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### GK Report Another Lenten season looms on our horizon

#### By Patrick Larkin, Grand Knight

My brothers, it seems like I am always trying to keep one step ahead of the avalanche behind me.

These Grand Knight reports, for example, are always written a week or more ahead of time and it always seems like I'm reporting on big events that are happening in the future.

Clergy Night is a good example. I'm sitting here



in my office on the Tuesday before Clergy Night wondering if this event is going to go off smoothly.

More than 450 clergy, fellow Knights and wives will be in the Parish Hall for the first time.

There has been a great deal of cooperation between our chapter representatives, our council and Fr. Thomas and the Santiago staff in trying to make this a great event.

So, I'm just going to try and trust that it went well. That God blessed us with the brains and the brawn to pull off this event.

It will be Lent soon. Ash Wednesday is on Feb. 14, which as we know also happens to be Valentine's Day. According to Fr. Dave Dwyer of the Busted Halo Show on Sirius Radio, Lent is a time that precedes the celebration of Easter and has its origins in the early days of the church. Early converts to the church went through a period of "purification and enlightenment" for the 40 days before their baptism at Easter. The rest of the church began to observe the season of Lent in solidarity with these newest Christians. It is an opportunity for us to recall and renew the commitment of their baptism.

So, what shall I do for Lent? Perhaps learning to trust God and listen to his message. To not worry about things I can't control. That might mean more time in prayer or more service to the church. It might

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### **Free-throw championships**







### Youngsters move on to chapter level

The 2018 Knights of Columbus freethrow championship tipped-off Jan. 14 at the council level.

The champions now advance to the Orange County Chapter contest at Saint Norbert Church, 300 E. Taft Ave., Orange, CA 92865, Saturday, Feb. 24. Cheer 'em on! (Winners, page 3.) – Photos by Giselle Breneman

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### Knight of the Month

## Jim Breen

#### by Patrick Larkin, Grand Knight

My brothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Knight of the Month for January: Brother Jim Breen. Brother Jim is one of the most important men in our council, although we don't see him as much as we would like.

Jim designs, edits and maintains our monthly council newsletter. Brother Jim works as a writer /editor/photographer for in-house publications produced by the Golden Rain Foundation in Seal Beach. He hopes to retire soon so he can spend some more time with us.

Some obvious changes to our newsletter came when Jim took over in 2001.

He added a new design, color pictures and larger type so our publication is easier for all to read.

Jim, who is a Third Degree Knight, took his first degree in 1997 after moving with his wife, Amanda, from Rancho Santa Margarita to Foothill Ranch.

He credits our former brother, Bill Breen (no relation), for recruiting him.

He and Amanda have two grown children, Kevin and Andrea. They have seven grandchildren and all of them are boys except for six.

"I plan to retire, help Council 9487 and do some freelance work as an editor, doing newsletters for companies," Brother Jim said. "I enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship of the Knights."

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

### <u>Family of the Month</u>

## **Mike and Kathleen Wiles**

My Brothers, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Family of the Month for January: Mike and Kathleen Wiles.

They are newlyweds, having been joined in Holy Matrimony in July 2017. Kathleen has been a member of the parish since 2007 and Mike joined back in 1993.

They are involved in many activities in the parish. Mike's are mostly through the Knights. He is frequently at recycling Saturdays and also helps with Christmas decorations.

Kathleen is involved with Friends in Faith, Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and also brings Holy Communion to the homebound. They both volunteer at the Parish Festival.

Mike lists vintage audio gear from the 1970s among his hobbies and Kathleen likes to travel: to Ireland nine times and the Holy Land twice. Both also like spending time with families and friends.

"I love spending time with the wonderful guys I have met since joining the Knights," Brother Mike said.

"I am inspired by the level of commitment exhibited by so many of my brother Knights."

Congratulations to the Wiles.

They are a great family and great for the Knights.

– Patrick Larkin, GK

## Final push underway for Bill Breen Tootsie Roll Drive

Brothers, if you have not yet made your contribution to the Drive to help Intellectually Disabled, you are not too late.

We finished our last outing at Santiago on Jan. 13-14. We hope to wind this down with your last minute donations.

No amount is too small. Please remember, this is to help those who are not able to help themselves.

These donations provide camps for the young people, rest for their families and opportunities for the youth in Orange County to volunteer and give back to the community.

Please give what you can.

Thank you for those who have already participated. – John Ojeda and Tom Sixsmith

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mean giving something up. Stay tuned.

If it's Lent, then it must be time for Lenten dinners. We have volunteered to host dinners on Feb. 16, March 2 and March 30 (Good Friday). Contact Brother Mike Ulibarri if you would like to help.

We also have a dinner on St. Patrick's Day, which is Saturday, March 17. Brother John Blaney heads up this one. His corned beef and cabbage is legendary.

You should also be thinking about getting your foursomes together for our annual golf tournament.

Brother Al Gamarra has moved the tourney back to late June and we'll once again be tearing up (literally for some of us) Tijeras Creek Golf Course.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit."

### **WINNERS**

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Age	Boys	<b>G</b> IRLS
9	Tyler Cabral	Felisa Boado
10	TIMOTHY MASON	ALEXANDRA WILLIS
11	DAVID NEILL	Amanda Breneman
12	NONE	GRACE HERNANDEZ
13	ANDREA D'AMATO	OLIVIA WEST
14	KARIM SERGHINI	NONE



# Dues notices mailed and are now payable

by John Ojeda, Financial Secretary

Brothers, The dues notices have gone out. Dues are payable upon receipt of this notice.

PayPal is still available this year. Go to the www. KofC9487.com website and the prompt is at the bottom of the page. You can use most major credit cards to pay your dues.

If paying by check, please make them payable to Knights of Columbus. Mail the check to John Ojeda, 21802 Ticonderoga Lane, Lake Forest, CA 92630-2312.

Dues are \$40 or less for honorary members. The \$3.65 is voluntary but is used to support Knights in need. Your dues help your Council continue our charitable donations.

Your current membership card is good until March 31, 2018. I send out the new cards after your Dues are received.

Any questions, please contact me at 949-813-4320 or john.ojeda@cox.net. I know there are many times when special arrangements need to be made

L et me know of any billing or card issues such as correct Degree.

– John Ojeda, Financial Secretary



Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report



BY GEORGE NOTHHELFER, RECYCLE CHAIR

**Newsworthy Events:** December ended 2017 on a high note when when \$2,092 was raised, one oft the best months of the year.

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 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 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, Feb.10. Come and enjoy your Brother Knights' company.

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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



**NEW KNIGHTS** – Pictured following their First Degree ceremony are (I-r) Wayne Ellis, John Bellendis, Johnne Leoncio, Matt Pirofalo, Jerry Clements, and John Jensen.

## Six men commit to Knighthood in Council 9487

#### by Ricardo Teano,

Membership Committee

The definition of the word commit means to carry into action, to support something.

In a solemn Admission Ceremony, six Catholic gentlemen committed themselves to the cause of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, to the Knights of Columbus way. They are Jerry Clements, Wayne Ellis, John Jensen, Johnne Leoncio, Matt Pirofalo and John Bellendis.

The first five are from Santiago and the sixth, from San Francisco Solano Council.

A hearty welcome to our brothers in Christ. Dig right in into any events of your choice.

Thanks to the Degree Team Captain Joe Schulte for the solemn First Degree and welcome ceremony at Santiago Parish Hall

Sideliner Knights welcomed the new brothers and recall the beauty of their own admission degree.

Fourth Degree and Color Corps Ramon Navarro was the honoree. He died recently.

Ramon will be fondly remembered of his strong commitment to the Council and to the Assembly.

### **RECYCLE**

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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.

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We appreciate all those that came on Saturday who made the program a success:

Al Gamarra, Dan Ramella, Mike Wiles, Ricardo Teano, Gerry Dubois, Don Blankenship, Domingo Roland, Stewart Imagawa, Ken Breneman, Richard Mills, Tom Sixsmith, Mike Sofka, Luis J. Garcia, Bob Morgan, Bonnie Ranestad, Leif Ranestad, Shawn Garcia, John Huh, Nacho, Clayton Miller, Christopher Mendragan, Anthony Santiago, Sofia Young, Jan Patdeon, Alberto Lopez, Gabe Fernandez, John Jensen, Emily Vaienzueia, Andres Tiburcio, Eduardo G. Enriquez, Joseph Lozano, Allysa Cashllo, Eric Coursal, Adam Feke, Raul Freneo, Enrica Santos, Kyle Gaspars, Jen**riten Sigura**, Maxlison Escutia, Michelle Esutia, Edward Ku, Constanza Lupotti and Ian Ralport.



# Jan. 3 Program Minutes

#### BY KEN BRENEMAN, RECORDER

#### Report of Admissions Committee (Chancellor Vasquez):

The applications for two new members were read:

- Matthew J. Pirofalo, sponsored by Bro. Ricardo Teano
- Wayne A. Ellis, sponsored by DD Mike Sofka

Application for one transfer member was read:

• Bro. Fernando Murillo, sponsored by PGK Steve Eggert The council voted to accept the applications.

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

• Charity box is for victims of the Santa Rosa Fire.

### Outside Communication (Financial Secretary Ojeda):

- Christmas card from Lake Forest Nursing Home. Thank you for the caroling.
- Thank you letter from Andrew Quinon, recipient of a council seminarian donation.
- Christmas card from the Allan Company (recycling vendor).

### Report of Committees (DGK Kupfert):

- Blood Drive (Bro. Vince Vasquez): Excellent turn-out. Collected 53 units of blood.
- Parish Christmas Dinner (PGK Michael Klett):

• Kneeler repair (GK Patrick Larkin for Bro. Tom Sixsmith): Second Monday of each month 6-8 p.m. in the church.

#### Worthy Guests and Dignitaries Present (GK Larkin):

SDC Pastor, Fr. Thomas Naval District Deputy, PGK Mike Sofka Past Chapter President, PGK John Ruelas Council Charter GK, PGK Dick Gregg

### Awards (GK Larkin):

- January 2018 Knight of the Month: Bro. Rev. Stephen Lesniewski
- January 2018 Family of the Month: none.

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