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***Merry  
Christmas  
2015***

## *Merry Mistletoe Fund-Raising Drive*

*For the first time the Knights of  
Council 9487 will be selling  
Christmas mistletoe.  
This novel idea is from Brother  
Tom Sixsmith's and his wife,  
Diane. They are preparing 200  
sprigs of mistletoe to sell on the  
weekend of Dec. 12-13.  
Brothers, let's all help spread the  
good cheers of Christmas.*

*Let's band together at  
the Santiago church plaza at all Masses  
and make this fund-raising drive a success.*

*Suggested price is \$5 or a  
free-will donation.*

*Half the proceeds will go to the  
Parish church.*

*Mistletoe is an aerial plant that  
grows on branches of trees like oak.*

*To kiss somebody under a  
Christmas mistletoe is considered  
romantic – and legal.*

*– Ricardo Teano*



## Grand Knight's Report

# Advent is a time to prepare

BY MICHAEL KLETT, GRAND KNIGHT

I pray, Brothers, that you have a peaceful Advent. I want to share a pet peeve with you. Most of you are going to be reading this in early December, the season of Advent. It is not the Christmas season or the holiday season, it is Advent, like Lent, a time of preparation.



In Lent we are preparing for Christ's Passion and Resurrection. In Advent we are preparing for Christ's birth.

When my wife gave birth to our son, George, so many years ago I spent the time before his birth, painting his room, building a crib, and baby-proofing the house.

In a sense I was decorating for George's arrival. We didn't have the party to celebrate his birth until after he was born.

Let us prepare for the birth of Jesus by preparing our spiritual selves. Pray more. Go to confession. Give alms. Sacrifice. And when that first day

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## **Knight of the Month**

# **Alberto Lopez**

BY RICARDO TEANO, RETENTION CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure to introduce Alberto Lopez as Knight of the month. An asset to the council, he is retired and joined the council seven months ago. He has become a regular to the Saturday and Monday recycling programs, serves as a hospitality usher at noon Sunday Mass and attends council meetings on a regular basis. Alberto also helps at the October Fiesta, Tootsie Roll ID Drive, blood drive registration, food server and most of all as a clean-up helper at the ice cream social, barbecue and Thanksgiving dinner.

In addition, he serves as a sideline at degree exemplifications.

He is one of the few members who was once a Columbian Squire.

As early as a second grader at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, Alberto is a member of Angelicum, a group of altar boys, UST Central Seminary Choir, Pax Romana Squire and Columbian Squire in high school, Adjutores Dei (youth cursillo) and Pagibig sa Diyos (marriage encounter).

He now volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, L.A. Diocese and St. Vincent de Paul, Santiago de Compostela, (OC Diocese).

Whenever he can, Alberto volunteers at Lake Forest Senior Center.

Alberto was married to Teresita, now deceased, and has three siblings, Imelda, Rafael and Luis Enrico.

His grandchildren are Ezra, 8; Izellah, 9; and Enzo, 9.

He joined the Knights because of their dedication to serve fellow men and to help needy, unfortunate families.

A Third Degree Knight, Alberto looks forward to serve the council even more. Congratulation to Alberto as our Knight of the Month.

## **Family of the Month**

# **Tim Holmes Family**

BY PAT LARKIN, CHANCELLOR

My brothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Family of the Month for December, the Tim Holmes family.

Tim is a brand-new Knight, but his family members have been making an impact on the parish since they joined Santiago 13 years ago.

Tim served as head of the Parish Festival this year, taking over for Brother Dave Atkins. Tim also serves on the Parish Council and is assistant Scout Master for our Boy Scout troop. He also volunteers on Tony Walker's Burrito Ministry Team.

Tim's wife, Ioala, is a Eucharistic Minister and has helped with Vacation Bible School.

Tim's children, Colin, 15; and Cambria, 11; are altar servers at Santiago.

Outside of the parish the family has been involved with Team Thomas, which raised money for the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Life Rolls On and the Catholic Worker.

Tim says his favorite thing about our parish and our council is the fellowship in the community.

## Insurance Report

# There is value in life insurance for children

BY MARK YUBETA, KofC AGENT

As a father, you worry about your children and do everything you can to protect them. You try to raise them right and make sure they are prepared to become adults. But have you ever thought about buying life insurance for your child?

When you insure a child, you are protecting his or her future.

Did you know that one out of every six adults get rated, postponed, or denied for insurance coverage?

If you purchase a policy for your child from the Knights of Columbus with a guaranteed purchase option, it guarantees that more insurance can be purchased for that child at certain set dates, without proving insurability.

Unfortunately, as fathers we don't have a crystal ball, and don't know what the future may have in store for our children's health.

But did you know that now you can purchase a child's policy, in many cases, for less than \$10 a month?

I've heard it said that people don't want to "profit" from the death of a child, so they won't purchase coverage on their children.

God forbid something tragic happens, those funds can come in handy at a time when finances will be the last thing on a parent's mind. I have never heard a story about someone who regretted buying coverage on their child.

Contact me today to discuss the many policy options for child plans, including 10-and 20-Pay life insurance.

Mark Yubeta, (949) 322-72666.

## GK REPORT

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of Christmas comes on Dec. 25, we can party and celebrate the birth for the 12 days of Christmas that are Christmas through Epiphany.

Let us be joyful that the church is overflowing with people on Christmas Day and welcome the people home.

Since we are celebrating the birth and birthday of our Lord I will again be handing out cigars that say, "It's a Boy!"

And at Mass on Christmas Day, when the Eucharistic Minister places Jesus in my hand, I will again look down at him and say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

Last month we had a lot of successful events: the ID Drive, Veteran's Wheelchair Drive, coffee and doughnuts, recycling, the Thanksgiving dinner, blood drive, and the signature drive for the referendum to repeal the assisted suicide law. I thank all of the Brothers who helped with these efforts. Our calendar slows down this time of year just a bit. We have recycling on the 12th, coffee and doughnuts on the 13th, caroling on the 19th, and the Roosters Drive on the 20th.

Please help out when and where you can. The Parish is again celebrating the novena of Simbang Gabi.

## KofC Corporate Report

# *\$100 billion in insurance is now in force*

NEW HAVEN, CT - The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force late last month, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families.

This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry.

Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization — which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members — manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks No. 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus.

With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect.

The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a "World's

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## Gene Ganley Recycling Report

# Slow month offset by help from Religious Program kids

BY GEORGE NOTHHELPER, RECYCLE CHAIRMAN

**Newsworthy Events:** November was a slow month (\$1,428) and Saturday we had a great support from our youth. Thanks to Emilio for all of his Religious Program Kids. It made the day.

I am grateful for all the Knights that came to assist us in our endeavor. We should have teens on our next recycle Saturday, Dec. 12. We have seen an increase in the weekly deposits at the drop off area and thank all who are participating.

**Improvements:** We will be making some improvements to the recycling area with a cover we will build over the area where we sort high-grade paper and store it for pick-up. We will also add a roof over the drop-off area. In both cases this is to protect the recyclables from rain. With the upcoming wet weather, it will be needed.

**Increases of Products:** We have seen a significant increase in the weekly dropoffs of all items including books.



If any of you are aware of any architectural firms in the area we would like to contact them to pick-up their drawings. That paper is of great value since it falls into the category of high grade.

**Camp Pendleton Books:** We not only recycle the books but all children's books are sent to Camp Pendleton for the kids. If you have any that you would like to donate please drop them by and we will have "Bogie" take them down on Monday mornings. The families and children are very grateful for these books.

**Ronald McDonald House:** A lot of you may not be aware of it, but every recycling Saturday, Bonnie and Leaf Ranestad come to take the tabs off aluminum cans. There are lots of bags to go through since we save them through the month.

All hands are welcome to assist in the very worthwhile, noble program that provides assets for parents to stay with their children while going through treatments. This is "God's Work."

We need more of you fellow Knights to support the program by dropping off your recyclables. This can be done anytime at the recycle area. We have seen an increase in Knights supporting our Saturday recycling program and we are truly grateful.

As they say the best support and programs begin at home and right know they are falling well short. You may not realize how important this program is to our council or we would have greater support.

- If dropping off books, magazines, paper or glass any time, day or night, place them in the area provided by the trailer and close the gate when done.

- If you are dropping off aluminum cans or plastic bottles, please throw them over the fence in the recycle area.

Our Council needs you and your support.

**Next Recycle weekend:** We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, Dec. 12.

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## *Thanks to Monday Volunteers*

Roger and Mo Boivin,

Jay and Joan Donahue,

Gerry Dubois, Hector

and Cindy Guzman, Bob

Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan

Ramella, Ricardo Teano,

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Culmer, Paul Tran, Alberto

Lopez, Beng Librado.

– George Nothhelfer

## District Deputy's Message

# Councils dive into pre-holiday projects

BY JOHN PICCOLO, DISTRICT DEPUTY 116

About two weeks ago I made the early Sunday rounds to three individual parishes to see what the Knights were doing. The results were impressive:

- Bishop William Johnson at Santiago de Compostela was holding a wheelchair drive for our local veterans along with blood drive sign-ups.



- Cardinal McIntyre Council was offering for sale “Keep Christ in Christmas” cards, directing traffic, and collecting for the ID Drive.

- St. Nicholas Council is preparing for that Council’s annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.

• Council of the Rock at SEAS in Irvine was a major force behind their recent St. Vincent de Paul dinner and auction.

I am so proud of all of you and what you do for your Councils and the members of your church community.

We can not rest on our laurels as Bishop Kevin Vann needs the Knights’ support in gathering signatures to overturn the Assisted Suicide law that goes into effect Jan. 1, 2016.

The dates were late in November, so you may be reading this after the fact. I’m sure there will be an opportunity to sign the petition in early December.

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**GOOD WORK** – Knights from St. Nicholas Council (above), Santiago de Compostela (top right), Cardinal McIntyre (middle right) and Council of the Rock (bottom) took on special pre-Thanksgiving holiday projects.

## **PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Save these dates for upcoming noteworthy events. Also refer to the Council calendar page of this newsletter at [www.kofc9487.com](http://www.kofc9487.com) for more information. E-mail DGK and Program Chairman Roger Sonnenfeld at [roger@accessext.com](mailto:roger@accessext.com) or call (714) 606-9003 if you have an item to present at the next general business meeting.

### **December**

- 12 Saturday Recycling, George Nothhelfer
- 13 Coffee and doughnuts, John Blaney
- 14 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer
- 16 Officers meeting, Church Hall
- 18 Noel Night Concert, 7 p.m. see Church Bulletin
- 19 Caroling with Brother Mike Ulibarri
- 20 Roosters Food Drive, John Blaney
- 21 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 28 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer

### **Recycling**

On Saturday, Dec. 12, come and spend an hour or three with us, sorting, crushing and just having a good time together. Don't be shy, bring a friend.

### **Noel Night Concert Dec. 18, 7 p.m.**

Noel Night is back so come join the fun, listen to beautiful music, relax and let yourself be engulfed in the most Joyous of Seasons, The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Roosters Food Drive Dec. 20**

Come join the group packing several thousand boxes of food to be given to those in need. We have 55 boxes earmarked for our Council so if you know of a family in need please get with John Blaney or myself, Roger Sonnenfeld, to arrange a box for them. Bring the whole family, this event will fill your heart with love and the Gift of Sharing.

### **Clergy Night Jan. 29, 2016**

Come join your Brothers in celebrating our Priests at St Joachim Hall, 1964 Orange Ave Costa Mesa. More information at the Dec. and Jan. Council Meetings.

### **Casino Night May 21, 2016**

Keep this date in your calendar, let's fill the hall with fun loving gamblers attempting to break the house. You are encouraged to yell and create havoc on (or near) the tables. So bring your best poker face and several of your friends. Brother Mike Ulibarri is the contact for all the details. Our fellow Brothers and parishioners need to take part in this much needed cause.

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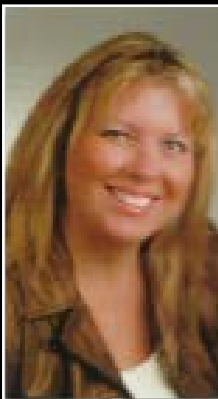
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## RECYCLE

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**Special Thanks:** To our Monday morning crew for all the extra hours they dedicate in making the program a success. These guys and gals are there more than Monday to keep up with other recycle projects that make our program so successful. We need more of our retirees to help on Mondays.

We are in need of more walkers and trucks on Monday Morning.

**Those who participated:** We had a poor showing last month, but appreciate all who came and assisted: Evangeline Sun, Emily Anderson, Bradford Yager, Michela de Luca, Yasmine Rivera, Nicole Herrera, Sheila Walsh, Thomas Wood, Andrew Wood, Ricardo Teano, Joe De Prospero, Josue Casillas, Richard Mills, Gerry Dubois, David Keele, Domingo Roldan, Tom Sixsmith, Al Gamarra, Leif Ranestad, Dan Ramella, Mike Sofka, Nacho Ignacio, Bonnie Ranestad, Alberto Lopez, Emiliano Leonides, Stewart Imagawa, Ken Breneman, Alondra Maiz, Meztlli Garcia, Mia Garcia, Luis Garcia Ortega, Eric Pena, Glenn Seamark, Luis J. Garcia, Madison Reed, Mateo Estling, Liam Benson, Ahtzin Garcia, Llanely Mojica, Joe Merchant, Bob Morgan, Anthony Gionet-Gonzales, Angel Mereno, Carolina Jimenez, Gianpro Chiappe, Jordan Farmer, Fatima Blanco, Rachel Blanco, Jennifer Jimenez, Garrett Gardner, Renne Gardner, Gabriel Malik, Hugo Hinshaw, Mike Wiles, Wina Hruiz, Hector Guzman, Ramon Navarro, Don Blankenship, Joe Gennaro, and Patrick Walloch.

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## December Birthdays

01 Cindy Guzman  
01 Irma Ruelas  
02 Mario Soto  
02 Katherine Kane  
02 Nelson Sweeney  
03 Steve Eggert  
04 William Gordon  
04 David Mrozinski  
05 Richard Quinn  
05 David Belz  
05 Barbara Fernandez  
07 Barbara Walloch  
07 Lorraine Epperson  
08 Aaron Sonnenberg  
08 John Lane  
08 Felipe Ocampo  
08 Renne Gardner  
11 Theresa Lane  
11 Adrian Michael  
12 Martin Ruiz  
12 Robert Bosche  
12 Advento Gutang  
14 Roger Cuenca  
15 Robert Durham  
17 Theodore Fay  
17 Claude Mauer III  
19 Gaye Ramella  
19 James Burrell  
19 Mark Griffin  
19 Joe Zapata  
23 Rich Piecuch  
23 Enrique Hernandez  
24 Matthew Paul  
24 Delphina Hernandez  
24 Kathleen Cook  
26 William Murphy  
27 Ismael Valenzuela  
27 Mathew Feldman  
28 Lupe Palop  
28 Susie Birtja  
29 Stephen Goold  
29 Sylvia Soto  
30 John Garcia  
31 Richard Donovan

## December Anniversaries

01 Patrick/Lisa Larkin  
05 Mike/Jackie Martinez  
05 John/Laura Garcia  
06 Pat/Karen Cardinale  
08 Nick/Susan Benigno  
11 Calixto/Evang. Alonso  
13 Ray/Marlene Puzio  
17 Joe/Julie Strauss  
16 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe  
19 Ron/Diane Surak  
23 Michael/Siobhan Hickey  
28 Roberto/Patricia Lamberen  
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31 Richard/Kathy Petrash



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## Are we reporting your birthdays and anniversary dates each month?

Have you seen your spouse's name published in the Knights Newsletter this last year? We report members' birthdays from our roster information but unless you give us the day and month of your wife's birthday and the day and month of your anniversary, we don't have it.

This information also gives us the opportunity to give good wishes on these special days. There is also a chance to win a gift if you attend the meeting during those months.

We still draw a roster number and award an attendance prize if you are at the meeting and your name is drawn. It has been won but it now stands at the top, \$200.

So there are also financial reasons to come to a general meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Rosary begins about 7:20.

See you at the meeting.

- John Ojeda, PGK

# K of C Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487

## December 2015

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	3	4 First Friday Adoration	5
6	7 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	8	9	10	11	12 Recycling 7 a.m.-noon Lower Lot
13 Coffee and Doughnuts	14 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	15	16 Officers Meeting, 7:30, PH	17	18 Noel Night Concert, 7 p.m.	19 Caroling with Brother Mike Ulibarri
20 Roosters Food Drive	21 MP Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26
27	28 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

## INSURANCE

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Most Ethical Company” for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

The Knights of Columbus is the world’s largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide.

It is also one of the most active charitable organizations in the United States.

The Knights set a new record for charitable giving in 2014 with donations of more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service to charitable causes.

# Council 9487 Save the Dates

## December

Date   Event   Chairman

2 General Business Meeting, Michael Klett  
 5 CMF Breakfast  
 6 Second Sunday of Advent  
 7 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 7 Pearl Harbor Day  
 8 Immaculate Conception  
 12 Saturday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 13 Coffee and Doughnuts, John Blaney  
 13 Third Sunday of Advent  
 14 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 16 Officer's Meeting, Michael Klett  
 19 Christmas Caroling, Mike Ulibarri  
 20 Roosters Drive, John Blaney  
 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 21 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 24 Christmas Eve  
 25 Christmas  
 27 Holy Family Sunday  
 28 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer

6 General Business Meeting, Michael Klett  
 9 Saturday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 10 Free Throw Championship  
 10 Coffee and Doughnuts, John Blaney  
 11 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 18 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 18 Martin Luther King Day  
 20 Officer's Meeting, Michael Klett  
 23 Comfort Food Dinner, Mike Ulibarri  
 25 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 28 Chapter Meeting  
 31 Corporate Communion

## February 2016

1 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 2 Groundhog Day  
 3 General Business Meeting, Michael Klett  
 3 Feast of St. Blaise (Blessing of the throats)  
 3 First Degree, Joe Schulte  
 8 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 9 Mardi Gras  
 10 Ash Wednesday  
 13 Saturday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 14 Coffee and doughnuts, John Blaney  
 14 Valentine's Day  
 15 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer  
 15 President's Day  
 17 Officer's Meeting, Michael Klett

## January 2016

Date   Event   Chairman

1 New Year's Day  
 3 Feast of the Epiphany  
 4 Monday Recycling, George Nothhelfer

# COUNCILS

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"This is an all hands on deck" request by Bishop Vann.

I know many of you are involved in Christmas Liturgies and your priests greatly appreciate the help of their Knights.

I wish you and your families a joyous and holy Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Best wishes, John Piccolo, DD-116