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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SGV CHAPTER

COUNCIL 6028/DIVISON

GRAND KNIGHT MESSAGE



Dear Brother Knights,

I would like to take this moment to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays. It's been two months since our last Knightly News Bulletin was released and the Council has been very active. In December we hosted one of our most successful Christmas events ever. Over 300 children and their families were in attendance. I must say I was filled with pride seeing all the Brother Knights who made this event successful. Looking at the children's faces light up as they received, what for many would be the only gift they would receive during Christmas, makes all the stress of the event worthwhile. This was truly what the Christmas Season is all about.

Now we are about to enter the Lenten season; a time of repentance as we prepare for the most important religious feast of our liturgical year – Easter. This is also the beginning of our busiest time for the Knights as we embark on our annual Wednesday Night Lenten Soup and Salad and our Friday Night Fish Fry's. I am asking, once again, for all Brother Knights to extend a helping hand in making this year's Fish Fry as successful as previous years. We are in need of volunteers to help with the setup, serving and cleanup. The Fish Fry's have become favorite parish building event for the Knights and this year will be no different. If you are unable to assist with the event, then please bring your family, friends and fellow parishioners and enjoy a great dinner. I would really like to meet some of the Brother Knights who I have not seen for a while. May God continue to bless you and your family this Easter season.

Vivat Jesus
Efrain Delgado, Grand Knight

PAST EVENTS

CHALICE PRESENTATION

On December 7th, Sir Knights from the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly and from Council 6028 presented Rev. Fr. Udamala Kaspar with a communion chalice which was inscribed the names of several Sir Knights and Council 6028 members who have passed away over the past year. The chalice was given to Brother Steve Martz by Ted Flink, whose father's name was inscribed on the chalice and whose father had started a Council in Oregon.

Father Kaspar was presented the chalice as he celebrated his last Mass at St. John Vianney Church before returning to his home in India. Fr. Kaspar was on temporary assignment for several months from his Diocese in India filling in for Father

Cyprian who was on leave for several months. During his brief time in the United States, Fr. Kaspar joined the Knights of Columbus and completed his 1st Degree Exemplification at Dolan Hall on November 26' 2008.

Fr. Kaspar was extremely proud to have received a chalice from the Knights. He thanked many of the parishioners and priests who had made his stay here memorable, especially the Knights of Columbus.



Pictured above: Sir Knights from Father Felix J. Penna Assembly #80 process out of the church.



Pictured above: Knights from Assembly #80 and Council 6028 present Fr. Kaspar with the chalice.

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JOINT COUNCIL-ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Pictured above: Sir Knights and families sit at the tables to enjoy the good food. Below left: Faithful Navigator Joe Sofka leads a group of children through a Christmas carol. Below right: Brother Dean Avram wraps a Christmas gift for the Council's annual Christmas party.

On December 17th, for the second time in two months, Brother Knights from the Shepherd of Ars Council 6028 and Sir Knights from the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly #80 held a joint potluck dinner to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Over 35 Sir Knights, Brother Knights and their families attended the event. Once again the food drinks, and desert was plentiful. The entertainment was provided by our very own Pete Pulido who supplied the Karaoke machine for the evening. For those who have not attended a family potluck this year, Brother Pulido's Karaoke is quickly becoming a crowd favorite. Young or old, singer or non-singer, all have left the potluck having had a good time.



This time the Karaoke provided the Christmas Caroling music as Council 6028 began wrapping over 300 presents for the Christmas Party held on December 21. A special thanks to all who helped in making this year's event a memorable one.

COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 21, 2008, Shepherd of Ars held its annual Christmas party at the O'Callaghan Center. This is the second time the event was held at St. John Vianney Parish. It was by far the most successful Christmas party held in recent years by our Council. Over 340 children and their families participated in the Christmas party.

Families registered and were screened by staff from Christian services. Last year, Christian services collected over 150

names over two weekends. This year, over 340 names were collected in several hours. This is indicative of the hardship that families are going through this holiday season.

Those Knights who helped out with the event were a little worried over the amount of families; however in the end the event was an overall success. All children and families in attendance were provided a Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner, dessert and a drink courtesy of Brother Knight Dick Hopkins. Santa was also on hand to give presents to all the boys and girls and Brother Pete Pulido provided the Karaoke machine for the Christmas carols.



Special thanks go out to Program Director and Deputy Grand Knight Joe Mansueto who chaired this year's party. In addition the event would not have been successful without the Brother Knights and Ladies Knights who helped out.



Pictured above left: Knights Ron Dunbar and Tony Azpeitia prepare Chicken Dinner plates for the attendees. Pictured above: Families look on as Santa distributes presents to the children.



Pictured above: Brother Knight Dave Ortiz (Santa) listens to the little girls Christmas wishes

RANCHO DE LOS NIÑOS ORPHANAGE

For the second year in a row, Brother Knights and families from Council 6028 opened up their hearts and pocket books to purchase Christmas gifts for children at the Rancho de Los Niños Orphanage in Empalme, Sonora, Mexico. The gifts were delivered by Brother Miguel Cordova, his wife Lorena and his two children. Miguel has been visiting the orphanage for several years and has organized this event for the past two years.

Rancho de Los Niños Orphanage was founded in 1971 by Hermanas Misioneras del Niños Jesus in Emplame Sonora. The orphanage is assisted by a foundation which was created in 1964 by Lucas Carbajal Lopez, a Catholic Priest from Guanajuato and two nuns from Mazatlan, Sinaloa. They were deeply concerned about the unwanted children who lived on the streets. Many of these children were orphaned, while others were abandoned by drug addicts, prostitutes and parents with other social and financial problems. Currently the orphanage cares for approximately forty orphaned or abandoned children.



Pictured above: Children from Rancho de Los Ninos enjoying the barbeque meal

FEED THE HOMELESS

On Saturday January 31, 2008, ten knights and Lady Knights met at Dolan Hall to prepare 180 sack lunches for the homeless men, women and children. The lunches are used as part of the winter shelter held at St John Vianney and sponsored by the Coalition of Churches. A special thanks to Brother Dean Avram, who organized this event.



Pictured above: Knights preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.



Pictured above: Brother Miguel Cordova speaks to Mother Superior as children look on.



Pictured above: Ladies Knight Lorena Cordova presents Mother Superior with a special gift.



Pictured from left to right: Ray Gomez, Dan Zepeda, Dean Avram, Tony Azpeitia, Gabriel Ortega, Irma Martz, Steve Martz and Steve Chiasson

MEMBERSHIP BLITZ AND 1ST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

On Sunday, January 18, 2009 a Membership Blitz was held after all masses. A total of 12 prospective Knights signed interest cards. On Wednesday, January 28, 2009, Council 6028 held its third 1st Degree Exemplification for the Columbian year. Seven Brother Knights made their first degree including three new members to our Council.

SUPREME KNIGHT CALLS FOR AN INCREASE IN VOLUNTEERISM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES



With the philanthropic giving index down 22 percent, and the economic crisis affecting nonprofit organizations nationwide, Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, on Jan. 23 called for a summit of charitable and volunteer organizations to be held in New York City next month.

In a speech at Fairfield University, Anderson invited the nation's top charitable and volunteer organizations to attend a summit on Feb. 27 on volunteerism and the charitable response to the economic crisis.

The summit will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Fairfield University Center for Faith and Public Life. Anderson encouraged charitable organizations to work together with the new administration to emphasize and create opportunities for volunteers, especially at a time when financial donations to charity are decreasing.

Speaking just days after the Jan. 19 National Day of Service, Mr. Anderson also called for Americans to take the spirit of that day forward and to make 2009 "the year of the volunteer."

"Government and charities must work together for the good of our country, and in difficult economic times, that means creating opportunities for Americans to give of their time and talent, as well as their treasure," said Anderson. "People may be unable to donate \$50 or \$100 dollars to charity, but everyone can certainly spend an extra hour a week – that's less than 10 minutes a day – doing something for the good of his or her neighbor."

MESSAGE FROM OUR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS



From your Recorder and Community Director ...

Happy New Year from your Community Director, Dean Avram.

It's good to be back after a couple weeks off. During the holidays, I received a couple emails from Camp Victory. One expressed thanks to all those well wishers who contributed a

video message on the DVD we made at the thanksgiving pot luck. That's what I call community! Brother Knights, I would like to thank all of you who helped out making lunches for the homeless on Sat. Jan. 31st. It was a real community effort. We made about 185 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, Along with some trail mix, fruit cup, and water. I pray it nourished those that received them.

Also I would like to thank those who spoke on the DVD going to the Military Knights at the St. Michael the Archangel Round Table at Bagram A.F.B. in Afghanistan. Although due to a technical glitch a few of the well wishers didn't make the final edit, sorry! The DVD is in the mail the week of Feb. 1st. Please pray for the safety of all our troops, the end to war, and peace in the world. On a personal note; how do you explain this? A year or so ago, I thought my neighbor had it out for me, and now the good Lord brings healing. He became a brother Knight January 28th. Welcome Steve Chassion, as well as all new brothers who joined the fraternity. And Ya know, he didn't have it out for me. I believe it was a spiritual battle going on. Jesus wins every time! God bless,

Your Knight who still doesn't have his shinny armor pin?
Dean Avram, Community Director.



From your Warden and Youth Director...

Hello again my Brother Knights,

I just want to wish all of you a Happy New Year and let's make this a wonderful and prosperous one. Remember to keep all of our families in our prayers and pray for good fortune for all in these trying times. It can only get better, so thank God for all he has given all of us. Say your prayers and the greatness of the Lord will be upon us all.

Vivat Jesus,
Your Worthy Warden, James Hernandez



From your Council Director...

To all my Brother Knights,

I would like to wish everyone a happy New Year. I hope everyone will be able to keep this year's resolutions. I would like to remind everyone that we are at the mid-point of our Columbian year and we have our busiest month ahead of us as we start our annual Fish Fry's. Please support your Brother Knights by making an effort this year to help out at our events.

As Council Director, there are several events that we are planning to build Fraternalism. I am still planning on scheduling a Bowling night for the Council on one of our open meeting nights; a Day at the Races at Santa Anita Racetrack is in the works; and finally I will probably be reviving our Overnight trip to Whiskey Pete's Casino. Please make an effort to support these events. If you would like to help out in coordinating any one of these event or if you have ideas on future events please contact me. Thank you and God Bless

Your brother in Christ, Ray Gomez

UPCOMING EVENTS



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

This month the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on February 5th and March 5th beginning at 6:00p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Please plan on spending one hour with our Lord.

1st SATURDAY ROSARY FOR THE TROOPS

Please make time to join us every first Saturday of the month following the 8:00 am mass. We will be saying one decade of the Rosary for peace in the Middle East in unison with our Brother Knights in Iraq who will simultaneously be saying one decade Rosary before their evening mass.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

This year's SJV Men's Retreat will be held the weekend of February 20-22, 2009. The retreat will be held at the Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in the beautiful foothills of Sierra Madre. Registration is \$50 and must be received on February 6th. Please call Manuel Briones at (626) 333-5493 or Bob Owiecki at (626) 369-3779 if you are interested in attending.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SOUP AND SALAD AND FRYDAY NIGHT FISH FRY

On Friday, February 27, 2009, the Knights will kick off its Lenten Season with its first Fish Fry of the year. Then on March 4, 2009, we will begin our Soup and Salad. We will continue the Soup and Salad Dinners until April 1, 2009 and the Fish Fry's until April 3, 2009. Please make time to join us for good food and fellowship. Remember, we are also in need of all capable Brother Knights to assist in setup, serving and clean-up. If you would like to help out please contact Mike Wilson at (626) 961-5272. If you are interested in making your favorite soup recipe for Wednesday Night Soup and Salad, please contact Janet Dovidio at (626) 968-7130 or Ron Dunbar at (626) 806-5911.

INSURANCE CORNER

WHAT IF???

If you knew that today was the last chance you would ever have to buy additional life insurance, how much would you buy? If you had a money-making machine, that once broken, could never be repaired, how much would you insure it for?

If you knew that today was the last time you would have the opportunity to guarantee your family an income if something happened to you, how much income would you give them? If

you knew that today marked the end of your ability to buy future retirement security, how much would you buy?

Isn't it safe to say that you would put some additional dollars into more life insurance protection that could be used for family or to supplement your retirement benefits?

Chances are that you will be around for a long time, but life is full of "ifs" and surprises, isn't it?

Let me help you plan for the future. Give me a call at 909-606-0262 or contact me at gerry.cacnio@kofc.org.

Vivat Jesus!
Gerry Cacnio
Field Agent

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday? For those who do not share the tradition of ashes, it is a rather strange thing we do. The use of ashes in religious rituals may even precede written history, and our own religious tradition has employed ashes as a symbol at least since Old Testament times. The prophets of Israel frequently speak of ashes as a symbol of repentance. Jeremiah, for example, calls for the repentance as the enemy threatens Jerusalem: "O daughter of my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in the ashes" (Jeremiah 6:26). Daniel used ashes when he prayed for Israel's deliverance, too: "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). The preaching of Jonah in the city of Nineveh was so effective in bringing about the conversion of that city that the text says, "When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in the ashes" (Jonah 3:6). The prophet Isaiah even indicates that it was a recognized custom in Israel: "Is this the manner of fasting I wish, of keeping a day of penance: that a man bow his head like a reed, and lie in sackcloth and ashes? Do you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?" (Isaiah 58:5).

However the use of ashes does not appear clearly in Church documents until about the sixth century after Christ. When they appear, they show up as part of the ritual of admitting people into the Order of Penitents.

This Order in the Church was modeled on the catechumenate as a process of conversion. As the catechumenate sought the initial conversion of those seeking Baptism, the Order of the Penitents sought a renewed conversion of those who had fallen into serious sin after Baptism.

Penitents would confess their sins to the Bishop or his representative and then be assigned a penance to be done over weeks or months. After the Penance was completed, the penitents would formally be reconciled by the Bishops in the presence of the community, often on Holy Thursday.

The whole community prayed for the penitents and then

welcomed them back to Communion when they were reconciled. One of the symbols used in enrolling people in this Order was the imposition of ashes. It then became customary for all the faithful to receive ashes at the beginning of Lent, clearly imitating the penitents and expressing their own need for forgiveness and renewal.

Excerpt taken from Why do we receive ashes? By Father Lawrence E. Mick. Catholic Digest February 2009.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A MEMBER JACKET?

We are now collecting a list of members interested in having an embroidered Council jacket. If you are interested you you will be responsible for purchasing a black jacket in the make and style of your choice. We will be collecting the jackets and sending them to the embroiderer in the coming months. The jackets will be embroidered with the Knights of Columbus emblem and Shepherd of Ars Council 6028 on the back and your name on the left hand front side. We are currently negotiating a price. If you are interested, please call Tony Azpeitia at (626) 336-3364.

JOIN COUNCIL'S 6028 YAHOO GROUP

By now everyone should be familiar with Council's 6028 website (www.kc6028.org). The website is designed to provide information on the history of our council; information on joining the Knights; activities, news and announcements of our council; a photo gallery; and links to other sites of interest.

One exciting feature is a link to our very own Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kc6028/>). This Yahoo Group will allow members to post messages, pictures, files, and links for other members of our Council. In addition, the site will allow you to receive email notifications on upcoming events. This is just one way we are trying to improve the communication between our members. However, this feature is as effective as the effort that you put in. Therefore, I urge all Brother Knights take a moment to browse our website and join our Yahoo Group. You may need to create a Yahoo account, if you do not already have one.

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

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 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.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please remember all of our deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Family. May eternal rest be granted unto them O Lord and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Brothers rest in peace.



Please keep the following Brother Knights in your prayers:

- PGK Roger Meehan,
- PGK George Rivera,
- Steve Martz,
- PGK Jack R. Lopez,
- Reynaldo Chaparru,
- Robert Sainz, and
- Al Robles

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 us at info@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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



- Abel J. Apodaca 2-1
- Jose A. Nonato 2-4
- Charles D. Nye 2-8
- Henry G. Rodarte 2-15
- Lino R. Barro 2-27
- David M. Pena 2-28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- Robert S. and Lana Kopchick 2-1
- Joseph A. and Yolanda Batistelli 2-8
- Stephen J. and Cynthia Devore 2-9
- Reynaldo and Eva Chaparro 2-11
- Norman L. and Carol Reinberger 2-12
- Jose and Lucina Lugo 2-14
- John N. and Catalina Hatfield 2-17
- Gabriel S. and Mariam Ortega 2-24
- Rollin R. and Anita Dunbar 2-27



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FATHER FELIX J. PENNA ASSEMBLY #80



Presents



LADY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS APPRECIATION NIGHT

The Father Felix J. Penna Assembly would like to personally invite all Lady Knight of Columbus to join us for a night of celebration

“DINNER & DANCING & KARAOKE”

FEBRUARY 28, 2009

6:00 pm to 1:00 pm

at

St. John Vianney Catholic Church

O’Callaghan Center

1345 Turnbull Canyon Rd.

Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Cocktail hour begins at 7:00 pm; Dinner will be served at 8:00 pm

Cost is \$15.00 per couple

Includes Dinner, Coffee, Punch, and Desert and a full night of Dancing and Karaoke
by Sir Knight Pete Pulido

**PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 20, 2009 TO SIR KNIGHT ROGER MEEHAN
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Outside Guard

Pete Pulido

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Roger Meehan (1stYear)

Vacant (2nd Year)

Joe Sofka (3rdYear)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., February 4th

Thu., February 5th

Sat., February 7th

Wed., February 11th

Mon., February 16th

Wed., February 18th

Wed., February 25th

Fri., February 27th

Sat., March 1st

Wed., March 4th

Fri., March 6th

Wed., March 11th

Fri., March 13th

Wed., March 18th

Fri., March 20th

Wed., March 25th

Fri., March 27th

Officer's Meeting @ Dolan Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament @ St. John Vianney Church beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Rosary for Peace @ St John Vianney Church following morning mass

Business Meeting @ Dolan Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Presidents Day Holiday

2nd Degree Exemplification @ Father Maquire, Covina at 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

Open Meeting @ Dolan Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Friday Night Fish Fry @ O'Callaghan Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Rosary for Peace @ St John Vianney Church following morning mass

Wednesday Lenten Soup and Salad @ O'Callaghan Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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