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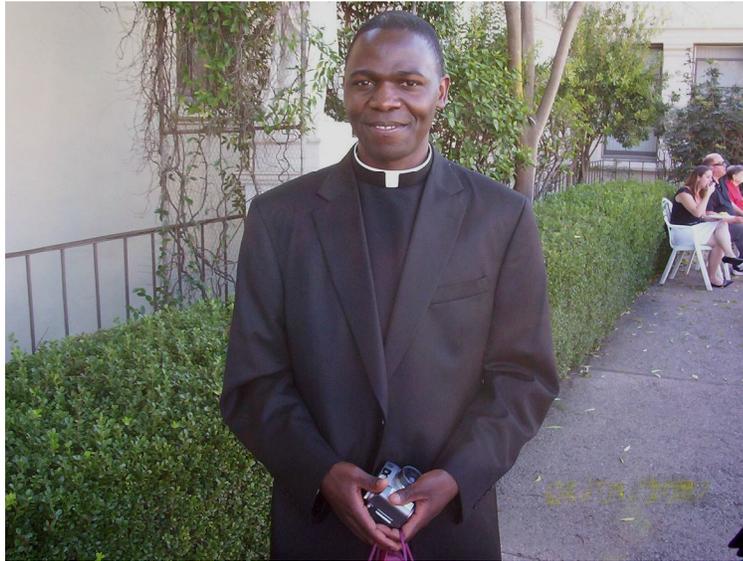


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DEACON ORDINATION 11/19/05



Pictured above is Brother Richard Kayizzi who was ordained to the deaconate on Saturday, November 19, 2005. The ordination was held at Padre Serra parish in Camarillo. According to those who attended the ordination, it was a very impressive ceremony. Both Brothers Bernie Jochum and Jack Turney mentioned that there were African dances during the service.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Chris Arnoult, Grand Knight



Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, family together times, the looming New Year, shopping, Christmas parties, travel to visit relatives, mailing gift packages, put up the Christmas tree and lights, schedules compressed, pay property taxes financial things to do before year end, it's a hectic time. I have to remind myself that Christmas is about Christ, the Savior. As today's Gospel reminded us, Advent is the preparation time for the coming of Christ again. Golly, I need that mental reset this time of year. Prayer helps me.

Upcoming things to keep track of:

- The regular Knights of Columbus Business Meeting has been re-scheduled to Thursday December 8th at 7:30 pm in the St. Raphael Parish Hall. The regular business meeting conflicted with Our Lady of Guadalupe's Mass celebration.

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Program Director's Report

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Deputy Grand Knight

Food for Thought

We will be celebrating Christmas on December 25, 2005. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in **the Forge**: “Make your way to Bethlehem, go up to the Child, rock him in your arms, say warm and tender things to him, press him close to your heart... I am not talking childish nonsense, I am speaking of love! And love is shown with deeds. In the intimacy of your soul, you can indeed hug him tight.” (**page 654 of the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer**).

Past Activities

- 1) November 8, 2005 – Polling Place Duty – Council 5300 along with Junipero Serra Assembly 44 staffed 3 polling places for the election. The various knights who worked that day were kept very busy. Make sure to thank all who participated.
- 2) November 14, 2005 – Business Meeting – Sadly, we learned that Fr. Paul and the rest of the Paulists at St. Mark’s will be leaving St. Mark’s on June 30, 2006 (see Fr. Paul’s article elsewhere in this bulletin). Also, several date changes were announced. The prime time band dinner will now be on Friday, January 27, 2006 & the clergy appreciation dinner will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2006.

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December, 2005

12/02/05	Friday	24 Hour Adoration
12/05/05	Monday	K of C Officer’s Meeting, 8:00 PM
12/08/05	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
12/18/05	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
12/25/05	Sunday	Christmas Day

January, 2006

01/03/06	Tuesday	K of C Officer’s Meeting, 8:00 PM
01/06/06	Friday	24 Hour Adoration
01/08/06	Sunday	Membership Drive
01/09/06	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
01/27/06	Friday	Prime Time Band Dinner
01/29/06	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Corporate Communion

February, 2006

02/03/06	Friday	24 Hour Adoration
02/06/06	Monday	K of C Officer’s Meeting, 8:00 PM
02/13/06	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
02/15/06	Wednesday	Clergy Appreciation Dinner
02/26/06	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses



Chaplain's Report

Rev. Paul Rospond, C.S.P., Chaplain

Dear Brother Knights,

At our recent meeting we voted to donate \$1,000 to support the SEARCH Retreats at St. Mark's. Fr. Joe and I thank you for your support of our ministry to UCSB students. They are the future of our Church.

SEARCH, based on the Cursillo invites young adults to a deeper (or new!) commitment to Christ. Students give witnesses relating to basic Christian topics, e.g. Living as a Christian, Faith, Prayer, the Church as Body of Christ, the Holy Spirit. There's power in this retreat to change hearts and lives.

SEARCH is also a great way for us to address the goals of our campus ministry. When students have to prepare to give a witness it causes them to go deeper and think about what they really believe and how they can communicate that faith effectively. As they prepare, they talk to friends and roommates about their Faith. As group leaders during the retreat they develop leadership skills. As support staff they learn about serving God's people out of love. Praying for the retreatants before and during the retreat they learn about the power of intercessory prayer. The students return with a new enthusiasm for their Catholic Faith.

You may have heard that the Paulists will be leaving St. Mark's in the spring. There's just not enough of us anymore. When I joined the Paulists there were 270 of us with an average age of 45. Now we're 150 with an average age of 65. This past year we've gone through a process of discerning how to carry on our Mission given this reality.

I'm sad about leaving. I've enjoyed my ministry these last 5 years, put down roots, made friends. And don't know where I will serve next year.

It's a difficult moment for St. Mark's since the future is uncertain. The Paulists are short on

priests, but so is Cardinal Mahony. There's been parish meetings to share our feelings and to look to the future. A delegation will be appointed to dialogue with Bishop Curry about the needs of the parish.

I'm confident that the work with the students will continue. Say a prayer for St. Mark's as we figure out how to carry on our Mission.

The Lord's Peace! Fr. Paul Rospond, C.S.P.

December Birthdays

George B. Gritt	12/02
Rev. John W. Higgins	12/05
Rev. Sabas N. Mallya	12/05
Msgr. Stephen N. Downes	12/08
Paul H. Coyne	12/09
John W. Moynihan Jr.	12/15
Roy F. Schrader Jr.	12/18
Daniel J. Bunke	12/19
John R. Bell	12/20
Joseph M. Bauer	12/22
Mell Hueston	12/23
Robert A. Znovena	12/28

Article Submissions

All articles are to be submitted to the grand knight, Chris Arnoult (francisarnoult@cox.net) (805) 964-6324 and Stephen Schlesselmann (805) 968-9440 (sjschlesselmann@cox.net). Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Thank you.



Chancellor's Report

John Kestel, Chancellor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

John Lacey (9/3), Alene Keenan wife of Bill Keenan (10/21). May God grant them peace and comfort.

Please pray for Brother Knights who are ill or recovering from illness:

PGK Walter Swiacki; Jesse Garcia; Leonard Mooy; PGK Chuck Burke; Fred Cota; George Romich; John Sternot; George Gritt; Sam Alfano (back surgery on 7/28); Fritz Cahill; Mario Borgatello Sr.(at home recovering from surgery).

Other persons for whom prayers are requested:

Eleanor Cahill, wife of Fritz Cahill; Nancy Herrera; Anne Marie McBeth, daughter of PGK Max Keller; Patrick Donohoe, son of PGK Fank Donohoe; Ellen Velasco, granddaughter of Bruce Velasco; Harriet Burke, wife of PGK Chuck Burke; the mother of PGK Felix Sanchez; the mother of Mark Christman; Teresa Meza, sister of Jose Meza; Michael T. McGrew, grandson of Tom Cordeiro; Glen Sliger, father of Terry Sliger; Barbara Vogel, mother of PGK John Vogel; Barbara Friedrich; Tony Gonzales, brother-in-law of PGK Felix Sanchez; Betty Benn, wife of Don Benn; the mother-in-law of PGK Ralph Wengler; the niece of PGK John Vogel; Bill Kestel, brother of John Kestel; Steve Schlesselman's sister's family; Donna Abels, wife of Jim Abels; John Sanchez, brother of PGK Felix Sanchez; Joel Wenzinger, son of PGK Dale Wenzinger; Judy Klinge, wife of PGK Brian Klinge; John Lima (taking chemo for cancer), son of Joe Lima; Larry Torres Jr (at home waiting for liver transplant), son of Larry Torres.

If you know of any corrections or changes to this report, please contact John Kestel at mejfk@cox.net or by phone 967-7943.



Financial Secretary's Report
Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary

Now that we are into the Christmas season, your Financial Secretary is prepared for a busy 6 or 8 weeks. First comes the billing then the membership cards for the Honorary Life members, then the membership card for each member as he sends in his dues.

I am optimistic about the billing for this year. It took a few years to find out why zip codes were missing on many letterheads. The address on the letterhead is used in conjunction with a window envelope. It turned out that Santa Barbara plus a nine digit zip was too many digits for the allocation in the computer. So, the computer dropped the whole zip. A little editing reduces all Santa Barbara zips to five digits except for Honorary Life members.

The "365 Club" turns out to be at least as much bookkeeping as the membership dues and cards. However, I am convinced about the outstanding benefits of the Columbian Charities, that my support would be just as strong if the work-load were tripled.

Dues are \$48 a year, based on \$12 per quarter. A discount of \$3 is given for dues received on or before Jan. 15. The discount was established as a reasonable incentive for ontime payment. Preparation of the Second Notice, the Knight Alert, and the Notice of Intent to Suspend, plus the associate postage, are the result of late payment of dues. The conversion to annual billing helped resolve some of the problem. Some quarterly payers stretched the billing process through the entire year.

The Financial Secretary stipend is authorized at 10% of the dues collected as an incentive. This FS does not use that authorization and donates his time for the betterment of the Council. Please add 10% to your dues for the "365 Club" in the same spirit of giving.

I wish you a Holy and Happy Christmas.

Fraternally, Ralph, F.S.



Report of the 4th Degree
Brian Klinge, Faithful Navigator

I want to WELCOME to our newest Fourth Degree Member, SK DANIEL KNAUSS. This Columbian

Year, he has faithfully served our current Council Board as Recorder. Dan and his family have been active in the St. Raphael's Community for several years and their sons attend El Camino School. Some of you may remember Dan's father had also been a Knight and a member of our Council.

The Exemplification for our Region took place in Visalia. As I had foretold here, we had a very Successful Hospitality Suite. It was great to see everyone having such a good time and to renew old acquaintances. Thank you to the Knights who made the journey North. I want EVERYONE to know it is very worthwhile experience to be a member of the Junipero Serra Assembly!

As promised, our Fourth Degree Second LADIES NIGHT OUT, will be January 16, 2006, 6:00-8:00 PM. It will be held at the Ql Mission, Friars Dining Room, and a Beautiful Setting. Full Salad Bar; Soup(s); Two Hot Entrees; Two Vegetable Choices; Wine(s), Coffee and Desert; Cost only \$20.00pp. Officers dress in Tux, Ladies, appropriate early evening attire. RSVP not later than January 9, you will need to be on the reservation list. *WE NEVER TAKE OUR LADIES FOR GRANTED!*

As a Worthy Sir Knight, please mark your Calendars NOW...the State Deputy Chapter President's Testimonial Dinner will take place in Ventura on Saturday, February 11, 2006. Mass at San Buenaventura Mission is 5:30 PM. Dinner will be at the K/C Hall in Ventura and catered by our own Executive Chef: Fresh Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost is only \$20.00pp. RSVP not later than Feb. 4th. Both you and your wives are invited.

As Knights, we need to remain vigilant to the dangers presented our Church in the world today and not become complacent. We must continue to show solidarity with all of our Clergy.

It is not difficult to invite a Brother Knight to join the Fourth Degree, fill out the Fourth Degree Membership Form and return it to me or any of our Officers. We can do the leg work, please provide us some "leads." *Recruitment* is an on-going process. We need to at least provide the men that opportunity.

MAY GOD LOVE AND CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

Brian Klinge, FDD
Faithful Navigator, Junipero Serra Assembly



Membership Director's Report
Sam Alfano, Membership Director

Recently in the Knights Bulletin the question was asked "Does your church need an AED?" One goal of the Knights of Columbus is to help support our parish. In this case we were referring to the need for life support. An AED is an Automated External Defibrillator. In the case of cardiac arrest, these easy-to-use machines literally tell you what to do; enabling treatment to be given to a victim until paramedics arrive.

The American Heart Association estimates that the current survival rate from cardiac arrest would increase from a dismal 5% to a modest 50% simply by having an AED program in place.

My strong personal interest in providing an AED program at St. Raphael's relates to the tragic loss of my niece's husband last year. A devoted husband and father of two teen age children, he lost his life after cardiac arrest because he did not receive early treatment.

A non profit organization is now in place in the Long Beach area known as "HeartBeats For Tom." The organization is providing AED units for Parishes, High Schools and Sports Centers. The units have been approved by the Archdiocese.

I have had discussions with Father Bruce on the proposed program and have also brought the

proposal to the Parish Council. In addition, Principal Ellen Manning was very supportive of these units. There is agreement that AED units would be a tremendous life saving asset to have on the Parish grounds.

Ideally, depending on funding availability, a unit would be placed in the church, a unit in the hall and a unit at the school. A one hour training program on use of the units would be provided by the County Fire Department. I envision parishioners who have indicated an interest as well as Knights would be trained in their use.

The units cost approximately \$1200.00 each. We are now looking into alternative funding sources to make the program become a reality.

As Knights, we are entrusted with serving others. How can we not become involved in this life saving program?

Sam S. Alfano



Pro-Life Director's Report
Bob & Cecilia Marks
Pro-Life Couple

From LATimes.com (November 29, 2005)

Offering Abortion, Rebirth

- Yes, an Arkansas doctor says, he destroys life. But he believes the thousands of women who have relied on him have been 'born again.'

By Stephanie Simon, Times Staff Writer

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. - Dr. William F. Harrison has forgotten how many children the woman had. He remembers she was poor and, most vividly, he remembers her response when a physician diagnosed her distended stomach as pregnancy.

"Oh ... doctor," the woman said. "I was hoping it was cancer."

This was in 1967. Harrison was a medical student and his wife was expecting their third child. It had

never occurred to him that a woman would be anything but happy to learn she was pregnant.

The next year, he trained on a maternity ward. In a 24-hour shift, it was not unusual, he said, for four or five women to come in feverish or hemorrhaging from botched abortions.

Harrison opened an obstetrics and gynecology practice, but after the Supreme Court established abortion as a constitutional right in 1973, he decided to take on an additional specialty. Now 70, Harrison estimates he's terminated at least 20,000 pregnancies.

His clinic has not been picked for years, but Harrison feels very much on the front lines these days.

Debate over President Bush's nominee for the Supreme Court, Samuel A. Alito Jr., has centered on abortion. Activists on both sides warn - or pray - that if Alito is confirmed, the court may one day reverse Roe vs. Wade.

At least a dozen states, and perhaps as many as 30, would probably continue to allow most abortions. But abortion rights activists predict that terminating a pregnancy would become a criminal act across much of the South, the Midwest and the Rocky Mountain region.

In Arkansas, for instance, the state constitution sets out "to protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth." At least 10 other states - including Illinois, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Utah - have similar language in their constitutions or legal codes....

He calls himself an "abortionist" and says, "I am destroying life."...

It is a few minutes before 11 a.m. when Harrison raps on the door of his operating room and walks in.

His Fayetteville Women's Clinic occupies a once-elegant home dating to the 1940s; the first-floor surgery looks like it was a parlor. Thick blue curtains block the windows and paintings of butterflies and flowers hang on the walls. The radio is tuned to an easy-listening station.

An 18-year-old with braces on her teeth is on the

operating table, her head on a plaid pillow, her feet up in stirrups, her arms strapped down at her sides. A pink blanket is draped over her stomach. She's 13 weeks pregnant, at the very end of the first trimester. She hasn't told her parents.

A nurse has already given her a local anesthetic, Valium and a drug to dilate her cervix; Harrison prepares to inject Versed, a sedative, in her intravenous line. The drug will wipe out her memory of everything that happens during the 20 minutes she's in the operating room. It's so effective that patients who return for a follow-up exam often don't recognize Harrison.

The doctor is wearing a black turtleneck, brown slacks and tennis shoes. He snaps his gum as he checks the monitors displaying the patient's pulse rate and oxygen count.

"This is not going to be nearly as hard as you anticipate," he tells her.

She smiles wanly. Keeping up a constant patter - he asks about her brothers, her future birth control plans, whether she's good at tongue twisters - Harrison pulls on sterile gloves.

"How're you doing up there?" he asks.

"Doing OK."

"Good girl."

Harrison glances at an ultrasound screen frozen with an image of the fetus taken moments before. Against the fuzzy black-and-white screen, he sees the curve of a head, the bend of an elbow, the ball of a fist.

"You may feel some cramping while we suction everything out," Harrison tells the patient.

A moment later, he says: "You're going to hear a sucking sound."

The abortion takes two minutes. The patient lies still and quiet, her eyes closed, a few tears rolling down her cheeks. The friend, who has accompanied her, stands at her side, mutely stroking her arm.

When he's done, Harrison performs another ultrasound. The screen this time is blank but for the contours of the uterus. "We've gotten everything out of there," he says.

As the nurse drops the instruments in the sink with a clatter, the teenager looks around, woozy.

"It was a lot easier than I thought it would be," she says. "I thought it would be horrible, but it wasn't. The procedure, that is."

She is not yet sure, she says, how she is doing emotionally. She feels guilty, sad and relieved, all in a jumble.

"There's things wrong with abortion," she says. "But I want to have a good life. And provide a good life for my child." To keep this baby now, she says, when she's single, broke and about to start college, "would be unfair."



***From Chapter II - I CAME THAT THEY MAY
HAVE LIFE - Evangelium Vitae by John Paul II
(March 25, 1995)***

44. Human life finds itself most vulnerable when it enters the world and when it leaves the realm of time to embark upon eternity. The word of God frequently repeats the call to show care and respect, above all where life is undermined by sickness and old age. Although there are no direct and explicit calls to protect human life at its very beginning, specifically life not yet born, and life nearing its end, this can easily be explained by the fact that the mere possibility of harming, attacking, or actually denying life in these circumstances is completely foreign to the religious and cultural way of thinking of the People of God.

In the Old Testament, sterility is dreaded as a curse, while numerous offspring are viewed as a blessing: "Sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward" (Ps 127:3; cf. Ps 128:3-4). This belief is also based on Israel's awareness of being the people of the Covenant, called to increase in accordance with the promise made to Abraham "Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you

are able to number them ... so shall your descendants be" (Gen 15:5). But more than anything else, at work here is the certainty that the life which parents transmit has its origins in God. We see this attested in the many biblical passages which respectfully and lovingly speak of conception, of the forming of life in the mother's womb, of giving birth and of the intimate connection between the initial moment of life and the action of God the Creator.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5): the life of every individual, from its very beginning, is part of God's plan. Job, from the depth of his pain, stops to contemplate the work of God who miraculously formed his body in his mother's womb. Here he finds reason for trust and he expresses his belief that there is a divine plan for his life: "You have fashioned and made me; will you then turn and destroy me? Remember that you have made me of clay; and will you turn me to dust again? Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love; and your care has preserved my spirit" (Job 10:8-12). Expressions of awe and wonder at God's intervention in the life of a child in its mother's womb occur again and again in the Psalms.

How can anyone think that even a single moment of this marvelous process of the unfolding of life could be separated from the wise and loving work of the Creator, and left prey to human caprice? Certainly the mother of the seven brothers did not think so; she professes her faith in God, both the source and guarantee of life from its very conception, and the foundation of the hope of new life beyond death: "I do not know how you came into being in my womb. It was not I who gave you life and breath, nor I who set in order the elements within each of you. Therefore the Creator of the world, who shaped the beginning of man and devised the origin of all things, will in his mercy give life and breath back to you again, since you now forget yourselves for the sake of his laws" (2 Mac 7:22-23).

45. The New Testament revelation confirms the indisputable recognition of the value of life from its

very beginning. The exaltation of fruitfulness and the eager expectation of life resound in the words with which Elizabeth rejoices in her pregnancy: "The Lord has looked on me ... to take away my reproach among men" (Lk 1:25). And even more so, the value of the person from the moment of conception is celebrated in the meeting between the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth, and between the two children whom they are carrying in the womb. It is precisely the children who reveal the advent of the Messianic age: in their meeting, the redemptive power of the presence of the Son of God among men first becomes operative. As Saint Ambrose writes: "The arrival of Mary and the blessings of the Lord's presence are also speedily declared ... Elizabeth was the first to hear the voice; but John was the first to experience grace. She heard according to the order of nature; he leaped because of the mystery. She recognized the arrival of Mary; he the arrival of the Lord. The woman recognized the woman's arrival; the child, that of the child. The women speak of grace; the babies make it effective from within to the advantage of their mothers who, by a double miracle, prophesy under the inspiration of their children. The infant leaped, the mother was filled with the Spirit. The mother was not filled before the son, but after the son was filled with the Holy Spirit, he filled his mother too."



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

DECEMBER: A Season of Giving

With the holidays rapidly approaching, now is a good time to sit down with your Knights of Columbus agent and discuss your family's current financial circumstances - and your future plans. Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for his family. Think about it: What else can you put under the Christmas tree that can:

* Guarantee that the mortgage on your home would be paid off if you die?

* Provide a way for you to ensure that money is available for your children to attend college, whether you live or die?

* Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death?

You probably know plenty of folks who overspend during the holiday season. Conversely, few people over-save, and plenty of folks are financially unprepared for the future. Yet, it's by doing the latter that people demonstrate true love for their spouses and children!

Start early on some resolutions for the new year. Save more. Allocate expenditures more wisely. Above all, ensure your family's financial protection - come what may. With a Knights of Columbus life insurance program, your family will have the benefit of financial security for the years ahead... and be better able to celebrate future Christmases.

Financial hardship is something that you can prevent. By taking the appropriate steps now, you protect your loved ones against financial calamity in the event of your death. What's more, the sooner you act, the greater the benefits will be for your family - and, possibly, for you as well. I wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

To contact me with regards to this or any of your insurance needs please email me at dlfarebrother@aol.com or call me at either of the numbers listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally,

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St. Raphael Parishioners Contribute Generously to Thanksgiving Food Collection on Nov. 19-23

Joe T. Kovach, Former Knightline & SPIRIT Editor



Through the extraordinary generosity of St. Raphael's parishioners for the annual Thanksgiving Food Collections held Saturday through Wednesday, November 19-23, 22 volunteer workers were able to distribute food to 64 families (283 people) in the parish community according to Fritz Cahill, the chief leader since 1982. Fritz contributes his time, energy, smile, car and other resources to deliver food and staples daily to the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Santa Barbara. His wife, Eleanor, actually was the founder of his food collection while she and other women led the local FHA group.

Cahill, a 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus member since June 1992, beamed with pride as he noted the 'storage room' in the Church was filled to capacity with turkeys, hams, potatoes, rice, beans and all sorts of canned food items. "This is the biggest food delivery I have ever made to Catholic Charities in the past 23 years," exclaimed Cahill.

Besides the two to three large bags of mixed groceries, a turkey or ham and 5 lbs. of potatoes were given to each of the 64 local families. Fritz and his super St. Vincent de Paul volunteers gave the rest of the giant collection to Catholic Charities. It took four trucks full of food to deliver the groceries to Catholic Charities, which included 90 more turkeys and several hams. Fritz explained that the 64 families this year were able to pick out the groceries they desired by going around the tables to choose their food items.

Cahill was so thankful to his 22 parish volunteers (mostly from the St. Vincent de Paul parish group)

who helped so tirelessly during the five days. Helping Fritz were David and Martha Avila, Joe Bauer, Nilce Boyle, Seminarian Angel Castro, Rachael DeAlba, Frank Diani, Livia Doder, Mike Donovan, Marcie and Barney Dmy, Sylvia Lindquist, Joan Magenheimer, Remary McClintock, John Meagher, Ken Mlodzik, Sharon Hurley Montross, Imelda Oden, Chawa Ramirez, Josie Schreier and Hal Thompson.

The energetic Cahill added that St. Vincent de Paul members have helped him collect and distribute food for the needy since 2001. Also, St. Raphael School children bring food and toiletry items on the First Friday of the month for Catholic Charities. Both the Spanish and English Religious Education students contribute groceries during the three special times each year.

In recent months parishioner John Meagher has been doing the daily collections for Catholic Charities since Fritz' wife Eleanor has become too ill so he needs to watch her closely. John makes one or two trips daily and Catholic Charities knows the donated food comes from St. Raphael's Parish. Cahill stated, "Apparently we (St. Raphael's) donate most of the food on a daily basis. Besides food and fresh oranges, lemons, apples, apricots and avocados, parishioners drop off clothing too. "The CC Thrift Store makes periodic trips to homes to collect furniture, washers/driers, refrigerators, etc.

"There is a very special parishioner I know that gives significant food contributions to both Catholic Charities and the Knights of Columbus," expressed Cahill. Another woman parishioner donates \$30 monthly, another buys 400 lbs. of rice each month and another 'angel' donates beans and rice monthly.

There are three major holidays when the Parish makes extra special donations for the needy: Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

Currently Joe Bauer serves as President of the St. Vincent del Paul organization. Don Aubrey was the First President. Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes former pastor, was responsible for getting the group started. The group collects funds outside church after all Masses whenever there is a 5th Sunday in a month (once a quarter). With these funds, they help the needy people with their special requests: doctor

bills, car repairs, rent, utility bills and food (a \$25 certificate is provided redeemable at Santa Cruz Market).

Cahill is very thankful to the Knights of Columbus for their \$100 a month assistance, a special parishioner who gives \$75 a month, donations at the three special times each year and for Toyota of Santa Barbara for their very generous help. With these dollars Fritz purchases food in bulk (rice, beans and potatoes) for Catholic Charities.

Cahill in the past has been assisted by his wife Eleanor. His two sons, Tom and Steven, help him now. He started back in 1982 while working for the Forest Service. After retiring in 1990, Fritz made Catholic Charities his top priority and his kindness and dedication to the downtown facility has been acclaimed by politicians, Goleta Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Barbara Kiwanis, and many newspaper articles in the Santa Barbara News-Press, Goleta newspapers and the SPIRIT newspaper. The Cahills are wonderful examples of Christian charity and service to the needs of people in our parish and wider community. Fritz's concluding statement, "As in all things many people working together can do many extraordinary things for the less fortunate."

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- Sunday December 18th Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast. Please come, donate blood and have breakfast ... it's your last chance this year.

Sunday January 8th we are having a membership drive after the morning masses. We will be having a continental breakfast for prospective new Knights and their families. Brother Sam Alfano is organizing this event, but we need volunteers to help after masses and with recruiting new members.

The annual Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner will be Wednesday February 15th 6:00 – 9:00 pm at St. Raphael Parish Hall. Purchase your tickets early.

Our November business meeting brought some sad news; Fr. Paul Respond announced that the Paulist Fathers will be recalled from St. Marks parish due to the dwindling size and aging of the members of

the order. This is a big loss to Council 5300 because Fr. Paul is our chaplain, but it is a bigger blow to the St. Marks community. We pray that some way to provide ministry to the St. Marks community will be found. On the good news side, Council 5300 wrote a \$1,000.00 check which was given to Fr. Paul for the St. Marks SEARCH retreat for Catholic young adults. All those hours of work at pancake breakfasts and Lenten fish fry dinners and coke booth sales are made worthwhile in this kind of support. Thank you everyone.

Brothers Bill McNamara, Jack Turney, Stan Baran, Vince Filippello, Bill Fuhrer, Bernie Jochum, Dan Knauss, Bill Konkol, John Kestel, John Peyton with Cindy Bennet, Dick Nordsieck, Rich Scholl and Chris Arnoult staffed a polling place at Girsh Park on November 8. It was a goodtime and an interesting experience for me. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Brothers Jack Turney, Bob Mark, Carlos Valenzuela and Steve Schlessekmann manned and operated the Santa Claus booth at the Ladies Auxilliary Christmas Boutique on Sunday November 23. We even moved into the digital age with Jack's digital camera and computer. Thanks to all of you.

I want to take this time to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. May you and your families have safe journeys if you travel. And remember to keep Christ in Christmas.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jose Meza

By Chris Arnoult, Grand Knight



This month I would like to name Brother Jose Meza as Knight of the Month. Jose is one of those Knights whom you really appreciate because is always "there." At Third Degree business meetings, he is our Outside Guard, but he is also taking care of the attendance drawing and the 50/50 raffle. Jose works in the kitchen for many events, including pancake breakfasts and dinners for both the 3rd Degree and the 4th Degree. He is "Mr. Salsa", well known for making a salsa with a nice kick that even a gringo can love and more potent versions that the he-men in the Council can swear (or curse) by. Jose is a member of the Color Corps and attends many callouts for the Corps. He also has been a member of the 1st and 2nd Degree teams, helping with exemplifications for fellow Brother Knights.

Jose joined the Knights of Columbus in October 1981 and did his 2^d and 3^d Degree Exemplifications in November of the same year. He joined the 4th Degree in July of 1985. (I've been told that Knights moved through the exemplifications much more rapidly back in those days. Maybe, we should try to get this to happen again ... I took 4 years to get there.) Ever since joining the Knights, Jose has been active and doing something ... albeit mostly without fanfare. He has been Outside Guard or Inside Guard for so long that no one knows when he first began. All-in-all, Jose Meza is a busy Brother Knight of Columbus and his contribution to the organization is greatly appreciated by all members, especially me, as Grand Knight, because you know he will be there.

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- 3) November 16, 2005 – Membership Meeting - Our grand knight, Chris Arnout, held a membership meeting that night. Those present decided that we will have a membership Sunday on January 8, 2006. The day will include a continental breakfast in the hall for potential candidates.
- 4) November 20, 2005 – Women's Auxiliary Boutique - The knights supplied a Santa Claus for the Women's Auxiliary Boutique after all the Masses. Brothers Bob Marks, Jack Turney and Carlos Valenzuela did a terrific job as Santa Claus and Ed Barrier, Stephen Schlesselmann and Jack took the pictures. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It should be noted that Brother Ed Barrier (one of our new Knights who took his 1st degree on Oct 10th), also manned the Keep Christ in Christmas booth at the boutique and sold several boxes of cards! It's great to see our new knights jumping right in and helping out.
- 5) November 27, 2005 – Pancake Breakfast - The knights hosted their usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:30 Masses. A quick peek disclosed that Brother Jim Bradbury was being ably assisted by Brothers' Jose Mesa, Jack Turney, Martin Adame (another of our new knights), Paul Curzan and his wife, Evelina.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) December 2, 2005 – 24 hour adoration will take place in the church.
- 2) December 3, 2005 – The trustee's Christmas party has been cancelled.
- 3) December 8, 2005 – Our business meeting has been changed to this date in order not to conflict with the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on December 12, 2005.
- 4) December 18, 2005 – Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive – We will have our usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. Additionally, there will be a blood drive during the morning in the parish hall.
- 5) December 25, 2005 – Merry Christmas!

Thank you.

From the Knightline (October 5, 2005-Vol. 22, #14) The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

For the past 33 years, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14.

Since it originated in 1972, more than 2.5 million young people have participated in the annual event. Last year, 3,229 councils participated, yielding an outstanding turnout of 88,103 girls and 111,323 boys for a total of 199,426 contestants.

The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. All competition starts on the local level. Winners move on to the district, regional, and state or province levels. From there some make it to the international level for championship competition in their group.

To sponsor a competition, all your council needs is the *Free Throw Championship Kit* (#FT-KIT), a couple of basketballs, a hoop and a bunch of kids. It is a great way to get out into the public and introduce the Order to your community while providing youths with a rewarding activity that yields a chance for local, state or provincial, and international recognition.



As has been mentioned elsewhere in this bulletin, the clergy appreciation dinner has been rescheduled to February 15, 2006. Brother Sam Alfano has agreed to coordinate the event. Please give Sam a call at (805) 967-0595 if you can help.

It should also be noted that Sam celebrated his 75th birthday on Monday, November 28, 2005. Make sure to wish Sam a Happy 75th Birthday when you get the chance.

PHOTO GALLERY

Pictures from the 4th Degree Exemplification, November 5, 2005 & Santa Claus at the Women's Auxiliary Boutique, November 20, 2005



Worthy Master SK Manuel Lima & SK Ernie Bingham introduce the color corp demonstration.



Another picture of SK Manuel Lima & Ernie Bingham.



Several of the color corp knights demonstrate a march.



The color corp commander marches toward the podium.



The color corp commander with the rest of the color corp marches in formation.



Another view of the color corp.



Brother Dan Knauss & his wife, Jackie in the hospitality suite.



Brothers Dan Knauss, Stephen Schlesselmann & Cathy Wengler at the Mass following the exemplification.



Brother Brian Klinge & his wife Judy at the Exemplification dinner.



Brother Ralph Wengler & his wife at the Exemplification dinner.



Brother Bernie Jochum telling Santa Claus what a good boy he has been during the last year!



One of the many children who enjoyed posing for a picture with Santa Claus.

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