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*Merry  
Christmas  
2014*

## Grand Knight's Report

# Christmas: a time to revive old memories

by Mike Lynch, Grand Knight

When I was a young lad, I couldn't wait for Christmas morning.

My sister and I would run downstairs and stare in amazement at all the presents left under the tree by jolly old St. Nick.

One year there was a beautiful Irish Setter. Shawn is what we named him, and he was a loving and loyal companion, and a member of our family for many years.



He also liked to run and my Dad and I would chase him quite a few times.

The last time I saw Shawn, he came to my window, poked his head in and nuzzled my hand, as if to say thank you, it was a fun journey. He escaped one more time and I never saw him again.

People come in and out of our lives all the time, some stay for just a bit, others for most of our lives. Of course, there's a few categories in between, but you get the gist of what I'm saying.

Christmas has an entirely different meaning for me now than when I was that young lad growing up in Riverside. I now get more joy out of watching my family open gifts, even if I did have to stay up until 4 a.m. to put that Barbie Jeep together.

Christmas is a time of rebirth, of rekindling old relationships and strengthening current ones.

Giving a gift to a friend, like the Wise Men did to Christ, to show him that they knew he was special. That's my perception of gift giving.

I think Christmas also reminds us of something even more important. It reminds us that we're only on this rock for a short time and that we, not just as Knights, but as Catholics, should try to do

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**THE BEST** – PGK Joe Schulte (far left) led the ID Drive at Albertson's Market in Lake Forest.

## District Deputy's Message

# *Enjoy a joyous and holy Christmas 2014*

by John Piccolo, District Deputy 113

Everyone has heard the old saying that "a picture is worth a 1,000" words so my message for December is a photo of some great events in which our Councils participated last month.

Most notable for Council 9487 was the annual Tootsie Roll Drive (see above).

Keep up the good work as we move into the Christmas and New Year season.

My message for you is that I hope you have a joyous and holy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I also want to mention that I am so thankful to serve you as your District Deputy and I appreciate so much the great hospitality you always give to me when I attend your Council meetings.



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## Knight of the Month

### Father Thomas Naval

by **Ricardo Teano**, Retention Committee

Father was asked on the first week that he joined Santiago de Compostela Parish, Father, are you a Knight? He answered, yes, a Third Degree Knight.

Father, can you be our Chaplain? "I will be extremely busy as your Parochial Administrator, but yes I would like to be your chaplain," he said.

These positive answers bespeak Father Thomas. His wholehearted support and participation and accessibility as our Parish Priest earns him this distinction as our exceptional Knight of the Month.

Through the six months that he has been a transfer member to our council, Father has proven to be a friend to every brother Knight. He is an advocate to our ideals.

His fraternal relations with Council 9487, attendance at meetings, presence at our volunteer works, highlights our many events. He is a Father to our Council Brotherhood.

In October, Father was most disappointed when he could not get away from his busy schedule to obtain his Fourth Degree advancement. He wants to do this Exemplification degree of Patriotism. To be sure of next year's ceremony he already marked his calendar so he will be free on that special day.

To Father Thomas, congratulation as Knight of the Month.

## Family of the Month

### Roger and Susan Cuenca

It is quite unusual that our Family of the Month has only been members for three months. Roger was a clear choice after his volunteer work for our council and for our festival.

At Father Thomas Naval's 25th anniversary of Priesthood Celebration, which was hosted by our council, Roger and wife Susan were at hand to serve more than 500 visitors. Roger was the expert to carve the two roasted pigs as the main course.

It was a great experience to many of those present at the well-attended event. It was phenomenal. Susan also donated a cooked turkey that night among other good food.

Roger and Susan were the first to arrive at the recent church festival to prepare the Filipino Food Booth. It won the best decorated booth recognition.

He volunteered to be in charge of the popular booth to help raise funds for the renovation of the church patio. The festival was a good fund raiser and fun.

Roger and Susan have three offspring: Richard, 38; Russell, 36; and Sheryl, 34. They have three grandsons and two granddaughters that they adore. One son is a major in the United States Air Force.

Roger did his First three degrees on Jan. 17.

He wants to be an active participant in Council 9487 now that he is retired. He admires his brother knights for their spirit of volunteerism.

Our congratulation to the Cuencas.

— Ricardo Teano

## Tootsie Roll results are up to all Brothers

The Charity Drive at the local stores has been completed. We collected \$7,532.64. The remainder is up to you Brothers and our corporate sponsors.

Letters have been sent out to all our members. We received an initial wave of return donations, but they dropped off. If every Brother would make a contribution we can make a large impact in funding this charity for the intellectually disabled.

The bulk of the final results have always come from the corporate sponsors, but we can't always count on them.

I hope we can count on you. If you no longer have the return envelope I sent, mail your donations to John Ojeda, 21802 Ticonderoga Lane, Lake Forest, 92630-2312. Please make checks out to Knights of Columbus, memo ID Drive.

— John Ojeda, Program Chair

## Dues notices are going out

Dues notices will be going out soon. I will try to send out as many notices as I can by email.

I have not tried this before so hoping this works, so watch your email accounts after the first of the year. The dues remain at \$40 with \$3.65 as a voluntary donation to assist Knights in Need.

I believe PayPal will be available this year, which should allow you to charge dues.

More information will be coming when the invoices go out.

We will provide contact information.

— John Ojeda

## Catholic students are invited to enter citizenship essay contest

Catholic students in public, private, and parochial schools grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, are invited to participate in the 2015 Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.

They are encouraged to write a 500-to-750 word essay on the theme "The Importance of Religious Freedom."

The prize for first place is a \$50 iTunes card, and \$25 and a \$25 iTunes card for second and third.

The local contest will be hosted by Knights of Columbus Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487. Deadline to enter is Dec 31. Participants are required to furnish written parental consent.

For entry forms and additional information contact Michael Klett at xsive.guy@gmail.com.

— Michael Klett

## Blitz yields four new Knights

Member Knights Brothers Nacho Mena (English masses) and Emiliano Leonides (Spanish) stepped up to undertake the recruitment at all masses. This essential part for the growth of our council was done Nov. 8 and provided four new members:

### Transfer Members

1. June Falales
2. Damon Smith
3. Andrew Smith

### Sponsor

- Nacho Ignacio  
Emiliano Leonides  
Emiliano Leonides

### New Member

1. Jose Orihuelas Tejeda
- Emiliano Leonides

Lets us welcome our new brothers with open arms and make them feel at home. Your acquaintance is priceless in a room full of new faces. Step up and make it count.

— Ricardo Teano

## G.K. REPORT:

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everything we can to live a Christ centered life.

We'll fail, fall down, and maybe even wallow a little bit. We're supposed to. We're also supposed to get back up, ask for forgiveness, and move back to putting Christ first in our lives. That's what we do, every day.

My Brothers, if I don't walk up and give you a gift, it doesn't mean I don't think you are worth it. It's because my wife has informed me that it's a financial impossibility, and she is the boss and I'm fond of harmony in the home.

I digress. I believe that as we gather at meetings and the different functions that we take on during the year, that is our gift to each other and also, to our parish family. And each brother, no matter how small they think their contribution is, should feel like one of the wise men seeing the Christ child for the first time and presenting their gift to him.





## Gene Ganley Recycling Report

# Come out and join in on the recycling fun Dec. 13



By George Nothhelfer, Chairman

For October we made \$1,704 raising all-time total earnings to \$395,687.

We applaud all those that contribute to these efforts but need to see more of the Knights on those second Saturdays. We look forward to seeing all of you Dec. 13.

Our recycling program is successful because those of you who take time to support this very important program and make the sacrifice we greatly appreciate. I whole heartedly thank all of my Brothers who step up on Saturdays.

We need more of a commitment from all of our Knights, the new ones and those who that have been around. (See, I didn't use the word term "old").

Our program is our major fund-raiser for our council. We need all you to participate whether its for an hour or for several hours. We also ask all of you to bring or drop off your recyclables. We conducted a survey at our October recycling and I ask all of you to take note:

- Number of Knights dropping off recyclables: 25 (not good) for a total of over 300 Knights in our council.
- Number of parishioners dropping off recyclables: 62. We need to improve this with our handout after Mass and talking it up with our parishioners.
- Number of non-parishioner or Knights: 10, almost half of what the Knights did.

I ask all of you to think about the above and how to improve. I have set a goal to double our take next year and it is not going to come from the Mobile Home Parks so what does that leave? All of us have a real challenge ahead of us and that includes you.



We also have asked all of you, if you cannot drop off on our recycle Saturday to drop it off by the trailer and close the gate when finished.

- If dropping off books, magazines, paper or glass place it in the area provided by the trailer and close the gate when done.
- If you are dropping off aluminum cans or plastic bottles please toss them over the fence in the recycle area.

Please answer our request to support your fellow brother Knights.

A special thanks to our Monday and Tuesday morning crew for all the extra hours they dedicate in making the program a success.

These guys are there more than Monday and Tuesday to keep up with other recycle projects that make our program so successful.

As always, we could use some help from those of you retirees for a couple of hours Mondays and Tuesdays. Everyone is welcome and all have a good time.

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## Recycling was a big success

Recycling last month was a success.

Some new people showing up and asked what other items they can bring in December.

One parishioner even asked if we knew of anyone who needed a used washing machine, which was taking recycling to another level.

It was also wonderful to see a strong turnout from the Knights who helped along with over 15 youth volunteers. They were so eager to help that they even helped beautify our church facilities by picking up trash during the lulls.

Let's keep up the promotion and make the Dec.13 recycling event even a bigger success.

— Al Gamarra, Recycling Committee

## Thanks to Monday, Tuesday Volunteers

Roger and Mo Boivin, Leo Alvarado, Jay and Joan Donahue, Gerry and Vivian (Viv) Dubois, David Farage, Hector and Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Stewart Imagawa, Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Alfonso Lopez, Chuck Agozino, Domingo Roldan, Manny Rios, Bob Birtja, Richard and Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas.

— George Nothhelfer

## November Program Highlights

The applications from Barry Lamont and Nick Benigno were read and admission approved by council.

Grand Knight Lynch let the Council know that Mike Ulibarri was going to have a busy month, recruiting blitz after Mass the coming weekend, and thanked the veterans for their service.

Tom Haas is looking for a large blue container of robes.

Fr. Marquez requested that we prepare for a Marian Festival in December.

The trustees reviewed the vouchers, they were within budget guidelines and paid.

Financial Secretary Ojeda reported that the Disciples of Mary said thank you and Mater Delarosa thanked us for our scholarship donation.

### Committee Reports:

- John Ojeda: Clergy Night is Jan. 23.
- Michael Klett: Essay contest and free throw championship coming
- Free tax preparation at Santiago this year
- Ben Newinski: Discussed Hospitality Ministry
- John Boegeman: Discussed Camp Pendleton and Helping Hands.
- John Blaney thanked Brothers for their prayers during his recent illness.
- Someone needed to pick up the Roosters project since John Piccolo is stepping down
- Jim Marchetta: Contract signed for next KofC golf tournament, June 28, 2015.
- Eric Schechter: Next Cursillo is Jan. 8, 2015.

### Guests and dignitaries:

- Dick Petrash recognized as Past Chapter President
- Larry Dietz, state recruitment chairman
- John Piccolo: Presented 2013-2014 Columbian award to PGK John Blaney
- Roosters drive is Dec. 13, volunteers needed
- Third Degree is at St. Killian's Jan.17.
- Mark Yubeta: Discussed recruiting

### Awards:

John Osley received Honorary Life membership  
Ken and Jackie Stashik named co-Family of the Month  
Mike and Mary Williams named co-Family of the Month  
Parish Festival volunteers named Knight of the Month

### Good of the Order:

Sick and Distressed list read and prayer offered by council.  
Mark Rubel would have won the attendance drawing prize if he had been present. — by Michael Klett, Recorder

## Insurance Report Insurance at work only cannot work

by Mark Yubeta  
KofC Insurance Agent

Do you know anyone whose life or career has drastically changed during these years of economic downturn?

It's very likely that someone in your immediate or extended family or group of friends is facing financial uncertainty.

May be there's a possibility that you (or your spouse) could lose your job or change employers.



Too many people have often relied on group term life insurance as their only safety net.

Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at low or no cost. The existence of this coverage might convince someone that personally-owned life insurance is not necessary.

But only having "through work" insurance can leave you and your family vulnerable. Most group life insurance policies are limited in amount, which may be tied to salary or some other benchmark.

These numbers are often capped, and this cap may be dangerously low when compared to your family's actual needs.

In fact, a detailed needs analysis that evaluates your specific situation, will likely show that any employer-provided coverage falls short.

In addition, the amount of

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# PROGRAM CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

by John Teeter, Deputy Grand Knight

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also refer to the Council calendar page of the newsletter at [www.kofc9487.com](http://www.kofc9487.com) for more information. E-mail DGK and Program Chairman, John Teeter at [jteeter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jteeter@sbcglobal.net) or call (949) 351-5492 if you have an item to present at the Dec. 3 general business meeting.

## December 2014

Dec. 1	Recycling	Forest Gardens	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 2	Recycling	ET Mobile Park	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 3	Gen Meeting	Parish Hall	7:30 p.m.	
Dec. 5	1st Fri. Adoration	Santiago	24 hours	
Dec. 7	Santa for kids	Lower Patio	After Mass	
Dec. 8	Recycling	Forest Gardens	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 9	Recycling	ET Mobile Park	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 10	Decorating Church	Christmas Santiago	after Mass	
Dec. 13	Recycling	Lower Lot	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 13	Caroling Retirement	Home	Meet patio	3 p.m.
Dec. 14	Doughnuts	Patio	a.m. Mass	
Dec. 14	Roosters Drive	Lower Parking	Lot meetup	7:30 a.m.
Dec. 15	Recycling	Forest Gardens	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 16	Recycling	ET Mobile Park	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 17	Officers Meeting	Parish Hall	7:30 p.m.	
Dec. 22	Recycling	Forest Gardens	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 23	Recycling	ET Mobile Park	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 29	Recycling	Forest Gardens	7:30 a.m.	
Dec. 30	Recycling	ET Mobile Park	7:30 a.m.	

Note:Christmas eve and Christmas masses, please help with the hospitality ministry. Extra help needed at all Masses.

Please look for more upcoming events by e-mail- E-mail Brother PGK Steve Eggert, [steveeggert@gmail.cm](mailto:steveeggert@gmail.cm). if you are not getting his e-mails

## Scheduled Ceremonials

### First Degree

Monday, Dec. 15, Father Kass Council Hall, Juan Baca GK, 714-402-4450, Candidates 7 p.m.  
8410 Kass Dr., Buena Park

### Second Degree

Wednesday, Dec. 10, St. Columban Council Hall, DD Earnest O’Leary, 714-955-7164, Candidates 7 p.m. 7836 Westminster Ave., Westminster

Candidates and observers will dress in a manner fitting the dignity of Formal Knights of Columbus ceremonials. Collared shirts, dress slacks, socks and shoes are the minimum standard. Shorts, tee shirts, sandals, jeans and similarly casual attire are considered inappropriate. A jacket and tie are the desired standard for Third Degree Exemplifications.

First degree candidates should arrive with a Council Representative, preferably the Financial Secretary, who has his signed form 100 which has been read and approved by the Candidate’s Council. The representative will provide the candidate’s Rosary, Membership Card, and copy of “These Men We Call Knights” to the Host Council. He will also certify that the Candidate has signed the gaining Council’s Constitutional Role prior to arriving at the Exemplification.

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group insurance offered is almost always reduced, sometimes dramatically, when you retire.  
 You could one day find yourself without coverage, and if your health has changed (which it will as you age), you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection. At the very least, it will definitely be more expensive.  
 While group life insurance can help, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I’ll be happy to meet with you and provide a no-cost needs analysis, so you’ll know exactly where you stand.  
 To learn more about these solutions, contact me today at (949) 322-7266 or mark.yubeta@kofc.org





December Birthdays

01 Cindy Guzman	17 David Elser	01 Patrick/Lisa Larkin
01 Irma Ruelas	17 Claude Mauer III	
02 Mario Soto	19 Gaye Ramella	05 Mike/Jackie Martinez
02 Katherine Kane	19 James Burrell	
02 Nelson Sweeney	19 Mark Griffin	06 Pat/Karen Cardinale
03 Steve Eggert	19 Joe Zapata	
04 Roger Cuenca	23 Rich Piecuch	11 Calixto/Evang. Alonso
04 William Gordon	23 Enrique Hernandez	
04 David Mrozinski	23 Matthew Paul	13 Ray/Marlene Puzio
05 Richard Quinn	24 William Murphy	
05 David Belz	27 Ismael Valenzuela	16 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe
05 Barbara Fernandez	27 Mathew Feldman	
07 Barbara Walloch	28 Lupe Palop	19 Ron/Diane Surak
07 Lorraine Epperson	28 Susie Birtja	
08 Aaron Sonnenberg	29 Stephen Goold	28 Roberto/Patricia Lamberen
08 John Lane	30 Kenneth Stokes	
08 Felipe Ocampo	31 Eugene Spaulding	31 Richard/Kathy Petrash
08 Renne Gardner	31 Richard Donovan	
11 Theresa Lane	31 Jeanne Donovan	
11 Adrian Michael		
12 Martin Ruiz		
12 Robert Bosche		
14 Shane Cassidy		
15 Robert Durham		

Send us birthdays, anniversaries and help us keep you informed

We are still looking for birthdates 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.

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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, FS



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 General Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5 First Friday Adoration	6
7 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m. Santa for Kids	8 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	9	10 Decorate Church for Christmas	11	12	13 Recycle 7 a.m.-noon
14 Coffee and doughnuts lower patio	15 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	16 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	17 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20
21 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	22 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
28 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	29 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	30	31			

