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**GK Report** 

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# New Grand Knight found a home at 9487

By Vince Vasquez, Grand Knight

Worthy Brothers, I am honored to be elected your Grand Knight for the 2019-2020 Columbian year. I always wanted to join the Knights of Columbus, but it seemed that every parish I have been a member of did not have a council.

While helping with the readings on the Camino in 2016, Brother Ricardo Teano approached me and asked me to join.

It was an immediate yes! I took my first degree shortly after a degree team member spoke up:



**TEAMWORK:** Jose Lopez (second from left) is one of the captains and heads the Council 9487 Blood drive team. Other captain is Stephen Grinrod (far right). Brother Chris Hudnall (far left) was a donor at the last drive.

"Now go back and get involved with your council."

Well needless to say I did. I am also happy that we have four Brothers that are new officers this year and one returning to our chairs.

I would like to thank and welcome our new Financial Secretary, Brother Joe Merchant.

Joe is joining the list of onlya few that have held the position of Financial Secretary.



## Mike Klett named new Dist. Deputy

Michael Klett, Grand Knight of Council 9487 in (2015-16) has been named KofC District Deputy.

He will will serve, guide and lead five local councils in behalf of the State and Supreme organizations.

They are 6332, Mission Viejo; 9487, Lake Forest; 14335, Ladera Ranch; 15065, Irvine, and 16488, Rancho Santa Margarita.

Bro. Klett will attend two training sessions a year, the State Convention, the general business meetings of his councils and any degrees ceremonies performed

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**FAMILIAR FACE:** Council 9487 member and former Grand Knight Michael Klett has been selected-District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus.

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### Knight of the Month Jaime Baker

#### by Vince Vasquez, Grand Knight

My Brothers, it is my pleasure to announce our Knight of the month, Brother Jaime Baker. A member of Stantiago de Compostela Parish since 2001, Jaime is a tax collector for the state of California. But don't hold that against him, he really enjoys his job.

Jaime and wife of 18 years, Lana, have three children. Jacob, 16, built our new welcome wagon, Maranda, 22, attends San Francisco State and Natalia is 27. All were baptized and confirmed at our church.

Brother Jaime always wanted to contribute to the church and basically stopped making excuses. We also thank Brother Tony Walker, who told Brother Jaime while helping at the festival: "why don't you stop fooling around and just join the group?"

We're glad he did. Brother Jaime also likes working our events and has been involved in many of them. He especially likes working with Brother Mike Ulibarri in the kitchen.

On behalf of our entire council, congratulations and thank you.

Brother Jopse Lopez was named Knight of the month for May. A Fourth Degree Knight, he has served as Inside and Outside Guards, Recorder, helped in the kitchen, recycling, barn duty for recycling and now heads the Red Cross Blood drive. (See Page 1 photo.)

#### Family of the Month

## **The Najeras Family**

Please meet the fastest rising Knight Ovidio Najeras and his family. Ovidio has only been a Knight for three months and already has his Third Degree, cooked and served at our pancake breakfast (he was in charged of cooking the eggs,) did Saturday recycling, and attended council meetings. No wonder they were selected as Family of the Month.

Ovidio, 44, was born in Mexico City. He came to the United States 20 years ago and worked as a mechanic. He and wife, Maria Soledad, have been married for 19 years. He likes to play soccer with his kids. Christopher, 18, plays violin with his mother, who sings in the choir. Middle child Stephanie, 15, and youngest, Anthony, 12 are altar servers while Ovidio does the Hospitality Ministry.

Ôvidio has been helping the Knights before he even joined our



Christopher (back row, I-r) Ovidio, and wife Maria and (front row, I-r) daughter Stephanie and son Anthony comprise the Family of rhe Month for June.

Council. He and Emiliano have been taking care of the La Fe Viva/ Living Faith booklet distribution for years.

Övidio thinks that the Knights See FAMILY, page 5



Former Grand Knight Roger Sonnenfeld (far right) and members of the Knights on Bikes, San Bernardino chapter.

# Knights on Bikes are spreading the Word of God

#### by Roger Sonnenfeld, PGK

Knights on Bikes are fellow Knights of Columbus members from many different Councils. Our mission is to spread the Word of God and promote fellowship while riding.

On Saturday, June 22, I had the pleasure of riding with five other Brothers from the Knights on Bikes, San Bernardino Chapter.

The event was the "Rosary Run," the small but

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Thank you for stepping up an answering the call of the most important rule our council has. On behalf of all the Council I would like to extend our extreme gratitude and thanks to Brother John Ojeda for his service as our Financial Secretary since 2009.

This year I would like to promote our Faith in Action program and membership growth. While at the State Convention in May our State Chaplain Msgr. Gerard Lopez said, "We need to lead our efforts with the shield of Christ."

We will be using publications sponsored by Supreme. Our Parish is promoting the Dynamic Parish Initiative, so our efforts will show our community that we can put faith into action.

We must also defend our Faith. By growing membership in the Knights of Columbus we will be able to promote the teachings of the Gospel.

This year we will try to promote membership

mighty group that set out to visit four Planned Parenthood locations and pray the rosary at each one in the hope that the women at each location looking to abort their babies will hear the voice of Jesus and have a change of heart.

It was a moving and emotional morning for me and makes me even prouder to be a Knight.

If you ride and would like more infrormation on the Knights on Bikes, it can be found on Facebook under Knights on Bikes, California.

growth by having membership information at most all events we host.

I will also be reaching out and working closely to bring in our Hispanic brothers and community.

Our first major event is the Lake Forest 4th of July Parade where we will be marching along with members of the Fourth Degree color guard.

We will be gathering at the Church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool over to the parade check-in area.

Please come out with your Council green shirts for the short parade. The route is about 1.5 miles.

We are unit 22 of 89 entries so we will be done early and home in time for barbecues and celebrations.

In closing I ask that you to please pray for our Council, Officers and me that we will be able to serve God and his people the best way possible and be true Knights of Columbus by carrying our shield of Christ. - Vivat Jesus.



(l-r)JoelKattapuram, JohnneLeoncio, PGK John Ruelas, Oviedo Najera, Ricardo Teano, Stan Banash and Ken Breneman.

## Four advance to Third Degree Order of fraternity

The Retention committee is proud to present four new Third Degree members of our order. The exemplification was held June 1 at the Holy Family Cathedral in Orange.

They are Joel Kattapuram, Johnne Leoncio, Ovidio Najera and Stan Banash. Let us congratulate them for achieving their full Knighthood. They can now qualify as officers.

The ceremony of 42 candidates was honored with the presence of a candidate priest we know as Fr. Aaron Riomalos who has celebrated some Masses in our church. A seminarian, deacon and dignified sideliners attended, including chapter President and Charter Knight John Ruelas. Other equally supportive sideliners were Ken Breneman and Ricardo Teano.

The Fourth Degree of Patriotism this year will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. Please save the date. *– Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee* 

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in his district.

The new DDS will perform a review of each council twice a year and execute the ceremony of Officer Installations.

Brother Klett replaces Mike Sofka, another PGK in Council 9487 and new Warden this Columbian year.

District Warden is Bro. John Blaney, another PGK.

Bro. Klett ransferred from Council 1313 in Longmont, Colorado in 2007. In 2013, GK Blaney appointed Bro. Klett Family Director. The following year, he was elected recorder before becoming GK in 2015.

Br. Klett received his Initiation (First) Degree on Feb. 5, 1998.

He held various positions there, including Family Director, Warden, and Chancellor. Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report



#### by George Nothhelfer, Recycle Chairman

**Newsworthy Events:** June was a good month (\$1,718.)

We are looking for a few good men and women to assist us on the Monday morning recycling that consists of sorting or recyclable materials and walking a park (good morning exercise), to load the trucks. It requires no heavy lifting. We need more help!

We need someone with a truck to step up and help on Monday Mornings: The *greatest* need is for someone who has a truck and could pick-up at one of the parks.



**High-grade paper and architectural drawings:** We are doing very well with the architectural drawings and they generate a lot of our revenues. Please let us know if you have a contact with an architectural firm.

**Ronald McDonald House:** We are grateful to all who helped with the tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Many benefit from the cause.

**Next recycle weekend**: Saturday, July 13, so come and enjoy your Brother Knights' company. See you there for a mean breakfast of coffee and doughnuts, a good time for all. If only for an hour, any help is appreciated.

**Special thanks:** To our Monday morning crew for all the dedication and extra hours to make the program a success. Also, to those who help dump glass on Thursdays. Without you, it would be difficult. This is not for themselves, but for all the council and those charities we support.

Those who participated: We appreciate all those who came on Saturday to make the program a success: Gerry Dubois, Richard Mills, Bob Morgan, Pete Kellen, Al Gamarra, Bonnie and Leif Ranestad, Ricardo Teano, John Ojeda, George Nothhelfer, Tom Sixthsmith, Don Blankenship, Chris Hudnall, Stewart Imagawa, Domingo Roland, Roy Reyes, Joe Merchant, Mike Sofka, Clete Menke, Bob Kupfert, Glen Seamark, Bob Birtja, Mathew Eneim, Brandon Eneim, Mike Ulibarri, Ovidio Najera, Jaden Olements, Luis Gamarra, Jessica and Eduardo Chin, John Huh, J.J. Galvez.

### **FAMILY**

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of Columbus is amazing because the members work hard to help others. Knights are into many ministries and most of all, they love God.

Congratulations to Ovidio and his family.

– Ricardo Teano



Roger and Mo Boivin, Jay Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector and Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Stewart Imagawa, Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Tony Gionet-Gonzalez, Bert Dubois, Ronnie Almero, Nancy Tremaine, Domingo Roldan, Bob Birtja, Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Paul Tran, Kevin Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, David Castillo, Ed Enriquez Tim Tunila German Greto J. J. Galves. - George Nothhelfer



# **June 5 Program Minutes**

#### BY KEN BRENEMAN, RECORDER

#### Council Elections (PGK Dick Gregg, Presider):

The council unanimously elected the following officers for the 2019/20 Columbian Year:		
	Grand Knight	Bro. Vince Vasquez
	Deputy Grand Knight	Bro. Ken Breneman
	Chancellor	Bro. Angel Garcia
	Recorder	PGK Mike Sofka
	Treasurer	Bro. Mike Ulibarri
	Advocate	Bro. Dominic Rainone
	Warden	Bro. Ricardo Teano
	Inside Guard	Bro. Wayne Ellis
	Outside Guard	Bro. Jeff Henley
	First Year Trustee	Bro. Bob Kupfert
	Second Year Trustee	PGK Pat Larkin
	Third Year Trustee	PGK Roger Sonnenfeld
The following position appointments were made:		appointments were made:
	Financial Secretary	Bro. Joe Merchant
	Lecturers	Bros. Ben Niewinski, Dave Atkins

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

June charity box is for Lincoln Training Center, Buena Park.

Bishop Vann has asked the KofC councils of Orange County to collectively purchase 13 wheelchairs to be kept at the new Christ Cathedral for permanent use there. The council is donating \$500 to the KofC OC Chapter for the effort.

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

Applications for four new members read:

Mr. Steven Kennedy	Proposed by Bro. Ricardo Teano.		
Mr. Emmanuel Perez	Proposed by Bro. Ricardo Teano.		
Mr. Michael Shiraishi	Proposed by Bro. Richard Shiraishi.		
Mr. Lou Volpini	Proposed by Bro. Ricardo Teano.		
The council voted to accept the applications.			

#### Committee Reports (DGK Vasquez):

• KofC State Convention (Bro. Vince Vasquez): May 17-19 in San Diego. Council placed third in 2019 ID Drive fundraiser.

• Your Life Begins At Conception (Bro. Tom Haas): Bro. Tom distributed brochures from Your Life Begins At Conception Inc.

• Lake Forest Independence Day Parade (Bro. Ricardo Teano): Thursday, July 4. Please march in the parade wearing your green council shirt. Fourth Degree Assembly members will march with Council in their regalia. Details to follow.

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

- District Deputy, PGK Mike Sofka
- Past Chapter President, PGK John Ruelas
- Council 9487 Charter GK, PGK Dick Gregg

#### Good of the Order:

• Sick and Distressed list read and prayer offered by the council.

#### <u>Awards (GK Kupfert):</u>

- June Knight of the Month, Bro. Jose Lopez. Family of the Month, Bob and Susie Birtja.
- KofC Honorary Lifetime Membership presented to Bro. Tom Haas
- KofC Honorary Lifetime Membership presented to PGK Richard Piecuch



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# July Birthdays

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# July Anniversaries

**04** COLE/JESSICA WILLIAMS **05 ALVIN/GRACE HENSON 07 HECTOR/CINDY GUZMAN 10 ROBERT/KIM NGUYEN** 11 DANTE/GAY RAMELLA **11 JOSE/ELODIA GONCALVES 12 EMILIANO/ROSA LEONIDES 13 EUGENE/SUDELE ARRIOLA 13 DONALD/PAMELA FINN** 14 ROGER/SUSAN CUENCA **14 DOMINIC/ALISON RAINONE 18 KENNETH/ANDREA FORMELLA 19 ROBERT/LEANN DOHERTY 19 ANDREW/ANASTACIA ANASTACIA** 22 MICHAEL/JENNIFERJEDNORALSKI 24 MIKE/JEAN SOFKA **24 DONALD/MELANIE CHURCH 25 RICARDO/IRMA RUELAS 29 RENNE/Lydia Gardner 30 MARK/KAREN BUSTAMANTE 30 JIM/SUZY BAILEY 31 DICK/JEAN GREGG** 

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