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Grand Knight's Report

ctober 12th is Columbus Day, a national holiday honoring the great navigator/explorer Christopher Columbus. Ever wonder why the Knights of Columbus was named after Christopher Columbus? There are three short essays on the subject in the latest issue of Columbia magazine that are worth reading. <u>www.kofc.org/columbia</u>





We Knights today need courage too -- often just to be Catholic. Knights of Columbus founder Father Michael J. McGivney dealt with anti-Catholic bigotry back in the 1880's. Let us follow his courageous example as we deal with it today.

Speaking of Father McGivney, excitement is mounting this month as we approach his October 31st beatification. This is a big deal for the Knights of Columbus organization. There are many events and celebrations in the works. We will do our best to get you all the information as it comes out. Make sure you are on the council E-mail list. <u>www.kofc9487.com/Newsletters</u>

Finally, with the coming of October we enter the last month of the craziness that is the Presidential election. Hopefully without adding to that craziness, let me humbly propose two questions to ask ourselves...

How much do you value self-government?

It is said you never realize the value of something until you lose it. This is my round-about way of encouraging you to vote. Every election is followed by always-dismaying turnout statistics. Don't be part of those statistics! Liberty and self-government are American values. In other words, it is patriotic to vote -- and patriotism is one of the four core principles of the Knights of Columbus. A Knight of Columbus votes, and he encourages others to vote. Please register, and please vote. www.kofc.org/vote

How much does your Catholic faith inform how you vote?

There are sobering statistics about this too. On the major issues of the day, Catholic voters track closely with voters in general. Does that make sense? As Catholics, are we not called to live differently?

Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

(Romans 12:2)

As you consider the various parties, candidates, and ballot measures, think about your Catholic faith. Is it informing how you vote?

Once you voted, put it out of your mind and enjoy the Fall season. May God bless us, our Church, and our country.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

















Knights of Columbus 9487 Newsletter - October 2020

District Deputy's Corner

Ask for your prayers of support. Council #14335 in Ladera Ranch has been a "dead" council for a few years. In July, Holy Trinity parish got a new pastor that is interested in possibly reviving the council. This is exciting news for our district! Know that I'm not smart enough to know what I don't know. I envision this process to be like that of starting a new council. But

there are some differences. The council easier. But because it already has 40 some involvement from those memport in this endeavor. It may distract ask for your patience as well. My first is on October 15th.

I ask you and your council to think grams. Our California State is the Rosary. For Novem-December it is Consecration to help or advice on these pro-

The thing that has been on my been struggling with is that I my time is now. I look at all in our country and I question



already has 40 members so it should be members, it may be harder as we need bers. So, I ask for your prayers of supme from some of my district duties, so I meeting with Fr. Michael at Holy Trinity

creatively to carry out council pro-

Faith in Action focus for October ber it is Helping Hands and for the Holy Family. If you need any grams, please ask me.

mind, the faith item that I have have a hard time accepting that that is going on in the world and the Lord on why He made now

be my time. In prayer I regularly try to convince him that I must belong to a different time, an earlier time, a time when things were simpler. But in my head, I know that God is perfect and he designed me for this time now. This is my time to struggle. This is my time to fight the Holy and supernatural battle. This is my time to achieve the glory that God has in store for me. God is perfect as is God's timing. I don't understand why I am here now but I am. And so are you. This is your time to struggle. This is your time to struggle. This is your time to achieve the glory that God has in the fight.

Continue to be bold. Continue to be leaders of men and of your families.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Klett District Deputy, Ca. District 120

SILVER ROSE COMES TO SANTIAGO

by: GK Ken Breneman

Last month gave us a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer. The Knights of Columbus Silver Rose, which makes a pilgrimage throughout North America, stopped at Santiago de Compostela the evening of September 16th for a very special prayer service devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe, asking for her intersession for the respect of human life. It was a beautiful and meaningful bilingual service presided over by both Fr. Thomas and Fr. Martin. Knights of Columbus California State Deputy Steve Bolton attended, as did many current and past



Orange County Chapter officers including the current Chapter President Rene Sepulveda, and Vice President Glenn Howard.



Thank you to all the brothers who helped at the event, to the 4th Degree Color Guard who came out in force, and to the Knights on Bikes who escorted the rose to Santiago and remained for the service.

Thank you also to our partners, the Youth Ministry volunteers who did a great job as Rosary prayer leaders, and Santiago's Respect Life Ministry for sharing their Respect Life Adoration with us. The Silver Rose remained at Santiago overnight for the adoration and many of the prayer leaders used the Silver Rose prayer booklet throughout the day instead of

their usual program.

A huge thank you to the dedicated and talented Santiago Parish staff. They helped with logistics and hospitality, promoted the event on Facebook and in the bulletin, produced flyers and posters for us, and live-streamed the event using the full Sunday mass setup with multiple cameras and picture-in-picture presentations of the Silver Rose prayers. This was no small amount of work.

Thank you lastly to everyone who attended. We had a tremendous turn out. There were around 200 attendees and, last time I checked, the recorded live-stream video had over 1,100 views!



You have come to pray that the sanctity of human life, from the moment of conception until natural death, will, once again reign in human hearts and enjoy the full protection of law. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may you be granted the wisdom, strength and grace to persevere in this effort.

Knights on Bikes - Spreading the Word of God

by: PGK Roger Sonnenfeld

"Through the Silver Rose Program we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the the Knights of Columbus, but we also reaffirm our dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."– *Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson*

This silver rose was blessed and signed by Pope Francis in Rome.

For more information on the Silver Rose see; Kofc.org. Silver Rose.

The Knights of Columbus along with the Knights on Bikes have had the privilege of escorting the Silver Rose across the United States, to the Mexican border for many years. There the Rose is met by the Knights of Columbus in Mexico, on a small wooden bridge halfway across the Rio Grand, continuing her journey to Mexico City.



On Wednesday September 16, past Grand Knight Vince Vasquez and the Knights on Bikes escorted the Silver Rose from St. Louis of France parish in La Puente to our own Christ Cathedral in Garden Grove. The prayer service was represented by 12 Fourth Degree Knights and 7 Knights on Bikes.

On Saturday the 19th, Past Grand Knight Vince Vasquez took possession of the silver rose and again accompanied by the Knights On Bikes escorted the beautiful silver rose to the San Diego diocese. The rose was presented to San Luis Rey Mission where it will Tour throughout San Diego diocese, continuing its pilgrimage through Arizona, Texas and into Mexico.

It is such an honor do have participated in this journey of the silver rose. Many thanks go out to the Knights Of Columbus the 4th Degree and Knights On Bikes for all the planning and energy that went into this successful pilgrimage of the silver rose.

If you or another brother enjoy riding motorcycles and would be interested in the Knights On Bikes please reach out to me at <u>Rogersonnen@gmail.com</u> or our State President Brother Raj Rajput on knights on bikes Facebook page for more information.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - DAVID BALEN

by: Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

Thanks to the opportunity of doing write ups for the Knight of the Month. It gets me to know more of the most wonderful people in our council and parish. Best example is knowing more of our Knight of this Month, David Balen. Here is reason why.

David joined the knights with his father, Rob, in 2002 (deceased 2010). He wanted to join because his Grandpa who is our most worthy member Gene Ganley (deceased 2017) was a very active member. Gene is the indefatigable Founder of our now highly successful recycling program. David is a 3rd degree knight.

The Balen family moved to Lake Forest in 2001 and have been parishioners of Santiago since then. His Dad converted to Catholicism in 1991 but his mother, Patty's side of the family, everyone has been lifelong Catholics.



David Balen

David has been working at Disneyland for 20 years but is fur-

loughed at this time. When George Nothhelfer put out an SOS for pickup trucks for Monday morning recycling, it was a great opportunity for David to participate. David gladly volunteered himself and his truck and has been working since then. As Gene Ganley's grandson, the Santiago recycling holds a very special place in his heart, David said.

His grandmother, Iva was the Counting Coordinator for Sunday collections for many years. David's mom, Patty, serves as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist on the altar and for the Sick and the Homebound. I have to make a special mention that Patty buys 25 Living Faith Daily Reading Prayer booklets every quarter from the knights to give out free to the homebound and friends. Thanks Patty, for your years of generosity and thoughtfulness.

Most of all David belongs to the Santiago Chorale. They beautifully sing at the 8:30 AM Mass before the pandemic. David really love being a chorale member and having the opportunity to sing at Mass. He looks forward to the return of the choir, to the October fest and to the Caminos that he participated in many times in the past.

David feels that this recognition is an amazing honor and the council a great group. He is grateful to serve with the knights and to serve the Lord!!!

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SK Dennis Fung Earns Shining Armor Award

by: GK Ken Breneman

It is my honor and privilege to present the Knights of Columbus Shining Armor Award to SK Dennis Fung.

I am honored because Brother Dennis is an impressive man who has quickly become an impressive Knight. More on that in a moment. SK Dennis is a retired civil servant, having worked for the City of Los Angeles for thirty-one years. He became Catholic in 2019, completing his RCIA at Santiago de Compostela and was baptized by our Pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Thomas.

I am privileged because it has been a long time since a Grand Knight of our council has been given the happy occasion of presenting the Shining Armor Award. To better appreciate this notable accomplishment, let us review what it entails. A Shining Armor Award recipient must, in his first year as a Knight of Columbus, do ALL the following:

- Work on three council service programs
- Attend three council business meetings
- Receive the Third Degree
- Meet with the council insurance representative
- Recruit a new member

SK Dennis went above and beyond. He has participated in WAY more than three programs – among them recycling, the parish festival, Lenten dinners, blood drives, church traffic control, and Living Faith books. He has attended WAY more than three council meetings. He not only received his Third Degree, but also his Fourth Degree, and now wants to join the Color Guard. He has met with



Dennis Fung

our insurance representative Bro. Mark Yubeta, and finally, he recruited his son, Gabriel Cuyugan, who is now the newest brother of our council.

What can be said other than, Wow! Congratulations on your accomplishment SK, Brother Dennis Fung.

Family of the Month - Roger & Therese Sonnenfeld

by: GK Ken Breneman

When the officers gather to select the monthly award winners, there is an unwritten rule that officers are exempt. Although sometimes bent, and occasionally broken, the rule is generally observed. It is a good rule. It makes sense. However, it can sometimes lead to oversights. What happens when you have a brother Knight who has been an officer for many years and participates actively in the council all the while on top of that?

This month we correct just such a gross injustice. Our October Family of the Month is PGK Roger and Therese Sonnenfeld. Brother Roger "sits in the cheap seats" now, as he puts it, coming off his third year as a Trustee following his 2016-17 stint as Grand Knight. This makes him fair game for this award and boy does he deserve it! Not only was he an officer for many years in a row, but he was also one of the council's most involved members. Whether it was being an exemplification sideliner, cooking in the kitchen, or running the Free Throw Championship, it seemed like Roger was everywhere.

What does Brother Roger do now that he is no longer an officer, now that he is "in the cheap seats?" Take it easy? No way! Not Rog. He is a member of Knights on Bikes, and he and his wife Therese stepped up to help our now-more-important-than-ever Recycling Program every Monday morning, bringing along their critically needed giant pick-up truck. Thank you, Roger and Therese, for all you do!

RETIREMENT PLANNING - Part 1 of 4

In the next four articles, I would like to discuss a goal that's on many workers' radar: retirement. To some, retirement is the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow or the reward after a long career. It's a time to relax, take up a hobby and enjoy life. Whether retirement is just around the next corner or if you have another 30 years to go, it's never too soon or too late to start planning or revise that plan.

Some experts suggest that there are four phases of retirement: protection, accumulation, income de-accumulation and care. In this article, I will tackle protection.

Protection is the base element of any well-founded financial plan; the base of the pyramid, for example. Without basic protection against premature death or the inability to earn income due to disability, the remainder of the pyramid collapses. If you own mutual funds and die without life insurance, those funds will be needed to pay final expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (after a market correction).

If you own mutual funds and lose your ability to earn income due to disability and are without paycheck protection, those funds will be needed in order to pay living expenses (collapsing), perhaps at the most inopportune time (is there ever an opportune time?).

So, basic protection is a must. The good thing is that this protection is offered by the Knights of Columbus. Our whole life products and disability income insurance are designed with this goal in mind. For example, our Life Paid Up at 65 plan is perfect for this purpose because premium payments end right when retirement is upon you. There are many other options that I can discuss with you that will fit your needs and your budget.

A newer addition to our product portfolio, disability income insurance protects your most valuable asset: your ability to work and earn money. Plans can be customized and are available to cover many professions, from farmers to lawyers.

Once you've established the proper protection, the next phase is accumulation of cash, which I will discuss in a future article.

Contact me to learn more.

Mark Yubeta 949-322-7266 *mark.yubeta@kofc.org*



Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report



News Worthy Events:



August was a Great month. Our proceeds for August were \$1,604 and looking forward to a great month in October. I truly thank all of you who are assisting in sorting the items dropped off. You are doing a GREAT job!!!!!

Recycling is the major program for our council to raise money and you are the key to this program. Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated. Be sure to drop off your recyclables anytime and spread the word to all that they can do the same. Let's keep our program HEALTHY.

We are looking at some changes that would benefit our program. We are building a drop off bin that will make things more secure. We have also switched over the locks so we have a one key system which greatly enhances the program.

Monday Morning Crew

Roger & Mo Boivin, Jay Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector & Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Otis Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Tony Gionet-Gonzalez, Bert Dubois, Ronnie Almero, Nancy Tremaine, Domingo Roldan, Manny Rios, Bob Birtja', Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Kevin Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, Ronnie Almero, Janine Glenn, Jim Marcheta, Roger & Therese Sonnenfeld.

Order Your Official Green Council Shirt or Jacket

by: Ricardo Teano

Are you ready to order or reorder your green t-shirt? Here is the procedure:

You may order your shirt or jacket anytime. The supplier, David at Monogram Magic, is open for business. Please email your shirt size and the name to be embroidered on the garment to Ricardo, at *ricardo8199@att.net*.

Verbal instructions are not accepted to prevent errors. David's work office is on Lake Forest Drive, not far from Dimension St. He will give you the Price and when and where to pick up order. Cost of the shirt is around \$25 and the jacket around \$64, including tax...

My email is ricardo8199@att.net. David wants all orders to pass through Ricardo for confirmation that the order is for a Council 9487 Knight.

October Birthdays

01 Jennifer Hipolito 15 Teresa Pooters 02 John Ojeda 16 James Fitzgerald 02 Janet Anderson Sr. 18 David Balen 04 Domingo Roldan 18 James Carlin 22 Garrett Blaney 05 Irene Willard 06 Janet Walker 22 Michael McCormack 08 Antoine Cassar Janeen Blackwelder 23 08 Alberto Mojica Macais 26 Joan Donahue 09 Giselle Breneman 27 Patrick Nieblas 11 David Atkins Joan Loos 27 11 27 Susan Stegall Ignacio Mena 11 Erin Ulibarri Lynne Cowan 28 Robert Claproth Jr. 13 Bernard Laituri 29 13 Rev. Gregory Marguez 30 Rev Stephen Lesniewski 14 Richard Samaniego Dina Samaniego 31

October Anniversaries

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