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ST. MARY'S-PALMDALE-DEDICATION *12/08/05*



On Thursday, December 8th (the Feast of the Immaculate Conception), Msgr. Stephen Downes' new church in Palmdale (St. Mary's) was dedicated by Cardinal Mahony, Bishop Curry and various priests. A number of knights and St. Raphael's parishioners attended the ceremony. For more details, see Brother Joe Kovach's article and more photos elsewhere in this bulletin.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Chris Arnoult, Grand Knight



Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

Happy new year to all of you and your families! I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and that you and your families will enjoy an economically and spiritually prosperous new year. A new year also brings a fresh slate to work on and an opportunity to do those things that did not get accomplished last year.

One leftover from year 2005 that I want to apologize for was missing the annual Knights of Columbus Christmas party. Several of you mentioned that you missed that opportunity to gather with fellow Knights and socialize. Sorry for my part in that fiasco. It was on the schedule but I forgot to get it into the business meeting agendas for October and November in time for the event to be organized. It won't happen again this year ... the DGK has assured me.

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Program Director's Report

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Deputy Grand Knight

Food for Thought

We will be celebrating New Year's Day as well as the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1, 2006. As **St Josemaria de Balaguer** states in **the Way**: "How men like to be reminded of their relationship with distinguished figures in literature, in politics, in the armed forces, in the Church! Sing to Mary Immaculate, reminding her: Hail Mary, daughter of God the Father! Hail Mary, Mother of God the Son! Hail Mary, Spouse of God the Holy Spirit! Greater than you - no one but God!" (**page 122 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St Josemaria de Balaguer**).

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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

March, 2006

- 03/01/06 Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- 03/03/06 Friday 24 Hour Adoration/KC Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 03/03/06 Friday Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/06/06 Monday K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 03/10/06 Friday Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/13/06 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 03/17/06 Friday Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/24/06 Friday Lenten Fish Fry
- 03/26/06 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
- 03/31/06 Friday Lenten Fish Fry



District Deputy's Report
Cherif Khoury, District Deputy

Happy New Year to all.

New resolutions for the new year:

Be proud of being a Knight. Recruit a new member.
Under God we prosper.

A few important dates to remember:

- Wednesday, January 4th, Chapter meeting at Serra Hall at 7:30 PM.

- Friday, January 6th, Epiphany of our Lord.

- Wednesday, January 11th, Council general meeting at Serra Hall at 7:30 PM.

- Monday, January 16th, 4th degree dinner with wives at Old Mission Friar's dining room. Councils are invited and encouraged to attend with wives. Cost of dinner is \$20 per person. Formal attire recommended. Make your reservations by Monday, the 9th to our Faithful Navigator Brian Klinge at 967-4753. Catered dinner and entertainment will make this a memorable event. I hope many 3rd degree members will join the patriotic 4th degree next November.

- Wednesday, February 15th at St Raphael church, Religious appreciation dinner hosted by council 5300 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are available for \$12 per person. Invite your friends and relatives to this worthy function to show our solidarity with our clergy. Sponsoring a brother and a sister is strongly appreciated.

- Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:30 PM at Serra Hall, second degree for first degree candidates. This date is the first of two tentative dates and may be changed. The second alternative date is Monday, March 13th at St Raphael's hall at 7:30 PM. Hope you will all come to see the 3 councils' new members making their Unity vows.

From the minutes of 1684's Council Meeting on
December 7, 2005:

District Deputy's Report:

Brother Cherif reported on the following items:

1. Our district has achieved only 65% of its quota for new members.
2. Our district continues to lack achieving its insurance quota.
3. K of C of California has not filled its 50% membership quota for 2006. Some of the councils have lost 40% to 50% of their membership.
4. Procedures for the First Degree ceremony will change as of January 1, 2006. The ceremony will no longer be secretive. Since some of the roles for officers will change, this requires forming a new First Degree team.
5. National K of C will be sponsoring television and newspaper advertisements throughout the United States informing the public of its responsibilities and their service to the community.
6. Protocols in conducting general meetings will change. This will include where officers will be seated during the meeting and the procedures for the introduction of special guests such as the district deputy.
7. State K of C Convention in May will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose. Hotel rooms are \$110 per night. Reservations should be made as soon as possible. Two hundred special raffle tickets, each costing \$200, will be printed offering four grand prizes of \$10K, \$5K, \$3K, and \$2K; the proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets going to support the cost of 75 seminarians being invited to the convention.
8. The State Supreme seeks to have a spiritual part added to the general meeting as well as generating spiritual groups composed of K of C members in our local parishes.

January Birthdays

Msgr. Henry A. Van Son	01/01
Jesus R. Hernandez	01/01
Jose Meza	01/02
Dr. Anthony Mendesh	01/02
Rev. Jeffrey D. Newell	01/03
Jerry J. Nespor	01/06
Robert J. Gauthier	01/12
Solomon G. Sanchez	01/13
Donald R. Aubrey	01/14
Francis P. Diani	01/16
Joseph P. Pando	01/19
Rev. Edward C. Nowak	01/19
Col. James A. Wasil	01/24
James E. McCann	01/25
John J. Meagher	01/29
Ralph V. Modugno	01/30



Financial Secretary's Report
Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary

I am just busy enough to wish you all, "Happy Holidays". However, I know better and sincerely wish you a belated "Merry Christmas". As I write this, it is a few days before the end of 2005. I wish each and every reader the best possible 2006.

It takes approximately 20 minutes to process each member's dues and membership card, thus the statement that I have been busy. I thank those who have responded to my request for support to Columbian Charities in the form of the "365 Club". I will report next month about your generosity in the form of a few statistics. I now wish I had kept track as to how many of the wives signed the dues checks. They seemed to be a majority.

All of the bookkeeping involved in dues collection uncovered a few discrepancies and questions. I corrected as much as I could. Now it is up to you to tell me how far off I am in spelling of names and places. Keep me informed at rjw added@cox.net.

P.S. Still trying to collect email addresses.

Fraternally, Ralph, F.S.



Chancellor's Report
John Kestel, Chancellor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Alene Keenan, wife of Bill Keenan (10/21); John Lima, son of Joe Lima (12/10); may God grant them peace and comfort.

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

Jesse Garcia; Leonard Mooy; PGK Chuck Burke; Fred Cota; George Romich; John Sternot; George Gritt; Sam Alfano (back surgery on 7/28); Mario Borgatello Sr.(at home recovering from surgery); Vince Filippello (blood clot in leg).

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 Frank 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 Schlesselmann's sister's family and Herman Schlesselmann, Steve's father; 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; Larry Torres Jr (at home waiting for liver transplant); son of Larry Torres; Kathleen Meckelborg, wife of Al Meckelborg.



Report of the 4th Degree
Brian Klinge, Faithful Navigator

So what happened to 2005? Is it over?? Did I miss something?? It seems like I was just being installed to keep track of this “wild bunch.” Life goes on and we will continue to learn and do our *BEST!*

As promised, our Fourth Degree Second LADIES NIGHT OUT(LNO), will be Monday, January 16, 2006; 6:00-8:00 PM. It will be held at the Old Mission, Friars Dinning 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. Entertainment shall be Spanish and Flamenco Dancing provided by SK Francisco Cabrera and his wife. As a “recruiting tool,” the Assembly has decided to invite interested Third Degree Members to our LNO. All RSVPs to me not later than January 9, you will need to be on the reservation list. We have already started planning our next LNO. *WE NEVER TAKE OUR LADIES FOR GRANTED!*

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, please mark your Calendars NOW ... the State Deputy’s/Chapter President’s Testimonial Dinner will take place in Ventura on Saturday, February 11, 2006. Mass at San Buenaventura Mission is 5:30PM. 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 to me not later than Feb.4th. Members and your wives are invited.

Our Fourth Degree Color Corps participated in the dedication of St. Mary’s Church in Palmdale, Calif on December 8th; this is the new church built by Msgr. Steve. On December 12th, the Color Corps participated in Lady of Guadalupe Services. Thank you to all who made the effort to make these special events.

A special “Thank You” to our faithful SK ushers at

the Christmas Eve service: Sam Alfano, Mell Hueston, Cherif Khoury, Ralph Wengler & Earl Pugh. It was a beautiful service!

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

All Fourth Degree Members are encouraged to attend and be active in our Council’s Third Degree Meetings; we all do belong to the same Order!

As I have stated before, *Recruitment* into the Fourth Degree is an on-going process; I am encouraged by the invitation of the Third Degree to our LNO. We need to at least provide these nonmembers that opportunity.

I hope each of you enjoys a safe and happy New Year!

MAY GOD LOVE AND CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU!

Brian Klinge, FDD
Faithful Navigator, Junipero Serra Assembly



Membership Director’s Report
Sam Alfano, Membership Director

Saturday, January 7th and Sunday, January 8th are slated for the recruitment of potential candidates for the Knights of Columbus. An announcement will be made at all the Masses that Knights will be at the entrance to church advising men of the advantages of becoming Knights. In addition, a complimentary continental breakfast will be served after the

morning Masses for interested parishioners and their families.

Volunteers are needed to be outside of church for the Masses that weekend of the 7th and 8th as well as to assist at the hall for the continental breakfast. Contact Sam Alfano (967-0595).

The February 13th meeting has been scheduled for the 1st degree exemplification. All Knights are urged to get Forms 100 and contact potential candidates. Forms 100 can be obtained by contacting Sam Alfano or Ralph Wengler. We intend to make this the largest group of candidates for the year. Your help in making this happen is sorely needed.

Plans are underway for the Clergy and Religious Appreciation dinner on Wednesday, February 15th to be held in the church hall. Tickets are now available to be purchased by contacting the church office or Sam Alfano.

Roe Ruling: More Than Its Author Intended

By David G. Savage
Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

September 14, 2005

WASHINGTON - In mid-1971, the Supreme Court agreed for the first time to hear a constitutional challenge to the long-standing state laws limiting abortion. Its decision to do so reverberates today.

At that time, Texas and 30 other states had laws, dating from the 19th century, that made an abortion a crime unless it was performed to save the mother's life.

Georgia, like California, had revised its laws in the late 1960s to permit abortion in specific circumstances: if the mother's health was endangered, if the pregnancy was caused by rape or if the fetus had a severe defect.

The newest member of the Supreme Court, Justice Harry A. Blackmun, saw much to like in the revised abortion laws. A lawyer who greatly admired doctors, he had been general counsel for the Mayo Clinic in his home state of Minnesota before becoming a federal appellate judge. He believed

that doctors needed to have leeway to do medically necessary abortions. In the court's first private conference on the issue, he described Georgia's law as "a fine statute [that] strikes a balance that is fair."

Yet, a year later, Blackmun wrote an opinion for the court that struck down all of the nation's abortion laws. Equally important, his opinion made virtually all abortions legal as a matter of a constitutional right.

That opinion, in the case of Roe vs. Wade, remains the court's most disputed decision of recent decades. By abruptly voiding all laws against abortion, it galvanized a powerful antiabortion movement that has transformed American politics.

It also dominates public debate over the court and its future. The Senate confirmation hearing for Judge John G. Roberts Jr., like those of all recent nominees, is focusing on one question: Will he vote to uphold or to reverse Roe vs. Wade?

Blackmun's Story

Last year, on the fifth anniversary of Blackmun's death, the Library of Congress opened his papers to the public. His thick files on the abortion cases tell the little-known story of how Roe vs. Wade came to be. It is the story of a rookie justice, unsure of himself and his abilities, who set out to write a narrow ruling that would reform abortion laws, not repeal them.

It is also the story of a sometimes rudderless court led by Chief Justice Warren Burger. On the day the ruling was announced, Burger said, "Plainly, the court today rejects any claim that the Constitution requires abortion on demand."

Blackmun proposed to issue a news release to accompany the decision, issued Jan. 22, 1973. "I fear what the headlines may be," he wrote in a memo. His statement, never issued, emphasized that the court was not giving women "an absolute right to abortion," nor was it saying that the "Constitution compels abortion on demand." In reality, the court did just that.

Blackmun had said that abortion "must be left to the medical judgment of the pregnant woman's attending physician." So long as doctors were

willing to perform abortions - and clinics soon opened solely to do so - the court's ruling said they could not be restricted from doing so, at least through the first six months of pregnancy.

But the most important sentence appears not in the Texas case of Roe vs. Wade, but in the Georgia case of Doe vs. Bolton, decided the same day. In deciding whether an abortion is necessary, Blackmun wrote, doctors may consider "all factors - physical, emotional, psychological, familial and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient."

It soon became clear that if a patient's "emotional well-being" was reason enough to justify an abortion, then any abortion could be justified.

Legal scholars have long pointed to the shaky constitutional basis for a right to abortion. Blackmun referred to the 14th Amendment, which says that a state may not "deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

In earlier opinions, the court had said that liberty included the concept of personal privacy. "This right to privacy ... is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy," Blackmun declared....

How did Blackmun and the Supreme Court produce such a broad ruling on abortion, while professing to do no such thing?

Court scholars and law clerks from the Roe era say there is no single explanation. Some say Blackmun naively thought that doctors would perform abortions only for medical reasons.

"He was thinking of this in the medical framework of Rochester, Minn. He imagined abortions would be performed by a family physician or in a hospital," said historian David J. Garrow, the author of a scholarly history of the abortion-rights movement.

The justices did not foresee the full impact of the ruling or the backlash it would set off, said Georgetown University law professor Mark V. Tushnet, who was a clerk for Justice Thurgood Marshall when Roe was decided. They focused on striking down the Texas-type laws that outlawed all

abortions, he said.

"All they wanted was to get those laws off the books," Tushnet said. "They were not thinking long-term with an overall vision."



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

JANUARY: Seven Resolutions for the New Year

1. **Schedule a visit with your Knights of Columbus field agent.** First things first: Life insurance protects your family if something should happen to you. Before you do anything else, be sure that your family is protected – come what may. As your field agent, I will happily provide you with a no-obligation family needs analysis. Please give me a call!
2. **Don't spend more than you earn.** We expect the government to balance the budget, but what about our own finances? Living within your means is actually more important than earning a big income to gaining a sense of security and personal satisfaction.
3. **Save more by avoiding unnecessary expenditures.** Without self-discipline, you'll never be able to save for the future. If you can't figure out where your money goes, save the receipts for every purchase you make during a month.
4. **Take advantage of all savings options available to you.** Everybody likes ways to cut taxes - and you probably have one or more savings options that can cut your taxes for you.
5. **Adopt a long-term perspective.** Beware of get-

rich-quick schemes - few of them work. Instead, patience is the more productive approach - and it requires less of your daily energy. A long-term outlook is even more crucial if your financial goals (higher education for children, retirement) are well in the future.

- 6. **Trim down your high interest debt as fast as possible.** Would you have bought that \$1,000 big-screen TV if the price were \$1,180? That's what you'd pay if you added the 18 percent annual interest typically charged by a store credit card. Even if you're loath to tap your savings account, you'll come out ahead by using it to liquidate a high-interest debt that's been hanging around for months...if not years.
- 7. **Be prepared for unexpected expenditures.** When these occur, it certainly helps to have some money in reserve. Some examples of these expenses might include a tax bill, vehicle repairs or purchases, moving costs, unanticipated home repairs - maybe even a discretionary purchase, such as that big-screen television.

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. Mary's is a Beautiful New Church in Palmdale
Busload of 50 St. Raphael Parishioners Witness
Rite of Dedication Mass of Msgr. Downes' Church

Joe T. Kovach, Former Knightline & SPIRIT Editor

Fifty St. Raphael parishioners came by bus to witness the colorful celebration of the dedication of Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes' St. Mary's Church in Palmdale on Thursday night, December 8, 2005. In an over capacity filled church, the Rite of Dedication Mass was spotlighted with beautiful

music and singing by a very large choir of children and adults, a colorful procession, the Junipero Serra Color Corps and liturgy of the word spoken in different languages.

Cardinal Roger Mahony with Bishop Thomas Curry of Santa Barbara and Bishop Gerald Wilkerson of Los Angeles presided at the joyful festivity with many, many clergy, sisters and deacons in attendance.

Among the 18 Knights of Columbus Color Corps participating in the colorful ceremony were five Junipero Serra Color Corps from St. Raphael: Paul Coyne, Don Aubrey, Mike Donovan, Bernie Jochum and Tom Puerling.

Before the Mass, the entire community of St. Mary's parish and the Santa Barbara visitors gathered in front of the new church as Cardinal Mahony greeted everyone. Mahony then received the keys from the architect and representatives of the builders who in turn presented the keys to Msgr. Downes who then opened the main door of the Church at approximately 5 PM. All entered in procession after the Archbishop.

Msgr. Downes stated, "This date is a special blessing for our parish as it is a great feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our parish and Patroness of the United States of America under the title of her Immaculate Conception."

After the Mass, Msgr. Steve recognized and thanked the many important people who helped make the new church, parking and landscaping a reality in only two years. (Size of the church is twice as large as St. Raphael's Church). Just before his concluding remarks, one of the St. Raphael's parishioners spoke up telling the jam-packed church, "Happy Birthday Father Steve," so everyone sang the Happy Birthday song to him. It was his 65th birthday on this special day, Dec. 8th.

St. Raphael parishioners witnessing the historic ceremony included Sam & Lee Alfano, Don & Lucille Aubrey, Joe & Zee Bauer, Nellie Casselman, Pauline Coffman, Paul & Roberta Coyne, Mike Donovan, Clare Dudash, Joe & Ruth Duwell, Donna Esparza, Mary Hopping, Roy & Elizabeth Fong, Ralph & Jane Good, Dave Ivory,

Bernie & Mary Jochum, Wil Koeman, Joe Kovach, Joe & Shirley Kunze, Maureen Lacey, Marie Lundfelt, Joan Magenheimer, Joe & Audrey Meitz, Aurora Monroe, Bob Moran, John & Camille Moynihan, Teo & Delores Nungaray, Paul Robillard, Coco Rodriguez, Maria & Lia Romero, Josie Schreier, Molly Shawl, Ken & Hena Sorensen, Kay Stricker, Jack & Christa Turney, Betty Wittack, Ray & Pat Zaida.

When the Santa Barbara bus arrived at 3:40 PM, Msgr. Steve was there to greet the parishioners and he was given two extra large birthday cards, one was signed by everyone, the other was a laminated card with happy birthday noted in many native languages along with the names of the 50 persons.

Father Steve invited his former parishioners in the Church immediately on arrival and the locals marveled at the large sanctuary, the altar, the nave, the Cross, baptistry, ambry, ambo, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the rose window and clerestory windows, the tabernacle and the presider's chair. These were featured in an impressive 44-page booklet in color given to everyone.

Father also waved down the departing bus afterwards and came on board to thank everyone again and the people sang Happy Birthday and an Irish tune to him. Joan Magenheimer, leader of the Sociable Seniors travelers, served all sorts of food items and water going home. Father had invited us to have a sandwich, dessert and beverages on the school yard after the 2 1/2 hour ceremony, but since it was getting late, everyone decided it best to start the journey home.

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Christmas, the holiday, was great with gatherings of families, festive meals, parties and gift exchanges. Add to this, the New Year celebration and partying that may have occurred and also all the travel to and from wherever you had to be to enjoy the holidays. For me, I say, thank goodness that is now over until next year. It was fun while it lasted, but now I want to get back to normal, whatever that is. One aspect of normal for me is to continue to be involved in the Catholic Church as a Knight of Columbus. The

Catholic Church provides the spiritual path with the liturgy and the sacraments and the Knights of Columbus provides the opportunity to perform charitable works and to do it in the company of other Catholic men. So I'm proud to be a member of K of C 5300.

Well, so much for waxing spiritual and possibly maudlin, but before proceeding to coming events let me take a moment to review the good stuff from December 2005.

- If you missed the 3rd Degree December Business Meeting, it might have been because it was rescheduled to Thursday, December 8th. The celebration Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe was held on our regular meeting night. We had a sparsely attended meeting, with not quite a quorum, but we did our best and had some good discussions.
- There was a blood drive and pancake breakfast on December 18th that was well attended. There were 30+ blood donors and the kitchen breakfast crew fed all the donors and the Tri-County Blood Bank crew and had over \$400 gross income. Good job everyone!
- Also in December, Knights of Columbus Council 5300 distributed See's Candy Certificates to 32 widows of former Knights of Columbus members. Thank you to the Knights who helped hand-deliver the certificates to the widows living in the Santa Barbara area.

Now for the New Year; there is much that can happen in this new calendar year. Here are just a few of them:

- In our recent business meetings we have discussed that we will probably be financially able to make our last payment to the St. Raphael building fund. Hurrah! And many thanks to all the Knights who have provided many, many hours of labor at fund raising events over the past 10 years. Next Columbian year we will have a unique problem; what charitable work(s) will we take on next? This needs some serious thought and everyone is invited to make an input. So start thinking about this.
- Recruiting new members to our Council is still a primary goal and challenge. As a Council we

met the goal of 5 new members by December, but there is an open challenge to recruit an additional 10 new members by the end of the Columbian year. The Council needs new members for their energy, their new ideas, their desire to be participating, charitable Catholics and, of course as the Financial Secretary will point out, we need their dues money (money the root of evil, but you cannot do much charity without it).

- The Clergy and Religious Appreciation Dinner will be Wednesday, February 15th at St. Raphael Parish Hall. Cost is \$12. Bishop Curry will be present and perhaps give a short presentation. Plan ahead. Buy your tickets soon because there is limited seating in our parish hall. Brother Sam Alfano is coordinating the event.
- Be sure to check the calendar elsewhere in this Knightline for a more complete listing of things happening in our Council in January.

OK, so you've had your Christmas holidays and your good times with family and friends, now let's get back to being Knights of Columbus. This can be a good year, especially if you are willing to help. See you at the meetings and at events that we, as Knights, participate in. Please remember to pray for fellow Knights who may be on the prayer list and also pray for our national leaders that may wisely lead us toward peace.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Ed Barrier

By Chris Arnoult, Grand Knight



This month I would like to name Brother Ed Barrier as Knight of the Month. Ed is one of our newest Knights, having joined Council 5300 in October 2005 at our 1st Degree ceremony. Ed has become a very active Brother of Council 5300; he's been seen in the kitchen helping with the pancake breakfasts, he assisted with the blood drive last month, he helped with the Santa Claus booth at the Women's Christmas Boutique and also manned the Keep Christ in Christmas card booth at the same event. Ed has faithfully attended the monthly business meetings and he even attended one of the officer's meetings.

So I welcome Ed and say thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the activities of Knights of Columbus Council 5300. And Ed, please be sure to plan to attend the next 2nd Degree Exemplification the date for which should be established at our next regular business meeting.

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Past Activities

- 1) December 8, 2005 – Dedication of St. Mary's, Palmdale – Msgr Steve Downe's new church in Palmdale was dedicated on this day (it was also the feast of the Immaculate Conception and Fr Steve's 65th birthday). A number of knights and parishioners attended the dedication. Cardinal Mahoney officiated and said the Mass along with Bishop Curry and many priests. Our 4th degree provided a number of Color Corp members to assist during the Mass. Pictures of the event taken by Brother Jack Turney can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

- 2) December 8, 2005 – Business Meeting – Due to a conflict with the Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day on Monday, December 12th, we had our business meeting on this day. Our district deputy, Brother Cherif Khoury, mentioned a number of changes that will be taking place next year including more promotional work by the national office (see Cherif’s article elsewhere in this bulletin).
- 3) December 12, 2005 – After the Our Lady Guadalupe Mass, there was a social in the hall. Brothers Cherif Khoury and Carlos Valenzuela took the opportunity to do a little recruiting. The response was very enthusiastic (in fact, one potential member expressed an interest in starting a softball team). A number of potential members took Form 100s to fill out. Brother Sam Alfano is working on the details with Brother Carlos.
- 4) December 18, 2005 – Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive- The knights hosted their usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses. Also, at the same time, our grand knight, Brother Chris Arnoult, took charge of the blood drive. Again, many new Knights, including Brothers Ed Barrier and Glenn Schiferl showed up to help.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) January 1, 2006 – New Year’s Day – Happy New Year!
- 2) January 6, 2006 – 24 hour adoration will take place in the church.
- 3) January 8, 2006 – We will have a recruiting drive after all the Masses that morning including a continental breakfast in the hall. If you can help, please give Brother Sam Alfano a call.
- 4) January 27, 2006 – The prime time band dinner will be held during the evening in the parish hall. Brother Ralph Wengler is coordinating the event.
- 5) January 29, 2005 - Pancake Breakfast/Corporate Communion – We will have our usual delicious pancake breakfast after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses and the corporate communion will be held at the 9:30 AM Mass.

Thank you.

From the Knightline (Nov 16, 2005-Vol. 22, #16) **The 33rd Annual March for Life Weekend**

“Roe v. Wade Violates the American Way”

“The State or a person can never justify the intentional killing of an innocent born or pre-born human in existence at fertilization. No exception! No compromise!”

The March for Life is the time to get involved in the government process, a time to fight for those who can not get involved themselves. It is a chance to stand up for those who will never be given the chance to stand.

The march takes the pro-life movement to the walls of our government, and marches our message of equality for all human life to the doorsteps of our chosen leaders. But it encompasses much more. It is not a day of protest, but rather a weekend of unity and togetherness....

Remember, the reason of the march is to be seen and heard on behalf of the pre-born and to tell Washington officials to fight abortion.

For 33 years, Roe v. Wade has been used as the basis to kill an estimated 45,000,000 pre-born humans, and to hurt their mothers.

Let us close with part of the speech Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) gave on December 11, 1979, when she received the Nobel Prize for Peace:

“The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing – direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the Scripture, for God says very clearly; Even if a mother could forget her child – I will not forget you – I have carved you in the palm of my hand. We are carved in the palm of His hand, so close to Him that unborn child has been carved in the hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even if a mother could forget something impossible – but even if she could forget – I will not forget you. And today, the greatest means – the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion.”

From the Knightline (Nov 16, 2005-Vol. 22, #16)
The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

This is the famous quote of Father Patrick Peyton, “the Rosary priest.” As he suggests, praying as a family is an underlining quality of faithful families.

Participating in prayer together as a family strengthens the bonds of trust, honesty and love within all members. It opens your family up to the gifts and graces of the Lord, and separates your family from today’s fast-paced world.

The time spent praying together as a family is a great way to stay connected and in each other’s lives. As children get older and their lives become more focused on outside activities, and as parents become engrossed with hectic schedules, taking the time to pray as a family keeps it grounded in the two most important aspects in life – faith and family.



At long last, our council’s website may finally be reactivated. Sharon Verhasset, a parishioner who ran the Christmas tree lot and who designed the Boy Scouts website, has agreed to set up a basic website for a nominal fee of about \$100 to \$150. We will be voting on the expenditure at the January meeting so if you would like to voice your opinion, please be sure to attend.

Two of our brother knights, Fritz Cahill and Carlos Valenzuela, recently were honored to receive papal awards for their service to the church. Brother Fritz received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award and Brother Carlos received the Benemerenti award. The awards ceremony will take place at a time and place to be announced in the near future. Make sure to congratulate both men when you get the chance.

Another reminder, as our grand knight, Brother

Chris Arnoult, our district deputy Brother Cherif Khoury, and our membership director, Brother Sam Alfano, have mentioned, the clergy appreciation dinner will be on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The clergy appreciation dinner is one of our biggest functions of the year, so make your plans now to attend.

Enclosed as an insert in this bulletin is the 2005 Survey of Fraternal Activity. Please fill it out and submit it to our grand knight, Chris Arnoult, no later than January 31, 2006.

The photo gallery includes several pictures of the recently completed picnic area behind the church hall on St Joseph’ St. The picnic area was built as an Eagle project by Michael McClenathen, the son of Diane and brother Knight, Mark McClenathen. Michael is also the grandson of Roberta Coyne and Sir Knight Paul Coyne. The project was partially funded by Knights of Columbus Council 5300.

We are now offering an email version of this newsletter in color (for cost reasons, the printed copy will still be in black & white). If any knight wants to receive the newsletter via email (you will still receive a printed version), please send your email address to Brother Chris Arnoult, Brother Ralph Wengler or myself.

Remember, January 22, 2005 is the 33rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Please pray for the unborn and that our civil laws will soon be changed to protect them.

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.

PHOTO GALLERY

Pictures from the Dedication of St. Mary's Church-Palmdale, December 8, 2005 and the new picnic area behind St. Raphael's hall



A picture of the front of St. Mary's Church-Palmdale on the day of the dedication.



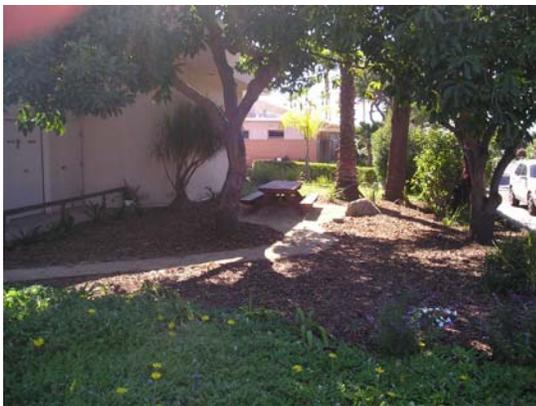
Cardinal Roger Mahony, Bishops Curry and Wilkerson and various priests concelebrating Mass at the dedication.



A view of the new picnic bench and picnic area installed by Eagle Scout Michael McClenathen.



Another view of the picnic area and bench.



A wider view of the picnic area. St. Joseph's St. is on the right.



Eagle Scout, Michael McClenathen, the chief designer and builder of the project.

Pictures from the Parish Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive-St. Raphael's Parish Hall-December 18, 2005



Brother Ed Barrier at work supervising the refreshments for the blood donors.



Brother Glenn Schiferl volunteering his services as the blood drive intake clerk.



Our grand knight, Brother Chris Arnoult, donating his blood.



Brother Joe Darga manning the food serving line.



Brothers Al Meckelborg, John Kestel, Jim Bradbury and Rich Scholl checking out the product.



Brothers Jim Bonsell, Jose Meza and Al Meckelborg enjoying their meal. Brother Jose Meza really enjoyed the syrup!

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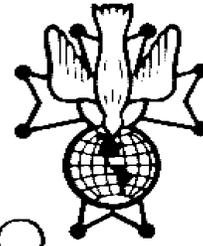
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