



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop William R. Johnson Council # 9487

Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church

Lake Forest, California

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July 2007

## Grand Knight's Report

# New GK's vision for the Columbian year

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight  
My Brother Knights, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Knight for the upcoming Columbian Year.

It is most gratifying to have been chosen by the finest group of gentlemen with whom I have ever been associated. In terms of brotherhood, ethics, dedication to charity and good works, love of our Church, and so on, you are absolutely the best and I am so appreciative just

to be called a Brother Knight.



I re-read PGK Roger Sonnenfeld's first column and was struck by some of the similarities that led both of us to this point in our lives.

We were both raised in a different religion before we saw the light of our holy Catholic Church.

I also completed RCIA at Santiago de Compostela and confirmed into our faith

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## The Knights of Columbus prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.



Through the example of his life and virtue may we

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## MR Drive raises \$39,720

# Council 9487 again first in the state

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

The men pictured at right have good cause to smile as our State Deputy, Emilio B. Moure, is presenting outgoing GK Roger Sonnenfeld with the MR Drive first place award in the recent State Convention in Ontario, Calif.

Our Council came out on top with a net amount collected of \$39,720. We exceeded \$41,000, but after our expenses, it came to that final amount.

This award is one of the most prestigious of the many that are handed out at the State Convention and one for which every Knight in our great Council should be justifiably proud.

On behalf of all the special children and parents who benefit from your efforts, thank you so much. Our Council owes a huge debt of gratitude to our MR Chairman, Brother Bill Breen.

His renowned organizing skills and contacts with corporate donors have kept Council 9487 on top year after year. Let's get behind Brother Bill

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(l to r) Emilio B. Moure, Roger Sonnenfeld, and Frank Nigro.

## Next meeting reset to July 11

Because the first Wednesday of July falls on July 4, Independence Day, the general meeting has been moved back one week to July 11.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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*The Chaplain's Message*  
**Families unite  
behind Knights**



by **Fr. Efrain Flores, SVD, Chaplain, Parochial Vicar**

Congratulations to the newly elected officers!

My personal wishes for a successful year and may God bless the efforts of the Grand Knight, John Piccolo, our new Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Breen, and all officers throughout the year. May they always keep Jesus Christ in their thoughts and work as they serve this great Council.

Fr. Dave and I really appreciate all the hard work the Knights do for the Parish and we know that they can always be depended upon to support us with the many hours of service they donate.

I realize that almost all of the Knights work full time and have families, so it is wonderful to know that my Brother Knights are fortunate to have such supportive families. God's blessing on all the wives and children who work in the background for the good of the Lord.

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*Knight of the Month*

**John Ruelas**

Council 9487 is pleased to announce John Ruelas as Knight of the Month for July 2007. Brother John has been a Knight since 1981 and a charter member of Bishop Johnson Council. We would need an extra page to include all the initials following his name. He is a Past Grand Knight three times over, Past Faithful Navigator, Past Orange County Chapter President, and a four-term District Deputy.

To say John is a committed member of the Knight is an understatement. He can be found almost every Monday with the morning recycle crew. That small cadre provides a significant portion of our Council income.

There is hardly a Council or Assembly event where one would not find Brother John with his lovely wife Rachel. Again, we honor our Knight of the month, John Ruelas. — *John Piccolo, G.K.*

*Family of the Month*

**The Nelson Sweeneys**

Council 9487 is proud to honor Nelson and Stephanie Sweeney as this month's Family of the Month. Both worked hard planning Monte Carlo night that unfortunately had to be postponed until New Year's Eve. Our prediction is that they simply "set the table" for what will be a fabulous event and will raise much needed funds for Laura's House, an Orange County charity for battered women.

Brother Nelson is a Past Grand Knight and under his leadership Council 9487 received numerous awards at the State and Supreme levels. We go to Nelson and Stephanie for our "big-ticket" events since they have the know-how and vision to get them done. You'll find Nelson ushering at the 8:30 Mass, golfing with brother Knights, or "cleaning up" at our informal poker gatherings.

Congratulations to the Nelson and Stephanie as our well-deserved Family of the Month. — *John Piccolo, G.K.*

## Recycling Report

# 'G-Men' absent, but others step up



by Gene Ganley  
and George Nothhelfer

Program chairmen Gene and George were out of town last month, but our absence didn't really seem to matter.

The Knights who were on hand seemed to handle things in fine fashion. The turnout was great, with solid representation from Council members and teens.

The collection from Forest Gardens Mobile Park was picked up as usual by Brothers Dan Ramella and Bob Morgan.

New Grand Knight John Piccolo started the paper shearing program early with help from Jose Lopez and Bob Morgan.

We had good assistance from several brothers and their families, including Gerry Dubois and wife Vivian; Jose Lopez and son Jonathan; Tom, Andy and Matthew Reimann; Charlie, Anna, Grace and Emily Young; Dan, Levi and Jenny Cienfuegos, and Dan and Gay Ramella.

We have now raised over \$222,000 to date, and the beat goes on.

Now it's time to thank the following Brothers and teens for their help:

John Ojeda, Pat Bole, Jim Breen, Rich Picuch, Dan Ramella, Marcos Barrera, Randall Gamache, Rudy Contreras, Bob Morgan, Gay Ramella, Joe DeProspero, Dan Cienfuegos, Levi Cienfuegos, Jenny Cienfuegos, Tanner Bingham, Ricardo Teano, John Piccolo, Rick Reynolds, Ron Freed, Jeff Carta, Joe Schulte, Becky Reese, Claude Makin, Jose Lopez, Jonathan Lopez, Rich Quinn, Tom Reimann, Andrew Reimann, Matthew Reimann, Charles Young, Anna Young, Grace Young, Emily Young, and Gerry and Vivian Dubois.



**FAMILY AFFAIR:** Pictured (l to r) are recycle day helpers Jose and Jonathan Lopez, Gerry and Vivian Dubois and Charlie Young and daughters Anna, Grace and Emily.

Join us  
Saturday  
for a sundae



You are invited to an Ice Cream Social after 5 p.m. Mass Saturday, Aug. 11, on the Patio.

In celebration of KofC Family

Month, the Knights will prepare a picnic-style meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, chips and potato salad for only \$3.

With this coupon, ice cream sundaes will cost \$3 .. or \$5 for the food AND ice cream ... OR \$20 for the whole family. So .. bring the children and grandchildren!

There will be prizes for the kids, an ice cream sundae decorating contest and music from the 1950s, 60s and maybe even the 70s.



**TAKING A BREAK:** The daughters of Brother Charlie Young have some fun while helping out their dads during last month's recycling drive at church.

## Thanks to the Monday Crew:

Richard and Barbara Ciolek, Jay Donahue, Gerry and Vivian Dubois, David Farage, Gene Ganley, Hector Guzman, Bob and Judy Morgan, John Ojeda, Dan Ramella, John Ruelas, Bob Short, Sister Agnes

# June meeting highlights

by Randy Gamache, Recorder

Another successful election of new officers for the 2007-08 Columbian year was held. (See story in John Piccolo's GK column, page 1).

## Special Speaker:

District Deputy Guy Gottschalk informed those attending the general meeting that Council 9487 was first in California in the MR Drive once again. He displayed and shared the award for the \$39,479.50 that was raised. He thanked our council for all of our work and efforts we put in for the good of the order.

## Committees and Other News:

**Ken Allen, Scholarships:** Seventeen scholarship donations in the amount of \$220 each were distributed to worthy children inf Knights' families. The total donation was \$3,740.

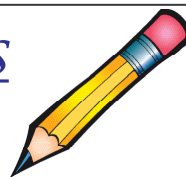
## New Meeting Time:

This month's general meeting will be pushed back one week to July 11 due to the Independence Day holiday July 4.

## Family Day Picnic

The Knights' annual family day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 11. The family picnic is planned after 5 p.m. Mass on the large patio area at church. Come and join the fun!

## Save the Dates



**Wednesday, July 11: General meeting** one week later this month only due to July 4 holiday.

**Saturday, July 21: Spaghetti Dinner** at 5 p.m. with Fr. Marc from Haiti. Knights are providing cooking and clean-up help. Please sign up at the meeting or show-up at the event to help.

**Sunday, July 22: Officers' Installation Ceremony** and dinner starts at 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please respond by July 13 to GK John Piccoli with the number of people in your party since it will be a catered event and an accurate number is needed. Call 951-1550 and leave a message or e-mail [johnpicc@yahoo.com](mailto:johnpicc@yahoo.com),

**Sunday, July 29: Corporate Communion.** Let's all attend the 8:30 Mass and show our unity by sitting together under our banner. Possible breakfast at a nearby restaurant after Mass.

**Saturday, Aug. 11:** I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream, to celebrate Kof CFamily Month. Join us on the patio for an All American dinner. **Cut out the coupon on page 3.**



**Tuesday, Aug. 7:** K of C Blood Drive. Help is needed with the sign-up table four Sundays in advance.

— John Piccolo, GK

# CHAPLAIN:

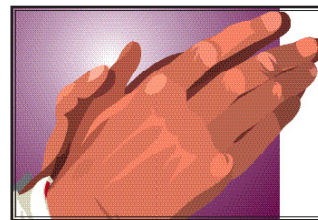
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I often notice children helping at recycling and spouses helping at Lenten dinners and other functions during the year. I can tell that families that work together at the Church or Serra School have something special and can tell that others look to them as leaders in our wonderful Parish.

As we all celebrate the birth of our nation on July 4, I realize how fortunate I am to be in the United States of America. We should all thank God for all the blessings that make this such a bountiful country. We should remember the Founding Fathers of this great nation in our prayers, many of who gave their lives for the freedom we enjoy.

I am very proud to be the Chaplain of Council 9487 and am sorry that I cannot attend more meetings. When my schedule allows, I will try to at least to make a brief appearance. But being one of only a few Spanish-speaking Priests in South Orange County, there are always situations popping up that require my presence at a moment's notice. However, you are always in my mind and prayers, and again, our Lord's work does not go unnoticed.

May the Lord bless you abundantly for your efforts.



## Pray for Vocations



**SIGN OF THE TIMES:** When our Council was also in the billboard business.

## *A page right from the past, circa 1997*

by **Gene Ganley, PGK**

Did you know that our Council was once in the billboard business?

You know all those big advertisements you see along the road as you drive towards Los Angeles or into LAX? Well, would you believe that we had a similar sign? Prior to our Parish Hall, just about every organization met in an old portable that was set up in the lower parking lot close to the Lake Forest Nursing Home.

Father Bill Krekelberg was our pastor and he gave permission for the Knights to put up large 8x24-foot religious posters during Advent and Lent.

They are still available from Supreme and we did this for sev-

eral years from the late 1980s until our Parish Hall was completed, which was in October, 1997.

We attached several hollow core doors to the side of the portable and then the poster was pasted up in strips, just like the big billboards. The photo above was for Easter and the Advent message was always centered around "Keep Christ in Christmas."

It took quite a crew to install this poster and the only Brother Knight I remember is Joe Stude.

I apologize for leaving anyone out of this message, but if anyone wants to ask Father David if we can nail some doors to the side of the Hall, I'm sure I can get most of the old crew back together.

Brother Bill and I were present at last month's Chapter where Brother Frank Nigro presented Bishop Dominic M. Luoung with a check for over \$100,000 for the special kids of OC.

Brothers, mark your calendars for the Oct. 19-20-21, 2007, for our next MR Drive.

Let's make it happen again!

— John Piccolo, G.K.

## **GK REPORT:**

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in 1991. As with Roger, you can also "blame" Joe Schulte for my membership in our Order. I took my first degree in November 1992.

Joining the Knights of Columbus was one of the best things I ever did. I started to write the "best organization that I ever joined," but just like being a Catholic, this organization goes far beyond carrying a membership card and attending a monthly meeting.

It is a way to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, that is most enjoyable. We can do our good works while standing side by side with great friends and enjoying the camaraderie that comes with being a member of Council 9487.

Many times I have come home from an event to tell my wife Penny, how impressed I was by the tremendous amount of work the Knights do for the good of the Church.

Working together on any project whether it be recruiting, preparing a dinner, recycling, etc. seems to be more of a pleasure than effort primarily because I get to hang around all you guys.

I cannot write much longer without stopping to give a huge "thank you" to what makes a Knight click. We all know the force behind each Knight is our wives, children, and loved ones.

Thank you for all your support and wishing your Knight well as he walks out your front door to serve the Lord by attending one of our functions. My inspiration for the upcoming year will simply be what I learned from all the great Past Grand Knights. I am going to try my best to emulate these fine men, throw in a few ideas of my own, and go forward to have a great year.

Our Council is one big team

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## **MR DRIVE:**

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and go for \$50,000 next time. If one-third of our members jump on board, we can do it.

Just a reminder that the amount collected by our Orange County Knights stays in OC.

The money is used to send these children to summer camp, giving them a great experience while providing respite for their caregivers.



# July Birthdays

- 01 Debora Dubeau
- 01 Joyce Lindabury
- 01 Steve Lopinto
- 02 Tracy Letzring
- 03 Dan Diesel
- 04 Florence Johnson
- 04 Richard J. Renolds
- 05 Stephanie Sweeney
- 07 Julia Matonic
- 08 Joseph Schulte, PGK
- 10 Richard A. Farina
- 12 Rob. Desmond, PGK
- 12 Donald F. Lopez
- 12 William J. Priestler
- 13 Roger Sonnenfeld
- 13 Rosemary Milby
- 13 Larry Bishop
- 13 Nicholas Cortel
- 13 Dennis DeRosia
- 14 Charles Goebel
- 15 Subham Kusuma
- 15 Rudolph Quiroz
- 15 Ronald Re
- 16 Jos. Marilley Jr.
- 16 Scott Napp
- 17 James Breen
- 18 Bill Breen, PGK
- 18 Robert Mortenson
- 19 James Bailey
- 19 Angela Gilbert
- 19 David Schollum
- 20 Iva Ganley
- 21 Rich. Gregg, PGK
- 22 Linda Haas
- 23 Carmelo Aboag
- 24 Cleve Menke
- 25 Ed. Brown, PGK
- 25 Michael Nader
- 27 Joseph R. Maahs
- 28 Sudele Arriola
- 28 Julius Masudal
- 28 Robert Ramos
- 29 Joseph Bartholomew
- 30 Rev. Wm. Kregelber
- 31 Leonard Gribbons



# July Anniversaries

- 02 James/Betty Naumann
- 03 Edward/Theresa Matthews
- 04 Carmelo/Mercedes Aboag
- 04 David/Roxana Gaffney
- 04 Arthur/Florence Johnson
- 08 Wayne/Mary Ann Husava
- 10 David/Maria Schafer
- 11 Dan/Gay Ramella
- 13 Eugene/Sudele Arriola
- 13 Donald/Pamela Finn
- 13 Frank/Helen Cipolla
- 19 Randy/Donna Meeks
- 20 Donald/Melodie Church
- 22 Michael/Jennifer Jednoralski
- 24 Mike/Jean Sofka
- 26 William/Michelle Stout
- 26 Terry/Teresa Alt
- 30 Jim/Suzu Bailey
- 30 Mark/Karen Bustamante
- 31 Michael/Lia Haubert

## GK REPORT

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and I am looking for fresh new ideas. I have already scheduled two new events. We will have an ice cream social to celebrate K of C family month.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Aug. 11 after 5 p.m. Mass. Check this Newsletter and future Church bulletins for more details.

Our second new event is to celebrate Columbus Day and the 125th anniversary of our great Order. Save Oct. 6 for this Italian-themed event. If you or your spouse has any Italian ancestry, you are on the committee. Look

in a future Newsletter for more.

One final note: I met with our Pastor, Father Dave, to review our Council's plans for 2007-2008.

He wished me to convey to our membership how much he appreciates all the good work we do for the Parish. He especially values our recruiting efforts where we bring in young men and give them sense a fraternity.

Working on projects sponsored by the Knights give these men a sense of accomplishment knowing they have made a positive contribution to our Parish.

Vivat Jesus.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 2nd Degree Holy Spirit Fount. Valley	4 Independence Day	5	6 1st Friday Adoration	7
8	9 Mobil Park Recycling Backyard Theology	10	11 General Meeting, 8 p.m.	12	13	14 Recycle, 7-12 Neighborhood gathering 5 p.m.
15	16 Mobil Park Recycling Backyard Theology	17	18 Officers Meeting 7:30 p.m.	19	20	21 Fr. Mark Dinner, 5 p.m. PH
22 Installation Dinner, 5 p.m. PH	23 Mobil Park Recycling Backyard Theology	24	25	26 Chapter Meeting, 7:30 p.m. upper lot	27	28
29 Corp, Communion, 8:30 a.m. Santiago Feast gala, 7 a.m.	30 Mobil Park Recycling Backyard Theology	31 Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola				

## PRAYER:

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follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater

confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according

to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

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**Bishop Wm. R. Johnson**

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