



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council Bishop

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Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church, Lake Forest, Calif. 92630

February 2012



John Piccolo photo

COLORFUL SETTING: Photo taken in 2008 serves as a preview of the 2012 version of the annual event, scheduled this year on Feb. 18 in the Parish Hall.

Council anniversary, dinner dance will be held Feb. 18 in PH

Come celebrate Valentines Day at the Knights of Columbus dinner/dance to be held on Saturday, Feb. 18, in our Parish Hall.

The event will take on added meaning this year since the event will coincide with the 25th anniversary of Bishop William Council, so we want to get as many charter members to attend the event as possible.



There will be a DJ for music, and fantastic dinner catered by Brother Shane

Cassidy.

The menu will include carved prime rib, chicken parmesian and heart shaped ravioli.

The cost is \$25 per person for the dinner-dance. It will increase slightly to \$30 a person after Feb. 6.

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Grand Knight's Report

Here's how we stand so far at the midway point

by Steve Eggert, Grand Knight

Brothers, I want to take this opportunity to give you an update on our Council's progress this Columbian Year towards the goals we set out to achieve when the year began.

Back in July and August, I outlined several areas that we as a Council targeted and hoped to improve upon, especially in the areas of Recruitment, Retention, Activities and Charitable Givings.

At the mid-way point, here's where we stand:

- Achieve STAR Council. This award is comprised of three sub-categories; to date we are half-way to our Membership Goal of 24 new Brothers (McGivney Award), one-third way to our Insurance Quota (Founder's Award) and nearly complete with the Columbian Award (hold at least four programs in each of the six service program award categories).

Our first membership drive yielded many new members and several others currently contemplating membership; our next Recruiting Blitz in March should get us to our goal.

Remember our mantra from last July: "One Man," just ask one man from our parish you know to join.

- Promote Retention, Brother Ricardo Teano and several others have contributed considerable



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Knight of the Month

Stewart Imagawa

Before becoming a Catholic two years ago, Stewart would do almost everything our most active Knights did. He was always helping with the spaghetti dinners, coffee and doughnut sales, filling turkey boxes for the Roosters effort at Thanksgiving, helping out with the basketball hoop contest and working at the church festival with his friends.

He would go to church every weekend and support his wife and child because he thought that they had to be united with religion.

It was just one month after becoming Catholic that he became a Knight, and now cooks over a hot barbecue for festival and the ice cream social.

He still helps out with dinners along with pancake breakfast and now more than ever, helps out every week with recycling at parks and on second Saturdays at church. We know that when we need help, we can always get it from Stewart. We're very proud to have Stewart a knight with council 9487.

Congratulations Mr. Imagawa.

— John Blaney

Family of the Month

Alfonso and Elsa Lopez

Exactly 12 months ago, a recently retired parishioner was in front of our church after a Sunday mass, inquiring of any church group that he could join to help out what is needed in the church with his spare time.

Talking of being at the right place and at the right time. This is how the ideal Knights of Columbus organization came into the picture of this man's life. Since that time he has unselfishly given his services to our council and its many ministries.

He has become a regular usher at every 12:30 Sunday Masses who at that time needed a volunteer.

On the second Saturday of the month he puts on his working clothes for the recycling program, joins the Eucharistic Adoration watch on the first Friday of the month and enjoys the entire day doing volunteer work during the Special Olympics event.

He also attends the KofC meetings regularly and assists at several scheduled events that need his help. He also became an active sidelinier to degree ceremonies and a recent convert to the Catholic Cursillo Movement.

This Knight, busier now in retirement, is Alfonso Lopez, our Family of the Month. He finished his first three degrees quickly. Originally from Peru, he has been married to childhood sweetheart Elsa for 45 years. They have been parishioner since 1985.

Their "unico hijo" is Daniel Alfonso who excels as a good son and works as a special effects artist in Hollywood. Elsa and Alfonso as a family has long been in the giving end and generous supporters of the Red Cross, Hermanos Oblatos of the Franciscan Order, National Vietnam Veterans and for years, as sponsor of a needy child through World Vision.

As a Cursillista and Caballero De Colon, he is grateful for all

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Recycling Report

Thanks to those who help make recycling program a success

by George Nothhelfer, Recycling Director



Thanks to all for another great recycling month, plus all those folks below, not to mention our great Monday and Tuesday crew.

For December we made \$2,827 the second highest earning month for the year and a great way to end 2011.

That raised our total earnings to \$329,515. The dedication that we had was great. This ensures us a very successful program.

We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, Feb. 11.

Here are the individual pounds collected in each category and total pounds for the year:

Paper, 323,259; plastic, 8,978; aluminum, 2,302; glass, 30,295; and cardboard, 13,344. The total is 378,178, which equates to 189 ton of recyclables for the year.

At our last recycling, Tiffany Hamilton and her mother brought pizzas for all of us to enjoy, and to thank us for our help in her effort to collect tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. She also handed each of us a thank you note for our help. She is no longer collecting and we will miss her.

The kids working for their service hours are a great asset and we appreciate all of their contributions. Thanks and hats off to:

George Nothhelfer, Michael Rosas, Richard Mills, Joe DeProspero, John Teeter, David Keele, Stewart Imagawa, Hector Guzman, Bob Morgan, Jim Breen, Gerry Dubois, Dan Ramella, Pat Bole, Chris Bohmfalk, Don Blankenship, Jacob McClarin, Bob Kupfert, Austin Beach, Avstin Weygandt, Ed Chin, Reuven Gutierrez, Patrick Clack, Clete Menke, Claude Makin, Nick Damalo, Pat Larkin, Matt Wood, Michael Newsome, Jane Salvat, Sidney Salvat, Marisa Giorret Gonzalez, Anthony Giorret Gonzalez, Josua Moran, Juan Juarez, Michelle Edwards, Ron Fernandez, Joclin Gallardo, Ana Moreno, Jay Donahue, Joshua Menke, Jose Lopez, Brandon Guerrero Lopez, Ignacio Mena, Alonso Lopez, Jessica Chin, Roger Cazian, Brandon Mariano, Amairanni Valle, Bob Grabot.

Monday Morning Crew

Roger and Mo Boivan,
Richard and Barbara Cliolek,
Jay and Joan Donahue, Gerry and Vivian Dubois,
David Farage, Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman,
Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella,
John Ruelas, Str. Agnes Steiner, Otis Givenrod,
Joe Schulte, Stewart Imagawa, Jim Marchetta.

– George Nothhelfer

Membership billing to come in late February

by John Ojeda, PGK
Financial Secretary

I will be sending the membership billing right after the first of February. I did not want to send them out too close to the holidays.

Dues are an important part of the funds used to pay many of the Charitable items we donate to.

The billing will contain the dues amount and a Voluntary amount of \$3.65 to help Brother's in need within the state.

These dues are due by May 31, 2012. When your dues are paid I will send out the current membership card.

Your current card is valid to get into the meetings until next month, March 31.

Honorary Life members are exempt from dues and Honorary members dues are \$9.

The economy is still causing many of our member's hardships. No Brother should be dropped as a result of financial hardship, and family does come first.

If you are in need or know of a Brother in need contact Steve Eggert, your Grand Knight at (949) 855-9054, or steveeggert@gmail.com, or John Ojeda at 949-813-4320 john.ojeda@cox.net.

We still do not have all our Brothers' email addresses. This is how you can get weekly reminders of Knight events.

Also, we want to acknowledge our wives' birthdays and our anniversaries.

I do not want years, but if you did not see you wives' BD or Anniversary this last year in the newsletter then send the month and day of each to me at 949-813-4320 john.ojeda@cox.net.

God Bless

Church got a new look for the holidays

Our Church looks so empty with the decorations put away in a little more than two hours.

The Environmental Ministry headed by Kay Kenson is a group the Knights of Santiago have supported with money to buy the trees and man-power to put up and take down the decorations.

This year we can thank Kay Kenson, Adele Beach, Eileen Goodman, Pat & Karen Cardinale, Celia Giordano, Rich Mulhaupt, Jose Lopez, Steve Eggert, Don Moore (NC), Ed Hernandez (non Knight) and John Ojeda for taking down the decorations. Some of us gave up watching NFL football for a half but this is about serving the Community of Santiago de Compostela. I hope I did not leave anyone out.

I would not exactly call this Ordinary time, though the colors on the Altar are green.

There is still much to do as Knights. First Friday Adoration, Recycling, Wheelies, Pancake Breakfasts, Valentines Dance, Corporate Communion, Donuts and Coffee, Day of Sharing, and the list goes on and on for the Knights of Bishop Johnson Council. Please continue to support what you can, and participate in the many other Ministries at Santiago.

God Bless and Happy New Year. - John Ojeda

**Pray
for
Vocations**

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events and refer to the Council calendar on page 9. Call or e-mail the DGK and Program Chairman, Mike Sofka, (949) 588-83071 or (expk2wn@earthlink.net), if you have an item(s) to present at the next Council meeting. You may also e-mail the Program Chairman with any articles you request be included in the newsletter

February

- 2/1, Wednesday: Council Business Meeting, 7:30 pm (A decade of the Rosary will begin at 7:20 sharp.
- 2/3, Friday: First Friday Adoration.
- 2/4, Saturday: Hot dogs after 5 pm Mass for Youth Ministry
- 2/6, Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling
- 2/6, Monday: Clergy Night, Marywood
- 2/11, Saturday: Recycling, 7-Noon. Please help out for any time you can spare. Contact George Nothhelfer.
- 2/12, Sunday: Coffee and Doughnuts on the Patio
- 2/15, Wednesday: Officers Meeting, all are welcome.
- 2/13, Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling
- 2/18, Saturday: Valentines Day Gala
- 2/20,/27 Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling

Scheduled Ceremonials

First Degree

Feb 11, Saturday, Santa Ana Council 1842 (SPANISH) GK Roberto Perez 714 277 6324. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1100 S. Center St. Santa Ana, CA 92704 Candidates 5:30 p.m., Degree, 6.

Feb 16, Thursday, Pope John Paul I Council 6020 DD Joseph Aguilar 714 963 2701 Josephaguilarfr01@gmail.com St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 16400 Springdale Huntington Beach. Candidates 7, 7:30. Feb. 20, Monday, Father Kass 3526, Council Hall GK, Patrick Hughes 714-828-1648 ,pkhughes1500@att.net 8410 Kass Dr., Buena Park, 7, 7:30.

Second Degree

Feb. 7, Tuesday District 105 DD Edward Naranjo 714 376 4610 Edward_naranjo@yahoo.com Holy Spirit Parish Hall 17270 Ward St. Fountain Valley. 7, 7:30. Feb. 15, Thursday District 103 DD Bill Millard 949 481 9979 William_Millard@dell.com Our Lady of Fatima 105 Esparanza, San San Clemente, Ca 92672, 7, 7:30.

Third Degree

Feb 26, Sunday District #95 DD Maurice McCaughin 714 779 2657 Mauricemechaughin@sbcglobal.net St Pius Catholic Church 7691 Orangethorpe Buena Park, Ca 90621 Candidates 1:00 Degree 2:00

Standing Ceremonials

First Degrees St. Columban's Council 3926, Westminster. Second Wednesday of odd months Holy Spirit Council 9667, Fountain Valley, First Tuesday of odd months. Father Kass Council 3526, Buena Park, third Monday of every month. Fr. Louis F. Knight Council 12451, Dana Point, second Thursday of odd months. St. Bonaventure Council 6020, Immaculate Heart of Mary (Spanish). Third Thursday of even months, Second Saturday of every month.

Second Degrees

District 94, Buena Park, fourth Sunday of odd months. District 91 Holy Spirit 9667, First Tuesday in February, June and October. District 92, St Columban 3926, Second Wednesday in even months. District 97, San Clemente, fourth Wednesday of even months. - Mike Sofka, DGK/Program Chair

January Program Highlights

By Dave Owens, Recorder

GK's Report:

Many busy weeks ahead, moving into the new year. Your continuing support is needed for various endeavors, ministries.

Reminder to all: Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday mornings.

Busy weeks ahead:

Clergy Night is Feb. 6, \$20 each.

Charitable Contributions/Donations, see details in John Ojeda's report.

Monthly meeting time change to 7:30 p.m., voted, approved

iv. Potential increase in dues to be discussed and voted upon.

v. Please reply to "Service Hour" request survey. It is important that all we do, as individuals and as a group, be recognized and acknowledged.

Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report

There is \$6,920.53 in checking, \$3,310.65 in savings, \$41,055.43 in the Vanguard account, for a total of \$51,336.61. Receipts for the month were \$5,827.08.

b. Trustees approved payment of all bills as presented.

3. Committee Reports, New Business

George Nothhelfer reported that recycling took in a \$2,217.66. Volunteers are improving...keep it up!

Rich Piecuch - Discussed status of Entertainment Book sales, do we continue, or do we abandon sales? To be determined.

Charlie Young - Discussion of Valentine's Dinner Dance Feb. 18 and 25th Anniversary of our Council - Calling All Knights to participate.

Coffee and doughnut sales. Recent issues with conflicts of the patio - discussed and tabled.

Good of the Order

a. Knight of the Month, Bob Grebo. Family of the Month, Jerry and Vivian Dubois.

c. Attendance drawing winner - no winner #322

Entertainment books available

The new Entertainment Books are available again through the Knights of Council 9487.

By contacting Rich Piecuch, PGK, at 949-830-1475, or Ricardo Teano, 949-273-8940, you can obtain your 2011-12 Orange County edition for only \$35.

Each book is filled with coupons good for major savings at restaurants and stores throughout Orange County.

Some of the major grocery stores in the book include Ralphs, Kroger, Bristol Farms, plus coupons for discounts at many restaurants in the area including the Black Angus, Carrows, McDonalds, and Chevys.

The Knights can obtain extra editions and out of town editions of the discount books.

Just let us know what you want and we will provide the books you want without shipping costs.

(See flyer, next page).

FAMILY:

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God's blessings and would like to give back to Church and to God and so glad to have found the Knights of Columbus way.

Congratulations Alfonso for earning this well-deserved recognition as Family of the month and enjoying your knighthood

- Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

VALENTINE:

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It's important to commit to attending the dinner dance as soon as possible so the caterers will get an accurate count of attendees.

Fr. Dave will bless the marriages at the 5 p.m. Mass the day of our big event.

"Invitations have been sent to the St. Nicholas and St. John Neumann Councils, so making early reservations is very important due to limited seating in the Parish Hall, said Charles Young, PGK, and chairman of the event.

GK REPORT:

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time and effort contacting those who's participation has fallen off; last August I sent out an email to everyone listing those Brothers who have not been to a meeting lately and asked everyone to find someone on that list they know and ask them to re-join us.

Please Brothers, continue this effort and we'll all be pleased to



see back those Brothers we haven't see in a while.

- Increase electronic communication, look for updates soon to our Council website this Spring.

- Reduce proportion of 1st and 2nd Degrees to 25 percent of all members; six new 2nd degrees have been added this year; many more candidates have expressed their intent to achieve their fourth degree later this year.

- Introduce spiritual discussions at Business Meetings. Brother Tom Murphy has spoken twice thus far.

- Increase participation at the Men's retreat. If you did not get a chance to attend the Matter De LaRosa Retreat this last September, there are two more opportunities this Spring. See the Monday morning email for further information.

- Surpass \$40,000 raised in ID Drive, We are at \$35,000 and counting. You still have time to get your donations in.

- Increase Golf Tournament participation. Brother Jim Mar-

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chetta is busy lining up sponsors for this year's annual event in June. If you or your business can help by sponsoring a hole, please let Jim know ASAP. And don't forget to make sure you sign up your foursome!

- Increase attendance at Business Meetings by 10 percent. We have increased attendance thus far by about 3-4 percent on average over the last four meetings.

- Donate Business Meetings collections to pro-life, Homeless Vets and Special Olympian Initia-

tives. The Black Box collections have been donated to these and other special causes each meeting.

- Conduct Member Survey-look for it this Spring.

With your continued prayer, initiative, effort and entrepreneurial spirit, we can reach what we set out to attain over these remaining six months.

I look forward to a strong remaining Columbian Year and want to thank everyone again for their hard work.

Pray for World Peace



February Birthdays

01 Dave Stokes	16 Penny Piccolo
01 Mark Bustamante	16 Scott Napp
02 Kenneth Zane	17 Lawrence Brewer
03 William Benedict	17 Kathleen McCarthy
03 Richard Petrash, GK	17 Frank Ury
04 Rev.Gilberto Escobedo	17 Gayle Peters
04 Eric Schechter	17 John Hanus
05 Amanda Breen	18 Christine Goebel
05 Michelle Ramirez	19 Vladimar Anderson
05 Don Orlowski	19 Raquel Pineros
06 William Leahy	19 Elsa Lopez
06 Coleen McNally	19 Carol Schechter
06 Rita Schulte	20 Lisa Haubert
07 David Sparks	21 Theresa Sonnenfeld
09 Robert Doherty	21 Janet Gamache
09 Robert Noble	22 George Loos
09 Bonnie Teeter	24 Michael Casey
10 Richard Olson	25 Betty Naumann
12 James Brockman	25 Emily Russell
12 Danuta Zakrzewski	26 Renaldo Fernandez
13 Norris Rudon	27 Sharon Poli
14 E.O. Plauche	28 Ann Smith
14 Timothy Campion	28 Michael Rojas
14 Thomas Canaris	28 Robert Grabot
15 Patrick Larkin	28 Lupe Palot
	29 Bob Epperson
	29 Edward Wagner



February Anniversaries

01 James/Audrey Machulda
 01 Norris/Margaret Rudon
 05 John/Barbara Casiabianca
 07 Jerome/Kathy Delmore
 07 Edward/Pernille Brown
 10 Richard/Patricia Piecuch
 11 John/Theresa Gallegos
 11 Richard/Patty Farina
 14 William/Pearl Breen
 14 William/Alvina Studley
 15 Mike/Mary Williams
 16 Richard/Jeanne Donovan
 17 John/Mary Ojeda
 19 Richard/Diane Reynolds
 21 Don/Sharon Leuer
 22 Peter/Christina Onufrak
 23 Lawrence/Rita Bishop

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Spouse birthdays, anniversary dates needed

We are still looking for birth dates of Knights' spouses and anniversary dates. We don't need the years, just the month and day.

Send the birthday and anniversary information to john.ojeda@cox.net or call my cell at 949-813-4320.

Let us honor the spouses who stand behind us.

Do you know that if you attend a meeting on the month you celebrate your birthday or anniversary you could win a prize?

That has been happening for some time. I hope it continues.

We are hoping to be able to save money by sending the Newsletter by Email to all with Email addresses and First Class Mail to those who do not. If you are not getting weekly updates about Knight Events then we do not have your Email address. Please send it to me, John Ojeda.



K of C Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487 February 2012

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	2	3 First Friday Adoration Fst. of St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats	4 Hot Dogs after Mass, Youth Ministry
5	6 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m. Clergy Night	7	8	9	10	11 Recycling 7-12
12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	14	15 Officers Meeting	16	17	18
19	20 MPark Recycle President's Day	21	22 Washington's Birthday Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27 MPark Recycle First Day of Lent	28	29			

