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### **GK Report** Festival a big hit; Thanksgiving dinner is Nov. 18

#### BY PATRICK LARKIN,

**GRAND KNIGHT** 

A farmer named Muldoon lived alone in the countryside with a wee dog that he loved and doted on. After many long years of faithful companionship, the dog finally died, so Muldoon went to the parish priest: "Father, my dear old dog is dead. Could you be saying a Mass for him?" Father Patrick replied, "I am so very sorry to hear about your dog's death. But, unfortunately, I can't say Mass for the poor creature..." Muldoon said, "I understand, Father, I do. I guess I'll go



TABLE OF PLENTY - The Knights of Council 9487 will put on a Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings on Saturday, Nov.18, in the Parish Hall.

to this new denomination down the road; no tellin' what they believe... Do you think \$500 is

enough to donate for the service?"

Said Father Patrick, "Why didn't you tell

me your wee dog was Catholic?"

Speak of fundraising, we had an awesome parish festival with the final profit somewhere around \$50,000. It was great be-

ing there the entire weekend including the kickoffdinner. I had the pleasure



of being the voice of the festival and it was a blast. I know the festival is a parish-

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## Six Council members become Sir Knights

BY RICARDO TEANO. **RETENTION CHAIRMAN** 

No Catholic Gentleman could be more proud, more strong, more patriotic than at the culmination of his Fourth Degree.

That moment was experienced on Sept. 30, by six members of our council at the Torrance Marriott

This is the Exemplification ceremony of

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TAKING THE FOURTH - New Fourth Degree Knights (I-r) are Kenneth Stashik, Angel Garcia, Mario Soto, Vince Vasquez and Eduardo Chin, and Ricardo Teano, who attended as a sideliner. Not pictured is Ramon Salcedo.

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### Knight of the Month Mike Sofka

#### BY PATRICK LARKIN, GRAND KNIGHT

My Bothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Knight of the Month for November: Brother Mike Sofka.

As you all know, that besides being our good brother, Mike is also our District Deputy for the Orange Diocese Chapter.

He previously served as warden before being named District Deputy two years ago.

Brother Mike once again was the power behind the Festival Santiago last month. He provides all the electrical equipment needed to light and power the festival.

And other than one goofball (who may or not be the author of this article) tripping a breaker on Sunday morning during the NFL games, it again went off without a hitch.

He and his wife, Jean, live in Lake Forest and he has been a parishioner since 1992. They have two children, Kevin, a diesel technician for Ryder Commercial Service in Washington, and Ryan, in residency in interventional radiology at the University of Wisconsin.



Besides being heavily involved in the Knights, Mike and Jean also help with the counting ministry. Mike is also a Past Grand Knight.

He enjoys auto racing as a hobby and is a big backer of USC. "I like the volunteerism and brotherhood aspect of the Knights,"

Mike said. "It makes a positive difference in others' lives."

Congratulations, Brother Mike. You're a great Knight and friend!

### Family of the Month John Blaney Family

My brothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Family of the Month for November: The John Blaney family.

Brother John and his wife, Ann-Marie, have been parishioners at Santiago de Compostela since 1990. They have two children, Shaelyn,



who just finished her bachelor's degree and is working on her master's. She plans on being a schoolteacher. Son, Garrett, who is one of our brothers, is finishing his undergrad degree at the University of Alabama.

The Blaney family is involved in many ministries at Santiago. John co-chairs our doughnut committee and is an usher at the 10:15 Mass. He also has been instrumental in planning our new patio and he and Ann-Marie were in charge of the food booths at Festival Santiago. They both also help count money on Sundays and work on the annual Camino. In addition, Ann-Marie

helps with children's liturgy.

John and Ann-Marie would like to retire one day and travel ex-

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wide event, but I also know the Knights' imprint was on every bit of it. Our chairmen for the event were Brothers Tim Holmes and Tony Walker. Brother Dave Atkins was in charge of logistics and Brother John Blaney was in charge of food coordination for all the booths. Brothers Mike Ulibarri and Dom Rainone ran our American food booth and bar, both great successes.

Brother Mike Ulibarri wanted to make sure the following folks and organizations were thanked for their contributions including our own insurance agent, Brother Mark Yubeta, CT for supplying the meat; Brothers Angel Garcia, Dom Rainone, Sam Riela, Dave Atkins, John Ojeda, Al Gamarra, Ben Niewinski, Ken Breneman, Pat Bole, Vince Vasquez and John Blaney.

Our Worthy District Deputy, Mike Sofka, once again supplied all the needed power for the event and a lot of the grunt work was supplied by Brothers Stewart Imagawa, Don Blankenship and Nacho Mena. Plus, there were many, many wives on hand lending support.

Next up this month is the Thanksgiving Dinner which will be after the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass on Nov. 18. Brothers Mike Ulibarri and George Nothhelfer are in charge. They will be serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and will be looking for donations of turkeys.

They have room to cook some of them at church, but will also will be looking for cooked turkeys that we can serve that night as well.

So pull out the barbecue and toss on a turkey or two and bring them by church before dinner. Remember turkey will be on sale right before Thanksgiving so a big bird will probably cost right around \$15.

It appears after some negotiations and inspections that we will be hosting the annual Clergy Night dinner on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Brother Mike Sofka and I will be meeting the chapter president and vice president before our Nov. 1 meeting so they can check out our facilities.

Fr. Thomas has given us his blessing to pursue the dinner this year.

The event normally is held at St. Joachim's in Costa Mesa, but they have a conflict. If all works out, we will host the event, but we will not be in charge.

This is a chapter-run event. But as Fr. Thomas said, "At least we won't have to travel very far."

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me."

- Phillipians 4:13

### **Council newsletter won't be mailed starting in 2018**

Your Council 9487 will be stopping mailing out Newsletters beginning the New Year.

We currently mail out about 32 a month, mostly to long time members who do not have or not turned in email addresses to the Council.

This becomes a significant cost and the information can be found elsewhere.

We do want all members to be aware of what \_\_\_\_\_ your Council is doing.



Please make sure your Brother Knight is aware that the website koc9487.com has all the current Newsletter information.

Also there is a place to Register for the Newsletter, which also

gets Brothers the weekly blast email concerning Council events.

We have over 350 members and only 250 or so have registered.

Your officers may be contacting you to make sure you are registered so you can keep up on your Council activities.

If I can help, contact john.ojeda@cox.net, or call (949) 813-4320 with any issues.

- John Ojeda, Financial Secretary

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the Third degree Knights to the ultimate degree of Patriotism, the KofC Fourth Degree of the Order.

The conversion of a Knight of Columbus to a Sir Knight of Columbus.

All for the sake of the Glory of our Lord.

For earning this great honor please let us whole heartedly congratulate the new Assembly members:

Kenneth Stashik, Vince Vasquez, Eduardo Chin, Mario Soto, Ramon Salcedo, and Angel Garcia.

Their ceremonial class consisted of 297 candidates, three active Armed Force members and numerous men in white collars.

This annual celebration is under the auspices of the Saint Junipero Serra Province, Southern California District Knights of Columbus Organization.

Vivat Jesu.



### One more ID Drive outing: Jan.13-14

This year's campaign is well under way. We completed our Drive at Albertson's and Stater Bros on two different weekends in October. A huge thank you to all those Brothers and Youth volunteers who helped us again this year. We have one more outing at Santiago de Compostela, Jan.13-14.

We lost another store, Walmart this year. More and more this campaign gets a little tougher. Tom and I plan to get a letter out to all the Brothers soon to ask for your help.

Do not forget, this is to those individuals with Intellectual Disabilities. This drive helps them, their caregivers, and supports volunteerism. A real win, win. Please help if you can. No amount will be too small. Together we can achieve our goals. - John Ojeda and Tom Sixsmith



#### BY GEORGE NOTHHELFER, RECYCLE CHAIR

**Newsworthy Events:** September was a good month (\$1,618). We had few Knights and need more Brothers to participate. We had some teens that helped and Mike led them in pulling tabs since Bonnie and Leif were not able to make it. Thanks Mike for stepping up. Brothers please take some time and bond with the rest of us. We have a lot of fun and the cold beer at the end hits the spot.

In Need of Help: We are in need of several people to help on the Monday morning crew and during the week to continue to keep our successful program going. We are seeing an increase in recyclables and need help. We no longer pick-up recyclables at the Lake Forest Mobile home park on Saturdays. They are now collected on Monday



mornings and this has contributed to a better take since they do not have to store the items until the end of the month. I have had one Knight come to our call and we need some more. Please talk to me.

**Monday mornings:** We need someone with a truck that could make pick-ups at El Toro or Lake Forest mobile home parks (you will be reimbursed if you use your vehicle for pick-ups). We can also use walkers (it is great exercise) to put the bags of recyclables in the trucks. No heavy lifting involved.

**During the week**: We need a couple of people to come over and sort the goods in the drop-off area. This would be on a rotational basis of one week one time during the month or less. You would have to check this area three times during the week. This is due to the number and amount of drop offs we are getting during the week. We already have an overflow on the glass and we have another week to go. We need help. Contact me for more information or to sign-up.

High-Grade Paper (ledger paper): If any of you are aware of

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Roger, Mo Boivin, Jay, Joan Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector, Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Glenn Seamark, Joe Schulte. Stewart Imagawa, John Boegeman, Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Bert Dubois, Julio Martinez, Ronnie Almero, Nancy Tremaine, Domingo Roldan, Manny Rios, Bob Birtja, Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Doug Culmer, Paul Tran, Alberto Lopez, Kevin Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, John Freeman, Ronnie Almero, Ed Enriquez.

### **Insurance Report Introducing Accelerator Term Insurance**



#### BY MARK YUBETA, KOFC AGENT

When Father McGivney founded our beloved Order more than 134 years ago, his goal was to protect Catholic families from financial devastation. But not all Catholic families have the same needs and goals.

That's why we are always looking for ways to introduce new

products and features that have the ability to most perfectly meet the needs of you and your families.

In 2014, the Knights launched its newest product, the Accelerator Term Insurance Series, a valuable product for those Knights and their loved ones who need coverage, but have a limited budget.

There are many reasons to consider term insurance. Perhaps you have a new mortgage. Maybe you need to cover your children's college tuition or provide for income replacement while the kids are still home. These relatively short-term needs are perfect for term coverage.

And now, with the introduction of the Accelerator Term Series, there are even more reasons to consider term insurance from KofC.

The Accelerator Series is a cutting-edge insurance product that allows members to maximize the benefit, minimize the cost, and accelerate their coverage. Offered at 10, 15, and 20 year level term periods, the Accelerator has three unique features that make it special.

• The first is the coverage period. With the Accelerator Series, members and their loved ones can now have term insurance protection to age 85, a 15-year extension from the previous limit.

• The second is the acceleration feature. For each of the first five years of the life of the policy, the death benefit amount will increase five percent, up to 125 percent of the initial contract amount. This new feature allows you to maximize and accelerate your death benefit automatically, to increase the protection you are providing for your family.

• The third is the conversion opportunity. As short-term needs begin to expire, you have the option to convert your AT policy into a permanent policy at any point during the first six years of the contract, without having to go through medical underwriting or prove insurability.

This is a great option to have in case your health should unexpectedly deteriorate over the course of your 10, 15 or 20 year term. Take time to meet with me, and I'll give you additional details and provide a complimentary, comprehensive analysis that will help identify your needs and goals.

Callme at (949) 322-7266. You won't regret it.

### **RECYCLE**

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any architectural firms in the area we would like to contact them to pick-up their drawings. We can also use any file paper, which is valuable.

We have had several of our Brother Knights drop off several large loads of architectural drawings and are grateful. If you know of any other sources please let me know. Paper is an important part of our revenue.

**Ronald McDonald House**: Thanks to Bonnie and Leaf Ranestad for their dedication to the support of the Ronald McDonald House. This provides assets for parents to stay with their children while going through treatments. It means a lot to the parents and their children.

**Next Recycle weekend:** We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, Nov.11. Come and enjoy your Brother Knights' company. We serve coffee and doughnuts for breakfast and refreshments at the end. I need to see a lot more of you there.

Special Thanks: To our Monday morning crew

for all the dedication and extra hours they put in. Also to those who help dump glass. Without you it would be difficult. This is not for them, but all the Council and those charities we support.

We are in need of more walkers and trucks on Monday morning. Please step up If you are able to help. We also need volunteers to stop by and help sort the drop offs during the week. This area was full even after our Saturday recycle day. Contact Gerry or George to help.

Thanks to those who helped last month:

Bob Morgan, Dan Ramella, Al Gamarra, Mike Wiles, Ricardo Teano, John Ojeda, Gerry Dubois, Don Blankenship, Domingo Roland, Stewart Imagawa, Joseph Lozano, Ken Breneman, Mike Ulibarri, Mike Byrne, Joe Merchant, Tom Sixsmith, Pat Bole, Nikhole Rojas, Liz Munoz, Johann Castells, Callos Leon, Kacie Koenig, Allysa Castillo, Sofia Young, Pedro Tzeyes, Dennis DeRosia, Seamus Byrne, Luis J. Garcia.



# Oct. 4 Program Minutes

### BY KEN BRENEMAN, RECORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:29 p.m. by GK Pat Larkin.

### Council Elections (Trustee Klett):

• PGK Michael Klett presided over elections to fill council's vacant officer positions.

• PGK Joe Shulte nominated, and the council then elected, Bro. Vince Vasquez to the office of Chancellor.

• PGK John Blaney nominated, and the council then elected Bro. Tim Holmes to the office of Inside Guard.

### Grand Knight's Report (GK Larkin):

• Charity box is for the Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief Fund.

### Committees Reports (DGK Kupfert):

• Recharge Event (PGK Michael Klett):

The event was successful and generally well-received. There were around 375 paying attendees, so the event was free for the parish (300 minimum needed).

• Retreat (PGK Ken Allen):

Held Sept. 22- 24 at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center. Good turnout.

• Recycling Program (Bro. Al Gamarra):

There have been repeated break-ins to the recycling area by someone stealing aluminum cans, which are now locked in the large trailer. Keep an eye on the recycling area and call the police if you see intruders.

### **Unfinished Business:**

• Council By-Laws (PGK Michael Klett):

Without discussion, the Council voted to adopt the amended by-laws as promulgated by Bro. Klett and by-laws committee.

### New Business:

• Newsletter (PGK John Ojeda):

Council will no longer mail printed newsletters after 2017. Please sign-up to receive the newsletters electronically if you are one of the few still getting them in the mail.

### Worthy guests and dignitaries present:

- Past Chapter President, PGK Dick Petrash
- Council Charter GK, PGK Dick Gregg

### Good of the Order:

The Sick and Distressed list was read and prayer was offered by the council.

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## **FAMILY**

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tensively.

"What I love most is that this organization is always helping others in need," Brother John said. "I work on military bases so my passion is to always help out the people that made this country great."

That's one of the reasons John was so instrumental in securing more than 300 wheelchairs for local veterans through his fund-raising efforts. Santiago also benefitted by John's effort because we received the large storage container as part of the deal.

Congratulations. The Blaneys are a great family and great for the Knights!

– Patrick Larkin,GK