

Grand Knight's Report Approved budget includes dues increase

by Charlie Young, Grand Knight



The amended budget was approved at the January meeting. The main item that affects all of us is that the dues for our Council will be raised from \$30 to \$40 per year. This will help alleviate the deficit we are currently facing. The dues for our Council have been \$30 from the Council's inception.

On Jan. 16, we had the first of three spaghetti dinners in the church hall. Itt was well attended, with over 150 parishioners served. The only item we ran out of was bread. Everyone went home satisfied. We even had left over pasta that many people took home for a later meal.

We did not charge a specific price for the dinner, but asked for contributions. I don't have the

Annual Day of Sharing is April 17 at Marywood



COUNCIL AT WORK: Mr. and Mrs. Clown (above), also know as Rich and Patty Piecuch, helped with other Brothers (below) at annual Day of Sharing.

by John Piccolo, PGK

On Saturday, April 17, the K of C Councils of the Orange County Chapter will host the Annual Day of Sharing on the grounds of the Diocese office (Marywood) in Orange. It is a free Carnival for the intellectually and physically disabled

members of our community.

There are many game booths and everyone who plays walks away a winner. The Knights will serve a



delicious barbecue lunch. Several Councils make a huge effort in gathering donations of food and prizes to support this event.

Day of Sharing works on a "shoe-string" budget. What can you do to help? You can

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Wrong degree listed? Then get in touch with John Ojeda

by John Ojeda, Financial Secretary, PGK

Brothers, a few of you have called me to let me know that your 2010 membership cards I sent you after your dues have been paid does not show the correct Degree which you have attained. This information I am using is directly from the records at Supreme.

If you have attained a higher degree please call me at home at 949-595-0990 and leave a message or on my cell at 949-813-4320 or email me at john.ojeda@cox.net.

We want to get you the correct membership card. Your old card is good at meetings until March 31. I mail out the new card about a week after I have received your dues.

<u>Knight of the Month</u> Robert Kupfert

This month, we honor Robert Kupfert as our Knight of the Month. Bob joined the Knights of Columbus 18 months ago. He is active at the recycling program with his daughter and helps at the spaghetti dinners.

Bob is married to Jacqueline, who is involved at the church as youth coordinator of Vacation Bible School (VBS).

They have two children, Julia, 8, and Jacob, 12, who has been active as an altar server.

Bob and Jacqueline joined Santiago six6 years ago. Bob looks forward to serving at more Knights of Columbus activities. Let's congratulate Robert Kupfert as the Knight of the Month for January. – Charles Young, GK

<u>Family of the Month</u> Chip and Dee Orlowski

Don (Chip) and Dee Orlowski have been chosen as January's Family of the Month. Chip has served for years as a "Bartender Extraordinare" for many social events, including Fr. Marc's dinners, Valentine's Day dinners and other events.

Chip takes an active role in the monthly meetings and is a great resource for us "younger" Knights. Dee works tirelessly in the church's office as Fr. Dave's "right-hand person," the one to see if you need to use the church's facilities. Chip and Dee are very active in Fr. Marc's orphanage in Haiti.

They have gathered tons of toys, clothing and other necessities needed by Fr. Marc's children. On her most recent trip to Haiti, Dee left the island five hours before the earthquake struck. Please join me in honoring Chip and Dee Orlowski. – *Charles Young, GK*



Brothers requested to assist others by joining 365 Club

Brothers, you recently received your yearly dues billing. On the bill it asks for a Voluntary assessment of \$3.65 for the 365 Club.

That is money dedicated to assisting Brothers throughout the state and their widows in distress. The money is presented at the State Convention in May and is paid to California Columbian Charities, Inc.

Last year, Bishop Johnson Council gave \$900 to this fund.

The latest information I have on the fund is from 2008, when the state received \$116,000 in funds from the various Councils.

There are over 452 active Councils, which is an average of about \$257 for each one. In 2008, Columbian Charities paid out \$182,000 in grants to help Brothers.

This is a penny a day per Brother to support your fellow Knights. Please help us by joining the 365 Club.

– John Ojeda, PGK, Financial Secretary

Fund-raisers set for Feb. 6-7

The weekend of Feb. 6-7, we plan to have fund raisers for Fr. Marc's orphanage in Haiti.

A spaghetti dinner is planned for Saturday, Feb. 6, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

On Sunday, Feb. 7, we are going to serve a pancake breakfast following the 7 and 8:30 a.m. Masses. Naturally, we will make the spaghetti sauce on Friday.

Fr. Marc serves over 600 orphans in Haiti. With the recent earthquake there, the UN has already sent over 100 additional children to the orphanage and more will be sent in the future. I am calling on all the Brothers who helped with the spaghetti dinner on Jan. 16, and anyone else with culinary ability, to again step up and help in this worthy cause.

I'm sure that "pancake man," "sausage man" and the other breakfast crew members will also need help.

Contact me at (949)422-9814 if you wish to volunteer.

All proceeds from the dinner and the breakfast will go to assist Fr. Marc in his humanitarian efforts.

Please do what you can to help! - Charlie Young, GK

Valentines Day dinner dance is Feb. 13

On Feb. 13, our Council and St. Killian's Council will hold the annual Valentines Day dinner dance. For the past two years, St. Killian's has been building a new hall and we have co-sponsored the dance at our parish hall. Their new hall is now finished and the dance this year will be held there.

The attendance these past two years has been wonderful with Knights and their wives from St. Killian's equaling the attendance by our council. We hope to match their participation at our hall by our Knights and wives returning the favor. Tickets will be available at our Feb. 3 meeting and outside church following all Masses.

Please make a strong attempt to attend this annual event. The food promises to be fantastic and the dancing should go on into the late hours. – *Dick Petrash*, *PGK*



Clergy Night set for Feb. 1 at Marywood

We take one day a year to honor our bishops, priests and clergy for all the great works they perform throughout the year.

The next Clergy Night will be held on Monday, Feb. 1, at Marywood Retreat Center, 2811 E. Villa Real Drive, Orange.

The event begins with a social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7.

There are no speeches, only Grace and dinner. Following the dinner, we meet at the Claim Jumper Restaurant at 17th Street and Tustin Avenue, Santa Ana for dessert. It is a great night out to celebrate and our clergy.

Seating is limited to 330, so get your reservations in early.

I have reserved 20 seats and have at least 16 reservations already.

If you can attend, please let me know how many seats you want reserved.

If you have not attended this event, you have missed a wonderful evening. Please think about attending this year's Clergy Night.

- Charles Young, GK

Recycling Report

Program averaged \$1,400 a month for last 5 months

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

The good news for the Council is that we have averaged raising \$1,400 a month for the last five months. Our program has now collected \$273,000 to date -- and counting.

It took the efforts of the right mix of help, Santiago parishioners, Council members and friends, plus our teens. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Meanwhile, our January program was excellent. The groups listed above made it happen on grand style, a total of 48 helpers came out.

Our repaired paper shearer is doing a fine job catching up on the work needed. Also, collections being made at another mobile home has been a big boost

Now is a good time to thank all of the following people who helped in January: George Nofhhelder, John Ojeda, Jim Breen, Gene Ganley, Bob Morgan, Mario Soto, Dan Ramella, Jacquelyn Drust, Michael Ulibarri, Joe DeProspero, Ricardo Teano, Michael Rosas, John Piccolo, PGK; Nolan Connors, Rosalee Salas, Zachary Lyon, Justin Civitano, Sean O'Connor, Blake Reeves, Zach Clark, Jon Newsom, Denton Godinez, Andrea Cera, Ed Wagner, Bob and Julia Kupfert, Oscar Vargas, Chris Ho, James Burrell, Kyler Mondello, Mike Sofka, Matt Reimann, Andrew Reimann, Tom Reimann, Claude Makin, Kyle Cech, Jennifer Romero, Angelli Barrientos, Fernando Tellez, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Connor McKahan, Pat Walloch, Joseph, Lillian, Clayton, Joseph and Craig Vincent.

Insurance Report Sacrifice today for tomorrow

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Field Agent

What is a widow?

She's the same woman who was a wife. She used to be a mother, and now she's a dad and a mother.

She used to be a homemaker, and now she's that and a handyman too. She used to have an income to count on; it was enough money to pay bills with some left over for the occasional luxury.

Now she has to make do with one-third enough money to manage the household.

What has she done to deserve all this? Not a thing. She's really a great person, her only fault was marrying a man who died too soon. And all her money troubles could have been avoided by listening to the life insurance philosophy of "a small sacrifice today to avoid a tremendous sacrifice tomorrow."

Somebody

always pays the premiums on life insurance. Either the husband and father pay for them while he's alive or his widow and children pay for them later.

How much of your income can you set aside today to care for your family tomorrow?

Čall me today at 322-7266, I want to hear from you.



Richard M. Boivan Richard, Barbara Ciolek, Jay, Joan Donahue, Gerry, Vivian Dubois, David Farage, Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman, Bob, Judy Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella John Ruelas, Str. Agnes Steiner, Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte. – From Gene Ganley

Council adds 4 new members

Jeff Rodriguez, Lyndon Galut, Mike Glover and Joe Vincent have become members of our Council since Jan. 1

On Jan. 24, Mike and Joe took their 2nd Degrees at Fr. Kass Hall, Buena Park. Brothers Eric Schechter, Ricardo Teano, Bernie Laituri and Charles Young attended as sideliners.

Joe has already been active in our Council, attending our recycling program Jan. 9.

Hopefully, Jeff and Lyndon, along with any other 1st Degree Knights, will also become 2nd Degree Knights on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

Brother John Piccolo will escort the candidates to the 2nd

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January Meeting Highlights

by John Blaney, Recorder

1) GK's Report:

a) Clergy night . The date is Feb. 1 at Maywood in Orange. After dinner at 7, our Council will meet for dessert. Charlie Young said only 335 people can attend, including spouses. Support our council and call him if you want to attend. It starts at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served around 7.

b) Spaghetti Dinner. Help is needed for this Feb. 16 event. We will be making the sauce the night before with everyone welcome to help and have fun.

2) Treasurer's Report:

Account balances totaled \$45,575.62

New members are Linden Galut, Michael P. Henshaw. Voted on and approved

3) Committee Reports:

1. Entertainment Books. The council sold 292.

2. MR Drive brought in over \$35,000.

3. Ushers should contact Brother Ken Allen so he can update badges.

4. Recycling. Help is always needed from 7 a.m.-noon on the second Saturday of the month in the lower church parking lot. Last month, \$1,450 was raised, up from the previous month.

5. Scholarships sign-ups for Catholic schools start in June

6. Birth Choice: Two walks are scheduled. If interested, contact Brother Bernie Laituri .

4) Good of the Order:

Insurance agent Mark Yubeta said KofC finished a record year with a 14 percent increase and eight strong years in a row.

5) Old Business:

Revised budget was discussed, voted on and passed.



Dues notices were sent to all Knights

By now, everyone should have received their 2010 membership dues notice. They were mailed to the addresses that Supreme Council has on file.

For a Council our size, this is a huge project. We have been fortunate to have had dedicated Financial Secretaries to take this on.

To put matters in perspective, our Council has more members to manage than the other three Councils in District 94 combined.

Please consider the following:

• Your dues must remain current to maintain your membership in the Knights of Columbus

• Approximately 56 percent of your dues are forwarded to Supreme Council, California State Council, and Orange County Chapter in the form of per-capita tax. If you do not pay your dues, your Council is still obligated to remit your portion of the tax.

• The balance of your dues is forwarded to numerous Catholic Charities and Scholarships that we support. Only a small portion goes to administrative expenses.

•. Your Council waives membership dues to honorary life members, clergy members, and military members on deployment. We never deny membership to those Brothers in financial need. If you are in this situation, contact our Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. All discussions will be held in strict confidence.

Please help our Financial Secretary and Council by remitting your dues at your earliest

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final figures yet but the Council made approximately \$300 on the dinner.

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped prepare the meal. I certainly cannot do it alone, and the help of fellow Brothers was essential in preparing the dinner.

Although I don't like to mention anyone individually for fear of leaving someone out, I want to thank my new "seus chef," Mike Ulibarri. Mike was there on Friday night, stirring the pot and making sure the sauce did not burn. Saturday, Mike was there again warming up the sauce and stirring the spaghetti to make sure they did not stick.

This was the first of three spaghetti dinners. The second will be held Saturday, April 10, following the 5 p.m. Mass. I hope you plan to attend the dinners and support our Council.

On Monday, Feb. 1, we are celebrating Clergy Night with our fellow Bishops, Priests and other religious. Thus far, we have over

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Degree. Brother John can be contacted at (949)951-1550 (home) or (949)770-7316 (work).

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 28, for the next 3rd Degree.

All 2nd Degree Brothers are invited to the ceremony at St. Anthony Claret Church, 1450 La

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convenience. Make your check for \$43.65 payable to K of C-9487 and either mail or electronic bill pay to: 40 people attending the event.

The cost is \$20 per person and the event is sold out. Although space is limited, I believe they are trying to add additional tables. If you have not made your reservations yet, contact me at (949)422-9814. Following the dinner, we head for Claim Jumper Restaurant in Santa Ana for dessert.

On Feb. 13, we will have the third annual Valentine's Day dinner/dance, this year, at St. Kilian's Church Hall. Deputy Grand Knight Bernie Laituri is chairman of the event. Get your tickets early, since their hall is smaller than Santiago's.

Saturday, March 27, our Council, along with St. Kilian's, will host the State Deputy's testimonial dinner. Deputy Grand Knight Bernie Laituri will chair the event.

Brother Gary Clack, his wife and sister-in-law will prepare the meal along with members of St. Kilian's Council. PGK Dick Petrash will also serve on the event committee.

Palma Ave., Anaheim.

Seating is limited, so contact me at (949)422-9814 or PGK John Piccolo at the above numbers for more information and to make your reservations.

Please consider becoming a full Knight!

– Charlie Young, GK

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take part in the annual raffle. I know that we all get loads of junk mail and maybe you did not notice the blue and white envelope from OC Chapter Charities.

If this was the case, inside this Newsletter is a full sheet of raffle tickets.

The cost is \$5 per ticket or \$50 for a sheet of 12. Purchasing a full sheet would be nice, but any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Send your tickets and check to: K of C Orange Chapter Charities, c/o Tony De Luca, 4781 Ironwood Ave, Seal Beach, CA 90740-6214.

The morning of April 17, we'll send volunteers to help set-up. Our Brother Knights who have helped in the past were very happy they did so.

We 1 meet at our church upper parking lot at 7:15 a.m. to carpool to Marywood. We will work stocking booths then attend opening mass at 8:30.

About 10:30, we will start sending cars home and unless you want to stay for the day, you should be back by 11:30.

Family members are always welcome.

For more information or to sign-up, call Event Chairman John Blaney at 949-837-4403 or email at jblaney@cox.net.

You may also contact Program Chairman Bernie Laituri, DGK at 949-770-5468 or blaituri@ aol.com

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10 Richard Olson

– Missed Birthday last month: Joanne Cashman, Jan. 31

Let us know about your birthdays, anniversaries

We wish to acknowledge all Birthdays and Anniversaries of our Knights and their spouses. We may not have the information or perhaps what is presented is incorrect. If you would like to have these listed please send an email to john.ojeda@cox.net or call and leave the information at 949-595-0990. – John Ojeda, FS/PGK

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PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S <u>REPORT</u>

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 Bernie Laituri, 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.

February

Feb. 2, Tuesday: 2nd Degree, Holy Spirit Parish Hall Fountain Valley. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

Feb. 3, Wednesday: 8 p.m., Council meeting, please attend.

Feb. 3, Wednesday: 1stDegree, St. Martins Parish Hall Yorba Linda, 7 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5, Friday: 1st Degree, St. Annes Parish Hall Seal Beach, 7, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 5, Friday: First Friday Adoration.

Feb. 13, Saturday: Valentines Dinner Dance.

Feb. 15, Monday: 1st Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall, Buena Park. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 17, Wednesday: Officer's Meeting, Parish Hall.

Feb. 24, Wednesday: 2nd Degree, Our Lady of Fatima Church San Clemente, 7, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 25, Thursday: Business Meeting, St. John Neumann, Irvine 7:30.

Feb. 27, Saturday: Past Grand Knights Dinner

Feb. 28, Sunday: 3rd Degree, St. Anthony Claret Anaheim, 1, 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 28, Sunday, Corporate Communion.

– Bernie Laituri, DGK/PC

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Mike's crew of wife Jean, Marissa, Steven and Jon do a great job of shipping UPS shipping, providing notary services. packaging, mailbox and freight services, copying, finishing and printing services, office supplies, and packaging and moving supplies. Please support the store.

– Jim Breen, Editor

Ushers pitched in to help out at the jam-packed 4 p.m. Christmas Mass

For years I have volunteered to take charge of ushering some of the Parish Hall masses for Christmas and Easter.

The 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is probably the most heavily attended of all holiday Masses. So, what a surprise when I showed to find a different configuration with four aisles to serve instead of one. Not a problem with Brother Knights Steve Eggert, Jose Lopez, and Rich Quinn . All left their comfortable seats to pitch in and get the job done.

I cannot stress how welcome their support was in turning a potential hassle into a wellorganized mass.

Thanks guys.

– John Piccolo, PGK

Past Grand Knights dinner is Feb. 27

Yes, it's finally going to happen.

On Feb. 27, we will be holding our Past Grand Knights dinner in the parish hall at Santiago church.

Tickets will be \$15 per person. Current Deputy Grand Knight, Bernie Laituri will take the names and money for those of you who plan to attend this annual dinner. Please come to our Feb.3 meeting for more information and reservations.

If you cannot attend the meeting, give Bernie Laituri a call to make reservations or to find out more about this event. We hope to see you there for good food and good memories.

- Dick Petrash, PGK

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