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Our hearts and thanks go to all those who helped at Valentine's Day party



by **Charles Young, DGK**

If you were not there, you missed a great party! The Valentine's Day Dinner Dance was a huge success. Joining with the Knights of Columbus Council from St. Kilian's, Bishop William Johnson Council hosted a wonderful event on Feb. 14.

There were over 200 members and their spouses or girlfriends in attendance at the festivities.

The evening began with the 5 p.m. Mass and the renewal of vows. I had to leave early to

work the registration table and was not in attendance at the end of Mass when the vows were renewed.

Someone told my wife that I must have had cold feet! Not true. The party proceeded to our hall with drinks flowing freely; we ran out of wine prior to dinner.

The food was terrific, with Brothers from both Councils serving the guests. The disc jockey was superb and at times the dance floor was not large enough. We may be old, but we still enjoy cutting a rug.

The highlight of the evening was celebrating the 56th wedding anniversary of Bill Breen

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Grand Knight's Report Our Council faces a busy three months

by **Dick Petrash, Grand Knight**

We are at the time of the year when the Council, the Chapter and the State K of C have their busiest three months.

We have had a 1st degree, a 2nd degree and a 3rd degree within two weeks, a past Grand Knights meeting, a hugely successful Valentines Day dance, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten dinners and much, much more.

The Chapter and the State are gearing up for the California State convention in Mid-May. We are looking to prepare a slate of officers for next year and it goes on and on.

Our congratulations to Charlie Young for a magnificent job in coordinating the Valentines Dance with the Council from St. Killian's. We had over 220 attendees and the evening went without a hitch.

The cooperation between our Councils was outstanding. Our thanks to all those who helped make the event a success.

We have a number of brothers who have completed their degrees these past two weeks including our Chaplain, Father Patrick. The

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Knight of the Month

Father Patrick Moses

Our Knight of the month for February has been a member of the Knights for about 10 years.

He has tried, on many occasions, to take his third degree but due to an overly busy schedule and many demands placed on him by his job and his other responsibilities, he was unable to attend and complete his 3rd degree.

Thankfully, on Feb. 22, he arranged his schedule to become a full 3rd degree Knight.

Since joining our Council he has become a friend, a mentor and an inspiration to many of his fellow Knights.

It is with great pleasure we announce this month's Knight of the Month, our own Chaplain, Father Patrick Moses.

– Dick Petrash, GK



Nominating committee formed to choose officers for 2009-10

It is hard to believe that we must start planning for our 2009-2010 Columbian Year officer slate.

The Trustees have been assigned as the nominating committee with Rich Piecuch, PGK as Chairman. The other members are Roger Sonnenfeld, PGK and John Piccolo, PGK.

The standard procedure is for the Chairman to approach each current officer to confirm that he wishes to move up in the chairs. However, any 3rd Degree Knight is eligible to run for office and all the Brother Knight needs to do is contact one of the Trustees.

His name will be published in the slate of officers that will appear in this June Newsletter. The telephone numbers for the Trustees are found on the bottom of page 2 in the Newsletter.

In addition to the published slate, nominations for officer positions are accepted from the floor.

More details on the election process will appear in forthcoming articles.

– John Piccolo, PGK

Pray for World Peace

Recycling Report

Last program an improvement

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

February's program turned out to be a very good one.

In order to offset the lower prices we are now receiving for these recyclable products, we are asking our patrons to please "hang with us" and also ask friends and neighbors to help.

To date, we have raised \$259,000 over the life of this program, and are counting.

At about 9 a.m., we received a human windfall of young people, students from local high schools. They were able to step right in and contribute, and we thank them for that.



It's time to thank all of the following who helped last month: George Nothhelfer, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Gene Ganley, Bob Morgan, John Piccolo, Charles Young, Yajaira Melchor, Andrea Cornejo, Christian Cornejo, Edwin Lopez, Ariel Fickling, Jonathan Lopez, Max Lopez, Joe DeProspero, Rich Mills, Christian Soto, Sullivan Parker, Britney Collins, Forbes Collins, Martha Carrillo, Don Leuer, Peter Eggert, Jose Lopez, Claude Makin, Rich Mulhaupt, Dan Cienfuegos, Levi Cienfuegos, Dan Ramella, Gerry Dubois and Cameron Young.



HOTSHOTS: Vlad Anderson (l), son Vlad Jr. and Tom Murphy and his son took part in local level play on Jan. 25 in the church parking lot.

The Monday Morning Crew

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

– Submitted by

Gene Ganley

Free throw contest advances to the next levels

by John Piccolo, PGK

Kudos to Brother Vlad Anderson, who directed the local level competition in the 2009 Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championships held Jan. 25, in the church parking lot.

Assisting Vlad were Tom Murphy, Roger Sonnenfeld, and John Blaney.

The event is held at most Councils throughout the country and is sponsored by Supreme Council. The annual event is for boys and girls 10-14 years old.

Local level winners were presented with trophies and advanced to the district and eventually, state competitions.

International champions will be announced by the Knights' international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

All of the young contestants received handsome certificates just for taking part in the local competition.

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also, refer to the Council calendar on page 7 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 this Newsletter.

March 2009

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

04 Wednesday: 8 p.m., Council meeting, please attend.

06 Friday: First Friday Adoration.

11 Wednesday: First Degrees, St. Columban's Council Hall, 7836 Westminster Ave., Westminster; and The Great Stone Church, 31641 El Camino Real, San Juan Capistrano. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

16 Monday: First Degree, Father Kass Council Hall, 8410 Kass Dr., Buena Park. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

16 Monday: 2nd Degree, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 105 North Esperanza, San Clemente. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

18 Wednesday: Officer's meeting, all welcome to attend.

22 Sunday: Second Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall, Buena Park. Candidates 1 p.m., Degree 1:30 p.m.; Corporate Communion.

– Charlie Young, DGK

Children of Knights are eligible for tuition help

by Ken Allen, Scholarship Chairman

My Brother Knights: If you have a child or children who have attended a Catholic school K-12 or a Catholic college or university during this school year you are eligible for tuition assistance from our Council.

Simply submit a letter from the students that express in their own words what a Catholic education means to them (dictation from the younger students is acceptable) and a letter from the knight parent indicating that you agree to accept tuition assistance.

You can e-mail these letters to me, Ken Allen, at kenallenfh@hotmail.com or Grand Knight Dick Petrash at rpetrash@cox.net.

A third possibility is to bring the letters to the April 1 or May 6 business meeting or give them to any Council officer.

The letters must be submitted by the May 6 business meeting. The checks will be distributed at the June 3 business meeting.

Vivat Jesus.

Second Degree was a major success after temporary delay

by Charlie Young, Deputy Grand Knight

On Saturday, Feb. 21, a Second Degree Ceremonial was held at Fr. Kass Hall in Buena Park. The ceremonial was planned only one week earlier.

It was an attempt to get as many brothers to the 2nd level so that they could attend the 3rd Degree Ceremonial on Sunday, Feb. 22.

The attempt was a complete success. The fact that the ceremonial was put together in such a short time and was held on a weekend morning did not prevent a large turnout. There were 25 candidates in attendance.

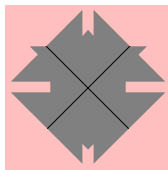
Brothers Steve Goebel, Mike Fuller and Dave Meyers made their 2nd Degree on Saturday.

Sunday proved even larger. Brothers Fr. Patrick, Steve Goebel, Mike Fuller, Ed Wagner, John Garcia and Jim Burrell became full Knights by completing their 3rd Degree. There were 110 candidates in all making their 3rd Degrees on Sunday.

A terrific steak dinner followed the ceremony.

For those Brothers who have not made their 2nd or 3rd Degrees, please consider doing so in the near future.

If you need any encouragement, contact the Brothers mentioned above – I am sure that they will tell you what a wonderful experience they had moving into full Knighthood!



Pray for Vocations

February meeting highlights

by Steve Eggert, Recorder

Applications for membership for Don Blankenship approved by the membership:

2) GK's Report:

1. Lenten Dinners will begin this month
2. Jim Marchetta will not run the golf tourney this year. Anyone interested in taking over should see GK Dick Petrash.

3) Committee Reports:

Recycling raised \$1,130 last month. Help is needed this month again, on Saturday, March 14.

4. Pro-Life "40 Days of Life" began Feb. 25; Birth Choice Health Clinics are looking for Volunteers; members are encouraged to contact Congressional Representatives concerning The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which threatens Pro-Life legislation currently on the books in many states.

5. Scholarships. Student essays due in May. See Ken Allen's story on page 4.

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degree on Feb. 22 was unusual since five priests took the degree by observation.

Our Chapter Chaplain Father Grace was in attendance and gave an inspiring message following the degree. If you have not attended a 3rd degree as an observer, I strongly suggest you participate in the next one.

We will be seeking volunteers at the next business meeting for help with the upcoming Lenten dinners. The Council will have three dinners that we are sponsoring and help is needed for another three.

We will be doing a "breakfast for dinner" on one Friday, a Fish Fry on another and on Good Friday, we will be doing soup and salad. Please help where you can.

The trustees from our Council have been appointed as the nominating committee for the slate of officers for 2009-2010. If any third degree members are seeking to run for office, please

contact one of the following: Rich Piecuch, Roger Sonnenfield or John Piccolo. They will be happy to explain the duties of each office and the term we use "going through the chairs."

The delegates and alternates have been selected for attendance at this year's State Convention. Those interested in seeing what goes on at a State convention could attend one of the open meetings held on Friday or Saturday, May 15/16. If interested, see one of the Council officers.

We are hearing about Brothers who are being laid off or terminated in these strange economic times. If there are any Brothers out there who may need some financial help, please contact me and we will try to help. There is help available from our Council, from the State and from Supreme. Any conversations will be held in the strictest of confidences.

Thank you for your volunteerism, your prayers and your service to our Council and our Church.

Insurance Report

Long-term plan offers discounts

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Field Agent

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term 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.



Mark Yubeta 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 the 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 that you and I get together.

I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this valuable, value-added benefit.

I'm at (949) 322-7266. Call me - let's talk.

March Birthdays



March Anniversaries



02 Rev. John Luongo	15 Michelle Stout	11 Robert/Sarah Lieske
03 Kathleen Kuri	19 Eugene Arriola	
03 Peter Onofrak	19 Ike Conner	16 Al/Linda Ravgiala
04 Thomas Pratte	19 Casey Kelly	
04 Patricia Sevcisin	20 Teresa Alt	16 Al/Norma Pena
05 Robin Bole	20 Charles Young	
07 Randy Meeks	21 Mike Martinez	
07 Alfonso Pena	22 Stephen Goebel	19 Ricardo/Belen Teando
09 Terry Alt	23 Don Blankenship	
09 Thomas Hartline	24 Robert Weigel	20 John/Joanne Cashman
10 Edie Lynch	25 Mike Sofka	
10 Brian Beach	25 George Nothhelfer	22 Jim/Amanda Breen
10 Jerome Ernst	25 Robert Nguyen	
12 Elfa Ernst	25 Joseph Papac	
12 Marty Medina	25 Dianne Surak	22 Robert/Teresa Lopez
12 Patty Lopez	25 Victor Burriola	
13 Linda Keeley	26 James McCarthy	23 Tim/Jeanette McSkane
13 Thomas Keddy	27 John Garcia	
13 Robert Kupfert	27 Laurie Mills	
14 Gloria DeRosia	29 Theresa Fernandez	23 Mark/Donna Griffin
14 Virginia Osley	30 Robert Lieska	
15 Carol Bender	30 Mark Murieta	29 Henry/Danuta Zakrzewski

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and his lovely wife, Pearl.

Our PGK Bill, always a delight, quipped that 55 of those years were terrific!

I normally do not like to mention people specifically, however I would be remiss if I did not thank those who went above and beyond helping decorate serve and clean up.

First and foremost, there is our Grand Knight – Dick Petrash. His support was vital in making this event the success it was.

The help of Ricardo Teano, Mike Lynch, Joe Schulte, Paul Coulter, Ed Morrisroe, John Piccolo, Roger Sonnenfeld and the Brothers from St. Kilian's made my job easier.

Thank you all for making the Valentine's Day event a monumental success!

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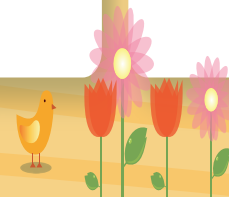
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 1st Degree Holy Spirit, FV 7:30	4 General Meeting 8 p.m.	5	6 First Friday Adoration	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	10	11 1st Degree, St. Columban, and SJC, 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14 Recycle 7 a.m.-noon
15	16 1st Deg. Fr. Kass, OLF, 7:30. MP Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20 First Day of Spring	21
22 2nd Degree OL Fatima, S.C., 1:30 p.m.	23 MP Recycle 7-9:30 a.m.	24	25 Chapter Meeting	26	27	28
29 Corporate Communion	30	31				



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