



# The PATRIOT

## Bulletin of the Father Felix Penna Assembly 80

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Junipero Serra Province – Southern California District

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### MESSAGE FROM FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR



Sir Knights:

Thank you for having the confidence in me to elect me as your Faithful Navigator. This year has started out to be very busy! Early on, we presented a 4th Degree Sword to Cardinal Roger Mahony at the Queen of Angels Cathedral. He is a 4th Degree Sir Knight. On July 4, we participated in the Hacienda Heights 4th of July Parade (we had 12 Sir Knights participate). September 17, we had family pot luck at Dolan Hall to honor our Past Color Corps Commander Ray Telles for more than 12 years of service. October 10, 11, and 12 we had the 4th Degree Exemplification Class Honoring at the Irvine Marriott. We had 16 new Sir Knights join the Father Felix Penna Assembly.

Our Assembly #80 Father Felix Penna, also participated in the color corps competition. I am proud to announce that our group came in second place overall. Our new director, Color Corps Commander Sir Knight Roger Meehan did an excellent job preparing us for our competition. Hats off to Sir Knight Roger Meehan.

That weekend, we were also in charge of the hospitality suite. We had the best, most fun suite at the Exemplification. A special thanks to our new Sir Knight Pete Pulido Jr. for supplying the karaoke machine. We all had a fantastic time! We closed the hospitality floor both Friday and Saturday at 2:30 a.m. Next year be sure to stop by to have some fun.

On October 19 and 26, we sold hot dogs at St. John Vianney along side Council 6028 Shepherd of Ars pumpkin patch. We sold approximately 358 hot dogs over the 2 day period. At \$1.00 per customer, a hot dog, chips and drink was quite a bargain.

On November 22, Council 6028 will be having their annual turkey shoot-out Golf Tournament at Birch Hills in Brea. Call me for sign-ups and details (714) 396-4849. Space is limited so, please call quickly – this will be a 2 man scramble.

During the Christmas season, we will be going to the VA again to serve dinner.

On a personal note, I was born in Glendale, California and have lived in the San Gabriel Valley for the past 22 years. I joined the Knights in January 2004 and have been a 4th Degree Sir Knight for 3 years. I am a past Grand Knight (2007/2008) and at present your Faithful Navigator. I have also served on the Color Corps Drill Team for 3 years. God Bless

Vivat Jesus

Joseph K. Sofka  
Faithful Navigator, PGK

### PAST EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### RAY TELLES HONORED



Faithful Navigator Joe Sofka and Faithful Admiral Roger Meehan present Ray Telles with Certificate of Appreciation.

On July 4, 2008, Sir Knight Ray Telles retired from his post after serving 12 years as Color Corp Commander for Father Felix J. Penna Assembly. Ray joined the Knights of Columbus on June 1, 1987, and completed his Fourth Degree Exemplification on Jan 1, 1989. He belongs to St. Joseph Scott Council #7142 in La Habra. Ray has served as Past Grand Knight for his Council and Past Faithful Navigator for this Assembly. On September 17, 2008 a Potluck Dinner was held in his honor along with an orientation for new 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Members. Let's hope that Ray's dedication to the Assembly will be an inspiration to the new members.

#### 4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Junipero Serra Province held its 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at the Irvine Marriot. Over

250 candidates from various Assemblies throughout the Southern California District attended this event. This year the Father Felix Assembly 80 welcomed sixteen (16) new Sir Knights to its ranks, which is by far the largest group of Sir Knights in recent years.



Sir Knights pose for portrait before 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification banquet.

As in the past, festivities began on October 10<sup>th</sup>, as the Assembly 80 opened its hospitality room to brother Sir Knights throughout the Province. This year, Assembly 80's hospitality room featured a Karaoke machine provided by new Sir Knight Pete Pulido. The festivities and singing coming from our Assembly was the talk of the event.



Pictures of Sir Knights enjoying karaoke and fellowship at the hospitality suite at the Irvine Marriot.

Congratulations to all Sir Knights who made their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree including: from Council 6028, Abel Apodoca, Alejandro Ayala, Dean Avram, Miguel Cordova, Raymond Gomez, Gabriel Ortega, and Pete Pulido; from Council 11260, Jesus Carbajal, Thomas Meagher, Thomas Ortiz, Thomas Ortiz Jr., and Emilio Romero Jr.;

and from Council 3699, Raymond Herrera, John E. Maciuska, Santiago Rodriguez, and Tomas Chavez

### LADIES LUNCHEON



Knight's Ladies from Assembly 80 enjoying the Ladies Luncheon

Over 40 Knight's Ladies from our Assembly attended the Ladies luncheon on October 11<sup>th</sup> during the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. Those in attendance enjoyed a wonderful meal, games and prizes and, of course, spending time with other Knight's ladies. This year's luncheon was filled to capacity that the event had to be held in two banquet rooms to accommodate everyone. If you missed this year's event, please plan on attending next years.

### COLOR CORP COMPETITION

For the second straight year, the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly Color Corp took second place at the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification. Three teams competed this year in front of the Marriot hotel on October 11<sup>th</sup>. This year the Assembly's Color Corp was led by PFN Roger Meehan, our current Faithful Admiral and Color Corp Commander. He replaces PFN Ray Telles who stepped down as Commander this past July.

Congratulations goes out to all those Sir Knights who participated in the competition including: Faithful Navigator Joseph Sofka; Faithful Captain Art Herrera; Faithful Scribe Ron Dunbar; 1st Year Trustee Bob Sainz; Faithful Outer Sentinel Ron Cox; Joel Johnson, PFN, and Color Corp Commander Roger Meehan.



Assembly 80 Color Corp led by Commander Roger Meehan

### HOT DOG FUNDRAISER



4<sup>th</sup> Degree knights serve hot dog to parishioners of St. John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights

On October 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the Assembly held a Hot Dog Fundraiser at St. John Vianney Church along side Council's 6028 Pumpkin Patch. Parishioners were treated to a hot dog, chips, and a drink for the bargain price of \$1. Thank you to all the Knights who helped in making this fundraiser a success especially the new Sir Knights.

### MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLY OFFICERS



#### Message from Faithful Captain Art Herrera...

Greetings Sir Knights,

As a manner of introduction, I thought I would let you, my Brother Sir Knights, know a little about who I am. Presently, I am the Grand Knight of St. Denis Council 11260 in Diamond Bar. I've been a 4th Degree member of our Assembly for the past four years. At my first Assembly meeting I was "volunteered" to be the Faithful

Scribe. I remained as the Scribe for my first three years. Last year, I moved to the Faithful Pilot position. Also, during the past year I became a member of the Color Corps. I really enjoy being a member of our Assembly. This has given me the opportunity to meet Brother Knight's from other Councils. I find that we all have the same goal, that is, to support our priests by serving our parishes.

I am proud to say that at the last 4th Degree Exemplification, October 11th, 5 members of my Council joined our Assembly. This is the most new Sir Knights our Council has had in the last several years. Two of our new Sir Knights are Tom Ortiz and Tom Ortiz, Jr. What is interesting about the Ortiz's is that they are the 3rd and 4th generation of Sir Knights in their family. Pretty amazing! At the Exemplification ceremony, they were both recognized for their families commitment to the Knight's of Columbus.



**Message from Faithful Pilot John Widner ...**

Worthy Sir Knights,

October was a busy month for all of us. On Saturday October 11th we had a Fourth Degree Exemplification and added sixteen (16) new Sir Knights to our Assembly. I want to give each of the new Brothers a heart felt congratulations and welcome to the Fr. Felix Penna Assembly. I hope all of you "veteran" Sir Knights welcome them as well. To all my Fourth Degree Brother's lets see you come to our Business Meetings get involve, and meet our new Sir Knights. Our Assembly Business Meetings are held on every third Wednesday of every month. We start at 7:30 PM at Dolan Hall which is behind St. John Vianney Church in Hacienda Heights. See you all there!

Vivat Jesus  
John A. Widner, Faithful Pilot, District Deputy#82



**Message from Faithful Comptroller Al Armas...**

My Dear Brother Sir Knights

My Name is Al Armas your Worthy Faithful Comptroller for Father Felix Penna Assembly. I have been The Faithful Navigator for 3 years at different times. I was also the Color Commander for 3 years. I have also been in the 4th degree for 10 years, this being my tenth year. I also have been a District Deputy for 3 years

I am currently the Grand Knight for Coronation Council 4523 in La Mirada for the past 2 years

If there any Question pleas feel free to call me on (562) 943-8751. I'll be giving out more information during the coming year.

Yours in Christ  
Al Armas , Your Worthy Faithful Comptrollers



**Message from Faithful Admiral Roger Meehan...**

Sir Knights,

I would like to start off this newsletter by thanking you for allowing me to have been your Faithful Navigator and now your Color Corps Commander. As you know by now, Ray Telles retired on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as our Color Corps Commander. So as your new commander I'm asking all Fourth Degree members who have regalia to please start coming to all our call outs. The regalia should be worn not left in the closet. If you no longer want to be part of the Color Corps please consider donating your regalia to another brother Knight who can't afford one. Also we should try to attend all call outs not just the ones in your parish. I'm planning to have a quarterly Communion in all parishes for our Assembly with full colors; so please let me know if you're interested in this. I'm also asking for Sir Knights with colors to please come to the next business November 19th meeting so we can see just how many Sir Knights with colors we have. You know when we have a Brother Knight or wife that passes away, it would look nice if we had more then six in colors. Just remember some day we'll all be passing on.

Also at our fourth degree exemplification on Saturday October 11, 2008, our Color Corps team took 2nd place in the competition. So let's give our team a big hand. Members include Faithful Navigator Joseph Sofka, Captain Art Herrera, Scribe Ron Dunbar, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Trustee Bob Sainz, Joel Johnson, Outer Sentinel Ron Cox and Color Corps Commander Roger Meehan. We will start our monthly practice on Monday November 3, 2008 at 7:15 PM at Shephard of Ars Council in Hacienda Heights. This will be every first Monday of month at Dolan Hall in rear of church 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745. I hope all Sir Knights with Regalia will come to practice so we'll all know the correct way of entering and exiting the Church or Cemeteries. My Brothers please help me in making this Assembly the best in colors. Thank You and God Bless.

Roger Meehan, Color Corp. Commander

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



On Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Felix J. Penna Assembly 80 will be hosting a flag retirement ceremony at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Hacienda Heights. The flag retirement will be conducted by Boy Scouts from Troop 620 based at St. Marks Lutheran School in Hacienda Heights. Local Girl Scout troops and cub scouts will be invited to witness the event. We are in need of as many Sir Knights to show up In Regalia to make this event memorable for the young scouts.

### FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Council 6028 is inviting Sir Knights from Assembly 80 to its annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament on Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Birch Hills Golf Course in Brea, California. This will be a two man scramble format beginning at 7:00 am. Lunch will be served at SK Paul Coble's house following the tournament. All proceeds will go to the Columbian Foundation to benefit the Intellectually Disabled. Please see the flyer for additional information.

### STATE LINE OVERNIGHT TRIP TO WHISKEY PETES

On January 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Council 6028 will be sponsoring a State Line Overnight Trip to Whiskey Pete's. We will be departing for Whiskey Pete's on Saturday from St. John Vianney and returning Sunday evening. This is a holiday weekend, so there will not be work on Monday. If you are interested please reserve your seat early. There is a limit of 50 seats available and all money is due by December 5, 2008. Please see the flyer below for more information.

## REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### JOIN THE COLOR CORP

The Color Corp is looking for a few good Knights. The Color Corp is the most visible branch of our fraternal organization. They are often present at civic functions, confirmations, funerals and parades. If you are interested in joining the most visible group within the Knights of Columbus, please contact our Color Corp Commander Roger Meehan at (626) 279-4259.

For those Brother Knights that were once part of the Color Corp but are unable to continue or are no longer

interested, please consider donating your regalia to a Brother Knight who is interested but is unable to purchase his own regalia. Practices for Color Corp will be held on the first Monday's of each month beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at Dolan Hall 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745.



### PRAYER REQUEST

Please remember all of our deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Family especially, our recently deceased Brother SK Paul Valrie Jr. May eternal rest be granted unto him O Lord and may his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Brothers rest in peace.

If you know of a Brother Knight or a family member who is ill, about to undergo an operation or is in the hospital, email me at [rgomez@kc6028.org](mailto:rgomez@kc6028.org). This will enable us to include them each month in our collective prayers. Please let your family members know that we as a Council need to be informed if you are ill or in the hospital.

### BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

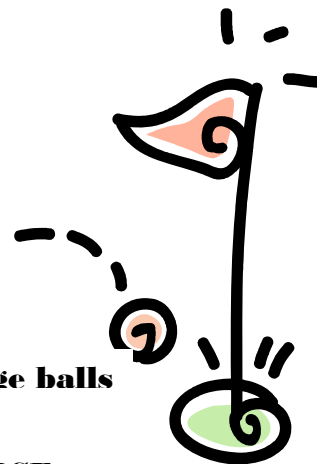
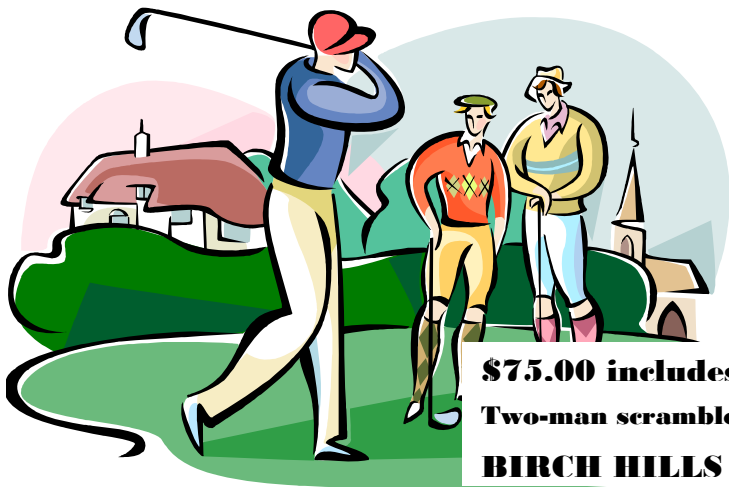
Happy Birthday to the following Sir Knights

**Armando Moreno 11-1**  
**Rev Mario Mich 11-2**  
**Rev. Paul Caporali 11-2**  
**Rev Thomas Prendiville 11-2**  
**Joseph Caliguire 11-4**  
**Joel Johnson 11-08**  
**Tony Armas 11-15**  
**Rollin Dunbar 11-18**  
**Alfred Rendon 11-19**  
**Curtis McIntosh 11-23**  
**Anthony J. Cecola 11-30**  
**Antonio Olmos 11-30**

# FALL CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Intellectual Disabilities Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008**  
**Check-in: 7:00 a.m. - First Tee 7:59 a.m.**



**\$75.00 includes cart & range balls**  
**Two-man scramble format**  
**BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE**

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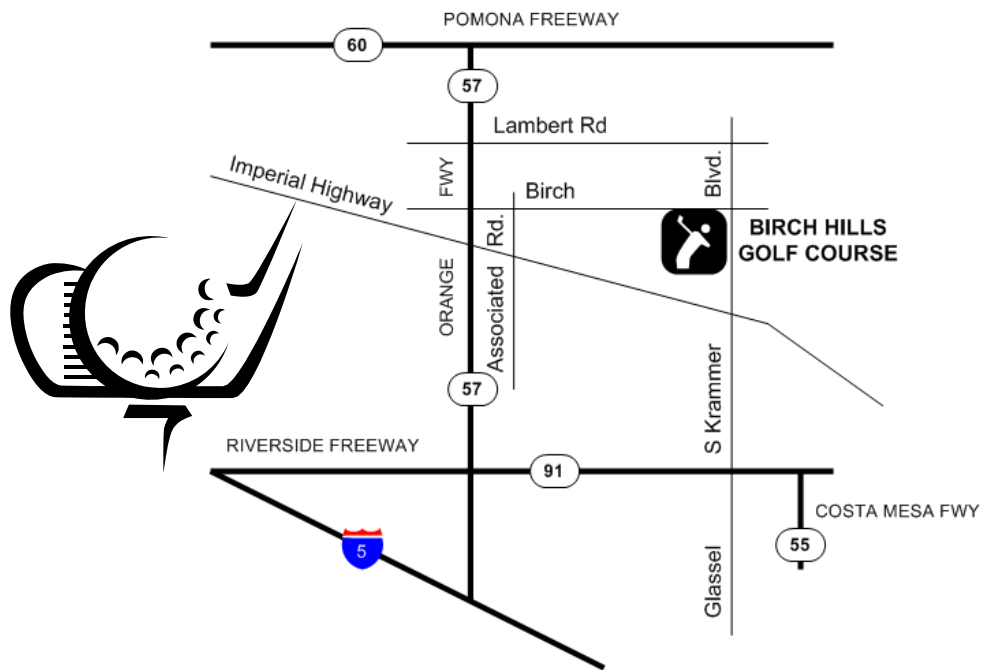
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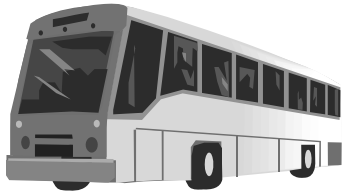


Contact Paul Coble at (714) 256-1130, or email to [prcjones-mayer.com](mailto:prcjones-mayer.com)  
**Lunch (included) to follow at Coble Residence**  
**2558 Harrison Circle, Fullerton, CA**  
**(Maps will be provided)**

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### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009:

- 8:00 AM Departure time from Hacienda Heights – St. John Vianney Church. Plenty of Refreshments – Games – Prizes – Raffles. Saturday Nights stay at Whiskey Pete's
- 12:30 PM Approximate arrival time to Whiskey Pete's for check in business. Upon Arrival each guest will receive a FREE BUFFET.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009:

- 11:00 AM Check out time – turn in keys, baggage on bus – actual departure from Whiskey Pete's will be at 3:00 PM – Home Sweet Home around 7:15 pm ... Depending on Traffic.

Contact Person: **RAY GOMEZ (626) 315-7325**

Please pay in advance to assure your reservation  
Late cancellations – no refunds – Must find own replacement



*Itinerary subject to change, depending on casino policies.*

## 2008-2009 MEETING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2008		
November 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.	Assembly Business Meeting	St. John Vianney – Dolan Hall 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
DECEMBER 2008		
December 17 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 p.m.	Assembly Business Meeting	St. John Vianney – Dolan Hall 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745
JANUARY 2009		
January 21 <sup>st</sup> 7:30 p.m.	Assembly Business Meeting	St. John Vianney – Dolan Hall 1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745



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