to our Brother Knights.

If you are having really bad economic times or if you know of a Brother who is in dire financial straits, get in tough with our Financial Secretary Bill Breen.

There is financial help available to Brother Knights from Council, State and Supreme levels. We have helped a number of Brothers throughout the years get past some immediate financial need and of course, any help given in the past or in the future is held in the strictest of confidence.

Only Bill and the Grand Knight are aware of any help given.

Lastly, we mentioned in the last newsletter that many of our Brothers are seeking good contacts for painting, electrical work, handyman services and other professional services.

Because of this need, we are offering a link through our web site for you to advertise your business or services. Just e-mail your information to Brother Jerry Delmore at *jcdelmore@cox.com* and he will add it to a services link to our web site.

We will not endorse any services listed in the web site but it will give you an opportunity to let your Brothers know of your services.

I hope that this new year brings back a strong economy, a popula-

Free Throw contest is set for Jan. 25

by John Piccolo, Past Grand Knight

The Council will hold the annual Knights of Columbus annual Basketball Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Jan. 25, from 8 a.m. to noon on the Church grounds.

The popular event is open to

boys and girls ages 10 to 14 as of Jan. 1, 2009.

As usual, every participant will receives a nice certificate. The boys and girls who win their respective age brackets continue on to the next level.

This year's event chairman is Brother Vlad Anderson. So, if you have any questions, call him at 949-472-4147.

It takes several people organize the players and record all the shots, so please check-in with Brother Vlad on the 25th to offer your help.

Rides available for Brothers unable to attend meetings

Members of our Council who are unable to attend our monthly meetings and would like for a Brother to pick them, 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.

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

– Dick Petrash, GK

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11 Eduardo Chin	26 Richard Pineros	
12 Mark Blackwelder	28 David White	
12 Elizabeth DeProspero	29 Donna Furniss	
14 Ana Martinez	30 William Marilly	



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