

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Bishop William R. Johnson Council
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July 2010

Grand Knight's Report

New Columbian year starts off fast

by Bernie Laituri, Grand Knight

Thanks to the 2009-2010 officers and committee members for their outstanding performance this year, particularly Grand Knight Charlie Young. I will do all I can to continue in the tradition he set during his term.

I expect another great year for our Council in part because of the great lineup of officers that will

serve us, and because of you, the great Brothers of our Council.

For those of you who may not be aware, here are those new officers that were voted on at last month's meeting: Deputy Grand Knight, Steve Eggert; Chancellor, Mike Sofka; Warden, John Blaney; Advocate, Mike Lynch; Treasurer, Steve Seastrom; Recorder, Rich Reynolds; Outside Guard, Ricardo Teano; Inside

Guard, Kevin Sabicer; Trustee First Year, Charles Young; Trustee Second Year, Dick Pettrash; Trustee Third Year, John Piccolo.

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Michael Sevcisin, Nov. 25, 1928-June 9, 2010



Patricia Sevcisin, March 4, 1937-June 8, 2010

Mike and Pat: Together forever in eternity

Editor's Note: Michael J. Sevcisin, a former Grand Knight of Council 9487, passed away June 9, one day after his beloved wife Pat. Several Brothers who knew him offered these remembrances of our beloved Mike:

When I think of Mike Sevcisin, three things stand out:

1.) Mike and Pat were always there at the Don Miller Memorial Golf Tournament, helping people sign in and get ready for a terrific day of golf. Last year, Mike wore a hat that said "I'm the Boss. We all teased Mike that it really is Pat's hat and that she let him wear it. He did not give us an argument! 2.) Mike was initially against raising the dues for our Council until he realized that Pat always wrote the checks and the increase was needed to secure the financial stability of our Council. Mike was the first Brother to make a motion to increase the dues.

3.) What I remember most about Mike is the dedication he had to the Knights of Columbus. Mike was a bulldog whenever he had an opinion on an issue, but his insight was clear and unambiguous. He always sought an answer that was for the good of the Order. Mike was Chairman of Chapter Charities for many years. Under his leadership, the Orange County Chapter led the way when it came to donations for Chapter Charities. May God Bless Mike and Pat, we'll miss them. *Charles Young, PGK*



Mike Sevcisin with his "Boss" hat, and Pat.

Mike has been a staple at our General meetings since I became a member of our Council. He has given me advice and been critical when I needed it. I have come to know and respect both Mike and Pat.

I met Mike at Albertson's on Muirlands a few months back, after he was told he probably would

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Family of the Month

Pat and Mike Sevcsisin

Our Knights and Parish community recently lost two people who were dedicated to serve their God, their Family and their fellow man. Of course we mean Pat and Mike Sevcsisin. They have been in our parish for over 30 years, raising their family, ushering at the 10:30 mass and setting the example of how to live and practice the life of Catholic Christians.

Mike was a Past Grand Knight of our council and the treasurer for the Orange County Chapter Charities for over 17 years. During this time of up and down economic uncertainty, chapter charities never lost a penny.



His dedication and constant surveillance of donated monies kept the funds coming for the intellectually disabled people of Orange County. At our council meetings, Mike was always looking to challenge ideas to insure the council made the right decision.

When our officers announced that we must raise our annual dues to meet our many obligations without cutting donations to our many charities, Mike was vehemently opposed. When our financial situation was reviewed by Mike, he realized that the increase was necessary and he was the member who made the motion for the dues increase.



Those of us who participate in the annual golf tournament will remember the countless hours of work Pat and Mike put in to register our golfers, sell mulligans and raffle tickets and insure that our tournament was successful. Their presence will be

sorely missed in the future.

Pat was probably the first female usher to work at our masses. She was very proud of her service to the people during collection time and communion time and enjoyed her interaction with the community.

Pat and Mike did not look for praise or recognition for their many hours of service. They were ordinary people doing extraordinary deeds in order to live up to the ideals of Catholicism. I ask you to remember the dedication of these ordinary people as we celebrate the honor of recognizing them as our Family of the Month.

– Dick Petrash, PGK

Knight of the Month

Roger Sonnenfeld

The honor of being the first Knight of the Month (June) for the new Columbian year goes to Roger Sonnenfeld, former Grand Knight.

Rather than listing all of the activities he's involved in or in charge of, let's look at what he's not. Ummmmmm?

Primarily, Roger has directed the annual Blood Drive each year and is involved in many other activities for our Council.

Roger very ably served as GK in the 2006-27 Columbian Year.

So when you see Roger, congratulate him as our Knight of the Month for June. Thanks, Rog, for all you do.

– Bernie Laituri,

Recycling Report

June program hits a record high: \$1,984

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

The recycling program is ringing the bell once again!

We can all be proud of the news that the June effort raised the largest monthly amount in recent memory, \$1,984. That hikes the all-time amount raised to \$282,000.



As far as we can tell, Council stands alone among the others in total funds raised over the years. Accomplished only with the help of many Council members, friends and students.

To all those of them, and the following from June, a big vote of thanks.

George Nothhelfer, Richardo Teano, Bob Morgan, Gene Ganley, Jim Breen, Richard Mills, Joe DeProspero, Michael Anthony Rosas, Bob Kupfert, Dan O'Neal, Dan Cienfuegos, Levi Cienfuegos, Mitch Rosewitz, John Ojeda, Oscar Vargas, Joseph Garland, Steven Garland, Ansel Grisenti, John Piccolo, Juan Bisio, Greg Naraing, Nick Tanner, Andrew Beck, Pat Bole, Ed Wagner, Ron Leuer, Charles Young, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, and Gerry Dubois.

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.



19TH HOLE: Mike with Chip Orolowski, Mark Peters and Dave Swenson at the 2007 KofC golf tournament. Mike played a major role in the success of the event.

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not survive this illness.

He was a prepared man as was his custom in most everything he approached. He was not worried about surviving as much as he wanted to have the strength to withstand his final struggle.

He has been fighting health issues for a long time but was concerned about Pat and being there for her.

This sets an example for his Brothers.

What God blesses us with, He gives us the strength to get through it.

— John Ojeda, PGK, FS

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The date was Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, and I remember it like it was yesterday.

It was my second meeting as a new member of Council 9487 and I agreed to take over production of the monthly newsletter from Rudy Quiroz.

We put together the October issue and Rudy and I sent it out via e-mail and U.S. mail. But we did not bring any copies to the meeting. After the meeting I was approached by Mike, who appeared to be in a huff.

“Don’t you know that we need to have copies here to see at the meeting?” he said in that distinct New York accent.

From that day on, we made sure there were at least 20 copies at every meeting.

With that, “Mike’s Law” was instituted and continues to this day.

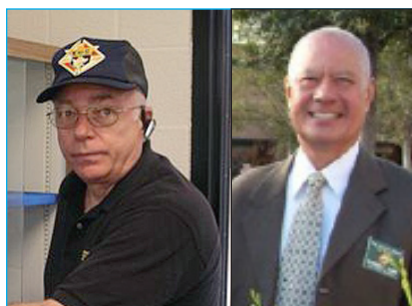
— Jim Breen, Editor

Knights raise funds through sale of 'Living Faith' booklets

Brothers George Nothhelfer and Ricardo Teano enjoyed a highly-successful month in June selling the "Living Faith" booklets for \$1 apiece before and after all Sunday masses.

Through April-May-June, the hard-working Brothers sold an amazing 475 copies. They originally ordered 200 in English and 75 in Spanish but ran out the first week and had to reorder. Brother George reordered 100 of each version and still fell short of parishioners' demands.

The compliments from the parishioners is wonderful, they are very pleased that we are doing this," said Brother George.



George Nothhelfer Ricardo Teano

"Ricardo and I have been very gratified from their response and support. I would like to thank all of the Knights for their support of this program."

Hats off to Brs. Vargas, Teano

Oscar Vargas and Ricardo Teano continue to earn top dollars selling World Cup caps recently at St. Justine Martyr Church in Anaheim.

A record 260 plus caps were distributed at \$3 suggested donation price each, totalling \$790.

Oscar who is the donor of the caps, and Ricardo made arrangement with St. Justine's Knights of Columbus Council 5042 to do the sales together.

Our deep gratitude to Randy Nocko, the Grand Knight and Third Degree Jim Lytle for their assistance. The sales was equally divided between the two councils.

— Oscar Vargas and Ricardo Teano

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you know, the Worthy Financial Secretary, John Ojeda, is an appointed officer for a three year term.

Several important events are scheduled as we move into the 2010-11 Columbian year.

We will recognize Charlie and his accomplishments during his term at the annual PGK dinner scheduled this month, on Saturday, July 17, in the Parish Hall.

We hope all of you can attend. Mary Williams will cater the affair with Italian cuisine. Its \$15 per person.

Call me for reservations at (949) 770-5468.

Our new officers will be installed in the traditional ceremony at 5 p.m. on July 25 in the Parish Hall. Dinner will follow the installation.

Thanks to Ricardo Teano and Tom Keddy, who volunteered to co-chair the membership and retention committees.

Any Knight who wishes to become more involved in Council activities should contact any of the officers to see where help is needed.

Insurance Report

Attainable goals are set for new year

by Dan Yubeta, KofC Field Agent

A new fraternal year is upon us.

Congratulations to our newly elected Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights, as well as all the other dedicated brother Knights who will serve in either an elected and appointed leadership position in the coming year.

I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish during the coming year.

You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

One of these goals is surely the attainment of the Star Council award, the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level.

I'm certainly committed to helping on the insurance side, but I'll be glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order (and who among us doesn't), he's probably just waiting to be asked.

I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by "coaching" you, transferring sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects.

As always, I'm at your service.

Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of your council.

I'm at (949) 322-7266.

Call me – let's talk.



PROGRAM **CHAIRMAN'S** **REPORT**

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also, refer to the Council calendar on page 8 of this Newsletter. Call or e-mail the DGK and Program Chairman Steve Eggert, 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.

July

7-2, Friday: First Friday Adoration.

7-6, Tuesday: 1st Degree Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Fountain Valley. Candidates 7 p.m., Degree 7:30.

7-7, Wednesday: Council business meeting, 8 p.m.

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

7-14, Wednesday: 1st Degree, St. Columban Council Hall Westminster, 7, 7:30.

7-17, Saturday: PGK Dinner, Santiago Parish Hall.

7-19, Monday: 1st Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall Buena Park 7, 7:30.

7-21, Wednesday: Officer's meeting, all are welcome.

7-22, Thursday: Business Meeting, St. John Neumann, Irvine, 7:30.

7-25 Sunday: 2nd Degree, Fr. Kass Council Hall, Buena Park. 1 p.m., 1:30.

7-25, Sunday: Installation of Officers, Santiago PH, 5 p.m. Dinner to follow.

7-28, Wednesday: 1st Degree, St. Edwards School Dana Point, 7, 7:30.

— Bernie Laituri, GK

June meeting highlights

by John Blaney, Recorder

1) GK's Report:

a) Santiago Family portraits are available at no cost. Visit our church website at www.santiagocatholicchurch.org and click on the Lifetouch link.

b) Past Grand Knight's Dinner is at the Parish Hall on July 17.

d) Membership Drive. Aug. 15 is the date of the open house.

Guest Speakers:

Brother Steve Bolton V.P. District Deputy form Chapter, discussed our Council and how it was once again first in the state with more than \$37,000 raised for the MR Drive.

2) Treasurer's Report:

1) Checking, \$8,515.69. Savings, \$793.31. CD, \$2,952.48. Vanguard, \$38,200.67.

3) Committee Reports:

1. Scholarships for Brothers' families in Catholic Schools: \$4,000 was in the budget and spent for 16 youngsters.

2. Ricardo Teano and Oscar Vargas are selling World Cup Mexico caps and have raised about \$1,000 for the Knights of Columbus.

3. More people are still needed to help with recycling. A total of \$1,984 was raised last month, believed to be a record. Please keep up the momentum generated by Brothers Ganley and Nothhelfer and join them and others anytime between 7 a.m. and noon on the second Saturday of the month, lower church parking lot.

4. The next Fourth degree will be held Oct. 9 at the Marriot Hotel in Irvine. If you're not a fourth degree, it's a great weekend with the wives invited to the dinners.

5. Chip Orlowski. Theo's work 850 kids are at Fr. Marc's orphanage. A container filled with items for Haiti, is in the church parking lot ready to go.

6. Dave Alves discussed 25-year memberships and Honorable Life memberships to Leonard Coribbons, Ron Lindeburg, George Nothhelter, and Otis Givenrod.

4) New Business: To put an article in this Newsletter:

1) Have it approved by Grand Knight Bernie Laituri before sending it by e-mail to Brother Jim Breen (jimbreen@lwsbnews.com) and copy the GK.

2) From now on, e-mail blasts will be sent to members by new Deputy Grand Knight Steve Eggerts, 855-9054. steveeggert@cox.net.



July Birthdays

01 Joyce Lindabury	15 Ronald Re	02 James/Betty Naumann
02 Tracy Letzring	16 Christine Onufrak	04 Carmelo/Mercedes Abaoag
01 Joyce Lindabury	16 Joseph Marilley Jr.	07 Hector/Cindy Guzman
02 Tracy Letzring	16 Scott Napp	08 Wayne/Mary Ann Husava
03 Dan Diesel	17 James Breen	10 David/Maria Schafer
04 Rev Benjamin Fama	18 Bill Breen, PGK	11 Dante/Gay Ramella
04 James David Owens	18 Robert Mortenson	13 Eugene/Sudele Arriola
04 Richard J. Reynolds	19 Angela Gilbert	13 Donald/Pamela Finn
05 Stephanie Sweeney	19 David Schollum	19 Randy/Donna Meeks
06 Henry Martinez	20 Iva Ganley	22 Michael/Jenn. Jednoralski
07 Julia Matonic	21 Michael Glover	24 Mike/Jean Sofka
08 Joseph Schulte	22 Linda Haas	24 Donald/Melanie Church
10 Sam Riela	22 James Profit	25 Ricardo/Irma Ruelas
10 Richard A. Farina	23 Carmelo Abaoag	26 Terry/Teresa Alt
12 Robert Desmond	24 Cleve Menke	30 Mark/Karen Bustamante
12 William J. Priester	25 Eddie Brown	31 Michael/ Lisa Haubert
13 Roger Sonnenfeld	27 Joseph R. Maahs	
13 Rosemary Milby	28 Sudele Arriola	
13 Larry Bishop	28 Julius Masudal	
13 Dennis DeRosia	25 Michael Nader	
14 Charles Goebel	28 Robert Ramos	
15 Edward Villalva	29 Joseph Bartholomew	
15 Joseph Vincent	30 Rev. Wm. Krekelberg	
15 Subham Kusuma	31 Leonard Gribbons	
15 Rudolph Quiroz	31 Rosemary Pantoni	

– Submitted by John Ojeda, FS/PGK

Brothers: Let us know about the birthdays and anniversaries for you and your wives

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



July Anniversaries

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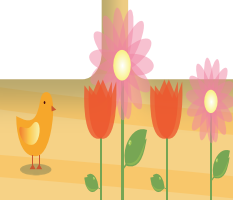
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 First Friday Adoration	3
4 Independence Day	5 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	6 1st Degree, Holy Spirit, FV, 7, 7:30	7 Gen Meeting 7 pm, PHall 1st Degree St. Martin's, YL 7, 7:30	8	9	10 Recycle
11 2nd Degree, Our Lady of Fatima S.C, 1, 2 p.m.	12 MP Recycle 7-9:30 a.m Flag Day	13	14 Off. Meeting 7:30 p.m. 1st Degree, St. Columbans Westm, 7, 7:30	15	16	17
18 Fathers' Day	19 MP Recycling First Day of Summer	20	21	22 Business Mtg. St. J. Neumann, Irvine, 7 p.m.	23	24
25 Installation of officers, PH, 5 p.m., din- ner to follow	26 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	27	28 1st Degree, St. Eds, DP, 7, 7:30	29	30	31



Pray for Vocations