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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Grand Knight



A Spiritual Thought

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus.

On December 25th, we will be celebrating the Feast Day of Our Lord's Birth. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states: "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 **Way/Furrow/the Forge** by **St. Josemaria de Balaguer**).

Starting with this report, I'll no longer report the details of the various events that have occurred or will be occurring. That report will be provided by our Deputy Grand Knight, Francisco Cabrera and/or the program chairs of the events. However, I'll provide just a quick one or two sentence summary.

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At our business meeting on November 13th, our District Deputy, Brother Cherif Khoury officially awarded PGK Chris Arnoult the Star Council Award for the 2005-2006 Columbian Year. Brother Chris and Council 5300 earned the award by ensuring that the required membership and insurance quotas were met and that Council 5300 participated in programs in 5 key areas (Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth). Congratulations, Brother Chris!

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Program Director's Report

By Francisco Cabrera, Deputy Grand Knight

Food for Thought

As we approach December 12 the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us reflect on the events that took place in 1531 in Mexico City.



In 1531 a meeting took place between *La Virgen* and Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac. "It had been ten years since Mexico had been conquered" when Juan Diego, a widowed convert to Roman Catholicism, was on his way to "attend to divine things" when, upon passing the hill of Tepeyac, the sky became bright and he heard "singing on top of the hill, like the songs of various precious birds". He stopped, wondering if he was in "Xochitlalpan", "a preconquest Nahuatl expression for heaven or a place of bliss". At the end of the song, as he stood looking toward the top of the hill, he heard a woman calling him from there. At the top of the hill he saw a young lady whose "clothes were like the sun". He prostrated himself in front of her, and she asked him where he was going. He replied that he was going to her "home" of Mexico-Tlatelolco to hear the sermons of the friars there. The Woman then identified herself as "the eternally consummate virgin Saint Mary, Mother of

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December, 2006

- 12/01/06 Friday 24 Hour Adoration
- 12/02/06 Saturday Christmas Party
- 12/04/06 Monday K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 12/10/06 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
- 12/11/06 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 12/12/06 Tuesday Our Lady of Gaudalupe
- 12/25/06 Monday Christmas
- 12/31/06 Sunday Corporate Communion

January, 2007

- 01/02/07 Tuesday K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 01/05/07 Friday 24 Hour Adoration
- 01/06/07 Saturday Prime Time Band Dinner
- 01/08/07 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 01/14/07 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
- 01/31/07 Wednesday Clergy Appreciation Dinner

February, 2007

- 02/02/07 Friday 24-Hour Adoration
- 02/05/07 Monday K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 02/11/07 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
- 02/12/07 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 02/21/07 Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- 02/23/07 Friday Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM



Chancellor's Report
Dan Knauss, Chancellor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Son of John and Ellen Monaghan; Brother Matt Mayer; Brother Jim Stelma; Brother Len Mooy; Betty Benn, wife of Brother Don Benn; Tony Gonzales, brother-in-law of PGK Felix Sanchez; Edward Ochoa; Robert L. Weidl; Sabina Salamone, mother-in-law of Brother Ralph Wengler; Deacon Fred Pelletier, former Deputy Supreme Knight and Past State Deputy; Donna Riley, wife of Brother Ken Riley; May God grant them peace and comfort.

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

Jesse Garcia; Fred Cota; George Romich; George Gritt; Don Benn; Daniel Bunke; PGK Dick Hopper.

Other persons for whom prayers are requested:

Eleanor Cahill, wife of Fritz Cahill; Nancy Herrera; Ann Marie McBeth, daughter of PGK Max Keller; Patrick Donohoe, son of PGK Frank Donohoe; Ellen Velasco, granddaughter of Bruce Velasco; Theresa 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, the niece of PGK John Vogel; Bill Kestel, brother of John Kestel; Steve Schlesselmann's sister's family; Donna Abels, wife of Jim Abels; Larry Torres, Jr.(at home waiting for liver transplant), son of Larry Torres; Steve Schlesselmann's father; Cay Donohoe (heart surgery), wife of PGK Frank Donohoe; Coco Corcoran, wife of John Corcoran; Gloria Merrigan; Nacho Ramirez; Jim Bradbury's granddaughter.

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Report of the 4th Degree
Bill McLafferty, Faithful Navigator

At the Visalia Exemplification, a meeting was held by all of the Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comp-trollers to discuss current issues. One of the attendees suggested that the Chalice Funds be made available for something other than chalices and pyxes as gifts to the bereaved families. It was suggested that the family be allowed to decide if they would rather have a wheelchair donated in their loved one's name for that program instead of the chalice or pyx. The wheelchair program was highlighted at the November dinner meeting and the subject was discussed. The thought was that the wheelchair would have an inscription or notice attached of whence it came and in whose honor it was bestowed. This is something we can think about and consider for future action.

There will be another Ladies Night Out in January at The Frog Bar & Grill at the Glen Annie Golf Club. The cost per person will be \$ 35.00 which will include tax and tip. There will be a no-host bar. Mark the date on your calendars for January 22, 2007. Our meeting that month will be not on the third Monday of the month because that is a holiday. Instead, we will have the dinner on the following week. Selections for the dinner will include a choice on one entrée from the following: stuffed chicken breast, baked Alaskan halibut or slow roasted beef tenderloin. House salad and dessert will be provided. Take this opportunity to treat your special Lady to a great dinner to dispel the post-holiday doldrums.

We want to congratulate our new 4th degree Knights who joined us formally on November 4th in Visalia. They include Sir Knight Jacques Benoit and his Lady, Kristin Benoit, Sir Knight James Garland and his Lady, Pamela Garland, Sir Knight Rufino Murillo and his Lady, Alicia Murillo, Sir Knight Teodulo Nungaray and his Lady, Deloras Nungaray, and Sir Knight Joseph Connelly. We welcome them to our Assembly and look forward to having

them join us at the regular dinner meetings each month. We encourage them to become active in our Assembly and we look forward to working with them.



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

Scrooge Didn't Believe

We can all remember the story of Scrooge and his failure to believe in the spirit of Christmas. To all but the Scrooges of the world, the celebration of the birth of Christ brings with it a warm feeling of family ties, a joy and pleasure that our faith brings to others.

That same warm feeling comes from owning life insurance. Just knowing that, because of what you have planned, your loved ones will have joys and comforts for years to come if something should happen to you.

I don't think Scrooge would have believed in life insurance either, but men of good will do. And the world is a better place because of them. Through life insurance, they know that comfort and security will not be for only one day, but, instead, a gift that will provide for their loved ones for years to come.

This Christmas, give a gift of security on protection. Happy and Holy Holidays to all of you!

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

**The Ethics in Obtaining the Fountain of Youth:
Should We Destroy Life in Order to Prolong Life?**

By Chris Marks

The Ancient Aztecs used to sacrifice many humans throughout their reign in order to appease their gods and prolong their existence. Each sacrifice either paid a debt to a god or provided energy to nature. It is thought they sacrificed up to 20,000 people in one year long ceremony. In the end, their powerful empire crumbled to dust. The debate occurring today is whether or not it is ethical to destroy a human life, an embryo, in order to possibly cure diseases and prolong our lives. The use of stem cells gives people the hope of immortality or at the very least long lasting life. Many say the only way this can occur is if we use stem cells harvested from human embryos (fertilized human eggs). This will be the future struggle of all the societies soon but it is now at our doorstep.

In order to understand the debate, the following is some background and some basic human physiology. When we were all embryos, we consisted of a many different cells. The cells we are concerned with today have been named pluripotent stem cells also known as embryonic stem cells (ESCs). These cells need a catalyst in order to change and grow into the different tissues of the body. The ESCs can potentially be formed into any type of tissue as long as scientist can figure out how to guide them in the right direction. As John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins describes them, "Pluripotent stem cells, present in the early embryo development, can generate all of the cell types in a fetus and in the adult and are capable of self renewal." This requires the scientists to study them extensively and to do this they must destroy the embryos in order to harvest the stem cells. So why do we need embryonic stem cells? This question's answer is exactly where the argument occurs. Scientists have requested the use of some 400,000 unused frozen embryos that have

been slated for destruction if not “adopted” by someone, through a program called Operation Snowflake. Though there are approximately 400,000 embryos, the federal government will only allow research of a select few that fall under certain guidelines. Some of these restrictions have allowed only stem cell lines in use, prior to Aug. 9th 2001, to be used in testing. Scientists have found up to 78 cell lines that meet the restrictions, but the federal government will only fund 17 lines at this time and only at a few select sites including Harvard. This also has caused an uproar. Many scientists and politicians state that if the embryos will be destroyed, then they should be allowed to destroy them to enhance the greater good of the human race. This leads to all the moral, religious and ethical questions and arguments from both sides. As David Gushee, a professor of moral philosophy at Union University puts it, “People on death row are going to die anyway. So why not experiment on them, even if those experiments involve killing them? After all, we might as well get some good use out of them. The same could be said for, say, millions of people with terminal illnesses, or in nursing homes in their very last days.” One scientist attempted to fix this inherent problem of extracting ESCs by destroying the embryo, with one that doesn’t. His name is Dr. Robert Landa, the lead author and vice president of R&D at Advanced Cell Technology. He proposed a new method of extracting a single cell out of 16 embryos, then growing 2 of those cells into new ESC lines. Though his method failed and all of his 16 cells ended up destroyed, he still stated in an interview, “I think this changes the paradigm.”

What should society do? Are there any other options? As a matter of fact there are. There have been extensive studies (performed by scientists long before ESCs were even discovered) about converting stem cells into cells known as adult stem cells (ASCs). ASCs are important to tissue self-renewal (regeneration) and repair. Two types of ASCs are mesenchymal and hemopoietic stem cells. These cells are found in infants’ umbilical cord blood and in every human’s body even with aging. They are found in the lining of blood vessels, bone marrow, skeletal muscle, the skin, the pancreas and the liver.

Scientists have even found pluripotent stem cells in cancerous tumors and are beginning to understand what causes cancer to become malignant. Plus, the Food and Drug Administration has already approved nine treatments using ASCs. Some treatments have been effective in combating anemia (decrease in blood cells), cancers and side effects to chemotherapy. Doctors have even stopped or decreased the effects of Parkinson’s disease with ASCs (this treatment has not even been proven to work with ESCs). Another big argument for ASCs is that ASCs have been proven to be safe in humans. ESCs, on the other hand, when placed in mice have grown out of control and into cancer. Almost all treatment advances up to this point have occurred with ASCs not ESCs. So doesn’t this fix the problem? Yes and no. Some scientists and politicians say that they can have faster results using ESCs and in fact if they use both, they hope to eventually change ASCs back to ESCs. This would also bypass the need to destroy embryos, if they can do it. But why do this if you already have so many other options? I cannot answer that. This has now been removed from scientists’ hands and into the political arena for votes and has been championed by the diseased rich and famous and their friends. For some reason when there is money and votes on the line, ethics become an ancient word for how grandfathers needed to act because they didn’t have all the answers.

So with the potential endless supply of regenerative cells just out of our reach, we come up short with the hopes of immortality. With the promise of stem cells, we need to weigh the need to destroy embryos in order to save ourselves or await the possibility of the alternatives we have in motion already. This comes down to each individual’s own personal beliefs by investigating the evidence. With ASCs, is there really a need, at least urgent, for humans to kill our offspring for science? The search for stem cells shows that we love life, therefore, is it not a contradiction to take a life? We can use ourselves as subjects, full of stem cells, to further our health rather than sacrificing our morality, our quest for life, and our children in order to save time. Can we follow our conscience and hope that it leads us to a bright fulfilling future? Or do we sacrifice humans,

like the Aztecs did, and hope we have a different result? With these odds, I bet on conscience, but we will have to wait and see.

(editor's note: there were numerous citations used in this article. They have been excluded for brevity).



Community Director's Report
*Rich Scholl, PGK
 Community Director*

Stats From The War On Obscenity

As your Community director, I would like to ask you spend a little time looking over these stats for a few minutes. They are much more important in our lives than sports stats. The first item is from Parents Television Council.

The Parents Television Council™ has released its annual list of “Top Ten Best and Worst Advertisers” that ranks advertisers according to how frequently they sponsor wholesome, family-oriented television shows or those containing sexually graphic, violent or profane material. “Corporate advertisers share accountability for the tide of graphic and gratuitous sex, violence and profanity on television today. With their advertising dollars, they can choose to underwrite family-friendly television programming or they can elect to sponsor programs filled with raunch. Responsible broadcasting is possible, and this responsibility not only falls on the entertainment industry, but also on the sponsors.”

BEST

The Coca-Cola Company
 The Campbell Soup Company
 The Walt Disney Company

WORST

General Motors Corp.
 Toyota Motor Corp.
 Volkswagen

Ford Motor Company
 Cingular Wireless
 Altria Group: *Parent company of Kraft Foods, Post Cereals, Jell-O desserts, Maxwell House coffees, Oscar Mayer foods, Miracle Whip, DiGiorno, Stove Top Stuffing, Crystal Light drink mixes, Kool-Aid, Cool Whip, Minute Rice, Shake 'n Bake, Country Time drink mixes, Altoids*
 DreamWorks
 Schering-Plough Corp.
 Claritin, Dr. Scholls, Nasonex
 Darden Restaurants, Inc.
 Olive Garden, Red Lobster
 Sears Holdings Corp.

DaimlerChrysler
 Target Corp.
 GlaxoSmithKline:
 Zyban, Valtrex,
 Flonase, Imitrex

Nissan Motors
 American Express Inc.
 Apple Computers Inc.
 Circuit City Stores

The next set of stats comes from a Morality in Media survey conducted by Harris Interactive.

Almost three in four (73%) of U.S. adults think that viewing pornographic websites and videos is morally unacceptable, according to a survey commissioned by Morality in Media and conducted by Harris Interactive. This statistic compares with 21% who feel that viewing pornographic websites and videos is morally acceptable. The question and overall breakdown of responses are as follows: “Do you consider it to be morally acceptable to view pornographic websites and videos?” 21%--Yes, 73%--No, 4%--Not Sure. Specifically, the data show that the following percentages of males and females in various age groupings feel that viewing pornographic websites and videos is not morally acceptable:

51% of males ages 18 to 34, 65% of males ages 35-54, 77% of males ages 55+.
 73% of females ages 18-34, 81% of females ages 35-54, 90% of females ages 55+.

The survey also found that adults are less likely to think that viewing pornography is acceptable if they are lower income, less educated, more conservative politically, have children, and are married. **Significantly, 21% of Catholics thought that viewing**

pornographically is acceptable.

We obviously have a lot to do in our own church and among our children if we are to win this war. The proliferation of pornography is not a private matter. We may not view this material ourselves, but we have bequeathed a social milieu where our children swim in it. You can see from the age-related stats above that we have done a poor job of communicating our morals to the young men in our society. These men will be the husbands of our daughters.

If you find this topic interesting and you want to hear more in the Knightline, call Rich Scholl at 683-8874.

Forth Degree Exemplification
Visalia, Nov 4, 2006
By Mirtha Donovan



Carol McClafferty, Mirtha Donovan, and Roberta Coyne attend Ladies Luncheon.

Ladies Luncheon: "Shine Your Light."

The saloon doors opened, and a large number of joyful ladies, entered. We were the proud wives of the Knights of Columbus.

The saloon and the tables were decorated with flowers and candles. The exquisite classical music, from the Visalia Unified School District Chamber Orchestra, the relaxed atmosphere, the initial ceremony by the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Katy Canata, and the Invocation by Monsignor Raymond Dreiling was a real treat for us.

The wonderful food was surpassed only by the company. Wives and Mothers of the new Fourth

Degree Knights, received beautiful red roses from the hands of Knights in their tuxedos.

We had a very good time with the raffle prizes. Some of us were really very fortunate to win the beautiful prizes.

Finally, each one of us lit tiny lights at the time the Mistress of Ceremonies read the following: "Ladies, Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin. God lifts you up, takes you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. He opens you up, touches you deep inside and scoops out all the yucky stuff-including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. Go out into the world and SHINE YOUR LIGHT."

To the Organizing Committee, our sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

Judge Bill McLafferty Serves as Faithful Navigator. 4th Degree Knight Joined Council 5300 in 2001

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



J. William McLafferty, native of Butler, Pennsylvania, moved to California in 1972, married Carol Briano at the Santa Barbara Mission on November 28, 1981, became a Judge of the Santa Barbara Superior Court on November 5, 1997, and joined the Knights of Columbus Council 5300 in 2001 with Chris Arnoult as his sponsor.

Soon after joining the Knights, Bill went through the 2nd, 3rd and 4th degree exemplifications and has served as Worthy Advocate for the 3rd Degree and in the 4th has served as Faithful Captain and currently as Faithful Navigator for Assembly 044

(Serra Junipero). The highlight of his membership was the 4th Degree Exemplification Ceremony in Visalia and the Mass and banquet which followed.

Replying to an idea he'd like to see the Knights sponsor in upcoming years, McLafferty stated, "I would love to see the Knights get more involved with our independent Catholic High School in town. Bishop Diego High is deserving of our support and involvement on a regular basis. It is a valuable asset and we should work to preserve it."

Parishioners of St. Raphael's Church since the early 1980's, Bill and Carol (a native of Los Angeles) are proud parents of Anna Lisa (10-04-83), Angela (9-19-86), Francesca (2-18-88) and John (4-22-92), who are all graduates of St. Raphael's School. Anna Lisa graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in biology, Angela is a junior at UC Irvine, Francesca is a freshman at Columbia College in Chicago and John is a freshman at Bishop Diego High School.

Known as "Bill" by his friends, he was born on June 14, 1939 (Flag Day), the first of four children. His parents were James William and Dorothy Jane Heberling McLafferty. His father died in 1981 and his mother died in 1995. Siblings include Bob (Butler, PA - three children), Brian (near Cleveland, OH - two children), two grandchildren) and Bonnie (Cincinnati - two children).

Bill attended grade schools in Beaver Falls, Butler and New Brighton, PA. He graduated 7th out of 120 from New Brighton High School. Receiving a partial scholarship to Geneva College in Beaver Falls he completed one year there. Bill declared, "Because of financial difficulties, I had to drop out of school and work for 3-4 years to save up enough money to return to school. Geneva was a Presbyterian school and I preferred a Catholic education, so I returned to college at Duquesne University in downtown Pittsburgh and majored in math and English, receiving a BA in 1965. He added, "I had to work evenings and summers to put myself through school even though I had partial scholarships. I worked at J&L Steel one summer and at a Kroger store for many years while going to school."

Bill was accepted at the School of Law at Duquesne

and graduated in 1968 with a J.D. Degree. In his third year at the law school, he was appointed the first Editor of the Law School newsmagazine which he named "Juris." The magazine won the first place award in national competition for its first year of publication. He recapitulated, "I had to set the copy and design the pages without the assistance of Microsoft Publisher and this was the greatest experience of my student days."

After law school, Bill worked with the City of Pittsburgh Housing Authority as Assistant General Counsel, and then was hired as a Research Assistant by the Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

In 1972, Bill moved to California to take the California bar exam and lived for seven months in Bakersfield before moving to Santa Barbara (without a job having been secured first). He revealed, "I pounded the pavement looking for work. When I was just about to run out of money, a friend gave me a tip on a job at a local law firm and I applied that day." Bill elaborated, "When I showed up for the interview, I discovered that the attorney's secretary was born and raised in Rochester, PA and her husband attended New Brighton High School several years before me. I was hired there and found myself trying cases over the next two and a half years and working into the system."

McLafferty was approached by the law firm of Archibald & Spray in 1975 and joined them as an Associate. In 1979, he was made a partner in the firm and in the late 1980's, he was named Managing Partner. He stated, "I remained there until 1997 when I applied for a judgeship to the Governor's Office. On November 5, 1997, I received a phone call from the Governor's appointments secretary advising me that I had been named a Judge of the Superior Court to replace Judge Pat McMahon, who had retired on disability the week before."

The new judge pointed out, "I was sworn in on December 31, 1997 in my new chambers with my family present by Judge Ronald Stevens, who had just retired.

I have served on the bench since and next year I begin my duties as Presiding Judge of the Court which is a two-year term. I love trying cases and working

with juries, but that will have to wait until I finish my term as Presiding Judge."

Two of his favorite priests at St. Raphael's have been Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes and Father Marco A. Ortiz. Bill cited Father Steve for his piety and humbleness and Father Marco for his religious energy and delivery of great sermons.

Bill exclaimed, "For five years I served on the Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District (appointed, then elected twice), but had to resign when I was appointed to the bench. This district is a unique special district created by statute which governs the Embarcadero area." He served as President for one term.

His community involvement also includes the local Sons of Italy (Italia Nuova) where he serves as Trustee and is quite active in that organization. He also is an inactive member of the Elks.

"My favorite pastime is creating and putting up Christmas displays at my home," boasted Bill. He added, "It is unfortunate that we live so far out in the Canyon but we still get many visitors to see the display every year. One year, a tour group came through the area to see the lights and figures."

Bill's favorite foods are roast beef or hamburgers. He pointed out, "meatloaf dinner with mashed potatoes and peas is my favorite meal." Bill divulged, "My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving; turkey and stuffing, pumpkin pie, family and football with no presents to worry about or household turmoil. It doesn't get much better."

Current interests include watching college and pro football with a strong preference for college ball. "Same for basketball, except I do get season tickets to watch the Gauchos at UCSB," said Bill. The Gauchos are his favorite hoop team and the USC Trojans are his favorite football team.

Asked if he has any tentative plans for retirement, he answered, "Retirement - out of the question! I'm enjoying my job too much to think about giving it up. Besides, I have a son in high school and he has to go to college in four years."

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First of all, I just wanted to congratulate Brother Francisco Martinez for taking his 2nd degree on November 15th at Serra Hall and for Sir Knight Teo Nungaray who took his 4th degree in Visalia on November 4th. Congratulations to both Brother Knights!

It has been a busy month for the Council: polling place duty, a pancake breakfast, the 2nd degree mentioned above, the Christmas Boutique Santa Claus and a special memorial Mass for Fr. Cyril's grandmother. Again, for the details of these events, please see Brother Francisco's report and/or the program chairs' reports.

There are a number of upcoming events including the trustee's Christmas party, a blood drive, pancake breakfast, a membership drive and the corporate communion. All of these events are important so please volunteer for one or more of them. Regarding the membership drive, it will take place on December 10th and if you can volunteer for the event it would be greatly appreciated. We want to make this event as successful as possible. The drive will take place at the same time the blood drive and pancake breakfast will be occurring, so there will be ample opportunity to talk to potential candidates about the benefits of joining the Knights. Even if you don't formally volunteer, please stay after Mass for a few minutes and give Brother Sam a hand with recruiting.

During the Advent season which starts on Sunday, December 3rd, it is a good time to spend a little more time in prayer. Try to make that extra visit to the Blessed Sacrament. Try to get to Mass at least one day during the week. Believe me, it will make a difference! Hope everybody has a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jack Turney

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Grand Knight



This month, I would like to name Brother Jack Turney as the Knight of the Month. Brother Jack (shown above with his wife, Christa) first joined the Knights in August, 1996 and received his 4th degree in November, 2001. Brother Jack has been active with the Council and with Junipero Serra Assembly for many years. Jack has served for a number of years as the coordinator of the parish picnic and he previously served as the treasurer for the Council. In this past month, Brother Jack chaired the pancake breakfast and coordinated the Santa Claus booth at the Christmas Boutique.

In addition to his 3rd degree activities, Brother Jack is also the current Faithful Recorder for the 4th degree and is in the process of joining the Color Corps. Thanks Jack for all you do for the Knights!

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the very True Deity, God, the Giver of Life, the Creator of people, the ever present, the Lord of Heaven and Earth." She then asked Juan Diego to relate to the Bishop her wish for a temple to be built on the very spot, where she would attend to the "weeping and sorrows" of "you and all the people of this land, and of the various peoples who love me", "in order to remedy and heal all their various afflictions, miseries, and torments." The Virgin is said to have asked Saint Juan Diego to pick Castilian Roses from the top of Tepeyac hill, and to gather them in his tilma (cloak) to present to Bishop Juan Samarraiga as proof of Her miraculous

presence. (Castilian roses were not common in Mexico in 1531, and certainly not in the dead of winter.) When Juan Diego opened his cloak to show the roses to the Bishop, it is said that both men were astonished to see the image of the Virgin emblazoned on its cactus fabric.

Past Activities

- 1) **November 7, 2006** - Two polling places were staffed. Thank you to Bill McNamara for coordinating the event. Ralph Wengler and Rich Scholl were the Inspectors and did a great job making sure all the appointed clerks were present. Thanks to all the participants.
- 2) **November 12, 2006** – The Pancake Breakfasts after the 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses were well attended. The breakfasts provide good public relations for the Knights in two ways: first of all, the breakfasts are announced at the two Masses and people hear about Knights of Columbus activities, and secondly, the friends and families who take advantage of having the delicious breakfast get to see how the Knights raise funds for the charities we support. Therefore, from now on please bring a friend to have breakfast after Mass.
- 3) **November 15, 2006** - Council #1684 hosted a 2nd degree. Four members from three different councils (#1684 Santa Barbara, #5300 Goleta and #10167 Carpinteria) obtained their second degree. The host Council #1684 did an excellent job. Several members from all three councils were in attendance. Brother Larry Stigney from Council 5300 was part of the team that conducted the degree. The 4th degree Color Corps represented by SK Paul Coyne, Ed Page, Al Meckelborg and Raphael Cardenas added an extra special touch to the event. Thank you to Paul Coyne for coordinating the participation of the 4th degree members.
- 4) **November 23, 2006** – My hope is that the Knights and their families and friends had a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. We all have much for which to give thanks to God.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) **December 1, 2006** - 24 Hour Adoration will take place in the church. We all have many reasons to give thanks to God for all the blessing received. If you are not already signed up for adoration, stop in at your convenience and sign in.
- 2) **December 2, 2006** - Christmas Party. This event is for all the 3rd and 4th degree Knights and their families.
- 3) **December 4, 2006** - K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM. Please add all meeting notices to your work and/or home calendar. This will help remind you of the meeting.
- 4) **December 10, 2006** - Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive. This will be a good way to start your Sunday. You won't have to cook Breakfast, you will replenish your energy to begin your Sunday activities and at the same time you will be contributing to the Knights of Columbus. The breakfast is free for all blood donors. Please come and donate the gift of life. It is a win-win for all.
- 5) **December 11, 2006** - K of C 5300 Business meeting, 7:30 PM. Please make it a point to attend the business meetings, and pass the word to remind other members. Our attendance is low and we would like to increase the members who participate. Bring a member with you that has not been active. Not only will you find out what is going on with the events and activities but it also gives you the opportunity to be an active participant. For those new members, it is a good source of information on how the meetings are run and you will learn more about our Council. Remember you can make a difference in meeting the objectives of the K of C Order.
- 6) **December 12, 2006** - Our 4th degree Color Corps will be participating in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass that evening. The Mass is very beautifully done, so if you have never attended, please plan to do so.
- 7) **December 25, 2006** - Christmas. Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Very Merry Christmas to all.



ANNOUNCEMENT

As was mentioned in the announcements section of the November Knightline, Brother Chris Lewis has asked that each Knight consider donating at least \$75 in the name of a loved one to the Wheelchair Foundation in order to provide a wheelchair for a needy individual. We had a chance to see a video (prepared by the State) at the 4th degree meeting that explained the details of this program. We will try to show the video again at the 3rd degree meeting on December 11th. The address for donations is: KOC/Wheelchair Foundation State Coordinator Don Gentleman, 3797 N. Claremont, Fresno, CA 93727.

Sometime in April or May, we will be having a Blue Mass to honor our public safety and law enforcement personnel in the community. Brother Rich Scholl has kindly volunteered to chair this event. The Mass will most likely be held at the Mission. Stay tuned as more information becomes available.

We have been asked by Supreme to pray for the upcoming trip by the Pope to Turkey. By the time you read this report, that trip will be over but the request is a good reminder to pray for the Pope daily.

We have also been asked by Supreme to promote a new film called "Gaudalupe" which will be released on December 8th in the United States. This film was produced to commemorate the 475th anniversary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to Saint Juan Diego.

FOR SALE



Roll top desks, 2 each, like new condition, oak veneer over plywood (not particle board), setup for computers, asking \$250 each. Will deliver locally.



On November 12th, Brother Joe Darga gave a short talk at all the Masses about the need to donate the gift of life by becoming an organ donor. Brother Joe is shown in the above picture in front of the "Donate Life" display that was in the hall during the pancake breakfast. For more information, please

log onto www.donatelifecalifornia.org or give Joe a call.



As Brother Francisco mentioned in the program director's report, council #1684 held a 2nd degree on November 15th. Pictured above are our new 2nd Degree Brother Knights plus all those who participated and attended. Congratulations to our new 2nd Degree members!

December Birthdays

| | |
|------------------------|-------|
| George B. Gritt | 12/02 |
| Rev. John W. Higgins | 12/05 |
| Rev. Sabas N. Mallya | 12/05 |
| Msgr. Stephen N. Downe | 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, Stephen Schlesselmann (805) 968-9440 (sjschlesselmann@cox.net) and Mike Donovan (805) 967-9506 (mkedonovan@aol.com). Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Thank you.

PHOTO GALLERY

Fourth Degree Exemplification (Visalia) - November 4, 2006

Council 5300 Voting Precinct (Fire Station #11-Storke Road) - November 7, 2006



A picture of the Color Corps demonstration on the morning of November 4th. SK Ernie Bingham is in the foreground.



3 of the 4 new Sir Knights pose for their picture. From left to right: SK Jim Garland, Joe Connelly and Jacques Benoit.



Our 4th new Sir Knight, Teo Nungaray also took his 4th degree but left right after the exemplification and was unavailable for a photo with his tuxedo.



Our Faithful Navigator, SK Bill McLafferty enjoys the company of SK Paul and Lady Roberta Coyne in the hospitality suite.



PGKs Chris Arnoult, Ralph Wengler, Bill McNamara and Brother John Luzader working at the voting precinct.

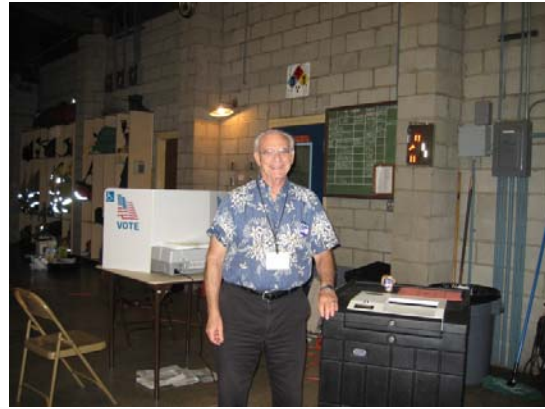


PGK Rich Scholl, DGK Francisco Cabrera and Brother Dick Nordsieck also at work at the voting precinct.

Council 5300 Voting Precinct November 7, 2006 (continued)
Christmas Boutique, November 19, 2006
Various



Another picture of PGK Rich Scholl and Brother Dick Nordsieck along with GK Stephen Schlesselmann.



PGK Larry Stigney mans the tabulation machine.



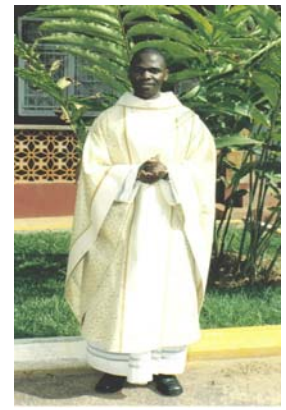
A very colorful family poses with Santa Claus at the Christmas Boutique. The girls were due to attend a pageant in Oxnard later in the day.



SK Bill McLafferty poses with Santa Claus. Brother Bill asked Santa Claus for a Cadillac.



Brother Fritz Cahill poses for his picture in front of some of the food that was collected to be given to the needy during the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.



Several pictures of Fr. Richard Kayizzi at his First Mass in Africa.

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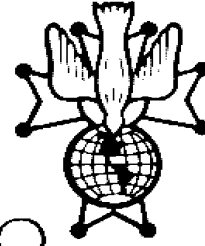
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