

Grand Knight's Report Council involved in many activites last month

by Charlie Young, Grand Knight

February was a busy month. We had our general meeting and the Officers' meeting, but beyond that, we had many activities in which the Knights were involved.

We had the continuation of the basketball free throw contest. Brother Tom Murphy's son,



Greg, Brother Vlad Anderson's daughter, Sariyah and her friend, Madison Rios won their contests and are moving on to the Chapter Championship.Good luck to of them!

I am sure all of you heard about the earthquake in Haiti. During the weekend of Feb.6-7, we had a weekend for Fr. Marc's Orphanage.

A spaghetti dinner was served on Saturday, Feb. 6, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

The following morning, the Knights served a pancake breakfast after the 7 and 8:30. Masses. Other Ministries sold items to raise money for Fr. Marc. The weekend was highly successful.

Kudos to Brother Sam Riela and his beautiful wife, Estella, who agreed to finance the entire spaghetti dinner. A truly heartfelt thank you to the Rielas.

The Valentine's Day Dinner/ Dance at St. Kilian's was held

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TOPS: Madison Rios (right photo) of Council 9487 shows championship form in the 10-year-old group, while Dad Vlad Anderson, chairman of the Youth Free-Throw contest, places championship medal on daughter Sariyah, age 11.



Free-Throw contest winners hailed

by John Piccolo, PGK

Our Council along with St. Kilian's Council 6332 competed in the District-94 Basketball Free throw contest Feb. 7, in the Santiago de Compostela Church parking lot. The rains stopped just in time and we had blue skies and a perfect Southern California winter morning.

Many thanks to Council 9487's Vlad Anderson who stepped-up up to the plate (or is it the free throw line?) to take charge. He accompanied our boys and girls to the Chapter shoot-off on Feb. 27.

Congratulations to the following future NBA and WNBAAll Stars:

Girls	Age	Council
Madison Rios	10	9487
Sariyah Anderson	11	9487
Boys	Age	Council
Morgan Smith	10	6332
Greg Murphy	11	9487
Joe Castelli	12	6332
Kyle Sweet	13	6332

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Lent is that time of year to share our blessings, family

by Charlie Young, Grand Knight

Lent has begun. As we prepare for the risen Christ, let us call to mind the many blessings we share – especially those of family.

We Brother Knights share a bond unknown by most men. We call each other Brothers, but what does that mean? Of course, we share a common purpose and interest in helping our Brothers and fellow man. The bond goes much deeper than that, though.

There is a love for each of our fellow Brothers. We work together for a common cause, the love of God, His Son and the Clergy that help us on the journey to eternal salvation. We support one another with kind works and deeds and stand united!

<u>Knights of the Month</u> Pat Bole, Don Blankenship

This month, we honor two Brothers as Knights of the Month.

We salute Brothers Pat Bole and Don Blankenship. Don helps with the "wheelies" on Sunday morning. They are seen each month at the recycling program and always volunteer for KP duty when we put on a breakfast or dinner.

However, they are cited this month for the extraordinary way they stepped up during February's weekend for Fr. Marc. Within an hour of Brother Jim Breen posting an e-mail blast asking for volunteers to help with the spaghetti dinner and pancake breakfast for Fr. Marc, Pat telephoned me to volunteer for Saturday and Sunday duty.

He apologized that he could not help on Friday night because he would be out of town and would not return to Orange County until 10:30 p.m.

His dedication did not stop there, though. He noticed that Brother Don Blankenship was not listed in the "To" box and had not received the e-mail. Pat telephoned Don about the call to action and Brother

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Family of the Month

Sam and Estella Riela

The Family of the Month for March 2010 is Brother Sam and Estella Riela. Sam helps out at the monthly recycling program and has gathered quilts for The Garden Project, a recovery program for active military personnel and veterans and their families. Sam has also attended every Day of Sharing since he became a Knight. Estella teaches Spanish part time at Santa Margarita High School.

Sam is instrumental in the preparation of our spaghetti dinners. He provides the sausage for the spaghetti sauce and never asks for reimbursement.

This month, though, Sam really hit a home run. Sam and Estella agreed to finance the entire spaghetti dinner for Fr. Marc. His act was an incredible display of charity, the first principal of the Knights of Columbus. - Charlie Young, GK



CATHOLIC SCHOOL children can get tuition assistance through KofC.

Knights offer tuition help for families

If your child attended a Catholic pre-school, grammar/middle school, high school or college/ university this past school year Council 9487 wants to help you with the tuition.

To do so, please provide a letter to the council from each student expressing in their own words what a Catholic education means to them. Also provide a letter from the Knight parent indicating a willingness to accept tuition assistance.

The checks for assistance will be distributed at the general business meeting Wednesday, June 2. Letters must be received by the May 19 officers meeting to be approved for payment.

Letters can be e-mailed to kenallenfh@hotmail.com or zitalyn1@cox.net or mailed to Knights Of Columbus, c/o Santiago de Compostela, 21682 Lake Forest Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92630

You may also deliver the letters to any officer of the council prior to deadline.

-Ken Allen, PGK, Scholarship Chair

Online billing system now used to send dues

by John Ojeda, PGK, Financial Secretary

Many members have asked me about the billings they are receiving. Is our Council billing differently this year than in the past? The answer is yes.

I can appreciate all the work that Bill Breen has done in the past with the dues billing and membership cards. Bill and Pearl typed or handwrote all the cards and billing statements, a tremendous amount of work.

I am using the online billing system set out by Supreme. The billing time is the same as it has always been but I am adhering closer to the schedule suggested for Councils.

The First Notice is sent out before the end of the year or just after the New Year. A second notice is issued 30 days later. If dues are not paid a Knight Alert letter is sent out to those members who have not paid their dues.

This letter may be followed up with a final notice or contact from the retention committee. The first notice was sent Jan. 10, the second, on Feb. 18. This would mean that if your dues were not paid by approximately March 15, then a third notice would be sent out.

Dues are not due by the end of the year. I have tried to make it clear that they should be paid by March 31.

The membership card is necessary to obtain entrance to meetings. Also the Trustees, the Grand Knight, Treasurer and Financial Secretary need to begin working on the budget for the coming year. If we waited until the end of the year, we would already have begun the new Columbian year on July 1, 2010.

Our income from recycling, our largest fund-raiser, has gone down. The price of paper is not what it used to be. The other recyclables have held steady but overall the income is reduced.

We all would like us to continue the charitable giving that prompted us to join the Knights initially; so getting your dues in is critical. When you became a Knight you vowed to keep those dues current.

I understand that many of our Brothers have seen difficult eco-

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Wrong degree listed? Then get in touch with John Ojeda

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.

– John Ojeda

Recycling Report

Program fell into place in February, collecting \$1,600

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

The recycling program raised \$1,600 in February, which was close to an all-time monthly high. The program has now raised \$276,000 since it first began many years ago.

It was a near-perfect recycling day as all segments seemed to fall into place. Our Santiago parishioners' response was terrific, help was great from our Council members and our teens and friends also pitched in.

All in all, it was a red-letter day for our recycling program.

Now is the time for us to put our hands together and give a vote of appreciation to the following people who helped it all come together in February: Gerry Dubois, Bob Morgan, Gene Ganley, Richard Mills, Michael Rosas, Joe De Prospero, Dan Ramella, John Ojeda, John Piccolo, Dan O'Neal, Dan Brown Jacob Brown, Aly Taylor, Jim Gilbert, Vincent Gilbert, Dennis DeRosia, Jon Newsom, John Cruz, Janelle Tomagan, Lindsey LoPresti, Steffany Mendoza, Celeste Reynoso, Diana Vasquez, Rosalee Salas, Shareny Parada, Nick Bartefalco, Chandler McBurney, Jacquelyn Drust, Carlos Torres, Ivan Marmolejo, Eric Marmolejo, Nick Garcia, Michael Greer, Rodrigo Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Gustavo Gallo, Don Leuer, George Nothhelfer, Makenna McGrann, Trenten McGrann, Angelli Barrientos, Mark Kilby, Mark Wagner, Marissa McNally, Jennifer Romero, Pat Bole.

Insurance Report Do you have life insurance?

by Mark Yubeta, KofC Field Agent

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much of it would you buy?

If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them?

If you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used



for family or retirement benefits?

Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it?

Let me help you plan for the future. Call me today.

Fraternally, Mark Yubeta, FIC Field Agent (949) 322-7266.

Monday Morning Crew

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



Pray for World Peace

February Meeting Highlights

by John Blaney, Recorder

1) GK's Report:

a) The spaghetti dinner made about \$300.

b) Clergy Night and our Council had four tables, the most of all Councils.

c) The State Deputies dinner will be held March 27 in the Parish Hall.

d) Treasurer's Report: Total account balances were \$44,108.12.

e) New member Paul Marchetta, son of Brother Jim, was voted on and approved.

2) Committee Reports:

1. Day of Sharing is April 17, headed by John Blaney, taking over for John Piccolo. A group is needed to help set up. Contact John at 949-837-4403 or email him at jcblaney@att.net.

2. Lenten Books. Ricardo Teano reports that 250 books have been sold and George Nothhelfer will buy 200 more.

3. Ushers needed for Lent masses. If interested, contact Brother Ken Allen.

4. More help is needed with recycling. The next program is March 13, 7 a.m.-noon. Last month, \$1,600 was raised, believed to be an all-time monthly high.

5. Scholarship signups for Catholic schools begins in June.

6. The Jan. 14 blood drive was a major success.

8. Sam Riela donated the food for the Feb. 6 spaghetti dinner. Funds raised went to Haiti and Fr. Marc's orphanage.

3) Good of the Order:

Insurance agent Mark Yubeta said KofC is offering insurance through age 80. Read the insurance article in the Knights Magazine.

4) Old Business:

Revised budget was discussed, voted on and passed.

6) New Business:

The council was asked if transportation can be provided to members unable to drive attend monthly meetings.

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Don called me to volunteer his services. Don, who also works, was there Friday, Saturday and Sunday, helping with the cooking, serving and clean-up.

To all the Brothers who helped

make Fr. Marc's weekend a huge success – a hearty thank you!

To Brothers Pat and Don, congratulations as Knights of the Month for March 2010.

– Charlie Young, GK

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.

<u>March</u>

3-2, Tuesday: 1st Degree, Holy Spirit Parish Hall Fountain Valley. Candidates 7 p.m. Degree 7:30.

3-3, Wednesday: Council business meeting, 8 p.m.

3-3, Wednesday: 1st Degree, St. Martins Parish Hall Yorba Linda, Candidates 7, Degree, 7:30.

3-5, Friday: First Friday Adoration.

3-15, Monday: 1st Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall Buena Park, 7, 7:30 p.m.

3-17, Wednesday: Officer's meeting, all are welcome to attend.

3-21, Sunday: 2nd Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall Buena Park, 1, 1:30 p.m.

3-24, Wednesday: 1st Degree, St. Edwards School Dana Point, 7, 7:30.

3-25, Thursday: Business Meeting, St. John Neumann, Irvine 7:30 p.m..

3-26, Friday: Lenten Fish Dinner.

3-27, Saturday: State Deputy Testimonial Dinner, St. Killians, Cocktails at 6:30

– Bernie Laituri, DGK/PC

Fr. Chrysostrom will give talk on confession March 4 at St. Kilians

Fr. Chrysostom will present a talk about reconciliation and examination of conscience for confession at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 4, at St. Kilian's new Parish Hall in Mission Viejo.

The talk will last approximately one hour and be followed by a question and answer session.

We hope you will find time and join us on this occasion in preparation of Lent.

Fr. Chrysostom will have some handouts that will help us in reconciling with God through examination of conscience. Snacks will be provided by the Filipino American Ministry.

- Charlie Young, GK

Annual Day of Sharing set for April 17 at Marywood

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 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 shoestring budget. What can you do to help? You can take part in the annual raffle.

We all get loads of junk mail and maybe you did not notice the blue and white envelope from OC Chapter Charities.

If that was the case, inside this Newsletter is a full sheet of raffle tickets. 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 will send volunteers to help setup. Our Brother Knights who have helped in the past were very happy they did so.

We'll 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 to 11, we will start sending cars home . 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 can also contact Program Chairman Bernie Laituri, DGK at 949-770-5468 or blaituri@ aol.com.

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nomic times. I went through this myself in 2007 and was months without income other than unemployment.

Economic hardship is not a reason to stop being a Knight. We have Brothers who are willing to assist other Brothers in our Council with dues for this year. We also can take payments of the dues but we need to hear from you.

This will be kept completely confidential to all but Charles Young, our Grand Knight or myself, your Financial Secretary. Contact Charlie or myself and let us know how we can be of assistance. Charlie's contact information is:

Home: 949-699-0929, Cell-949-422-9814, Email-zitalyn1@ cox.net. John can be reached at: Home: 949-595-0990, Cell-949-813-4320, Email- john.ojeda@ cox.net.

Bishop Johnson Council has always been one of the premier Councils in the state. Not just for the charitable items we contribute to but with the involvement of Brothers in the many Ministries at Santiago de Compostela. We hope you want to remain in our Fraternity.

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who wish to contact Knights

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March Anniversaries

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- 12 Bruno/Rosemary Pantoni
- 16 Al/Linda Ravgiala
- 16 Al/Norma Pena
- 19 Ricardo/Belen Teando
- 20 John/Joanne Cashman
- 22 Jim/Amanda Breen
- 22 Robert/Teresa Lopez
- 23 Tim/Jeannette McSkane
- 23 Mark/Donna Griffin
- 29 Henry/Danuta Zakrzewski – Submitted by John Ojeda, PGK, FS

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, PGK, FS

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on Saturday, Feb. 13. The caterer was provided by St. Kilian's Council 6332. Attendance was down from last year, possibly the result of a poor economy. However, those in attendance had a good time. Thanks to Council 6332 for hosting the event.

On Friday, Feb. 19, we had our first Lenten dinners. The Knights served breakfast for dinner. The meal included pancakes, scrambled eggs and hash browns. As good as the meal was, something was missing. Could it be the sausage? Oh well, six more weeks and we can add sausage to our breakfast fare!

March will be another busy month. The Knights will be preparing and serving a Lenten dinner on March 26. Brother Jay Donahue has agreed to Chair the dinner. He will be preparing his famous fish special. If you have not had his fish dinner, you are truly in for a culinary treat. We will end the Lenten dinners with our usual soup and salad dinner on Good Friday, April 2.

On March 27, our Council will host the State Deputy's Testimonial Dinner jointly with Council 6332 at St. Kilian's.

The dinner will begin following the Saturday evening Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Please attend and show support for our State Officers.

"Faith, Family, and Fraternity"



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