

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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Merry Christmas
December 2005



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GK Report

First half of our year was the experience of a lifetime

by Rich Piecuch, Grand Knight

Here we are, the end of another year.

I hope that all Brothers and their families have had a very good and healthy 2005. I would like to thank all who have helped make the first half of our year an "experience of a lifetime."

Welcome to the 10 new gentlemen who have made their First degree. I encourage them to get involved as soon as possible.

I encourage the new members as well as the seasoned veterans to share the many honors and benefits of being a Knight with other Catholic gentlemen and their families to further add to our membership.

Please look at our December calendar and assist us in any of a number of different areas.

That would include First Friday Adoration, Recycling on every Monday of each week of the month and on the second Saturday of each month, coffee and doughnuts, selling entertainment books and wherever else you can participate in Knight activities.

May all of you and your Families have a Merry Christmas and a Happy (healthy) New Year.

Vivat Jesus, Rich



Help us top '04 MR total of \$40K

by Bill Breen, MR Drive Chairman

You recently received a request for member contributions to this year's MR Drive.

Many of you have responded very generously and for this, we thank you. If you have just not gotten around to contributing, please

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Knight of the Month

Don Leuer

Our Knight of the month for December is Don Leuer. Don has volunteered for many activities during the past years as a Knights of Columbus member.

He has been actively involved in the construction a playhouse for Theo's Work, a project you will be hearing much more about in a few weeks.

Don is the quiet, smiling face behind the tables in the quad area selling those delicious low cal doughnuts and freshly brewed coffee on the second Sunday of every month.

In addition, he actively participates in the monthly recycle drive specialty (bottles and cans). Thank you Don for making our Council great in every aspect on a monthly basis.

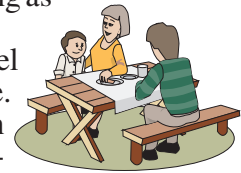
– Rich Picuch, GK

Family of the Month

Frank and Lupe Kloer

The Family of the Month for December is the Kloers. Frank and Lupe may be seen on a monthly basis participating as Eucharistic Ministers at many of our Masses.

They attend the monthly adoration in the Chapel and are a model Knights of Columbus couple. They met at a Bible study class and can be seen together at many church activities. Most recently, they were working at the Santiago Boutique.



Being very close when one volunteers you get a “two for.” Congratulations to the dynamic duo of Frank and Lupe.

– Rich Picuch, GK

Catholic Charities USA president is grateful to Council 9487 for donation

Grand Knight Rich Picuch received a gracious letter of gratitude from Rev. Larry Snyder, president of Catholic Charities USA, for our Council's \$1,500 gift toward the organization's Hurricane Relief Fund.

“Your generosity helps Catholic Charities USA and local Catholic Charities agencies nationwide fully participate in the humanitarian relief and recovery efforts underway all along the Gulf Coast and your compassion is a true blessing for the victims of this year's catastrophic hurricane season,” wrote Rev. Snyder.

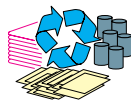
Because of the overwhelming devastation resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Catholic Charities USA will be using each donation wisely. Approximately 96 percent of contributions going for emergency response and recovery efforts.

CCUSA has already started distribution emergency grants to Catholic Charities agencies in the affected areas.

“These will be the first of many grants to local agencies as we

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Recycling



November a record-setting month

by Gene Ganley, George Nothhelfer

We have reached a recent all-time high for receiving materials for our monthly second Saturday program.

Needless to say, our Santiago parishoners responded in aces last month. And our Council members contributed their part to set the new record.

In fact, we had had four new members in attendance: Brothers Jim Fitzgerald, Otis Givenrod, Subhan Kusuma and Rich Mulhaupt. These new members are a perfect example of getting involved in our Council activities from the "get-go."

Since 1987, we have raised \$194,000 with the recycle program, making \$193,000 a distant memory.

As we say, "the beat goes on."

Now is the time to wish the following a great big thank you for a job well-done:

Jim Breen, John Ojeda, Don Pooters, Otis Givenrod, Rich Piecuch, Joe DeProspero, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, Subhan Kusuma, Gene Ganley, Rudy Escando, Courtney Johnson, Chris Detar, Dan Ramella, Carmelo Abaoag, Don Leuer, William Priester, Gunton Ashley, Vivian DuBois, Jim Fitzgerald, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Eddie Morrisroe, Steve Seastrom, Rob Balen, Scott Napp, and Rich Mulhaupt.



November Meeting highlights

Columbian Award - Guy Gottschalk, our District Deputy, came to the meeting to present a "Columbian Award for Service" to our Council for the year 2004-2005. Pat Walloch received it for the council.

Catholic Cemeteries - A presentation was given by Paula Gomez. Information packages are available. Paula can be contacted at 949-837-1331.

Entertainment Books - Simplify your Christmas gift giving with an Entertainment Book, they are available for many areas. Contact Jim Bailey or Mike Haubert.

MR Drive - Donations at the stores exceeded \$12,000 this year, make sure to contact Bill Breen with your corporate donations.

Recycling - Monday morning crew needs your help, meet your brothers at Forest Gardens, Muirlands at Lake Forest at 7 am. Contact Gene Ganley for details.

— Andrew Kotnik

Thanks to the Monday Crew:

Mo Boivin, Richard and
Barbara Ciolek, Jay and
Joan Donahue, Vivian
DuBois, Gene Ganley,
Hector Guzman, Bob and
Judy Morgan, Rich
Piecuch, Dan Ramella, Bill
Priester, John Ruelas, Bob
Short, Mike Sofka, Sister
Agnes Steiner, Otis and
Tara Givenrod.

Maintenance Update

A busy month for Mr. 'Fix-Its'

There was plenty of activity around the "campus" last month, and here are examples:

- A door on one of the cabinets in the Youth Ministry office needed attention. Thanks to Brother Dan Ramella, its just a memory.



- All the rubber shoes on the kneeler legs' in church got their quarterly checkout, thanks to Brother Bob Morgan.

- A serious problem developed with the main door lock on the Rectory because it engaged with the face plate door jamb. It did not engage, but with the help of a larger face plate with modifications, Brother Randy Gamache solved the problem.

Thank you Brothers for a job well done.

— Gene Ganley

Coordinators needed for new program

The Knights of Columbus, at Supreme level, has established a new program this year. It consists of having a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish, even those too small to have a Council.

We will use our Round Table Program to make this happen. Each one requires a Knight from the neighboring parish/council to be the R/T Coordinator and interface with the pastor and your Council to see what the Knights can do for him and his parish.

Fr. O' Gorman, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena, would like to have a Knight R/T Coordinator at his parish. If you attend St. Catherine or know of any Knight who does, please contact me, so we can get this established.

Thanks and Vivat Jesus.
Frank Jarvis, OC R/T&NCD
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*Pray for
World
Peace*

Joining Fourth Degree Color Guard is the correct decision

by John Ojeda, Past GK

I recently became a Fourth Degree member. This was an easy decision since I like the concepts of all the Degrees but would be particularly supported by my Brothers at my final journey. The Chalice presentation is very respectful and a great way to perpetuate our Faith by passing along a Chalice to a Ministry in need.



I have a much greater reason for joining the Color Guard and most of it has to do with the respect I hold for my Brothers who have done this job before me. I believe they deserve our support on their final journey to be with God. I want them to know that their Brothers will be standing with them.

I have always been proud of Bishop Johnson Council, particularly of my mentors and those men who stand up and represent us to the public. I know many of you are Fourth Degree Knights and I am not faulting anyone for not joining the Color Guard. I want some of you to consider stepping forward and aiding those who have been carrying the load for some time. We have almost 300 Knights in the Council, and I hope some of you will give it some thought.

There is an expense of getting the Chapeau, Cape, Sword, Gloves, a Tuxedo, Sword holder and then to make the time. Sounds like I am trying to discourage joining, but I'm not.

The motto of our Council has always been "We Do What We Can!" I want to continue to stand by our Brothers.

Good showing by Knights sought for Laguna Niguel Parade Dec. 10

by Frank Jarvis, Fourth Degree Association 2305
Color Corps Commander

The annual Laguna Niguel Christmas Parade will be held Dec. 10. The parade starts in front of St. Timothy's Catholic Church on Crown Valley Parkway and proceeds down to Crown Valley Community Park.

We are requesting that every Knights of Columbus member who can do so, join us this year. It is fantastic advertisement for our Fraternal group.

This is the fourth year that the Knights have participated. However in the past, only the Fourth Degree Color Corps and a few Fourth Degree Knights in their tuxedos and First through Third Degree Knights in dark suits and badges took part. This year, we are striving for a much bigger showing, so please mark your calendar and make every effort to join us.

We will assemble in the St. Timothy's parking lot at 8 a.m. Coffee and pastries will be served. We will be line up in the parade at 8:30. Crown Valley will be closed, so from the corner of Crown Valley

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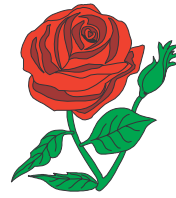
Birthdays

02 Mercedes Abaoag
 02 Nelson Sweeney
 03 Raymond Adrian
 03 Steve Eggert
 04 William Gordon
 05 Richard Quinn
 07 Sally McKenna
 07 James Naumann
 07 Barbara Walloch
 07 Lorraine Epperson
 08 B.J. Schell
 09 Nichole Skertic
 10 John Mills
 11 Anssy Okoebor
 14 Ed Malk

December

Anniversaries

01 Rolando & Tita Fernandez
 05 Mike & Jackie Martinez
 05 James & Coleen McNally
 06 Pat & Karen Cardinale
 08 Frank & Jody O'Brien
 13 Ray & Marlene Puzio
 15 John & Carol Harrison
 16 Thomas & Mary Pratte
 16 Edward & Cheri Morrisroe
 19 Ron & Diane Surak
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 30 Dennis & Nancy Miller
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LETTER:

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engage in the long-term recovery of these communities, which may take up to five years," said Rev. Snyder.

"Across the nation, the Catholic community is showing outstanding generosity. It is my hope that this wonderful spirit endures as we continue to help heal the spirits of those people whose lives were changed forever. Please join us in keeping these victims in your prayers during this difficult period. Thank you again for your generosity and heartfelt concern."

MR DRIVE:

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do so now. We would like to close out our books this month. Please help us exceed last year's State leading total of more than \$40,000.

To those of you who participated in the solicitation, thank you. We raised over \$14,000 at the stores in October, compared to \$10,500 last year.

Now if the member and corporate solicitations can do as well we can set a new mark this year.

I thank you in advance.

KofC Bishop William R. Johnson Council 9487

December, 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann	2 First Friday Adoration	3
4	5 Mobile Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m.	6	7 General Meeting, 8 p.m.	8	9	10 Recycle, 7 a.m.-Noon
11 Coffee and Doughnuts	12 Mobile Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m. --- Feast of the Virgin of Guadalupe	13 First Degree, 7 p.m., Fountain Valley	14 First Degree, 7 p.m., Mission San Juan --- Second Degree, 7 p.m., Westminster	15	16	17
18	19 Mobile Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m. --- First Degree, 7 p.m., Buena Park	20	21 First day of winter	22	23 Officers and wives party, Officers Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Piecuch home	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Mobile Home Recycling, 7-9:30 a.m.	27	28	29	30	31 NY Eve Party at Santiago

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and Moulton Pkwy/Golden Lantern, go south one block, turn right on Aloma, turn right on Nueva Vista and right into St. Tim's parking lot. Parking will be limited, so car pool if possible.

Transportation will be provided back to St. Tim's parking lot. It is downhill and an easy mile and a quarter march. Fourth Degree, please wear your Tuxedo Uniform with Baldric and First through Third Degree, wear dark clothes, preferably a suit with your badge.

Please plan on joining us for a fun time. (You and your family can watch yourself on TV on the local cable station at a later. Contact me at (949) 366-6119, frankjarvis@cox.net if you have any questions.