

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# Bishop William R. Johnson Council #9487 Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church Lake Forest CA 92630



# Grand Knight's Report

#### Knights of Columbus 2021 Year in Review.

As a council:

In person general meetings returned to the 1st Wednesday of the month in the SDC parish hall as of this past July.

Our council collected 132 units of blood. Each pint can help to save up to 3 lives. The Knights of Columbus at Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church have helped to save up to 393 patients in need.

We collected over 10 tons of food and \$7500 in donations for our Food Drive and South County Outreach.

The Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Program \$17000.00. We have raised over 530,000 since its founding in1990.

Our council achieved 1st place in our state Intellectual Disabilities Drive with a total of \$19,111.00.

We bought an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy center, Saving Lives one baby @ a time.

#### As a Catholic Organization:

We marched for life virtually. We stood for religious liberty and we bid farewell to a remarkable leader and welcome to a new one.

We helped fund Pope Francis' trip to Iraq, provided life-saving oxygen for COVID patients in Brazil and Peru and we expanded the ultrasound initiative to Korea.

We launched a new online show and live cast our film, Enduring Faith.

We celebrated Columbia magazine turning 100 and we saluted our Centenarian veterans of World War II and we remembered our 911 Heroes.

We promoted the Year of St. Joseph, our spiritual leader. We gathered virtually for the supreme convention and United for the Inaugural Feast Day of the Blessed Michael J McGivney and we committed to be Knights of the Eucharist.

Knights of Columbus outside advisors reached 1 billion in mutual funds COVID Recovery Program.

Remember Our state motto is, "We will RISE again!" RISE is an acronym that stands for:

R - Rebuild our councils and churches; reinvigorate our members and parishioners.

I - Instill Spirituality in our councils; continue to pray for our councils and its members.

S - Support our clergy, parishes, and councils through our Faith In Action activities.

E - Encourage other parishioners and their families to join the Knights of Columbus; Exemplify new members in our order.

As we continue this Columbian Year, Let's keep our state motto in mind and stay involved with the activities of our council as well as our parish.

Dates to remember:

Food Drive, January 15th

Officers Planning Meeting, January 19th

Clergy Night, January 28th









### Knights of Columbus Activities for January 2022

Date	Event and Knight in Charge
Mon	
3	<b>Recycling</b> , Lake Forest Mobil Home Park 7 AM to 9 AM contact George Nothelfer
Wed	
5	<b>Council General Meeting</b> 7:20 PM to 9 PM Parish Hall Santiago de Compostela
Mon	
10	<b>Recycling</b> , Lake Forest Mobil Home Park 7 AM to 9 AM contact George Nothelfer
Sat	
15	<b>Food Drive for South County Outreach</b> , SDC Parking Lot 8:30AM to Noon contact Vince Vasquez
Mon	
17	<b>Recycling</b> , Lake Forest Mobil Home Park 7 AM to 9 AM contact George Nothelfer
Wed	
19	Officers Business Meeting, SDC Library 7 PM to 8:30 PM contact GK Mike Sofka
Mon	
24	<b>Recycling</b> , Lake Forest Mobil Home Park 7 AM to 9 AM contact George Nothelfer
Mon	
28	<b>Clergy Night</b> , Parish Hall (setup will be an all day event) 6 PM to 9 PM contact Patrick Larkin

To Make Sure your event is in Calendar Send info via Text of Call to DGK John Teeter (949) 351-5492

### **Operation Shoebox** - A Great Success

By: Tom Sixsmith



Operation Shoebox was a great success this year with over 230 shoe boxes filled for both men and women. These were delivered to Isaiah House two days before Christmas and will be a welcome gift for many homeless and needed people in our community.

We also raised over \$2000 to purchase gift cards and additional items to support this organization. A special thanks to the Council 9487's donation of \$500 to Operation Shoebox. Another great example of one of our founding principles of charity.

Thank you!

### **First In-Person Exemplification After the Pandemic**

#### By: Ricardo Teano, Membership Committee

Council 9487 is easing back to new normal with the first **in-person** ceremony celebrated on November 9, 2021.

The solemn ceremony to accept new brothers was held inside Santiago Church with opening prayer officiated by 4th Degree knight, Father Thomas. Changes to the ceremony were in place as the three degree themes of **Charity**, **Unity**, and **Fraternity** were celebrated consecutively.

The candidates earned all the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees in one session. The other obvious changes that elevate the exemplification are the presence of invited family members, the blessing presence of the parish priest, and the celebration of the ceremony inside the church. All to show the solidarity of the Knights of Columbus with our priests and to God.

The newly inducted members to Council 9487 on this day were as follows, Joseph Tagatac, Vincent Farro, John Yepez, Arturo Gonzalez, and Antoine Cassar (from 2nd to 3rd degree). Our congratulations to the new members. Your willingness to join strengthens the council. Let us serve our Catholic church and our community, united as brother knights.

Grand Knight Mike Sofka and two dignitaries, Insurance Rep Mark Yubeta and OC Chapter President Glen Howard, welcomed the new knights together with the Degree Team headed by PGK Vince Vasguez, Angel Garcia, Mark Angel, Dennis Fung, and Ricardo Teano.



L to R. Antoine Cassar, Vince Farro, Danilo Concha, John Yepez, Joseph Tagatac, and Arturo Gonzalez (not in picture)

Our beloved Virginia Niewinski , mother of Ben Niewinski, was the chosen Honoree of the Exemplification.

# District Deputy's Corner

# Merry Christmas!

As I write this at the end of December, I recognize that we are still in the Christmas season. Christmas begins on December 25th and goes until at least the Feast of Epiphany. The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on Jan 6th (hence the 12 days of Christmas) but this year Mother Church is celebrating Epiphany on January 2nd and the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. "Ordinary" time begins on January 9th so that is the end of the Christmas Season. In the old days, Christmas went all the way to Candlemas or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which falls on February 2nd. But whenever you think Christmas ends, I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas.

Happy New Year!

And on January 1st the calendar chang-Happy New Year. Many of us use the tions and for making changes in our lives. I grow ever closer to Jesus. Let this be

I would also like to take this Knight of Columbus to join me at what they do differently from your

January is Respect Life Month. activity.

The Columbian Year is half over. doing on achieving Star Counreach the goal, but we need to be

Calling all Past Grand Knights!



es to 2022. I would like to wish you a New Year for creating New Year's resolu-My prayer for you is that in 2022 you and our goal this year and every year.

> opportunity to invite any brother another council's meeting to see own council.

Please get involved with a pro-Life

How are you and your council cil? There is still plenty of time to busy.

The term for a District Deputy is three years. My term ends on June 30th, 2022. I am attending my last District Deputy training session in Visalia Jan 7th - 9th. I ask for your prayers that weekend so that I can learn more and be the best District Deputy that I can be. But this also prompts me to begin the search for a replacement District Deputy. One of the requirements for District Deputy is that you need to be a Past Grand Knight. This is a fun role, and you get to see how other councils function. Please prayerfully consider becoming a District Deputy. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

# DECEMBER ALBUM



## FAMILY OF THE MONTH - OVIDIO & SOL NAJERA

#### by: Ricardo Teano, Retention Committee

Let us congratulate the Najera family to this recognition as they generously give so much of their time to the Church and Council. Let me mention a few. On the weekend of the Fiesta of our Diocesan Patron, Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, Ovidio, and some other Caballeros de Colon and members of the Festijos did not sleep all night Friday night and all night Saturday night to help and to participate in the festivities that commenced from Friday to Sunday straight. Starting with the decoration of the Blessed Mother with so many roses to reflect the Apparition, Rosaries, Vigil, mananitas till midnight, and mananitas again at 5:00 AM before the start of the Spanish Mass at 6:00, the serving of pan dulce y chocolate, banda musica. The whole weekend reflects the love of



Our Lady of Guadalupe and San Juan Diego. His beautiful wife Sol directed the play presentation, depicting the sequence of the Marian apparition in December 1531 at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico City.

Ovidio joined being a knight about three years ago. What made him join was his desire of serving our Lord and our community. He is currently a fourth degree Sir Knight and serves as a Color Corps Guard throughout the year.

What made this family a Catholic family, is following the footsteps of their parents and grandparents and their great devotion to our Lady of Guadalupe and of course; God. They have been part of Santiago parish for 10 years and will continue to be part of it as the years go by. Ovidio grew up into a loving home which made him grow up to be the person he always wanted to be, which was a caring

and loving father and a good role model to his kids. Sol and Ovidio have three wonderful children. Christopher the oldest who is 21, is currently enrolled in UCI and is following his dreams of becoming a doctor, Stephanie the middle child who is 17, is a hardworking senior in high school. She joins in after school programs to help other students with work and joins clubs that helps with our outside world. Last, but not least, is the youngest son Anthony who is 15, is also a hardworking student currently as a freshman. He has enrolled in advanced classes and is currently following the lead of his oldest brother, following in his footsteps to become a doctor. Wife, Sol, has been a big part of helping their kids to where they are now as she pushes them to do their best. Aside of being parents, they love to join in every opportunity there is to help our community such as hospitality ministry, directing plays and coloring crafts at the festivals. We love helping out as much as we can that involves with the kids. Ovidio takes care of the Shooting games at the festival and selling the La Fe Viva every quarter.

He thinks the KOFC organization is a well-organized Council that helps in every way possible to our parish. It is a loving group that he is honored to be part of.

Our congratulations to the Najera family!!!

### SEVEN EXEMPLIFIED TO 3rd DEGREE RANK

#### By: Ricardo Teano - Membership Committee:

#### Great news!

A recent Exemplification of new knights on December 1, 2021, accepted seven brand new knights to our Council. They are James McCarty, Chris Muhlenkamp, Bryan James Martin, Butch Reyes, Danny Reyes, Paul Tovar, and Rafael Villasenor.

Members of their families were cordially invited to this happy occasion, as secrecy is no longer adhered to by our fraternal order. It was a big change as family pictures were taken. This record addition to our council was the fruit of our Membership Blitz on November 13-14 weekend. These seven new knights signed the constitution of our order to practice Charity, the lesson of our 1st degree, Unity, the lesson of the 2nd degree and Fraternity, the lesson of our 3rd degree. Knights are bound to these rules to serve our Catholic Faith in solidarity with our priests.

Our congratulation to the seven new knights in their commitment to serve in unity with their brother knights. Experience tells us that the more we give the more we receive. Already, Chris, Butch, Vince and Danilo, who got exemplified last November, helped with the Food Drive. Raul and Danny helped at the blood drive and Philip Tagatac and again Danilo at the pancake breakfast. Many more knights' events to serve our church and community are coming up.

The Honoree of the Exemplification is Steve Bolton, Immediate Past State Deputy, a good friend to the Council. He assisted at the Exemplification. Father Thomas Naval did the Opening and Closing prayer of the solemn occasion for the second time as he also did the prayers at the November 9 ceremony.

VIVAT JESU!!!!

### Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

As the daylight increases through January I set my sight on the new year and what I would like to accomplish. Setting goals seems like a better idea than making the traditional New Year's resolutions. Those resolutions seem to go by the wayside pretty quickly; maybe because they always seem the same year after year.

One goal I have set for this year is to check in with every single member. Many of you filled out the Annual Survey you received at the end of last year. Thanks to those that did! It allows me to update contact information and provide service for specific needs. If you did not yet complete it, I encourage you to complete and return it. It can be done online or by return mail.

Another focus I have for goals this year is to follow the tips for everyday holiness from St. Teresa of Calcutta. I recently printed them out and posted them on my refrigerator so I see them each day. Here they are:

- 1. **Speak as little about yourself as possible.** *Tip: Ask others about their day, and take time to listen!*
- 2. Keep busy with your own affairs and not those of others.
- 3. Avoid curiosity.

Tip: She's talking about being nosey—the bad kind of curiosity!

- 4. Accept small irritations with good humor.
- 5. **Do not dwell on the faults of others.** *Remember: When you do this, you forget the GOOD in people and that they're a child of God, too!*
- 6. Accept censures even if unmerited. *Tip:* By this, she means taking DISAPPROVAL in a humble way.
- 7. Be courteous and delicate even when provoked by someone. *Tip:* Know when to walk away or "stop responding." *This* can be hard and require extra prayers.
- 8. Choose always the more difficult task.

St. Teresa of Calcutta was known for her simplicity. These are simple tips, but often hard to do.

Please let me know how I may be of service to you and your family!

Again, best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Fraternally,

Mark Yubeta

949-322-7266



## **Gene Ganley Memorial Recycling Report**

#### **News Worthy Events:**



November was another good month \$1,435. This was a challenging month but we again have sent in three loads of recyclables. *We are in need of walkers at the Lake Forest Mo-bile Home Park and sorters in the barn.* We need your help. It only takes about one hour or if you can come for 1/2 hour, we can use you. Anyone that can help us out please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

#### California Recycling Legislative Changes:

We will be seeing some upcoming changes on the marking of recycle symbols on items. More details as they come forth.

#### Weekly Recycling a GREAT THANK YOU:

We have a great group of dedicated weekly recyclers and they are doing a tremendous job of clearing out the drop off area. We can always use more help for this important program. Please contact Al if you can give us a few hours during the week. We pair you up with someone to show you the ropes. Recycling is the major and very important program for our council to raise money and you are the key to this program. We need your help and 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.

#### Monday Morning Recyclers:

Thank all of you who contribute your time to make this program a success. We start a 7 AM Monday mornings and finish up around 9 AM. *Any time* you can offer us is appreciated. We are always in need of walkers for the mobile home park at Lake Forest. Everyone has a great time and it is great comradery. Several of the group goes to Coco's for breakfast after recycling. Please contact Gerry Dubois (949)500-1064 or Hector Guzman (949)301-6686 to join the fun. You can learn a lot about recycling.

#### Vehicle:

We are in need of someone that can do pick-ups at the park from 7 am to 8:30 am on Mondays. Please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

God Bless,

George Nothhelfer

#### **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, Bert Dubois, Tim Tunila, Domingo Roldan, Bob Birtja', Barbara Ciolek, John Ruelas, Kevin & Michel Mooney, Dave Carey-Zuniga, David Balen, Ed Enriquez, Tony Gonzales, Nourry Olmo, Dennis de Rosia, Bernadette, Eddie Adams.



Respect Life Ministry invites you to spend one Holy hour in prayer to end abortion on Saturdays from 11am to 12pm or 12pm to 1pm at the Corner of La Paz Road and Chrisanta Drive, near to the Planned Parenthood clinic in Mission Viejo

### Jannuary Birthdays

01 Jaimes Baker Jackie Stashik 18 01 Jaime Terriquez 19 Paul Rymer 02 Anthony Gionet-Gonzales 19 Michael Ulibarri 05 Golda Kattapuram Paul Wickstrom 20 10 Scott Seamark 20 Kenneth Willard 10 Belen Teano 22 Nancy Marilley Jr. 11 Eduardo Chin 23 Frank Kloer 11 Michelle Morissette 24 Judith Clements 12 Mark Blackwelder 24 Audrey Machulda 12 Elizabeth DeProspero **Richard Pineros** 26 14 Paul Johnson 27 Juana Baker 14 Ana Martinez 30 William Marilley 15 David Herbka **30** Joseph Merchant 15 Christina Huh 30 Irene Shields 17 Mary Papac 31 Joseph Jennaro 17 April Sonnenberg 31 Joanne Cashman 18 Jun Balba 31 Jean Owens 18 Rev. Bruce Lavery

January Anniversaries

Georgina Ə Monet Aquino Josie Ə Leonard Gribbons Gayle Ə Mark Peters Maria Rica Ə Lyndon Galut Erin Ə Michael Ulibarri

Carmen Ə Eduardo Enriquez Donna Ə Michael Hinshaw Mello-Lou Ə Benedict Del Rosario Lisa Ə Robert Durham

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