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GK Report

The Christmas season will bring hope, joy

By PATRICK LARKIN, GRAND KNIGHT



My brothers, I trust everyone had a happy and joyous Thanksgiving. I know that as our world grows more secular, we must continue as brothers to spread the word of Jesus Christ and his message of hope for everlasting life.

It is difficult for me to see the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior turned into a "December to Remember," or a "Holiday Savings Event."

I feel like we celebrate Halloween, eat turkey for a few hours on Thanksgiving and cruise right into Black Friday. But even these commercialized symbols of Christmas can remind us to be a little more hopeful, a little more joyous, a little more patient, a little more loving and a little more charitable.



Merry Christmas

Speaking of charity, I'd like to personally thank the dozens of brothers who showed up to help with the Thanksgiving dinner the weekend before Thanksgiving. Brothers Mike Ulibarri and George

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Council hosts blood drive



Worthy Brothers, Our Council will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive Tuesday Dec. 19, from 1:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. With a simple blood donation, we can help save a life.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, please contact me at (626) 272-6647 vinniethehat@

icloud.com.

Or, you can sign up online at redcrossblood.org with sponsor code SDCLF.

Help is also needed to staff the drive, if you can donate a couple hours of your time, please let me know.

I hope that you can help support this very worthy cause.

Help us decorate the church for Christmas

Council has assisted in putting up the decorations inside the church for years. Here's hoping we can again participate in making it look like Christmas.

The days we need manpower are Saturday, Dec 12, to assist with garland, wreaths on the patio, and the big wreath above the Choir loft. The next day is Saturday, Dec. 12 to put up the trees, manger and figurines. We will also begin the Hall changeover. It ends Friday, Dec. 22 to finish the Hall and set out poinsettias. Helping dress up the church for Christmas also prepares us for the holidays and helps the parishioners get ready, too.

- John Ojeda

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Knight of the Month

Clete Menke

BY PATRICK LARKIN, GRAND KNIGHT

My brothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Knight of the Month for December: Brother Clete Menke.

Brother Clete has been a member of the Santiago parish for more than 15 years and has been a Knight since 2001. He has obtained his third degree. He has two sons, Joshua, who attends college in Cincinnati, and Peter, who attends college in Chicago.

Clete helps run one of our charities that we donate to monthly, Mary's Shelter. Previously he worked at Canyon Acres Home for Abused Children in Anaheim, so you can see he is quite dedicated to the youth in our community.

He also is a steady participant in the Knights' activities including meals, recycling and many other areas. He also has served as a Eucharistic Minister, hospitality minister and lector. In his spare time, he enjoys camping, mountain biking, hiking and reading.

"I've always enjoyed being a Knight because it gives me a way to be of service in the parish," Brother Clete said. "I've been honored to be acquainted with so many great gentlemen over the years through the Knights of Columbus."

Thank you, Brother Clete, for being such a great member of our council and our community.

Family of the Month

David and Patricia Castillo

David has been a member less than four months but has already made a solid impression with Council. David and sometimes with Patricia volunteers at the council's extensive recycling service program.

On early Monday mornings David is part of the big-hearted brigade of recyclers that sort five pickup truck loads of recyclables collected from Forest Gardens and El Toro Mobile Homes. This big portion of our recycling program runs from 6:30-8:45 Mondays.

Once a week, he drives to Dana Point Library to pick up about 20 boxes of discarded books. Then he strips the books of their hard covers for an hour to comply with the rules.

To encourage more recyclers, a section of the barn has been designated to accept recycling drop offs 24/7. David sometime shows up to clear the drop offs, pleasing Team Leader George Nothhelfer.

At church, David has become a reliable member of the Altar Server Ministry.

In addition to more volunteer assignments, David, Patricia and 6-year old daughter Arabella have signed up to help at the Welcome Table.

Patricia is no newbie. In prior years, she has been involved with the SDC Children's Ministry.

David thinks that KofC is not only a thing to do but an honor to be, especially to the young men of our parish. It's a great feeling, knowing that the church cares.

Congratulations to the Castillo Family for exemplifying the role of a Knights of Columbus family. – *Ricardo Teano, Retention Chair*

Knights on Bikes program fosters camaraderie

BY ROGER SONNENFELD, PAST GRAND KNIGHT

I discovered the Knights on Bikes at the State convention in San Diego last year. They are a great bunch of Brother Knights that just happen to ride.

These Knights are from all over California and organize rides once a month. We generally ride 100-200 miles with a stop to share a meal. The October ride was Riverside to Big Bear and back.

Last monthy was Palm Springs to Idyllwild with lunch at the Crazy Train Restaurant bar and grill. Great time had by all. This is a safe and sane group that controls speed and follows all rules of the road.

If you ride I recommend looking into this group of fellow Brothers. It's a lot more than just a good time! Our Mission:

- Enjoy camaraderie with our brothers of faith as motorcycle riders.
- To offer assistance to any Knight, the Catholic Church, individuals, charities, and the communities in which we live through charitable work and leadership.



- To promote the spiritual needs of The Knights of Columbus and to strive to encourage faith, fellowship, and service.

- Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism

Feel free to contact me or our State President with questions at dhargis@stfran.org, www.Knights on bikescalifornia.com (661) 706-1340.

Insurance Report

Life insurance a good gift for the holidays



BY MARK YUBETA, KofC AGENT

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and questioning stare.

"How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough

times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception.

Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive.

Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and

preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.).

Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and accept financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other could face serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As non-traditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people.

Call me, let's talk. I'm at (949)322-7266.



Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report

Successful October nets \$1,969 for the Council

BY **GEORGE NOTHHELPER, RECYCLE CHAIR**

Newsworthy Events: October was a great month (\$1,969). Thanks to Bob Morgan for stepping up since Al and I were at other events. We need more brothers to participate. We had some teens that helped Bonnie and Leif Ranstead pull tabs. 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 are now collecting all recyclables 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. Please call Gerry

Dubois or myself.



We no longer pick-up recyclables at the Lake Forest Mobile home park on Saturdays.

Monday mornings: We are in need of one or two trucks that could be used as standby to assist on Monday mornings since we have changed the pickup schedule. We start at 7 a.m. and are usually done by 8:30.

Please contact me or Ricardo or Gerry if you can help. John Morales will be going in for knee surgery and we need someone with a truck that can step up for 6-8 weeks to cover John's route. This program depends on your support.

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 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.

This paper is of great value since it falls into the category of high grade paper. We have had several of our Brother Knights drop off large loads of architectural drawings and we are grateful.

If you know of any other sources please let me know. This 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

Monday Volunteers

Roger and Mo Boivin,
 Jay and Joan Donahue,
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 David Castillo,
 Ian Tennant,
 Dick Mellen,
 Angel Garcia,
 Ed Enriquez.

– George Nothhelfer

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Castillo, Aquino honored as new Second Degree Knights

BY RICARDO TEANO, RETENTION CHAIRMAN

The Retention Committee is proud to present David Castillo and Monet Aquino, our newest Second Degree Knights. They had been looking forward to it and the hour finally aome. The men represent volunteerism for their love of our Catholic church, David on recycling and Monet in our music ministry as director of the Minstrel Choir. The council is blessed with their eagerness of heart. Congratulations.

The degree ceremony was held at the Father Kass Knight Hall in Buena Park on Nov. 26, 2017. There were 24 candidates confirmed. Impressive. Vivat Jesu!



HONOREES – Ricardo Teano (l) joins new Second Degree Knights Monet Aquino (c) and David Castillo.



LIKE FATHER LIKE SON – Andrew Shields (second from left) is welcomed to the Knights by Ken Breneman (l) Andrew's father, Andy and sideliners (l-r) Chris Detar, David Castillo and Ricardo Teano.

Andrews Shields is newest Knight

Let us congratulate our youngest and newest member, Brother Andrew Shields at 19 years old.

He is the son of Andy Shields our long time brother, a Scout Leader, and a Fourth Degree Knight.

Congratulations Andrew to a good decision to be a Knight. I am so proud to introduce you as an Eagle Scout who built the Camino Cross at the Santiago Church Plaza.

He built the cross an his Eagle Scout project last year. It is a symbolic cross that holds stones representing the sins unburdened by the pilgrims after the church Camino Walk. It's almost full.

Twelve other candidates completed their First Degree and welcome ceremony at St. Timothy Church Parish Center.

It was so heartwarming to see the good number of candidates and sideliners from St. Timothy Council. Ken Breneman admired the trophy wall display of awards the council earned.

Thanks to our own Council 9487 sideliners Chris Detar, David Castillo, Ken Breneman, Andy Shields, and Ricardo Teano.

Andrew, may the lesson of Charity learned at this ceremony, guides us on our path in the ways of a Knight.

– Ricardo Teano, Retention Chairman

Bob Birtja member of AMVETS

Brother Knight Bob Birtja, in addition to his membership in the Knights, is also a member of the military veterans' organization American Veterans (AMVETS).

One of its duties is to perform military honors at veterans' funerals.

The group performing this service is the AMVETS Legion of Honor (LOH). Military honors include folding and presenting the flag to the family, firing three rifle volleys and playing taps.

Brother Bob and another LOH member, Richard Florence, will give a presentation before our meeting Dec. 6. They will discuss their work and invite any brother Knights to join their organization.

Any non-Knights interested are invited to attend this presentation but will have to leave before we formally convene. This presentation will take place at approximately 7:30 p.m.

ID Drive appeal **RECYCLE**

to all Brothers

by John Ojeda, Tom Sixsmith

With the loss of the Walmart store this year, it will be an even greater challenge to deliver the same level of contribution to the ID Drive, this very worthy cause that our Council has been able to do in the past. Each of our active Brothers will soon receive a letter and request to make a contribution to our Drive. If you have helped in the past, we thank you and ask if you can match or exceed a contribution this year it would be greatly appreciated.

And if you haven't helped before, hopefully, this year you can. Please donate whatever you can, any amount will help us achieve our goal of matching last year's donations. This is a great cause and those funds go a long way to support the intellectually deficient and their caregivers in our community.

A stamped and addressed letter is included with the mailing to make it even easier.

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through treatments. It means a lot to the parents and their children.

Next Recycle weekend: We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, Dec. 9. 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, Mike Wiles, Ricardo Teano, John Ojeda, Gerry Dubois, Domingo Roland, Stewart Imagawa, Ken Breneman, Joe Merchant, Tom Sixsmith, Pat Bole, Richard Mills, Luis J. Garcia, Bob Kupfert, Joe DeProspero, Allysa Castillo, Bonnie Ranestad, Leif Ranestad, Glenn Seamark, Shawn Garcia, Shannon Beall, Elena Veiarde, Wihah Rimz, Andrew Shields, John Huh and Hector Guzman.

GK REPORT

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Nothhelfer did a fantastic job and we ended up having a very successful event.

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We have several events coming up.

Past Grand Knight Mike Klett thinks that the celebration of the Christmas season runs a little too short, so he's come up with Christmas dinner on Epiphany.

We'll be serving the parish dinner after Saturday night Mass on Jan. 6. The preliminary menu is baked ham and all the trimmings. I'll keep you posted all month on what you can do to help.

I've met twice now with representatives from the Orange County Chapter about Clergy Night, which will take place on Saturday, Jan. 27. It has been confirmed that we will be the host council and we will be welcoming around 450 people from councils all over Orange County as well as their parish priests.

Bishop Kevin Vann has also committed, and we believe one or two other bishops may attend as well. We are meeting again on Dec. 5, so I'll be able

to share more information at our Dec. 6 general meeting.

With Advent upon us, let us prepare ourselves for the coming of the birth of Jesus Christ. Please take time to look at the weekly blasts coming from Brother Mike Klett to keep informed on where you can come into help.

I know our hospitality ministers will need a hand on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day especially with Christmas Eve falling on Sunday. We'll have the regular slate of Sunday masses up to an including the 1:45 p.m. Spanish Mass and at 4 p.m. We start the first on nine Christmas Masses. Check in with the hospitality ministers at your mass to see if they need a hand.

"And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." -Luke 2: 13-14.

That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown. God Bless you and your families, Brothers.



Nov.1 Program Minutes

BY **KEN BRENNEMAN, RECORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 p.m. by GK Pat Larkin.

Report of Admissions Committee (Financial Secretary Ojeda):

The application for one new member was read:

- Andrew Shields (sponsored by Bro. Mark Yubeta) age 19, lives in Mission Viejo, attends church at SDC, is an eagle scout, and is the son of Brother Andy Shields, a member of the council, which voted to accept the application.

Grand Knight's Report (GK Larkin):

- Charity box is for the Saint Michael's Abby Construction Fund.
- Clergy Night will be held at SDC on Saturday, Jan. 27. Details to follow.

Outside Communication (Financial Secretary Ojeda):

- Isaiah House – Letter thanking the council for donating food.

Committee Reports (DGK Kupfert):

- Recycling Brother George Nothhelfer needs someone with a truck or SUV to drive routes on Monday mornings 7-8:30 a.m.

Bill Breen ID Drive (PGK John Ojeda):

Collections at Albertson and Stater Brothers held last month. Letters will be going out to all members. Please consider donating what you can to this worthy cause. The collection at SDC will be Jan. 13, 14.

Worthy Guests & Dignitaries Present (GK Larkin):

- District Deputy, PGK Mike Sofka
- Council Charter GK, PGK Dick Gregg

Good of the Order (Lecturer Atkins):

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

November 2017 awards (GK Larkin):

- Knight of the Month – DD, PGK Mike Sofka
- Family of the Month – PGK John Blaney and family

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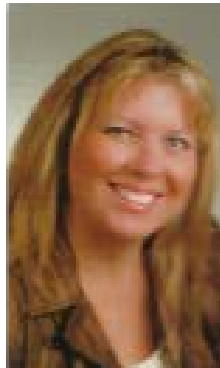
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December Birthdays

December Anniversaries

01 Cindy Guzman	15 Robert Durham	01 Patrick/Lisa Larkin
01 Irma Ruelas	17 Theodore Fay	05 Mike/Jackie Martinez
02 Mario Soto	17 Claude Mauer III	05 John/Laura Garcia
02 Katherine Kane	19 Gaye Ramella	06 Pat/Karen Cardinale
02 Nelson Sweeney	19 James Burrell	08 Nick/Susan Benigno
03 Steve Eggert	19 Mark Griffin	11 Calixto/Evang. Alonso
04 William Gordon	19 Joe Zapata	13 Ray/Marlene Puzio
04 David Mrozinski	19 Thomas Pacheco	17 Joe/Julie Strauss
05 Richard Quinn	23 James Glenn	16 Edward/Cheri Morrisroe
05 David Belz	23 Rich Piecuch	19 Ron/Diane Surak
05 Barbara Fernandez	23 Enrique Hernandez	23 Michael/Siobhan Hickey
07 Barbara Walloch	24 Matthew Paul	28 Roberto/Patricia Lamberen
08 Aaron Sonnenberg	24 Delphina Hernandez	28 David/Jean Owens
08 John Lane	26 William Murphy	31 Richard/Kathy Petrash
08 Felipe Ocampo	27 Ismael Valenzuela	
08 Renne Gardner	27 Mathew Feldman	
11 Theresa Lane	28 Lupe Palop	
11 Adrian Michael	28 Susie Birtja	
12 Martin Ruiz	29 Sylvia Soto	
12 Robert Bosche	31 Laura Garcia	
12 Advento Gutang	31 Jeanne Donovan	
14 Roger Cuenca		

Bro. Boegeman Mission Viejo's veteran of the year

Brother John "Bogie" Boegeman was honored in Mission Viejo as Veteran of the Year. Bogie served in the US Air Force from 1952-1960, reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant and worked for the Atomic Energy Commission.

He also has been a career volunteer. After 40 years in the aerospace industry, he has worked at South County Outreach, and collaborates with many other institutions to help whoever he can.

Council 9487 knows him best for taking books collected at recycling to Camp Pendleton for children of service people.

He also delivers diapers and whatever else he feels can help service families. Last year he helped deliver 104,500 diapers to Camp Pendleton and was a great help with our wheelchair donation.

Bogie has been married for 65 years and has six children and six grandchildren. Please give a shout out to Bogie. He is a great example for what we Knights are all about.

He has been a Knight for 31 years and is an Honorary Life Member.

- John Ojeda

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 First Friday Adoration	2
3 Wheelies, 8:30 Mass	4 MP Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m.	5	6 General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	7	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9 Recycling, 7 a.m.-noon Mistletoe fund-raiser after Mass
10 Mistletoe fund-raiser Coffee and doughnuts	11 MPark Recycling	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Officers Meeting, 7:30, P .Hall	14	15	16 CMF 7 a.m.
17	18 Mobile Park Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m.	19 Blood Drive, 1:30-7 p.m Parish Hall	20 Officers Meeting, 7:30 p.m.,PH	21	22	23
24 Wheelies, 8:30 Mass	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28 OC Chapter Night, 7:30, Costa Mesa	29	30
31 New Year's Eve						