

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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BOXES of turkeys and other food were trucked by Council members to Irvine on Dec. 16 and eventually distributed to deserving families in Orange County.

Council helps Roosters program by distributing holiday food to needy

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

One never knows when opportunity comes knocking, and that was certainly the case when Brother Steve Goold spoke at our last business meeting.

Steve is a member of a fine organization called Roosters, and like the Knights, their mission is to serve those in need. Specifically, Roosters provides food for the hungry. Everyone who is reading this message is encouraged to go to www.roosters.org to learn more about what this wonderful organization does for Orange County families.

Brother Steve put me in touch with Jon Giberson of Roosters who arranged for Council 9487 to receive 75 food boxes to distribute to charities of our choice. Each box contained at least a 12-pound turkey, potatoes, stuffing, and all the fixings; even several toys for the children.

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Grand Knight's Report Report at mid-year looks rosy

by John Piccolo, Grand Knight

I am writing this message on Christmas Day, which gives me another opportunity to wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



This is a time when we face all the commercialism and reports on retail sales of this year verses last, so it gives me great pleasure to be able to write to a group of families who know the true meaning of Christmas.

May the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bring you peace throughout the Christmas season.

We are exactly halfway through the Columbian Year and I mean to devote a portion of my message to report on the status of the Council.

From my perspective, I am happy to report Council 9487 is very healthy in regard to our activities and our finances.

I often hear that we are one of the best Councils in the State, but my goal is to receive awards at the State Convention to back up that claim. In addition, we must make Star Council.

The prerequisite for any recog-

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The Chaplain's Message
**Put Christ first in
your daily lives**



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

Happy New Year to all! I am very excited about our Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori's faith-formation series on the Catechism of the Catholic Church that will begin with the January 2008 issue of Columbia Magazine.

I urge all of you to read these articles, and I hope they inspire you to grow in your faith and strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

These articles will help us understand why we recite the profession of faith, understand the Liturgy, the Sacraments, the Ten Commandments, and help us be better Catholic Christians capable to carry out the mission that Christ embarked us on, "*to proclaim the kingdom of God and heal the sick*" (Luke 9:2). We must take advantage of any opportunity to share our faith and help heal those that are spiritually sick.

As Knights, all of you are dedicated to charity, fraternity, and unity; but all that means little without Christ.

Jesus Christ, the living word, Son of God in the flesh, has shown us the way to live as human beings by his example, and has given us the key to eternal life if we choose to accept it.

Let's embrace this loving offer by putting Christ first in our lives

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Knight of the Month
Rich Piccuch

We are pleased to select Brother Rich Piccuch, PGK, as our January honoree. For the last four months, Brother Rich has worked tirelessly in marketing and selling Entertainment Books. This is a valuable source of income to our Council.

This year Rich and his team smashed all previous sales records, and for that we are grateful.

In addition, Rich is a regular at Saturday recycling and he and his lovely wife, Patty, serve on the altar of Lord as Eucharistic Ministers.

The unwritten rule is that officers do not receive this award, but there was such an outcry in support for Rich, we just had to do it.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

Family of the Month
The Dubois Family

Council 9487 is honored to select Brother Gerry Dubois and his family as our January Family of the Month. Gerry and his lovely wife Vivian, are very active members of our recycling team, including the all-important Monday morning group,

Their granddaughter Elana, 17, often helps at Saturday recycling. Gerry is also our Special Olympics chairman and has helped at several of our dinners. He is vice president of the 77th Armored Division Veterans' Association and is in the cycle to be the next president. We congratulate the Dubois family and wish them well.

— John Piccolo, G.K.

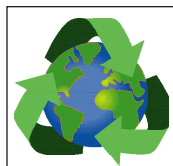
Recycling Report

Teens make up for early shortfall of Brothers

by Gene Ganley and George Notthelfer

Our December program was a total winner. We ran a bit short of Council members during the early hours, but had our usual share of teens to help and earn service hours. For that, we are grateful.

Our recent Past Grand Knight Roger Sonnenfeld is renting some warehouse space adjacent to his current business. He is helping the current tenant dispose of a large inventory of paper products by bringing truckloads to our recycling area in the church parking lot at Santiago. Thank you Roger.



We had to postpone the raffle of four \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds until this month's program, Jan. 12

Now is the time to thank the following people who helped us in December: Gene Ganley, John Ojeda, Ricardo Teano, Joe DeProspero, Rich Mills, Mantza Mejia, Jessica Garcia, Mike Ulibarri, Carlito Frias, Rudy Contreras, John Piccolo, Krystian Zapata, Leo Thom Karlile, Rich Mulhaupt, Claude Makin, Eddie Chin, Rich Quinn, Soraya Rosales, John Gallegos, Cheyenne Gallegos, Pat Walloch, Erin Smith, Chris Smith, Randall Gamache, Bob Morgan, Dan Ramella, Ramon Navarro, and Roger Sonnenfeld.

Donations needed to keep Birth Choice services intact

Kathleen Eaton, CEO of Birth Choice, addressed the Knights at the December chapter meeting and outlined the fantastic progress being made by the organization.

In just a few short years, Birth Choice has grown from a one room office dispensing diapers and advice, to state of the art medical clinics. These clinics saved more than 400 babies in the first nine months of 2007.

Kathleen's caring, thoughtful approach has produced such dramatic results that Focus on the Family has endorsed Birth Choice, and has made plans to replicate its clinics in hundreds of locations across the United States.

There is no greater compliment than to be copied.

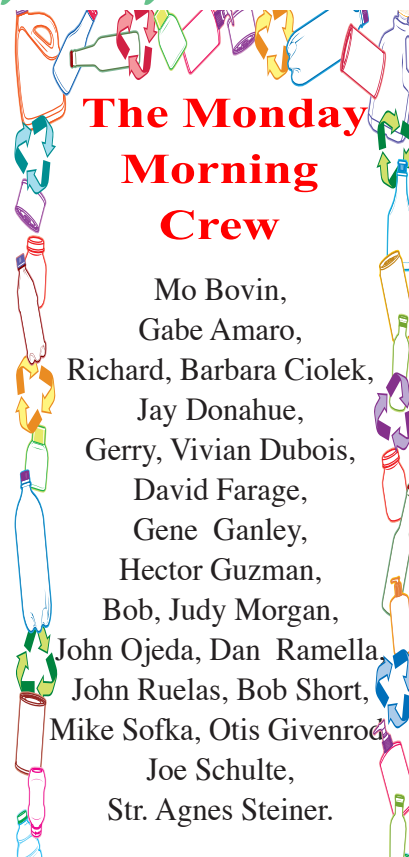
This year, the annual fund raising event to help fund the operation fell short of the required goal by \$200,000.

To prevent that shortfall from reducing services, a brother Knight has generously offered to match donations from the Knights up to \$100,000.

Now each Council, and each Knight is being asked to donate as much as possible to keep this vital life-saving work in full operation. A Bishop recently commented that this is the time to become "economic martyrs."

So, please be generous. Make your checks payable to Birth Choice and mail them to Birth Choice Health Clinic, 415 N. Sycamore, Ste. 200, Santa Ana, Ca. 92701.

— John Piccolo, G.K.



The Monday Morning Crew

Mo Bovin,
Gabe Amaro,
Richard, Barbara Ciolek,
Jay Donahue,
Gerry, Vivian Dubois,
David Farage,
Gene Ganley,
Hector Guzman,
Bob, Judy Morgan,
John Ojeda, Dan Ramella,
John Ruelas, Bob Short,
Mike Sofka, Otis Givenroo,
Joe Schulte,
Str. Agnes Steiner.

Mark those new calendars: Bunco Night on March 8

Reserve Saturday evening, March 8, on your calendar for some fun with your wife and friends.

If you don't already know about bunco, just ask your wife.

We will be doing potluck appetizers, a cash bar, and prizes for both winners and losers.

Most of all, we are just going to have fun and plenty of laughs along the way.

Watch for more information in the church bulletins, or ask Jim and Nancy Lamperis about playing.

And, get ready to yell"BUNCO."

— Jim Lamperis

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Save these dates for important upcoming events and refer to the Council calendar on Page 8 of this Newsletter

Please try to call or email DGK and Program Chairman, Jim Breen, if you have an item(s) to present at the Jan. 2 Council meeting. You may also email Program Chairman (jimbreen@lwsbnews.com) with any articles or announcements you would like in the Newsletter.

Dec. 30, Sunday: Corporate Communion and breakfast in the Parish Hall after 8:30 a.m. Mass..

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Jan. 2, Wednesday: Council Meeting, 8 p.m., Parish Hall.

Jan. 6: Sunday: Youth Basketball free-throw contest in Church patio next to parking lot.

Jan. 28, Monday: Clergy Night at Marywood Center. Call GK John Piccolo at 951-1550 for reservations.

Feb. 9, Saturday: Councils 9487 and 6332 co-host Valentine's Day dinner dance. Tickets, \$20 a couple. See separate story, page 5.

Feb. 13, Wednesday: Second Degree, Last date before Third Degree set for Feb. 24.

— Jim Breen, Program Chair



SOME of the folks who helped decorate the church for the holidays are (l to r) Rich Mills, Robert Mitzke and Karen and Pat Cardinale.

Dedicated crew helps beautify Santiago for Christmas holidays

by John Ojeda, PGK

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. It is fitting to honor Him and Santiago de Compostela has been transformed once again to Christmas splendor.

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Johnson Council, is a large part of this transformation. The Council pays and transports the Christmas trees to their destination in the Sanctuary. The Nativity Scene is placed with care to honor our Savior. The decorations are hung and lit to honor his Birth like the stars in the sky continue to do.

I wish to thank all those who have assisted this year. Kay Kenson leads us in this effort. Also assisting were Pat and Karen Cardinale, Richard Mills, Robert Miske, John and Mary Ojeda, Rudy Contreras, Theresa Hollings, Richard Mulhaupt, John Gallegos, Kevin and Trevor Mooney, Dave Mrozinski, Gene Ganley, Robert Morgan, Dan Ramella, Joann Cashman, Adele Beach, Jim Breen and Peggy Grindrod.

We hope you enjoy the decorations when you visit Church during this Christmas season. This is one more important role the Knights of Bishop Johnson Council continue to fill in our Santiago community.

Clergy Night will be held Monday, Jan. 28

This year's Clergy Night will be held on Monday, Jan. 28, at Marywood. For those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the Church's upper parking lot at about 5:45 p.m. Cocktail hour starts at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:30. This year, Chapter is using a caterer and the cost is \$20 per person.

Clergy Night is for the Knight and his spouse or guest. Fr. David

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December meeting highlights

by Tom Murphy, Recorder

Recycling: Over \$2,200 was collected last month. Please help support our recycling program held on the second Saturday of the month.

Blood Drive: Chairman Roger Sonnenfeld reported that 48 pints of blood were collected at the November blood drive. Thank you to all.

Membership Report

January is a critical month for recruitment

As the holidays are ending and we begin the new year, we need to step out on a positive note with membership.

This month, talk to people you see at church or at one of the many functions we host.

Our Council will host a First Degree in February, shortly after our monthly meeting.

Now is the time to get that Form 100 filled out and into the meeting for approval.

We are close to our membership goal for the year, but we need to continue to talk about what the Knights can do for new prospective members.

My travel schedule for this year is increasing, but call me at 830-6730, and I will meet one-on-one with prospects to get the information out.

– Mike Williams, PGK,
Membership Chairman

Council 9487, St. Kilians will co-host Valentine's Day dinner dance Feb. 9 in the Parish Hall

Come celebrate Valentine's Day at the Knights of Columbus dinner dance on Saturday, Feb. 9, in our Parish Hall.

This event has been well attended in the past, and we are pleased to have Brother Pat Walloch, PGK, as our chairman.

We are teaming with St. Kilian's Council, so that limits the number of people we can accommodate.

Couples are encouraged to attend the 5 p.m. Mass, when our Priest will offer the renewal of wedding vows.

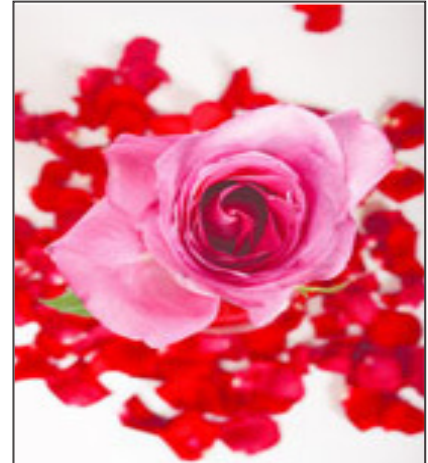
Each couple who participates will receive a very nice certificate.

A catered dinner will follow and there will be a DJ for our entertainment and dancing pleasure.

We will have fun prizes and will be raffling off a cruise for two.

The good news is that the cost is only \$25 per person. The bad news is that we are limited to 50 couples, so we must have your reservation now.

It must be on a first-come-first-served basis, so please call Charlie Young, our Warden, at 949-699-0929 or email him at



zitalyn1@cox.net to make your reservations.

This event will sell out, so please act now.

Starting Jan. 12, we will begin selling tickets to the general Parish

– John Piccolo, G.K.

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G.K. REPORT:

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nition is to achieve our membership goal (plus 16) and insurance goal (plus eight).

We are having no problem with membership and should be either at or very near to our goal for the year. This is in a very large part due to the efforts of Mike Williams, PGK.

It seems that many of our new members report that they met with our Field Agent, but the insurance report lags a few months, so it is hard to say how we are doing.

We should be pleased at what has been accomplished thus far for 2007-2008. We introduced three new social events, two of which benefited specific charities.

Our popular Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance is coming up (see story on page 5) and then we immediately roll into an early Lent and Easter.

The Council will be tapped to host several Friday dinners. At

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At least 3,500 boxes were distributed to various charities on Sunday, Dec. 16, which equates to about 20,000 meals.

Council 9487's fleet of three pick-ups met at 0845 at Santiago and we departed to arrive at the distribution center in Irvine at our 0930 time slot.

Our drivers were Dan Ramella, Roger Sonnenfeld, PGK, and Randy Gamache. They were assisted by GK John Piccolo, Samantha Sonnenfeld, and Carlito Frias.

Our boxes were distributed to several families as requested by members of our Council, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Isaiah's House (family homeless shelter), CASA Families (Court Appointed Special Advocates

the request of Fr. David, we need to host some additional Saturday evening spaghetti dinners.

Financially, we are doing well and should be ahead of budget largely in part to our recycling program. That highly-successful effort is led by Brother Gene Ganley assisted by George Nothhelfer and the rest of their team. The price that we receive from recyclables is up from last year.

Finally, our January meeting is going to be a bit different. At the request of our newer initiates, I am going to try an instructional meeting and introduce each officer and explain his duties.

I will attempt to move away from the written script and explain the meeting as we move along. This will be a challenge and perhaps entertaining as we try something new for the first time.

We will see you on Jan. 2 and Vivat Jesus.

for children), and Saddleback Outreach.

By about 12:15, the mission was complete and those involved had a great feeling of satisfaction on being part of something very special.

Everyone in our Council should be proud because even when one of us does a good turn in the name of the Knights of Columbus, we do so collectively for all 340 members.

Again, thanks to Brother Steve Goold for including us in the annual Roosters' distribution.

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has already accepted our invitation and Fr. Efrain has always attended.

The Knights of Columbus holds this annual event to express our appreciation to our clergy and give them a chance to meet with their brother priests at an informal setting.

There are no speeches and the event should end no later than 9 p.m.

Bishop Brown usually attends, unless he is traveling.

We especially encourage new members of our Council attend Clergy Night.

For reservations, contact GK John Piccolo at 949-951-1550 or email johnpicc@yahoo.com.

Please give your check to our financial secretary at the next meeting or as soon as possible as Chapter needs our payment by their Jan. 24 meeting.

CHAPLAIN:

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and placing all of our trust in Him.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence rely not; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."(Pr 3:5-6). Peace and blessings to you all.

"Hark the herald angel sings, Glory to the New Born King!", "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!", "O Come All Ye Faithful," and see Jesus in our brothers and sisters.

Let us all welcome the Advent season as a call for reconciliation; to bring us all together as brothers in Christ. Many blessings to all.

Pray for World Peace



January Birthdays

- 01 DamHanh Le Griffin
- 01 Steven McKay
- 03 Victor Pureco
- 03 Dottie Jeffers
- 03 John Piccolo
- 05 Arthur Johnson
- 06 Bruno Pantoni
- 09 Betty Gilmour
- 09 Paul Rymer
- 10 Scott Seamark
- 11 Rita Bishop
- 11 Eduardo Chin
- 12 Mark Blackwelder
- 12 Elizabeth DeProspero
- 14 Ana Martinez
- 17 Mary Papac
- 17 Carrie Kistner
- 17 Richard Sanders
- 19 Michael Ulibarri
- 20 Sam Naino
- 23 Frank Kloer
- 25 Philip Harmon
- 26 Wesley Kobayashi
- 26 Vince Eacona
- 26 Richard Pinosos
- 28 David White
- 29 Donna Furniss
- 30 William Marilly
- 31 Josie Alves
- 31 Joanne Cashman



January Anniversaries

- 04 Leonard/Josie Gibbons
- 05 Mark/Gayle Peters
- 09 Willian/Betty Gilmour
- 11 Anssy/Hermina Okoebor
- 22 John/Carrie Kistner
- 23 Rene/Cynthia Robles
- 26 Ted/Ann Fay
- 30 Ronald/Joyce Lindabury

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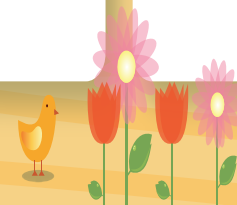
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 New Year's Day	2 General Meeting, 8 p.m.	3	4 1st Friday Adoration	5
6 Free-Throw Contest, Church Lot	7 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	8	9	10	11	12 Recycle 7 a.m.-noon
13 Membership Blitz	14 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Mobil Park Recycling 7-9:30 a.m	22	23 Officers Meeting 7 p.m	24 Chapter Meeting	25	26
27	28 Clergy Night Marywood MP Recycling 7-9:30 a.m.	29	30	31		



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