

### Grand Knight's Report A message to think about after the first 25 years



by Steve Eggert, Grand Knight

On Feb. 25, 1987, Council 9487 was founded by a pioneering group of charter members who led the early growth of our Council into what it has become today: A leader in the spiritual, fraternal, familial and charitable direction of our parish, Chapter, Diocese and families. In commemoration of our 25th anniversary, our Council recently received the following letter from Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight: "To the Officers, Members and Families of Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487: It is my privilege to extend fraternal greetings and best wishes from the Supreme Council on your 25th Anniversary. My fellow Supreme



Steve Eggert

Officers and Directors join me in See GK REPORT page 6

Carl Anderson

### 36 sideliners welcome new First Degree members

**by Ricardo Teano** Membership Committee

A huge 1st degree ceremony was hosted by our Council 9487 in the parish hall on Feb. 9.

The welcoming ceremony added six new enthusiastic members to the fold and three others to our neighboring councils. "It was a great event," said GK Steve Eggert.

The degree was appropriately conducted by our own degree team. There was a full house from the incredible 36 supportive sideliner Knights present as new family to the incoming Knights.

The new members in their pursuit to knighthood were warmly received and assured of great spiritual camaraderie and experience the excellent programs promoted by our parish council.

The inductees included Kevin Griego, Joseph Baumgartner, Bryan Ickes, Steven Cook, Patrick Desmond and Thomas Parrott.



NEW FIRST degree Knights and sideliners gathered Feb. 9 at PH.

Welcome and congratulations.

To ease their transition into the group, the mentor system was enforced. Each newcomer is paired with an experienced Knight who will act as a big brother and a solicitous friend.

If they fail to show up at the meeting blame the mentor (joke).

The mentors chosen who willingly accepted this important job were John Blaney, David Atkins, Ron Fernandez, Jeff Rodriquez, Robert Birtja, and Robert Grabot. The sponsor of Tomas Parrott is Brother Alfonso Lopez.

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## Knight of the Month Ignacio Mena

This Knight is not so keen on being featured as Knight of the month. But his reliability to our cause and his popularity got the better of him.

This unanimously-chosen Knight is Ignacio Mena. He is married to wife Dagmar and they have been parishioners of Santiago Church for 22 years.

Nacho as he is also known, has been a pillar since he joined the Knights last March. You can see him working with the other Knights at our second Saturday recycling project, helps at church dinner preparations for the many parish socials and helps change heavy church decorations.

His formation as a Knight takes place through his participation and cooperation in the spirit and example of founder Father Michael J. McGivney.

He regularly attends monthly meetings to keep abreast with projects the council plans to sponsor. He goes to the Sunday Mass and does the wheelies on the side because he likes to help other people.

This Knight is one of the fittest physically. He goes to the gym every day and does the triathlon marathon.

As a sideliner, Nacho's presence helps show his support to the incoming Knights as much as the good reception and support he received when he joined KofC.

He said that he is so lucky and thankful to God that he met a bunch of good Catholic men. Our Knights of Columbus strength is through the commitment of its members. Vivat Jesus.

– Ricardo Teano

### **Family of the Month Anthony Gionet-Gonzales**

The chosen family of this month is indeed a model unit.

Each member is a contributor to its unity. Tony has been a visible Knight of our council for 3 1/2 years.

He makes the Saturday recycling program a family affair by bringing daughter Marissa. They work hand in hand in the service to our council and church and come as frequenty as they can.

Joining the Knights is Tony's calling. He attends the council meetings regularly and enjoys the discussions about how one member could get involved collectively in the many ministries of the church.

Doing the wheelies uplifts him and is a good way to start the 8:30 morning Mass on Sundays.

Younger daughter Julia is a junior and recently received the Mass Altar Server Award of two years from Santiago de Compostela. Her name is often seen in the church bulletin in the Mass altar server section.

Before that she was a Children's Liturgy server for three years. Marissa plans to go to medical studies next year.

Her willingness to go with dad to the recycling to help without the need to earn community volunteer hours makes her special.

## Kevin Griego, Bryan Ickes get 2nd Degree

by Ricardo Teano Membership Committee

Vivat Jesus to our new Second Degree brothers, Kevin Griego and Bryan Ickes.

That salutation, which means Long Live Jesus is an appropriate and meaningful greetings to them as they finished their Knighthood of the Second degree.

The Knights of Columbus is made up of a community of Brothers and their families gathered together under the banner of Christ's church.

Both Knights received their degrees at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall in San Clemente on Feb. 15.

Sideliners John Blaney, John Teeter and Ricardo Teano came to witness and support Kevin and Bryan as they progressed and learned the ideals of KofC.



**WELCOME:** Achieving Second Degree status Feb. 15 were Kevin Griego (I) and Bryan Ickes (c). Ricardo Teano, Joe Schulte and John Blaney were sideliners.

Brother John Schulte, PGK, was part of the conducting degree team hosted by District 103 of that parish under DD Bill Millard.

The honoree of the night was Emilio Moure, a Knight of Columbus from South Orange County who became Secretary to the Supreme Council and just died a year ago.

Our congratulations to Kevin and Bryan. Little did we know that the progeny of Fr. Michael J. McGivney made us come together as Christian men who desire a deeper relationship with God.

Vivat Jesus.

## Good time had by all at gala Valentine's Day event

by Charles Young, PGK Event Chair

The Valentine's Day dinnerdance on Saturday, Feb. 18, was a huge success. There were 138 attendees who enjoyed an evening of fine dining and dancing.

Festivities began following the 5 p.m. Mass when Fr. Dave blessed the marriages of those in attendance.

After Mass, everyone gathered in the church

Large quantities of wine were consumed prior to dinner and at least one trip to the store was made to secure more liquid refreshment.

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## **Recycling Report Total team effort lifts recycle total to \$2,442 in January**



by George Nothhelfer, Recycling Director

Thanks to all of you for another great recycling month due to all those listed below, plus and our Monday and Tuesday crew.

For January we collected \$2,442 to raise our all-time total earnings to \$331,958. The dedication that we have is great. This ensures us a very successful program. We look forward to seeing all of you once again on Saturday, March 10.

We had a great turnout and a lot of teens working for service hours. I want to bring to your attention that it is most important that you manage these kids otherwise we create problems with mixing different products and we get little to nothing for recyclables. I expect all of you to step-up and guide these kids on what needs to be separated and the proper place to put them. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.

The kids working for their service hours are a great asset and we appreciate all of their contributions. Thanks and "Hats Off" to all listed below:

George Nothhelfer, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Michael Rosas, Richard Mills, Claude Makin, Joe DeProspero, John Teeter, David Keele, Stewart Imagawa, Hector Guzman, Bob Morgan, Jim Breen, Gerry Dubois, Dan Ramella, Pat Bole, Chris Bohmfalk, Don Blankenship, Austin Beach, Claude Makin, Nick Damato, Pat Larkin, Ron Fernandez, Joshua Menke, Jose Lopez, Ignacio Mena, Bob Grabot, Julio Martinez, John Piccolo, Kyler Mordello, Patrick Clark, Bob Grabot, Kevin Fusselman, Ryley Zulauf, Haley O'Brien, Bob Birtje, Chris Tcherkezion, Lorena Torres, Ana Pena, Patrick Reichle, Tristan Reed, Emma Gastelum, Camille Kimble, Eric Rodrigues, Tyler Kamphetner, Malcom Sumson, Jacob McClain, Maria Olivas, Clarissa Olivas, Armondo Olivas, Josue Valenzuela, Alvaro Valenzuela, Jocelin Gallardo, Mark Keele, Noah Ah, Alex Trick, Joe Hernandez, Emily Chamberlin, Alfredo Garcia, Austin Lurren, Cole Anselmo, Alfonso Lopez, Roman Young, Charles Young, and Sam Riela.

### **Monday Morning Crew**

Roger & Mo Boivin, Leo Alvarado, Jay and Joan Donahue, Gerry and Vivian (Viv) Dubois, David Farage, Ken Carpenter, Hector Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, John Ruelas, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Stewart Imagawa, George Nothhelfer.

## Activity Report What KofC activities are you in?

Each year our Council submits al Survey of Fraternal Activity Report.

This past year Bill Breen attempted to update this report. It was mentioned in the newsletter and in Steve Eggert's weekly updates. Of the 361 members of our Council only 28 responded.

We are trying to start earlier and give you more information so we can present a better number for this report on Dec. 31, 2012.

The information needed is broken up into several categories: visits to sick and bereaved, blood donors, Habitat for Humanity, and hours given for Church, Community service, Youth activities, and miscellaneous.

These are not just Knight or church events, they involve charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

We want to know what hours you spend in all of these areas including the Knights, Church Ministries and outside activities.

Please don't wait untill the end of 2012 and then get me the information Dec. 15, 2012.

Use 2011 as a guide and estimate if you have the same commitments this year. Send me the information throughout the year as soon as you can.

I will compile the information; send me an email at john.ojeda@ cox.net, or call me and leave a message at 949-595-0990. My cell is 949-813-4320.

Please give this some thought before you respond.

Because you are involved people you probably do more than you think you do.

- John Ojeda, PGK, Fin. Secretary



CATHOLIC SCHOOL children can get tuition assistance through KofC.

### Gau scholarship **Fund accepting** letters for help

The Jerry Gau Memorial Scholarship Fund is once again accepting letters for scholarship assistance for the children and grand children of Knights in Council 9487. Students must have attended a Catholic pre-school, grade school or high school during the 2011-2012 school year.

Students attending Catholic colleges and universities are also eligible if they have been enrolled for at least one semester.

A letter from the student reflecting on the value of his or her Catholic education and a letter accepting the scholarship aid is required from the Knight parent/ grand parent. Dictated letters from the very young are always accepted.

Please email your letter to kenallenfh@hotmail.com or to steveeggert@cox.net, bring the letters to any general or officers meeting or give them to any current council officer.

Checks will be issued at the June general meeting and must be received by May 15, 2012.

Due to budget constraints, late submissions will not be honored. - Ken Allen, Membership Chair

### **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

#### March

- 3/2,Friday: First Friday
- 3/5. Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling
- 3/6, Tuesday: Mobile Home Park Recycling at the El Toro MHP.
- 3/10, Saturday: Recycling, 7:00-Noon. Please help out for any time you can spare. Contact George Nothhelfer.
  - 3/11, Sunday: Coffee and Doughnuts on the Patio
  - 3/12, Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling
  - 3/13. Tuesday: Mobile Home Park Recycling at the El Toro MHP.
  - 3/16, Friday: Lenten Dinner
  - 3/19, Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling
- 3/20, Tuesday: Mobile Home Park Recycling at the El Toro MHP.
- 3/21, Wednesday: Officers Meeting, all are welcome.
- 3/24-3/25, Saturday and Sunday: Spring Recruiting Blitz
- Monday: Mobile Home Park Recycling 3/26,
  - 3/27, Tuesday: Mobile Home Park Recycling at the El Toro MHP. **Scheduled Ceremonials**

#### **First Degree**

Mar 6 Tuesday Holy Spirit #9667, GK Tom Leeman 714-963-0720 tomleeman@me.com Holy Spirit Parish Hall 17270 Ward Street, Fountain Valley, CA Candidates 7:00pm, Degree 7:30

Mar 8 Thursday Fr. Louis F. Knight Council 12451, GK Lazlo Hegedus, 949-240-1283 Lazlo.koc@gmail.comSt. Edwards School (Knight hall) 33926 Calle la Primavera, Dana Point, CA 92629: Candidates 7:00pm, Degree 7:30 Santa Ana Council 1842 (SPANISH) GK Roberto Perez

714 277 6324 Immaculate Heart of Mary 1100 S. Center St.

Santa Ana, CA 92704 Candidates 5:30pm, Degree 6:00

- Mar 14, Wednesday
- St Columban #3926, GK Fredrico Rodriguez 714-932-3488 fred@yvonneandfred.com

St. Columban Council Hall 7836 Westminster Avenue, Westminster, CA 92683 Candidates 7:00pm, Degree 7:30

Mar19, Monday Father Kass #3526, Council HallGK, Patrick Hughes 714-828-1648 ,Pkhughes1500@att.net8410 Kass Drive, Buena Park, CA 90621: Candidates 7:00pm, Degree 7:30

#### Second Degree

Mar 18, Sunday

District #95 DD Maurice McCaughin 714-779-2657 mauricemcaughin@sbcglobal. comFather Kass #3526, Council Hall 8410Kass Drive, Buena Park, CA 90621: Candidates 1:00pm, Degree 1:30

#### **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

# February Program Highlights

#### By Dave Owens, Recorder

#### 1. GK's Report:

Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday Mornings. Meeting time change to 7:30 - Rosary at 7:20

iv. Please reply to the "Service Hour" request - survey. It is important tht all we do, both as individuals and as a group, be recognized and acknowledged. Only 28 of 365 Brothers have replied.

d. Presented the Pros/Cons of the Dues increase, Discussion ended with a voice vote: Yeas: 29 vs. Neas: 25. Dues increase of \$5 is approved.

#### 2. Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's Report

There is \$10,031.63 in checking, \$3,310.65 in savings, \$41,055.43 in the Vanguard account, a total of \$41,3693.61.

Receipts for the month were \$1,883.39.

b. Trustees approved payment of all bills as presented.3 Committee Reports New Business

#### 3. Committee Reports , New Business

Mike Sofka for George Nothhelfer reported that recycling took in \$2,827. Volunteers are improving, keep it up. Cardboard is no longer accepted.

Ken Allen - Scholarship applications begin in March end in May and pay in June. (See story page 5).

Rich Piecuch - Discussed the status of Entertainment book sales per the new 50 percent agreement we will continue to sell in 2012. Details TBD.

Mike Ulibarri - Remaining Lenten Dinners: March 16, April 6, (Good Friday.)

John Ojeda - final ID Drive deposit \$36,050 Good of the Order

a. Knight of the Month – Stewart Imagawab. Family of the Month – Alfonso and Elsa Lopez

# **GK REPORT:**

#### From page 1

congratulating you on your 25 years of service to the Catholic Church and your community.

When Father Michael J. Mc-Givney, our revered founder, launched the Knights of Columbus 130 years ago, his hope was that Catholic laymen coming together in a common cause could help the Church locally, promote Catholic family life and lend assistance to the less fortunate in the community.

Through such actions not only would the direct recipients of our charity benefit, but the fraternity of Catholic Knighthood would be strengthened.

Your council and the thousands of others throughout North America, Mexico, the Philippines and the Caribbean are evidence of the clarity of Father McGivney's vision.

That vision is something that must remain bold and meaningful today.

On this anniversary, I ask that you re-dedicate yourselves and your families to the teachings of our faith and the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism held so dear by our founders, and especially those who founded your council 25 years ago."

Brothers, let us remember the words of our Supreme Knight and put them into practice each and every day as we continue the legacy of our great Council and further its role in our Church, parish, Diocese and families.

### FAMILY:

#### From page 2

She loves to serve ice cream to the Lake Forest nursing home residents nearby and then entertain them by playing the piano. Tony's wife Denise is a dedicated mother herself. She helped in the Vacation Bible Studies of our church and was there to teach the children get their first holy communion.

Their presence as supportive parishioners of Santiago for 15 years, earned this family, the family of the month recognition.

Congratulations to all the members of Anthony Gionet-Gonzales Family.

## **Bill Breen Tootsie Roll Drive**



The final figure for monies turned into the State for the Bill Breen Tootsie Roll Drive from Bishop Johnson Council is \$36,050. Thanks to all of you that helped, donated and supported our efforts. We were a little down this year but this was more of a result of Ralph's not allowing us to use their store fronts. The event has now been dedicated to Bill Breen (r) who has guided our Council to be Number One in the state 10 years in a row. It will now be known as the Bill Breen Tootsie Roll Drive at Bishop Johnson Council. John Ojeda presented award to Bill, also a former Grand Knight, for more than 60 years of service in KofC.

## **SIDELINERS:**

#### From page 1

The joyous occasion, as pointed out by Degree GK Tom Haas, was officiated by our Council's 1st degree team as part of our Starcouncil award program.

Our kudos to the principal degree officers for the great efforts. It was well done. The emphasis of this initiation rite was the ideals of Charity.

The worthy officers were Degree Chancellor Dick Petrash, Degree Grand Knight Tom Hass, Degree Deputy Grand Knight Joe Schulte, Degree Financial Secretary John Ojeda, Degree Warden Randy Gamache, Degree Inside Guard Charlie Young, Aides to the Warden Clete Menke and Ignacio Mena, and Music, Richard Quinn.

Joe Schulte was team captain of the group. The honoree of the 1st Degree class was our recently deceased brother Richard Olson. May he rest in peace.

# VALENTINE:

#### From page 3

Following our salad course, Worthy Grand Knight Steve Eggert began the dinner service by saying grace. The dinner was prepared by Brother Shane Cassidy and his wife, Tonya. We dined on roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, chicken parmesan, and heart shaped ravioli, along with salad and bread rolls.

After dinner, attendees were treated to a chocolate fountain. Two cakes honoring the Council's anniversary served as dessert.

Brother Bill Breen was honored with a plaque for more than 60 years as a Knight. In addition, the ID Drive for our Council has been named in Bill's honor.

Music was provided by DJ Jimmy and we danced the night away. It appeared that everyone enjoyed the music and it was a fitting way to work off the meal.

I want to thank all the Brother Knights and their spouses for their assistance in making the event a night to remember. I do not like to mention anyone specifically for fear that someone will be left out. However, I would be remiss if I did not single out those who helped make this evening a great success.

Bernie, Linda and Jesse Laituri along with Linda's sister, Julie, did a spectacular job arranging and decorating the hall. Steve and Traci Eggert got cakes and beverages.

John Teeter, Stewart Imagawa, Dave Atkins and Mike Lynch sold drink and opportunity drawing tickets. Mike Ulibarri and Steve Eggert managed the bars and kept the drinks flowing.

Lastly, and most appreciated, were those who helped me wash and dry the dishes and silverware, Roger and Therese Sonnenfeld, John Teeter, Steve Eggert, Mike Casey and Mike Ulibarri. Without them, I might still be washing.



01 Lillian Vincent 02 Rev. John Luongo 03 Kathleen Kuri 05 Robin Bole 06 Teresa Gallegos 06 Thomas Parrott 07 Randy Meeks 07 Alfonso Pena 09 Terry Alt 09 Thomas Hartline 10 Edie Lynch 10 Brian Beach 10 Jerome Ernst 12 Marty Medina 12 Patty Lopez 13 Thomas Keddy 13 Philip Thomas 14 Gloria DeRosia 14 Virginia Osley 15 Carol Bender 15 Raymond Puzio 15 Rev Efrain Flores 16 Amy Quintilone 16 Margu. Baumgartner 17 John Saita 18 Robert Kupfert 19 Eugene Arriola

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12 Bruno/Rosemary Pantoni

16 Al/Linda Ravgiala

16 Al/Norma Pena

19 Ricardo/Belen Teano

20 John/Joanne Cashman

22 Jim/Amanda Breen

22 Robert/Teresa Lopez

23 Tim/Jeannette McSkane

23 Mark/Donna Griffin

29 Henry/Danuta Zakrzewski

### Help us celebrate your anniversary and spouse's birthday

Your Brothers and family wish to help acknowledge your Anniversary and spouse's Birthday.

If you have not seen these posted in the Newsletter this past year that means we do not have them on file. We have all Knights' dates of birthday.

If you want us to acknowledge your Anniversary and Spouses Birthday in this Newsletter, send an email to john.ojeda@cox.net or call me at 949-813-4320. We do not need the year, just the month and day.

- by John Ojeda, FS/PGK

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