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GK Report Let's all make a difference in the new year

BY PATRICK LARKIIN, GRAND KNIGHT

My brothers, I trust that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. It's hard to believe we've hit 2018 already. As we reflect back on 2017 and look forward to 2018, our beloved words, "tempus fugit, momento mori" seem so appropriate.



Indeed, my brothers, time flies and our lives on this earth are short. We are called by God to make the most of it, to reach out to the brothers and sisters of our community and to make a difference. I am proud to call each and every one of you my brother. And it is a privilege to stand next to you as we make a difference not only in our parish, but in our community

and our world.

It gives me a special sense of pride to see our

Christmas comes to Santiago

I hope you notice the decorations at church or Hall during the holidays. It takes lot of work and yes, a lot of Knights.

Many people assist in putting up the trees, manger, large wreath, and garland at the back of the church.

These do not just appear. Thank you Knights and all those who helped.

I want to acknowledge Kay Kenson, our 29-yearold leader who directs these preparations around weddings, baptisms, and other interruptions.

Helping her this year as always are Karen and Pat Cardinale, Adele Beach, Mary Akagawa, Rich Mills, Kevin and Michelle Mooney, Rich Mulhaupt, Mike Wiles, Mike Sofka, Tom Pacheco and sons, Mike Byrne (new member), and some Confirmation draftees.

I was unable to attend one Saturday so I may be missing someone. We can all be proud of the work done by the Knights at SdC. Thanks for and getting the job done as always. – John Ojeda



Supreme Knight handing a check for more than \$1.5 million to Pope Francis for his charities. In 2016, we Knights gave nearly \$178 million to charities and spend 75 million hours volunteering.

We have done much already, my brothers, but we must do more. We need to keep this great momentum moving forward. If you're reading this and you haven't been to a meeting in a while, we would love to

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Help collect for ID Drive on Jan.14-15

The Knights of Bishop Johnson Council will be collecting monies for the Intellectually Disabled after Masses on Jan. 13-14. We need your help.

Tom Sixsmith and John Ojeda will be the leads at the church but please come out after Communion, put on a vest and give away free Tootsie Rolls.

If you have little ones



you are welcome to bring them.

This is our last big push other than the Brothers donation which are still coming in. If you have not donated you still can. Any

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Knight of the Month Fr. Stephen Lesniewski

BY RICARDO TEANO, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

It gives me so much pleasure to introduce our Knight of the Month-Father Stephen Lesniewski for he is a true Father Brother Knight.

His support to our Council as the Spiritual Advisor is exemplary. He attends our council meetings regularly and visits the recyclers as often as he can. (See photo, Page 4).

His prayers with us on these occasions give us guidance towards Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Our brother, Father Stephen is a Third degree Knight. He joined in about 1991 when he was in the seminary.

His grandfather had been a Knight and he always had great respect for them. Fr. Lesniewski became a priest on May 22,1993.

His family is from Poland so the members haves a long history of being faithful to the Catholic Faith.

He is very involved in all aspects of the Pro-life Ministry and speaks at Pro-life conferences.

I learned something new from Father of his so called sidewalk counseling and Rachel's Vineyard Ministry. This is a support group for hearts broken by abortion.

His parents have passed away but he has four sisters and two brothers and many nieces and nephews, many of whom are involved in pro-life causes.

It is so pleasant to know that Father is very impressed with the spirituality and helpfulness of the Knights and Santiago Council. He is very happy with our commitment in helping in all the needs of the church and is very honored to be associated with our group.

Thank you very much Father. We are so proud of you as our Knight of the Month. Congratulations.

A missionary vacation for David Belz

BY JOHN OJEDA, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

In the November 26, 2017 issue of the OC Catholic paper there is an article about the Brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor (MOP) that included a photo of one of our Brothers from Bishop Johnson Council 9487 Pictured was David Belz, a member of our Council since 1990.

Brother David is a Third Degree Knight and a member of the Fourth Degree Assembly.

He has spent vacations ministering to the poorest of the poor in Jamaica, not on a luxury all-inclusive resort but helping those who need it the most. Many of the people who MOP aids are the physically deformed and mentally challenged.

This is truly "opening your mind with the love of Christ."

This Mission was established in 1981 and introduced to the Diocese of Orange in 2004, and is headed by Vicar General Steve Sallot and numerous other priests and individuals including our Brother Belz.

If you see him or know him let him know we are proud of his efforts and continuing the promise we make as Knights by doing acts of charity.



A group of Knights and parishioners bring Christmas cheers to our neighbors, the Lake Forest Nursing Home residents. The carolers conducted by Brother Bryan Ickes prepared a number of Christmas songs to sing to about a dozen friends. The annual caroling event gives just as much joy to the singers as the listeners.

Newsletter will no longer be sent by mail



Your Council 9487 will be stopping mailing out Newsletters beginning this new year.

We currently mail out about 32 a month, mostly to long time members with no email address or who did not turn one in 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 email blast 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 Council activities.

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

– John Ojeda, Financial Secretary

First Degree ceremony is Jan. 11 in Parish Hall

BY RICARDO TEANO, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

You are all invited to celebrate the KofC Admission and First Degree Exemplification ceremony at Santiago de Compostela Parish Hall.

The date is Jan. 11, at 7 p.m. It will be a good opportunity to renew your promise of brotherhood and service to our church and priests, the Knights of Columbus way.

Please go straight to the room marked, Knights of Columbus members only. And please do not forget your KofC ID.

We have fine candidates from our parish. The ceremony will be conducted by our own First Degree team led by Brother Joe Schulte.

There could be candidates from other councils since the ceremony is listed in the Chapter Degree ceremonial calendar.

Pizza will be served following the ceremony to give you time to become acquainted with your new brothers.





PRAYERFUL GROUP - Father Stephen Lesniewski (far left) leads our Brothers from the Monday morning recyclers in prayer.

Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report



Program nets a tidy \$1,725 in November

BY GEORGE NOTHHELFER, RECYCLE CHAIR

Newsworthy Events: November was a good month when \$1,725 was raised. We had a good recycle Saturday with a lot of teens that were a tremendous help. We need more brothers to participate. 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 some Brothers who can work a couple of hours three times during the week to sort out products from the drop off area and strip books.

This is needed to continue to keep our successful program going. We 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.

Monday mornings: We need someone with a truck that could make pick-ups at El Toro or Lake Forest mobile home parks (your trip 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. There is no heavy lifting involved. We spend two hours on Mondays from 7-9 a.m.

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 or less during the month.

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 infor-

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Monday Volunteers

Roger and Mo Boivin, Jay and Joan Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector and Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Glenn Seamark. Joe Schulte, Stewart Imagawa, John Boegeman, Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Alfonso Lopez, Tony Gionet-Gonzalez, 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, David Castillo, Ian Tennant, Dick Mellen, Angel Garcia, Ed Enriquez. - George Nothhelfer

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

Next Recycle weekend: We look forward to seeing all of you Saturday, Jan. 13. 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 dedicate in making the program a success. Also to those who help dump glass. Without you it would be very difficult. Remember this is not for themselves, but for all of the council and those charities we support.

These guys and gals are there more than Monday to keep up with other recycle projects (picking up books, and drawings) that make our program so successful.

We are in need of more walkers and trucks on Monday mornings. 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: Al Gamarra, Dan Ramella, Mike Wiles, Ricardo Teano, John Ojeda, Gerry Dubois, Domingo Roland, Stewart Imagawa, Ken Breneman, Joe Merchant, Pat Bole, Richard Mills, Luis J. Garcia, Bob Kupfert, Joe DeProspero, Bonnie Ranestad, Leif Ranestad, Shawn Garcia, Andrew Shields, John Huh, Hector Guzman, Nacho, William Logamasion, Jesus Cabrera, Grace Yam, Alexandra Hanzick, Dennis DeRosia, Clayton Miller, Jose Gonzales, Christopher Mardragan, Anthony Botros, Nelso Haguiar, Sofia Yong, Kacie Koenig, Jan Panfedeon, Ariaua Lopez, Arely Koman, Gabe Fernandez and Wan Menoro.

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amount will help those who cannot help themselves.

These funds are used to provide Camps for these Disabled individuals. The camps provide fun, games and religion. This also provides a respite for their caregivers and an opportunity for Catholic Youth to volunteer.

This fundraiser is important to the continuation of this program .JOhn Ojeda

Tom Sixsmith

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see you at our general meeting Jan. 3. No one will ask where you have been. Instead, you'll probably get a hearty handshake and a warm hug because we need your help.

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Speaking of help, don't forget to put the Parish Christmas Dinner on your calendar for Jan. 6. As usual, it's right after the 5 p.m. Saturday mass. I'll start blasting more information the week of the event as to when we need help preparing the meal. Brother Mike Klett is in charge of the event if you want more information. Remember, there are always two ways to help. You can volunteer or just simply attend.

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I've been swamped along with District Deputy Mike Sofka in helping to plan Clergy Night, which is Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. We will need volunteers for set up and clean up.

If you have a child in religious education, please encourage them to sign up to help serve.

They can contact Joanne Lambert to volunteer. We need about 40 youth and 10 adults to supervise.

Brother George Nothhelfer has expressed some concerns about the lack of volunteers for recycling.

He especially needs help on the Monday morning crew and dumping glass on the Friday afternoon before recycling.

Feel free to contact George if you can help. He's pretty easy to find.

Thanks for a great 2017, my brothers. Let's make 2018 just as memorable.

"What now is already been; what is to be, already is: God retrieves what has gone by." Ecclesiastes 3:15



Dec. 6 Program Minutes

BY KEN BRENEMAN, RECORDER

Report of Admissions Committee (Chancellor Vasquez):

Applications for two new members were read:

- Jerry L. Clements (sponsored by Bro. Ricardo Teano)
- John Patrick Jensen (sponsored by Bro. Ricardo Teano)

The application for one Third degree transfer member was read:

• Bro. Andrew W. Anastasio (sponsored by Bro. Bill Stegall)

The council voted to accept the applications.

Grand Knight's Report (GK Larkin):

• Charity box for St. Michael's Abby Construction Fund to be combined with November.

• Clergy Night will be held at SDC Saturday, Jan. 27, 6pm. Sign-up with the GK to attend. Wives are welcome. Cost is \$20/person.

Outside Communication (Financial Secretary Ojeda):

• A letter from PGK Dick Petrash was read thanking us for their prayers and support.

Report of Committees (DGK Kupfert):

• Thanksgiving Dinner (Bro. Mike Ulibarri):

• Mike Ulibarri and George Nothhelfer thanked volunteers. Over 220 pounds of turkey was cooked and 225 meals were served.

Recycling Program (Bro. George Nothhelfer):

• Program in great need of a volunteer with a truck to drive routes 7-9 a.m. Mondays

Bill Breen ID Drive (PGK John Ojeda):

• Letters have gone out to all members. The collection at SDC will be Jan. 13-14.

4th Degree Assembly Color Corps (PGK John Ojeda):

• Consider joining. The assembly will help with the regalia expense.

• Free-Throw Championship (Bro. Ken Breneman) Sunday, Jan. 14 after the first three masses. **New Business:**

• Christmas Dinner (PGK Michael Klett):

The council will be cooking and hosting a parish Christmas dinner on Epiphany, Saturday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. Ham will be the entree.

Worthy Guests & Dignitaries Present (GK Larkin):

- District Deputy, PGK Mike Sofka
- Past Chapter President, PGK Dick Petrash
- Council Charter GK, PGK Dick Gregg

Good of the Order:

• Bro. Luis Garcia thanked brothers for their prayers and support for his son (Lou Garcia), who is battling cancer. GoFundMe site is available for donations. www.gofundme.com/lou-garcias-cancer-fight

• Bro. Rev. Stephen Lesniewski was presented his lifetime membership card plus a gift from the council, a Knights of Columbus jacket.

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