



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council

#9487

Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church

Lake Forest CA 92630



*The Holy
Family*

**NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2026**



Grand Knight's Report



Mike Byrne

**Iron is sharpened by iron;
one person sharpens another.**

-Proverbs 27:17

Brothers,

Greetings and may the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son & Holy Spirit be with each of us as we prepare for the season of Lent.

January was another busy month for the Knights. I will start by echoing the theme our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight will expand upon later in this newsletter: please join your brother Knights in as many of these events as you can. Even if you feel you are not physically up to the task at hand, or only have a small amount of time to offer, stop by! We will always be glad to have you. Nick Thomo and his volunteers put on another successful (and delicious) Breakfast Burrito fundraiser. We seem to get more streamlined every time, and Nick is always looking for ways to improve the next one. Our Car Wash Fundraiser had great weather, and \$944 was raised to help our brothers in the Marriage Enrichment program. Aside from abortion, the high divorce rate in our country is perhaps the most scandalous and pernicious issue facing us. This group does their part to help turn the tide.

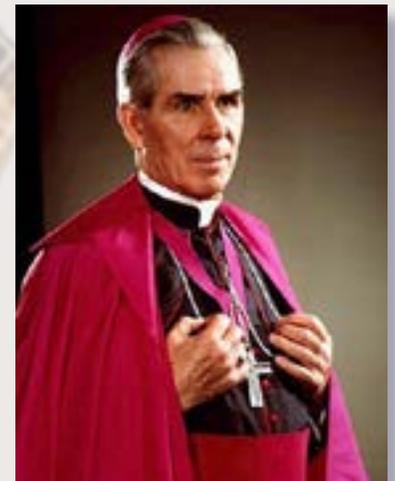
We had our annual Outback Steakhouse Past Grand Knight dinner, and our very worthy PGK Tom Sixsmith was awarded a medal for his great efforts. Thank you to our DGK Mark Angel for spearheading this dinner with his wife Eileen.

PGK Mike Sofka arranged another Brizio's Fundraiser, one of our most successful to date.

Upcoming events:

January 31, Saturday Recycling, February 4, Council Meeting Rm. A, February 6, First Friday Adoration, February 7, Isaiah House food bag builds, February 8, Coffee & Donuts, and February 7/8, ID Drive Tootsie Roll Drive and Blood Drive Recruitment. Emergency Training on the 11th, Lenten Books and Blood Drive recruitment on the 11/12th. The actual Blood Drive is on the 17th. Our officer's planning meeting will coincide with Ash Wednesday on 2/18.

Our "**Saint of the Month**" for February joins two of our previous "not quite saints, yet", Blessed's Miguel Pro and Solanus Casey: **Venerable Fulton Sheen**. Bishop Sheen is on the opposite side of the academic spectrum from Blessed Solanus. He was a brilliant man, gifted both academically and as a communicator. He is sometimes described as the world's first televangelist. He rose from parish priest to Bishop of Rochester, New York. For twenty years (1930-1950) he hosted the radio program "*The Catholic Hour*". He then moved to television and hosted "*Life is Worth Living*" from 1952-57, and finally "*The Fulton Sheen Program*" from 1961-



Venerable Fulton Sheen



68. He won an Emmy for Most Outstanding Television Personality, and was once featured on the cover of *Time* magazine. I highly recommend viewing videos of his sermons, you can still find them online (Bishop Sheen on the meaning of the Mass):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UqDMO5iAX64>

**May almighty God Bless and protect us and our families.
Venerable Fulton Sheen, pray for us!
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!**

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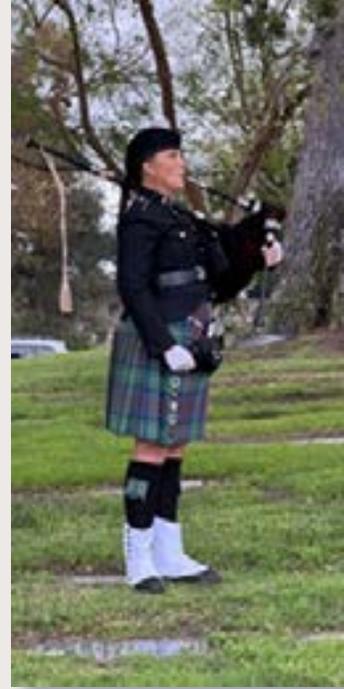
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01	02 Recycle Lake Forest Park 7:30 AM	03	04 General Council Meeting Rm. A 7:20pm Rosary 7:30pm meeting	05	06 First Friday Adoration	07 Isaiah House food bag assembly 9-11am Blood Drive recruitment ID Drive Tootsie Rolls
08 Blood Drive Recruitment Coffee & Donuts ID Drive Tootsie Rolls	09 Recycle Lake Forest Park 7:30 AM	10	11 Emergency Plan Training	12	13	14 Lenten Books Blood Drive Recruitment
15 Lenten Books Blood Drive Recruitment	16 Recycle Lake Forest Park 7:30 AM	17 Blood Drive 1:30-7:30pm Blood	18 Ash Wednesday Officers Meeting 7pm – Location Room B	19	20	21 Campus Cleanup
22	23 Recycle Lake Forest Park 7:30 AM	24	25	26	27 Party on the Pavilion Steak Dinner fundraiser	28
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JANUARY PHOTO ALBUM



Burrito Team Smile Competition



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH - GERALD OZOTA

by: Ricardo Teano - Membership Committee

May I introduce you to Gerald who is my finest recruited knight. When I saw him volunteer because there was no other altar server at an early 7AM Sunday Mass, I knew I found my finest recruit of the year.

He is a PHD student studying here so I don't want to make any changes to his write up at all. It's perfect. (A big note: I am here in the Philippine Sea renamed by China as South China Sea, doing this write up as requested by GK Mike yesterday, in this contested territory between China and the Philippines, snorkeling.)



Ricardo Teano



Gerald Ozota

I have been a Third-Degree Knight of Columbus for about ten months. I joined the Knights because of the strong spirit of service the organization offers to the Church and the genuine brotherly love I witnessed among the Knights. From the beginning, that sense of fraternity gave me a feeling of belonging and encouraged me to become more actively involved in parish life.

I am a cradle Catholic, born and raised in the eastern part of Nigeria, where my faith was shaped through family life and active participation in the Church. I moved to the United States in August 2024 and have been a parishioner of Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church for over one year. Being part of this parish has been an exciting and faith-strengthening journey for me.

Within Santiago Church, I try to serve wherever I can. I currently altar serve at the 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, which has been a meaningful way for me to grow spiritually and contribute to the liturgy. I am also a member of the Men's Renewal Group, where prayer, fellowship, and reflection continue to strengthen my faith. In addition, I assist with post-Mass sales and parish support activities, often helping alongside fellow parishioners, including Ricardo, whenever help is needed.

Outside of church activities, I am a PhD student and Graduate Research Assistant at Chapman University, where I pursue my academic work while striving to live out my faith through service, discipline, and community involvement.

My experience with the Knights of Columbus has been deeply enriching. One of my most memorable moments was participating in the Knights' car-related service activity, where seeing everyone serving at different points reminded me of how united we are as the Body of Christ, each person contributing their part. Participating in the Garden of Innocence was also a very touching experience that reinforced for me the many ways we can offer our service to God.

Through Council 9487, I have been grateful for the opportunity to support my fellow brother Knights and assist in various council activities whenever possible. I truly admire the dedication, unity, and generosity I see among the Knights and the church ministries, and I am thankful to be part of a community that continually inspires me to grow in faith and service.

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM YOUR DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

by: Mark Angel - DGK



Mark Angel

Brothers, I hope 2026 is off to a good start for each of you. Our council had a very busy January with First Friday Adoration, a car wash, Brizio Fundraiser, Past Grand Knights' appreciation dinner, and the Garden of Innocence Memorial Service. We certainly have an active council, but do we have good participation from our members? I have a business education, and we were always taught that numbers do not lie. It was always stressed in our classes that we needed to survey a situation by using numerical analysis for the majority of the analysis.

So, let's apply this theory to our council. We have about 270 members in our council.

At the monthly business meetings, the average attendance is 40 brothers. That means just under 15% of our brothers attend the monthly business meeting. I do not think that is a good participation rate. At our parish clean ups we have never had more than 20 brothers participate. Sadly we have never had more than 7.5% of our council members help with the parish clean up. I think that is a terrible participation percentage.

The same number of brothers, 20, attend First Friday Adoration. Again, that is very disappointing. Since we began selling breakfast burritos about 15 brothers help in making and selling the burritos. That is a 5.5% participation rating although other brothers do purchase the breakfast burritos so that is not reflected in the participation percentage. The car wash has had as many as 25 brothers help with the event. That is a 9% participation percentage. Again, it should be recognized that another 15 to 20 brothers bring their vehicles to get washed so let's say 45 brothers participate in the car wash. So, the car wash has about a 17% participation percentage.

I do not have actual numbers for the I.D. drive but our council raises 18 to 20 thousand dollars a year so this cause must have a very high participation rate from a donation viewpoint but the day of sharing could benefit from more brothers helping out.

What used to be called the Golf Dinner has about 50 brothers who attend and 8 brothers who work in setting up and preparing the dinner. That is a 21% participation percentage.

I think that the numbers say very clearly that not enough of our council members are actually participating in our events. If this applies to you, please make it a point to increase your participation in our council activities. The more active you are in the Knights of Columbus the more you will appreciate how special our council is. Many of you have stated that you joined the Knights of Columbus so that you could better live your faith and be with likeminded men. As you participate in more of our council's activities you will get the most out of being a Knight of Columbus. Vivat Jesu!!!!

GARDEN OF INNOCENCE - ORANGE COUNTY

by: *Mark Angel - DGK*

On Saturday January 24th a memorial service was held at El Toro Memorial Park for 6 abandoned babies. They are babies Daniel, Francis, Tommy, Rose, Clement, and Adrian. According to their website: The organization, Garden Of Innocence, "is a non profit organization that provides dignified, loving burials for abandoned, unidentified, or forgotten children, ranging in age from roughly 20 weeks gestation to 8 years old. These children are not necessarily the result of abortions; many are found in situations such as trash cans, the ocean, or are stillborn."



Mark Angel

Founded in 1999, this organization has at least 13 cemeteries throughout California that have special burial sections for these abandoned children. There are also cemeteries in Hawaii, Oregon, and Florida. Twice a year a memorial service is held here, locally, at El Toro Memorial Park. Our council contributes financially to help cover the expenses incurred by the Garden of Innocence organization and our Chapter's Honor Guard escorts these innocents to their final resting place.



PGK John Teeter

The motto of the Garden of Innocence organization is, "If No One Grieves, No One Will Remember!" The memorial service is a very moving experience. There is a welcoming, an announcement of the names given to the 6 abandoned children, an opening prayer, then a poem written for each child is read. Our Brothers Danny Reyes and John Teeter each read a poem at this service. Music is performed and a children's message is given, followed by a brief talk about the significance of the garden. The children are then placed in their burial plots, all attendees are invited to scatter rose petals in the grave sites, next, doves are released in honor of all the children buried in this garden of innocence and then the Knights Honor Guards close the ceremony.

Our council does many good things in living our principles of faith, unity, charity, and patriotism but for me participating in the memorial service for these abandoned children is something I am extremely grateful that we are part of. I would urge each of you to attend one of these memorial services so that you can both grieve and remember these children.



Knights of Columbus Color Guard

A VERY SUCCESSFUL BRIZIOS FUNDRAISER

by: Mark Angel DGK

On Tuesday January 13th Brizio Pizza Italian Kitchen hosted another fundraiser for our council. For all orders, both take out and eat in, where the customer specified their affiliation with the Knights of Columbus, 25% of the sale was donated to our council. Thanks to our current Advocate and 2 time PGK, Mike Sofka, we have this fundraiser three times a year. Brother Mike initially set this up with Brizio and continues to be the liaison for it.



Mark Angel



I believe this is our easiest fundraiser event. All that is required of us is to eat some pizza, pasta, salad, or a sub sandwich and drink beer, wine or soft drinks. Unlike most of our events, no setting up tables and chairs, no food preparation, and no cleanup is performed by us. Many Knights and their spouses dined at Brizio Pizza Italian Kitchen and enjoyed some good fellowship along with the food. This is always, truly, a win/win event for all who participate.

The January 13th fund raiser earned our council \$402.71. Thank you to all who participated. Please keep supporting this fund raiser. As I mentioned earlier, it is held three times a year.

**Council 9487 Knights and Families filled Brizios
Were you there?**

KNIGHTS ON BIKES - INVITATION TO JOIN US

Catholic men who ride motorcycles are invited to ride with the Knights on Bikes.

We are a fraternity of Knights of Columbus who share Faith, Brotherhood love the open road. Our mission is to support our parish, serve our community and strengthen one another as Catholic men.

If you are a Catholic man and would like to ride in camaraderie with like-minded brothers, we welcome you. Come join us, we meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

For more information please contact:

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(President of Diocese of Orange)

Phone: 714-319-9915

Email: kbaer45@gmail.com
(put KoB on subject line)

or

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(Vice President of Diocese of Orange)

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COUNCIL 9487 CHALICE TO THE PHILIPPINES

by: John Ojeda - PGK

The Knights of Columbus Bishop R. Johnson Council has provided Chalices to locations around the world. They have been donated to Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Churches in the U.S, and to Seminarians becoming priests.

We are sending a Chalice to the Philippines, Santo Rosario Chapel soon to be a Parish Church in the town of Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte. This is the 4th Degree Chalice from the Funeral of Sir Knight Tom Haas, from August 2025.

The Chalice will be delivered by Brother Ricardo Teano on his next visit later in January. The Chalice will be used at Mass services and Brother Haas will be remembered at these Masses.



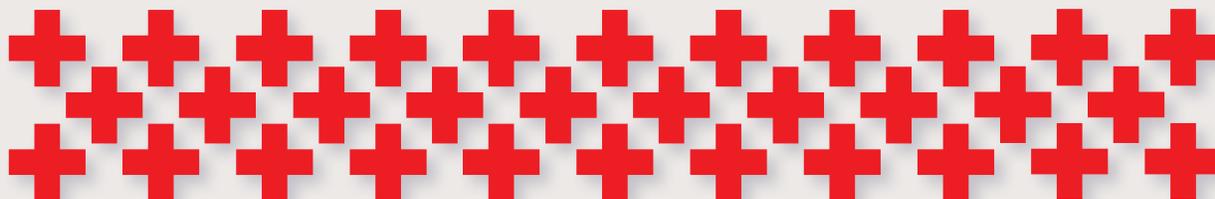
John Ojeda



**Santo Rosario Chapel
Sindangan, Zamboanga,
Del Norte,
Philippines**

American Red Cross

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American Red Cross Blood Drive **Santiago de Compostela** **Catholic Church**

Parish Hall
21682 Lake Forest Drive
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

To schedule your blood donation appointment,
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GENE GANLEY RECYCLING REPORT



News Worthy Events:
Earnings were \$2,993.

Let's make 2026 a record year with every one's participation, whether dropping off your recyclables, helping Monday morning or during the week. Let's not leave it to a few, but everyone come and participate with your brother Knight's and bring your wives. It is a great time to socialize and have fun. We are only as successful as the effort we put forth.

We want to thank those brothers who have stepped up to help on Monday mornings. We still need an extra truck we can call on when needed...Is that YOU? Please contact Hector Guzman at (949) 301-6686

We URGENTLY need walkers and a TRUCK at the Lake Forest Mobile Home Park and sorters at the barn. It only takes about one hour or if you can come for 1/2 hour, we can use you. Anyone who can help us out - please contact Hector Guzman at (949)301-6686.

We need all our brothers to drop off all their recyclables: You can drop off all your recyclables at any time in the bind. If everyone dropped them off we would see a significant increase.

Looking for 2026 Weekly Recycling Team Members

The recycling area is known as the Barn so we call the weekly recycling teams 'Barn Duty'. We create 3-4 person teams and assign the same week each month to the team so they can handle any recyclables left in the dropoff area from Monday to Sunday putting in around 3-4 hrs of volunteer hours on their assigned week. You will be trained and have your own key so you can recycle on your own schedule after you coordinate with your team members. You do not need to be retired. A number of our current volunteers are working fulltime jobs so we recycle before or after work and on the weekends, once again only 1 week per month for a few hours. The Barn Duty teams handle about 50% of the recyclables dropped off so they are an important part of the Recycling program. Please contact Al Gamarra at adgamarra@gmail.com or text/call 714-697-8322 for more information and to volunteer to help.

Thanks to all of you who contribute your time to make this program a success. We start at 7AM Monday mornings and finish up around 9AM. Several of the group goes to Woodys or Polly's Pies for breakfast after recycling. Please contact **Hector Guzman (949) 301-6686** to join the fun. You can learn a lot about recycling. **We also need someone with a truck and can do pick-ups at the Lake Forest Mobile Home Park from 7AM - 8AM on Mondays...** Please contact **Hector Guzman at (949) 301-6686.**

**God bless,
George Nothhelfer**

I thank all those who assist us on Monday Morning Recycling. It is greatly appreciated and makes our program a success...

Monday Morning and Barn Duty Recyclers

Hector Guzman, George Nothhelfer, Mike McCormack, Domingo Roldan, Ricardo Teano, Tony Gionet-Gonzalez, Tim Tunila, Ed Adams, Bob Morgan, Roy Reyes, John Ojeda, Bud Givenrod, John Ruelas, Ronnie Almero, Bernadetrte Halter, Stuart Imagawa, France Imigawa, German Grepo, George Bull, Cindy Guzman, Pete Kellen, James Gilbert, Steve Williams, Jeremy Throckmorton, Al Gamarra, Mike Byrne, Stephen Wright, Chris Hudnall, Steve Seastrom, Patty Balen. Glen Seamark, Joe Schulte, and Joel Sicat, .

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

By: Rene Esparza – Recorder

Bro. Nick Thomo led us in an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting commenced at 7:30 pm.

Worthy Grand Knight Mike Byrne report:

Black Box this month is going to Day of Sharing

Our WGK then recognized our past chapter president and all past Grand Knights who were present

Minutes from our December 2025 meeting were published in our newsletter; a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published. Motion approved.

WGK Report, WGK reminded all Brother Knights Christmas was NOT over. January 11th, 2026, Christmas concludes and the Monday after is the 1st day of Ordinary time. December activities in January activities:

December Poinsettia sales went extremely well. FGK Bro Tom Sixsmith was not present to accept accolades.

December coffee and Doughnuts went well. Fr. Thomas likes to build faith and community to have folks stay after mass instead of rushing to their cars.

December 19 Keep Christ in Christmas went well with splitting it into 2 groups. WGK thanked Rich Farina for spearheading it along with other FGK's Dave Atkins, John Teeter and all Brothers who helped.

January 11 is Breakfast Burrito sales for the 1st three mass times. Bro Nick Thomo will provide more info.

January 17 is the Car Wash which will be co-sponsored along with the Marriage Enrichment Ministry.

January 18 Former Grand Knights Dinner at Outback Steakhouse in Foothill Ranch honoring past Grand Knight Tom Sixsmith. All Past Grand Knights and Knights are invited.

January 21 Officer's Planning Meeting. All Officers must attend and all Knights are invited to attend if they wish.

January 21 is Pro-Life Prayer The Blessed Sacrament will be out for Adoration and Prayer. See Laura Garcia for more details.

January 24 there will be a Memorial Service at the Garden of Innocence at El Toro Memorial Cemetery.

January 31 Community Saturday Recycling WGK wants heavier volunteers in the latter half of the process in having some food. We will try again in January 2026.

Saint of the Month: Saint Peter our first pope. He gets overshadowed by Saint Paul because there are 27 books in the New Testament, and 14 of them were written by Saint Paul, only two by Saint Peter. According to Bishop Fulton Sheen, Saint Peter was mentioned in the gospels 195 times. All other 11 apostles combined were mentioned 130 times. Saint Peter was a fisherman, was not an educated man and not an expert in theology or the Scripture, but he was appointed by Jesus Christ as the head of his apostles and of His church. Saint Peter was martyred and didn't deem himself worthy to be crucified like our Lord, so he was crucified upside down.

Financial Secretary Brother John Blaney financial report:

Receipts: \$10,498.00 of which \$1,290 from the Black Box. from recycling and \$411.00, religious book sales were \$482.00 Poinsettia sales \$5,766.00.

Vouchers: \$11,094.89 – with most going to Operation Shoebox and Saint Michael's Abbey

Treasurer's Report: Bro. Stewart Imagawa reporting.

Checking Account \$12,276.98



Rene Esparza

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

General Savings \$20,524.66

Draw Down Savings \$ 21,379.08

TOTAL WORKING CASH \$54,180.72

Ken Allen's Scholarship Fund \$37,851.84

Membership Report Bro Teano:

Three New Member applications: Nathaniel Olmo (son of Bro Nori Olmo), Jim Sison, and Roland Marquis.

Worthy Program Director Mark Angel provided report:

Poinsettia Drive – Bro Tom was not present. Over 225 plants were sold with many donated to the Church. Thanked Chris for getting it off the ground.

“Keep Christ in Christmas” Bro Rich provided us an update that the poster contest ended. Was very successful and he thanked all who volunteered.

Recycling – Bro George provided an update said needs more volunteers with more trucks and help sorting as the team rotates. We made \$1,046.00 in December. Please no cardboard.

Breakfast Burritos – Bro Nick will need as many volunteers as possible. Cooking will start at 0600 sharp and will be sold for the first three masses 7:00AM, 8:30AM & 10:00AM. Signup sheets available so please sign up along with the time slot you can help.

Brizio's - Bro Mike Sofka provided details for the fundraiser. We get a percentage of sales. Please join us for lunch and dinner and mention the Knights.

Day of Sharing - Bro Mike Sofka provided an update 3rd week of April, said it is a fun experience. Provided details for the preparation of bags and volunteers needed.

New Banner – Bro Mike Sofka showed our new banner for our K of C events and how it will be set up for the different events.

WGK – provided an update for the Car Wash which will be co-sponsored with the Marriage Enrichment Ministry. Please sign up accordingly.

Bro Ricardo Casillas provided details about the Marriage Enrichment Ministry and how it is helping couples and families.

Bro Mark Angel provided details for the January 18 Former Grand Knight Dinner at Outback Steakhouse in Foothill Ranch honoring past Grand Knight Tom Sixsmith. All Past Grand Knights and Knights are invited. \$40.00 collected at the door

Last Saturday of the month Community Recycling WGK provided details of volunteers needed and then will have hamburgers after

Bro Dave provided an update about the renewal March 7th & 8th. March 10th will be the Legacy Dinner for all previous renewal participants.

Bro John Ojeda provided an update and details regarding the Chalice which are donated.

Hospitality – Bro Benny thanked everyone for helping. Bro John provided an update thanking everyone for Hospitality working like a well-oiled machine.

WGK provided an update regarding the charitable donations to the Mission and Saint Michael's Abbey. WGK will be setting up a field trip for Knights and their family's will be in April 2026. Same with Saint Michael's Abbey in May 2026. WGK also spent about \$2,000 for new Knights gear which will be available for purchase and as gifts to Knights for volunteering.

Bro Al provided feedback on First Friday Adoration and to ensure we always have a Knight at Adoration.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

WGK Officer's Planning Meeting is set for Wednesday January 21st which is also a day of Adoration.

Sick and Distressed List read and additional names were added. Blessed Michael McGivney Canonization prayer read by all Knights.

Knight of the Month: Bro. Sergio Casillas

Honoree of the Month: Ana Amaya

Chancellor Nick Thom led the closing prayers.

WGK Mike: Black Box \$393.57 for Day of Sharing

COUNCIL 9487 OPERATION SHOEBOX SUPPORT

by: Tom Sixsmith - PGK

A big THANK YOU to the 9487 Knights that helped make Operation Shoebox a huge success. We were able to deliver almost 350 shoeboxes filled with essential items to help the needy men and women of our community. These were delivered two days before Christmas to Isaiah House in Santa Ana. Our fellow Knights John Teeter, Pat Larkin and Pat Bole helped make the delivery. Isaiah House was extremely grateful for all the contributions and said it would go a long way towards making many people feel extra special during the Christmas season and beyond. Again, thank you Knights for another great community charity function. God Bless!!



Tom Sixsmith



Knights supporting Operation Shoebox
Pat Bole, Diane Sixsmith, Pat Larkin & John Teeter

List of Knight and Family of the Month 2023 - 2026

2023

Knight/Family of the Year

	Mark Angel
January	Than Duong
February	Andrew Zumkehr
March	Kiet Wu
April	Mark Angel
June	-
July	Rafa Villasenor
August	Deacon Manuel Espitia
September	Angel Garcia
October	James Gilbert
November	German Grepo
December	Mike Sofka/Bob Kupfert

Family/Group of the Month

David Balen & Family
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Dianne & Tom Sixsmith
Alanna & Vincent Farro
Denise & Bill Ramires
Monica & Alfonzo Jimenez
Rhoda & Darwin Yaneza
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Carmen & Oscar Mugol
Kanoe & Bryan Martin
Erin & Mike Ulibarri

2024

Knight/Family of the Year

	Ricardo Teano
January	-
February	Alex Hernandez
March	Michael Byrne
April	Ivan Lopez
May	-
June	Rene Esparza
July	Troy Balmer
August	Nick Thomo
September	Bob Shoemaker
October	Ramiro Ramirez
November	Patrick Munoz
December	Vince Hewlett

Golda & James Kattapurum
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Theresa & Dave Gray
Susan & Bill Stegal
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Lyanamar & Leopoldo Pena-Medina
Minh & Kiet Wu
Rosa & Emiliano Leonides
Erin & Mike Ulibarri

2025

Knight/Family of the Year

	John Teeter
January	Joel Sicat
February	Chris Hudnall
March	-
April	Ricardo Casillas Sr.
May	Richard Farina
June	Jose Lopez
July	David Stokes
August	Felipe Requilman
September	-
October	Ben Niewinski
November	James Gilbert
December	Mike Ulibarri

Eileen & Mark Angel

Ruby & Domingo Roldan
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Bernadette & Roger Halter
Rey & Suzanne Pagulayan-Sy
Maria & Johnne Leoncio
Kayla & Carlos Chacaliaza
Ana & Julio Martinez
Siobhan & Michael Hickey
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Helping Hands/Loving Hearts Ministry
Eileen Reinoehl & Eric Smith

2026

Knight/Family/Honoree of the Year

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January	Sergio Casillas
February	Gerald Ozota
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LIFE INSURANCE - LIVING BENEFITS

October 2025 Council Message

Did you know some life insurance policies include living benefits?

Do yours?

Certain policies offer benefits during your lifetime – these are known as “living benefits.”

One such benefit is a whole life insurance policy’s cash value, which can grow taxdeferred. You can access it during your lifetime either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy, or as collateral. You would have this at your disposal to help with a down payment, tuition, to supplement your income in retirement, or in case of emergency.

Secondly, living benefit riders, which you can add to a whole life policy, can help make funds available to you if you’re diagnosed with a chronic or terminal illness.

No one expects a devastating diagnosis, but if it happens, you’ll be able to put your whole life insurance policy to work immediately — while you and your family need it.

One of those riders is the new Chronic Illness Armor rider, which helps guard your family against the financial strain of a chronic health diagnosis. For a modest premium, this rider allows you to access your policy death benefit to cover mortgage payments, medical bills or any other expenses that come in the wake of a chronic illness. There are no restrictions on what you can use the accelerated benefits for!

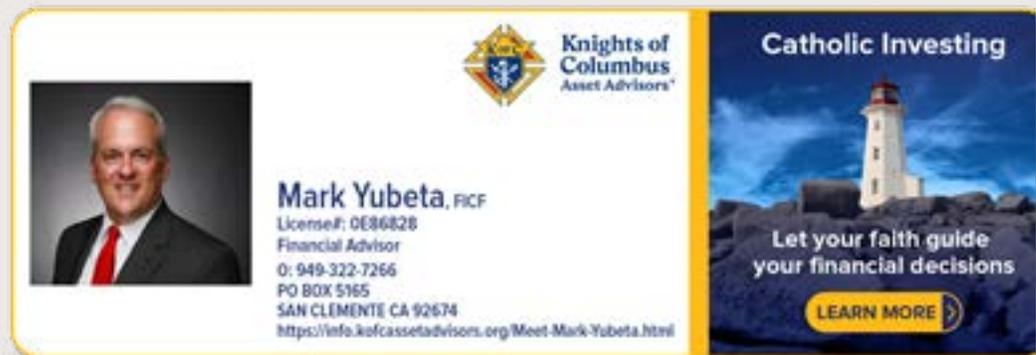
The Terminal Illness Rider will also accelerate your death benefit and can help provide funds if you receive a terminal diagnosis that shortens your life expectancy. Like the Chronic Illness Armor rider, this benefit can be used to cover anything from a family trip to end-of-life expenses.

In short, life insurance with living benefit riders can help your family prepare not just for an unexpected death, but also serious illness through a means that allows you to use your benefits during your lifetime. It’s a daunting scenario to consider, but if it does happen, financial relief is possible.

Set up time to meet with me, and we’ll create a personalized insurance plan that matches your needs.

Most Fraternaly,

Mark Yubeta, Financial Advisor, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, 949-322-7266



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Father McGivney – may the example of your life
Serve to guide us in our mission
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May we always be faithful Catholics
and followers of your vision.
In doing so, help us to deepen our roles
as leaders in our parish and in our community.

May we be always supportive of our clergy
and responsible in building our Order.
Help us to be ever effective
in conceiving and carrying out our activities
in the church and in the world.

Blessed Father McGivney, pray for us.

Amen

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