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Grand Knight's Report

Brothers, it's that time of year again.

"What's the GK talking about? Valentines? The Super Bowl? Uh... Ground-hog Day?"

No, no. It's time to pay our dues.

"Dues! Drat. Already? Why do we have to pay dues anyway?"

Well, that is a valid question. Obviously, I have a few thoughts.

The Knights of Columbus is a Worthy Organization Deserving of Your Support: The Knights are saving the lives of Christians in the Holy Land, championing the rights of unborn children, aiding the victims of natural disasters, to name just a few charitable projects. Locally at our own council, witness the many parish events and services we organize and the many charitable gifts we make every month which are read aloud at every Council Meeting.

You get benefits including the Columbia magazine and access to excellent insurance products, to say nothing of being a part of a great group of Catholic brothers who can help you put your faith into action.

It's a bargain: Annual dues are \$43.65. I put gas in my car the other day and it cost me more than \$43.65. Getting take-out for my family was way more. My car will need gas again in a couple weeks, and my family will be hungry again tomorrow, but your Knights of Columbus dues are good for the entire year.

It's easy. Just mail back the invoice sent to you by the Financial Secretary along with a check. You can also pay online with a credit card or PayPal using the link on the council web site (<u>www.kofc9487.com</u>).

Not paying hurts the council. This one might require a little more explanation. It is more than the council missing out on unpaid dues. The council retains only a small portion of your dues. The lion's share goes to Chapter, State, and Supreme -- to fund those levels of the organization. But, here is the rub - the council must pay the Chapter, State, and Supreme their shares of your dues, whether you pay the dues to the council or not. These are the many "Per Capita" expenses you might have heard read aloud at Council Meetings.

So please pay your dues and do it now while you are thinking about it.

What if you are going through a financial hardship? I remember when I lost my job a few years ago, parting with even a small amount of money was difficult. Do not despair. The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood. Brothers who wish to remain brothers are never left behind. It is important, though, for you to contact the Financial Secretary. He will work with you, but he has no way of knowing your situation unless you tell him.

Thank you for continuing to be a Knight of Columbus!



District Deputy's Corner

he California State Council just held their Novena for life. My attendance at the Novena was not perfect but I did participate in a few of the evening Novena sessions. I hope you did as well. They were very moving and uplifting.

Our order supports life in all its forms, the unborn, the elderly, the terminally ill, and the intellectually handicapped. If you ever wondered why the Knights of Columbus have supported the Special Olympics from the beginning this is why. But with the anniversary of Roe v. Wade we are moved to pray for the unborn.

For reference, I'd like to quote the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Paragraph 2322: "From its conception, the child has the right to life. Direct abortion, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, is a "criminal" practice (GS 27 § 3), gravely contrary to the moral law. The Church imposes the canonical penalty of excommunication for this crime against human life."

This is serious stuff and not up for debate. mit the grave sin of judging other people. but we are to love the person even when road, but we followers of Christ are called

But let me clarify. Some in our cians, are in favor of abortion. In abortion. We can condemn those After all, aren't we sinners as well ness just like them? I know that I

We don't know why, in fact we to abort the life of her unborn child. ticians support abortion. But out of



However, I want to caution you not to com-We can judge an act as evil (abortion is evil) they commit those acts of evil. It's a hard upon to do the hard things.

> society, including some of our politifact, it seems that they celebrate actions, but we must love the sinner. and desperate for God's forgiveam.

can't know why, a mother chooses I won't claim to know why some polilove for them we must pray for them.

We must beg our Lord to forgive them as Jesus did for us on the cross. We must truly want them to be a saint, that is a resident of Heaven. I ask you to commit yourself to praying for them and to desire that all may enjoy Heaven after life on this earth.

February is the month of St. Valentine. There will be many articles about who the real St. Valentine is so I won't belabor the point here. I encourage you to read about St. Valentine and the lives of the other Saints. Who better to be a role model for our lives?

Our Columbian year end is approaching faster than I would like. It's not too early to start thinking about next year's officers. Perhaps you are being called to take an officer's chair. Your council needs you. Please prayerfully consider it.

And to the current officers, it is not the time to "let up on the gas". Have you achieved the goals you set for you and your councils this year yet? Winning athletes continue to run hard until after they have crossed the finish line. We are not at the finish line yet so we must continue to run and run hard. In fact, we may even be approaching the point where we start our sprint for the finish line. Don't let up now but strive to finish your goals for the year. Vivat Jesus!

JANUARY 2021 EVENTS



Father Martin on his birthday with GK Ken Breneman



January Food Drive Volunteers



January 2021 4th Degree Candidates

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER WINNER

Rhianna Jaramillo First Place

Age 11-14 Division



HOSPITALITY THANK YOU & HELP REQUEST

by: Ben Niewinski

Thank you to everyone for their continuing help with Hospitality at the Masses.

Wednesday, February 17th is Ash Wednesday. There will be many services that day with ashes. John Blaney and I will need lots of help.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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.

by: Ricardo Teano

Our unanimously selected Knight of the month, Tim Tunila, will be most surprised when he reads this article. He said he is in the process of moving to San Clemente and might transfer his membership there. As emphasized by our GK, this monthly recognition is based on what a knight has done, not on what he will do.

And Tim has done a whole lot for our Council. He is a constant, reliable help at the recycling. With his big truck and sunny disposition, he does the heavy work of collecting bulk containers full of very heavy bottles from areas arranged by Commander George to pick up. At the end of each recycling, Tim loads the heavy unwanted junk and trash in his truck for disposal. With his carpentry skill and his tools, he helped Domingo build the new designated Drop Off structure that is now bigger, more systematic and appears to be more convenient to parishioners who donate recyclable items 24/7. Come by and see the newly constructed drop off green structure. Don't forget to bring your donation.

Tim is a knight of two years and a passionate contributor to several Church and Council fundraisers like the wheelchair drive, etc. Tim is so amazing to work with and will be missed. He calls his recycling buddies as a great group of guys and ladies. He is at present evaluating his future involvement with council and his bonds with his brother knights. The Recycling program is his main direction. He said he is still unpacking moving boxes at this time.

We will be calling you Tim when we can have our morning pancake breakfast again.

Congratulations to Tim as our honored Knight of the Month.

VIVAT JESU!!!

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This is now the new uniform supplier. Open www.kofcuniform.com.

https://www.kofcuniform.com/uniform-packages/

FAMILY OF THE MONTH - TOM SIXSMITH

by: GK Ken Breneman

Since joining the Knights in May 2014, Brother Tom Sixsmith and his wife Diane have been named Family of the Month several times, and for good reason. There is certainly not another couple at Santiago more involved and generous with their time than the Sixsmiths.



Diane & Tom Sixsmith

Their Church activities have included the Lector Ministry, VBS, RCIA, Friends in Faith, Women's Circle, Bible Study, and the Parish Festival. As a Knight, Brother Tom has run the council's Kneeler Repair and Mistletoe programs and has volunteered regularly at Recycling and Knight's dinner events.

This year, Brother Tom is again chairing the council's Bill Breen Tootsie Roll Drive for Special Needs. The Pandemic has thrown many a wrench at this program, but Brother Tom has stayed focused on what CAN be done, and this important fundraiser is on-track to have a great year, despite the difficulties.

You might have noticed Diane in December outside of Church running the successful Operation Shoebox for the parish, something she has done for many years now.

Tom and Diane are both originally from Pittsburgh. They have been Santiago parishioners since 1988.

They have five adult children and two grandchildren.

Congratulations Tom and Diane.

Thank you for all you do!

BOLD DENNIS DEROSIA IS NOW A SIR KNIGHT

by: Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

The spirit of Patriotism is a very strong attribute of Dennis. He is a veteran of the American Legion and therefore did not hesitate to keep on reminding me when is the next Fourth KOFC Degree of Patriotism.

The day finally come as an in-person Exemplification in Northern California is beamed online. The day is January 30, 2021, at St Timothy video area, with eight candidates present. Dennis got his wish to be conferred and knighted to the Patriotic Degree. Technical glitches happened during the ceremony, but Dennis said it did not matter because the message got delivered to the right spot.

Thanks to Ben Niewinski and Ricardo for attending the degree as sideliners.

January Food Drive

Worthy Brothers - One of my favorite verses from the Bible is Matthew 25:40; "And the king will say to them in reply, Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." What a great verse to live by.

We had another great food drive this past month, collecting 1768 pounds of food and \$965.00. We have now collected over 4 tons of food and over \$4000.00 in the past 3 months. What an amazing effort by our entire Parish.

We have been putting in the man hours to help make this happen, but the real driving force is Lily Ellis, wife of Brother Wayne Ellis. She is a longtime volunteer for South County Outreach and arranges all the pickups and collection bins for us. Together with the countless volunteers from our Brother Knights, we have made a difference in our community.

The demand for food is greater now than any time in our lives and is very much appreciated. Our next drive will be on the 3rd Saturday in March. Going forward we are going to be having our food collection drive thru events every two months. Let us continue our efforts in making sure to leave no neighbor behind.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

Brother Vince Vasquez PGK.



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In short, if you have a job and don't have a way to protect that paycheck, you should seriously consider Income Armor today. I look forward to meeting with you.

Mark Yubeta

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Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report

News Worthy Events:

Our proceeds for January were **\$1,033**. I truly thank all of you who are assisting in sorting the items dropped off. You are doing a GREAT job!!!!!



Weekly Recycling: We completed the training for weekly recycling, and it went very well. If anyone else is interested, please contact Al or Me. The more folks we have the faster the job goes. Look forward to hearing from more of you. George (949-500-3187).

Recycling is the major and very important 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. Be sure to wear your masks when others are there.

Monday Morning Crew

Roger & Mo Boivin, Jay Donahue, Gerry Dubois, Hector & Cindy Guzman, Bob Morgan, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Bud Givenrod, Joe Schulte, Dr. Mike McCormack, George Nothhelfer, Janine Glenn, Bert Dubois, Tim Tunila, Domingo Roldan, Bob Birtja, Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Kevin Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, David Balen, Ed Enriquez, Roger & Therese Sonnenfeld, Norrie Olmo, Dennis de Rosia.

February Birthdays 01 Mark Bustamante 21 Janet Gamache rez 01 Emeliano Leonides 07 Gregory Such 21 Therese Sonnenfeld Bonnie Teeter George Loos 01 **Rolland Stokes** 09 22 01 Jaime Terriquez 09 Mark Angel 22 Georgina Aquino 02 Celia Henley 13 24 Michael Casey Jude Leoncio Denise Keddy 14 Timothy Campion 24 02 **Yvette** Cassar 03 **Richard Petrash** Patrick Larkin 15 24 Margaret Gennaro 04 Gilberto Escobedo 16 25 YangJa (Beth) Lamont William Stegall 04 Johnne Leoncio Katy McCarthy Luis Garcia 17 26 04 Eric Schechter **Gayle** Peters 17 27 Sharon Poli 05 Benedict Del Rosario 18 Paul McCauley 28 Michael Rosas 06 Tim Holmes 19 Vladimir Anderson Sr. 28 Ann Smith 05 Amanda Breen 19 Elsa Lopez 28 Irma Vasquez **Raguel** Pineros 06 **Rita Schulte** 19 07 John Howell Gutier-Carol Schechter 19

Pebruary Anniversaries

Audrey Ə James Machulda Meleena Ə Mathew Paul Patti Ə Jerome Delmore Beatrice Ə Joseph Micalizio April Ə Aaron Sonnenberg Patricia Ə Richard Piecuch Patty Ə Richard Farina Teresa Ə John Gallegos Alvina Ə William Studley Mary Ə John Ojeda Karen Ə Alfred Gamarra Marguerite Ə Joseph Baumgartner

SDC/KOC Writers Ministry Corner

Epidemic Pandemic

© **By Edwin W. Smith** The world was quite excited To see what it would bring The 2020 decade 'twas hoping for a fling

Alas, that did not happen And it was not to be The universe had other plans And set a virus free

It wore a crown known as Corona And killed without discrimination In Arizona and in Barcelona And infected every nation

We all were asked to wear a mask

Coronavirus Haikus

By Melchor Perez

Coronavirus a natural disaster can we defeat it?

Coronavirus you're not as fun as my beer no party for you Which covers up God's grace We could not see a person's smile Or their entire face

To conquer this small evil We washed our hands all day And sanitized what we might touch To keep this pest at bay

The order was "no gathering" And stay six feet apart No wedding bells or funerals Which broke a lot of hearts

The race is on for a vaccine To end this life of fear And get us back to work and school And once again live free and clear

Another plague hits this time no black body marks only tears and hurt

Mass graves for the dead family is not present how do we say bye?

Response to Pandemic Covid-19

By John Freeman

What we call, "The Present Moment" is so fast, so fleeting

that by the "time" you realize that

the "present mo" is present, it's already fled-gone, man, gone! The door to the toilet stall swings open, I'm ready to unload my waste, feeling much like when I sometimes enter the church confessional

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