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## *PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2007*



On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Brothers Ed Barrier and Bill McNamara manned the Keep Christ in Christmas Booth at the Parish Picnic. Brother Sam Alfano also helped out while District Deputy Stephen Schlesselmann stopped by the booth from time to time.

## *GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT* *By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight*



### *Food for Thought*

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

You may be familiar with the adage, "Give a person a fish, he eats for a day. Teach a person to fish, he eats for a year." Some have added another dimension, "Find out who owns the river. "Holy" doesn't just happen in church. Most often it happens within the walls of our home as we try to live out the gospel imperatives to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick.

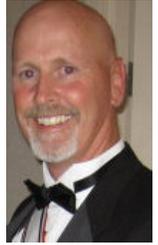
**Charity**, one of the principles of our Order goes hand in hand with feeding the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the sick.

So how do faith, families and fishing fit together? On numerous occasions, Jesus reminds us that salvation has to do with love, and love impels us to care for our neighbors. Our closest neighbors, of course, are the people in our family; but we also know that Jesus put no

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**Program Director's Report**  
*By Dan Knauss, Deputy Grand Knight*

As I read the article in this month's Columbia by our Supreme Grand Knight, Carl Anderson titled "The Knights of Columbus Do Things", I am reminded of the reason I joined. I joined the Knights to "Do Things", things that will help my brother Knights, my parish and my community. Charity is a principle of our order and charity is how we all can do something. There is ample opportunity to get involved and make a difference through a commitment of time to your council. There are many brother Knights who are always available and who are always called upon to volunteer. Thank you for your commitment. Please look to our council to find out how you can help us continue to "Do Things".

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**October, 2007**

10/01/07	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
10/05/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
10/08/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
10/14/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
10/19/07	Friday	Columbus Day Dinner
10/29/07	Monday	Dinner Social-Knights & Their Families

**November, 2007**

11/02/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
11/03/07	Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification-Visalia, CA
11/05/07	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
11/11/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
11/12/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
11/22/07	Thursday	Thanksgiving

**December, 2007**

12/01/07	Saturday	Trustee's Christmas Party
12/03/07	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
12/07/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
12/09/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
12/10/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
12/25/07	Tuesday	Christmas Day
12/30/07	Sunday	Corporate Communion



**District Deputy's Report**  
*Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61*

### **A Spiritual Thought**

As Knights, one of our duties is to pray often. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Way: "Mary has chosen the better part," we read in the holy Gospel. There she is, drinking in the words of the Master. Apparently idle, she is praying and loving. Afterwards, she accompanies Jesus in his preaching through towns and villages. Without prayer, how difficult it is to accompany him!" (Page 21 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).

Our District has had a busy and productive month of September. A number of degrees and programs took place:

#### **Degrees:**

On Tuesday, September 3, 2007, Brother Tom Hall (who is disabled) took his first degree at his house in Ventura. Council 10067 (Saticoy) provided the degree team. Brother Tom was very impressed with the degree and is anxious to take his second degree soon.

On Monday, September 10, 2007, 3 more Brother Knights received their first degree at Council 5300 in Goleta (Brothers Pablo Cabrera (5300), Mike McClenathen (5300) and Giuseppe Arnoldi (1684)). All three Knights are sons of current Knights and both Mike and Giuseppe are 18 years of age. At the degree ceremony, Brother Len Cruess, who is 103 years old and has been a Knight for 83 years, was in attendance.

On Wednesday, September 12, 2007, 7 Brother Knights took their second degree at Council 1684 in Santa Barbara. There were 4 Knights from Council 5300 (Brothers Pablo, Mike, George Velasquez and Pete Martinez) and 3 Knights from Council 1684 (Brothers Giuseppe, David Rink and Brian Reagan). Congratulations to our newest 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree

Brother Knights!

The third degree will be coming up on October 28, 2007. Worthy Grand Knights and District Deputies, please let me know how many candidates will be coming. The cutoff date for candidates is October 15, 2007 and the cost is \$10 per person (candidates are free). I'll be sending out more information shortly.

#### **Programs:**

By the time you read this report, Council 1684 will have had their first 4th Monday social for the year. The food and camaraderie is always great, so make your plans to attend one of them in the future. Council 1684 will also be hosting their annual Knights Night Out on October 24, 2007. All proceeds are used to fund the various charitable activities of the council throughout the year. If you need more information about the dinner, please let me know and I'll pass on the information.

Council 5300 were very busy with their September programs. Our council held their annual Labor Day picnic on September 2 at Stow Park. It was a hot day but by the time the picnic started, the temperature had cooled enough to make the dinner comfortable. On September 8, our annual Oktoberfest was held. Our current District Warden, PGK Rich Scholl, was in charge and did a great job. The day after, September 9, our monthly pancake breakfast was held. On September 23, St. Raphael's held their annual parish picnic and our council made tri-tip sandwiches, nachos and served beer. Council 5300's big event coming up is the Fiesta Italiana Dinner hosted by our Membership Director Sam Alfano. Visit our website at [www.kc5300.org](http://www.kc5300.org) for all the details.

Council 10067 (Saticoy) hosted a very nice Clergy Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, September 15 at Biedermann Hall. Fr. O'Sullivan and a new priest who just joined the parish (Fr. Paul) were the honorees (both are Knights). All who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Brother Tom Hall was able to make it to the dinner. Also, Fr. Marco Ortiz (who served for a short time at St. Raphael's) filled out a Form 100 and is ready to join the Knights. On September 30, Sacred Heart's annual

parish picnic (Fiesta) will be held. Most of the members of Council 10067 will be helping out.

Council 13756 (Carpentaria) is doing better than expected. Both Brother Bobby Rodriguez from Supreme and I were there and we both agreed that the council is doing far better than we had been led to believe. GK Rufino Murillo and the rest of those in attendance agreed that the installation of officers will take place on October 12. The council will also be holding their MR drive that same weekend on October 13 and 14. Finally, there will be a Spanish First Degree at the council's November business meeting.

Thank you to all of you Brother Knights who were involved in the above degrees and programs and continue to be involved with all the events throughout the year.

**Other Notes:**

- 1) The MR drive is coming up on the weekend of October 19 to 21. Councils 5300, 10067 and 13756 plan to stand in front of various stores and/or church and collect funds. Council 1684 will be sending a check to the MR drive fund. Thanks for all who are helping in this very worthy cause.
- 2) The current statistics for the district are as follows: Council 1684 (2 new members with a quota of 7); Council 5300 (2 new members with a quota of 10); Council 10067 (2 new members with a quota of 5); Council 13756 (0 new members with a quota of 5).
- 3) The Round Table reports were submitted and now the non council parishes in Santa Barbara and Goleta have Round Tables (Round Tables are simply a Knight's presence in the parish).
- 4) Please continue praying for the following Brother Knights: Tom Hall, Dick Allen, PGK Jack Nelson and Malvin Giddings). Also, remember to pray for all of our sick and deceased Brother Knights.

**Calendar:**

- 10/12/07 Installation of Officers-Council 13756 (Carpentaria)
- 10/14/07 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree-St. Mary's Parish Hall,

- Santa Maria (2:00 PM)
- 10/19-10/21/07 MR Annual Fund Raising Drive
- 10/28/07 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree-Serra Hall, Santa Barbara (2:00 PM)
- 10/28/07 World Youth Day
- 11/02-11/04/07 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification-Visalia, CA
- 11/07/07 Los Padres Chapter Meeting-Ventura
- 11/09/07 Spanish 1<sup>st</sup> Degree-Council 13756
- 11/18-11/24/07 National Family Week
- 12/04/06 Light Up For Christ
- 01/12-01/13/08 State Membership Blitz
- 01/18-01/19/07 Walk for Life-West Coast-San Francisco

Finally, remember to make recruiting a constant priority. It would be great if every Catholic man in each of our parishes were our Brother Knights. Let's make it happen! Remember, it is not just the Membership Director's responsibility for recruiting; each Brother Knight has that responsibility.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, you can contact me at (805) 968-9440 or by email at [sjschlesselmann@cox.net](mailto:sjschlesselmann@cox.net).



**Chancellor's Report**  
*SK Bill McLafferty, Chancellor*

Thanks to all of you who expressed your appreciation for the last Chancellor's report. It was definitely time for a new format an approach. I need your help for items to place in the column. If you are or an immediate family member is experiencing an illness or hospitalization, please let me know. You can call me at 685-4284 or e-mail me at [jwmcljr@cox.net](mailto:jwmcljr@cox.net) and I will be in touch with you. We can offer prayers and assistance for your hour of need and at the same time, keep brother Knights informed.

This month's column like last month's column is short because I have not heard any current news of

ill or incapacitated Knights or their family members. If true, that is actually good news that our sick list is reduced in numbers. We pray that all Knights and their families remain in good health through this Columbian Year.

Remember in your prayer Jesse Garcia and his family, Fritz Cahill and his wife Eleanor and our District Deputy Steve Schlesselmann and his family after losing his father on Monday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.



**Financial Secretary's Report**  
*Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary*

Your FS has been busy trying to get as much accuracy as possible into the Council Roster. The task is easier with the computer for word processing instead of using the typewriter, as in the past. In fact, I recently disposed of the IBM typewriter that I purchased when I started as FS in 1988. It was so old that our resident IBM specialist had long forgotten how to repair and adjust them.

Now, the main difficulty is to probe the sources of accurate data and get the responses in writing. To this end, I will email the Council roster to anyone who submits a request to: [rjwfdd@cox.net](mailto:rjwfdd@cox.net). There is a bonus for doing so; a new roster of email addresses. This new list has a fair number of gaps that need to be filled, especially for the members who have joined the Council in the past year or so. If you request these documents and find omissions or errors, I will be extremely cooperative in getting the changes incorporated. Needless to say, the new annual billing is only a few months away.

Fraternally,  
Ralph



**Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**  
*SK Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator*

Brother Knights,

For all who attended and participated in our first annual Blue Mass on September 17, 2007, you may give yourself a big hug because you deserve all the best. The event was a great success and all who attended enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

A breakdown of those who attended the social and Mass:

- 19 Sir Knights from the Junipero Serra Assembly
- 6 Third Degree Knights from Council 1684 (including 1 honoree and 2 friars)
- 2 Second Degree Knights from Council 1684
- 1 Second Degree Knight from Council 5300
- 4 Franciscan friars
- 1 Religious nun
- 6 Widows

The total number of brother Knights, wives and widows was 54.

The total number of friends from the Secular Franciscan Order was 30.

The number of Honorees was 7.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Faithful Captain Richard Scholl for coordinating the Blue Mass. He will be in charge of the Assembly during my absence. I wish we can schedule a similar event for next year and include all the military servicemen as well.

Father John Vaughn's speech captivated all the enthusiastic audience who wished to learn more of his past experience residing at the Vatican as head of the Franciscan Order. We are all grateful for his choice of retirement at the Old Mission in his golden years. Furthermore, I hope he will consider my open invitation to join the Knights of Columbus as we will all be blessed and honored by his presence.

God bless you all as we remain One Nation Under God.

Vivat Jesus,

Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator



**Insurance Agent's Report**  
*David Farebrother, Field Agent*

**SO, YOU'RE THINKING OF INVESTING**

Some facts to consider before you make your investment:

1. Make sure your investment is placed beyond the reach of your creditors – a judgment proof investment.
2. Make sure that the value of your investment at death will not be subject to probate costs, legal fees and the usual delays of court proceedings – a probate proof investment.
3. Make sure that your investment guarantees that principle and interest will always be available in the amounts and in installments called for and that the investment will never go sour regardless of downtrends in the economy – a depression proof investment.
4. Make sure that your investment guarantees that you can always borrow against the value as stipulated in your investment without delay or requirement of co-signers.
5. Make sure that, as your investment appreciates each year, the gain will not be subject to federal income tax – a favorable tax investment.
6. Make sure your investment contains a clause which guarantees that proceeds payable upon your death will be delivered entirely free of income tax liability for your beneficiary.
7. Make sure that your investment contains a clause which guarantees that your investment program will stay intact and continue to grow even though you are unable to continue to work and earn as a result of total and permanent disability – a guaranteed investment.

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**Membership Director's Report**  
*Sam Alfano, Membership Director*

On September 10, 2007, three Brother Knights were exemplified into the First Degree by the Council 5300 First Degree team (Guiseppe Arnoldi, Michael McClenathen and Pablo Cabrera pictured above with their sponsoring father's (Knight Ugo "Butch" Arnoldi, Knight Mark McClenathen and GK Francisco Cabrera).

The degree was a most unusual exemplification in that each father sponsored his son. In addition, both Brothers have joined the Knights at a very young age: Brother Guiseppe is only 19 and Michael is 18. (Brother Guiseppe is a member of Council 1684. Brothers Michael and Pablo are members of Council 5300).



To further make this a most unusual ceremony, we had the extreme pleasure of having Brother Knight Leonard "Len" Cruess who has been a Knight for 83 years and has reached the spry age of 103. Brother Len enjoyed being in attendance at the

meeting and said this was the only First Degree exemplification he has ever attended since he became a Knight. He was in extremely good spirits and it was an honor to have him as a part of the exemplification. We wish him well and heartily congratulate our new Brother Knights.

In preparation for our next exemplification which will take place on November 12, 2007, it is requested that Brother's approach potential members and discuss the benefits of becoming a Knight. Forms 100 can be obtained by contacting Brother Sam Alfano (967-0595) or PGK Ralph Wengler (967-3109). Each of us has the responsibility of making fellow Catholic men aware of the good works of our Order and we must encourage those men to become one in unity with our Council.



**Community Director's Report**

*Rich Scholl, PGK  
Community Director*

**Misdiagnosis of Acute Vegetative State**

Lately there has been a lot of debate around states of diminished consciousness. Three such states ordered from highest to least conscious are minimally conscious, persistent vegetative, and coma. Bioethicists debate the standard of care for each state. However, whether a patient is properly diagnosed and the possibilities for recovery based on time in the state, type of injury, and age are significant factors that need to be considered in individual cases.

The following is excerpted from the article **High Rate of Misdiagnosis in Patients in an Acute Vegetative State** in Medical Studies/Trials, 20-Jun-2007 (bold type added for emphasis). Following that is a good recent example of what can happen with a rushed and incorrect diagnosis.

“New studies underline the importance of extreme caution in any decision to limit the life chances of patients during the acute phase of a vegetative state.

Around a **quarter of patients in an acute vegetative state when they are first admitted to**

**hospital have a good chance of recovering a significant proportion of their faculties, and up to a half will regain some level of consciousness**, researchers from Belgium found out. Another study shows that around **40% of patients were wrongly diagnosed as in a vegetative state**, when they in fact registered the awareness levels of minimal consciousness. Comparing past studies on this issue shows that the **level of misdiagnosis has not decreased in the last 15 years**. These studies should foster debate about appropriate standards of care for these patients, and about end of life limitations, experts said at the European Neurological Society Meeting in Rhodes, Greece.

The profoundly difficult moral and medical issues associated with patients in a vegetative state have been recently highlighted by the case of Terri Schiavo in the United States. Experts disagreed on the right response to her condition. With her eyes wide open, the characteristic that distinguishes the vegetative state from coma, it was clearly impossible for some of her family members to believe she was unconscious. Doctors addressing the 17th Meeting of the European Neurological Society from June 16 to 20 in Rhodes (Greece) stress however that the vegetative state in a significant proportion of patients admitted to intensive care may be transitory, and that there is a wide range of possible recovery scenarios, depending on the type of brain injury. A complementary study shows that **assessment by medical teams of a patient's actual state of consciousness continues to be surrounded by confusion and false diagnosis**, experts reported at the ENS Meeting.....

The kind of injury to the brain is also a decisive factor in recovery scenarios.... People suffering **traumatic brain injuries have a much better chance of some recovery**. 70% of those with traumatic injuries were restored to some level of consciousness. People with non-traumatic injuries, such as oxygen deprivation, fared much worse....” The study underlines the importance of extreme caution in any decision to limit the life chances of patients during the acute phase of a vegetative state."

A combined study carried out by other research teams in Belgium has examined the accuracy of diagnoses of patients in a vegetative or minimally conscious state. Studies done as long ago as 1993 showed a high rate of false diagnoses. Guidelines have been published since then to try to clarify criteria, with new guidelines for what was defined as a separate category, the minimally conscious state, a condition distinct from coma or the vegetative state. Patients are considered to be in a minimally conscious state if they show deliberate behavior, that is behavior which is the result of some degree of conscious thought processes, and if they exhibit it often enough, even if erratically, that doctors can distinguish their responses from purely reflex actions. These patients had been diagnosed by teams of medical staff as in a vegetative or minimally conscious state, or designated as "unsure" which state. The study employed two skilled researchers to examine patients, classifying them according to the Coma Recovery Scale. Using the scale, researchers were able to establish that around **40% of patients were wrongly diagnosed as in a vegetative state, when they in fact registered the awareness levels of minimal consciousness.** The results show a strong tendency to underestimate levels of consciousness in brain injury patients.

The study thus concluded that although medical teams are more aware of the issues surrounding the vegetative state than in the past, and although medical guidelines are available, diagnostic skills remain poor. Comparing past studies on this issue shows that **the level of misdiagnosis has not decreased in the last 15 years.**

"These studies should foster debate about appropriate standards of care for these patients, and about end of life limitations," says Dr Laureys of Belgium, whose team are participants included in the American Academy of Neurology Committee for the Development of Practice Guidelines for the Vegetative and Minimally Conscious State. So far, no court worldwide has agreed that care should be withdrawn from patients classified as minimally conscious.

#### *The Case of Jesse Ramirez*

The case of Jesse Ramirez, 36, who suffered traumatic brain injury in a car accident, is a good illustration of the article above. He had been in a minimally-conscious state for a little more than a week when doctors informed his wife that he might never recover. She made the decision to have his feeding and water tubes removed. Ramirez's family made a legal appeal and won, and his feeding tubes were reconnected. Now, Ramirez has regained consciousness and recovered to the extent that he can interact with visitors. "This guy was not hopeless and in a persistent vegetative state by any means," says Dr. Steven Miles, professor of internal medicine and bioethics at the University of Minnesota Center for Bioethics...."Traumatic comas are notorious for late wake-ups....This case is about a hasty clinical decision which should have never been made."

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### **OKTOBERFEST A SUCCESS**

*By Chairman Rich Scholl*



Once again Knights and Ladies of Council 5300 proved that charity, fraternity and unity can all be combined to make a memorable evening.

The Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, September 8 at the St. Raphael's Parish Hall was a rousing success. Many attendees commented that the menu was delicious, especially the red kraut and the bread and that the price was reasonable. The beers on tap were Spaten Oktoberfest and Budweiser. Helena Mussbach and Eric were a hit playing their accordions. Richard and Jana Julian, friends of Rich Scholl, provided instruction on some simple dances. This year many of the attendees were from the community, especially the German

Club and those who responded to posters at businesses around Goleta. We noticed that some extended families of Knights and groups of friends attended and we encourage everyone to do this at future Oktoberfests. Even though we intend to operate at a profit, we primarily want to create a festive and fraternal atmosphere at a reasonable price, which you can't get at the usual restaurant venue.

Financially, the evening was also a success. Total receipts were \$2,363. Expenses were \$1,145.85 to give a net income of \$1,217.15 which exceeded the budgeted income of \$1,000. The Council will be able to put this to good use in the assistance of charitable causes.

Many Knights and Ladies worked very hard in unity and fraternity to put on a quality Oktoberfest. It began with Dale Wenzinger designing and printing the tickets. The cooking crew included Chef Rich Scholl, Ginny Turner, Ted Osborne, Mike Donovan, Tony Vallejo, Rich Schiada, Bill Thorpe and his son-in-law Eric. Mirtha Donovan, Maria Cabrera, Ginny Turner and her daughter Kathleen Magazino served the dinner to the seated guests. Mike and Martha Donovan, Steve Schlesselmann, Ginny Turner, Gloria Kerrigan, Chaw Ramirez, Ray Lira and Sam Alfaro set up the hall and the festive decorations. Rich Scholl published the program. Vince, Sandy and Tony Filippello operated the beer taps with help from John Kestel on setup, and John Vogel manned the wine and mixed drink bar. Thanks to Toe Hungary for some critical cleanup before the event and Jim Bradbury's crew for the same the next morning. Special thanks go to Ted Osborne and Mike Donovan for doing the bulk of the kitchen cleanup.

Much of the success of this Oktoberfest goes to those who got out and sold tickets. Thanks to Janet Page, Sam Alfano, Joe Darga, Cherif Khoury, Jim Abels, Brian Klinge, Francisco Cabrera, and Paul Coyne for their efforts.

Thanks again to all who helped and attended.

**BLUE MASS**  
*by Richard Scholl*



Our first Blue Mass on September 17, 2007 was a great success and all who attended enjoyed all aspects of the evening. The evening began with Mass in Serra Chapel, which is the chapel of the Franciscan community at Old Mission Santa Barbara. Fr. John Vaughn, OFM celebrated the Mass, Sam Alfano read the Epistle and Jim Schooter gave the Offertory invocations. Mark Weitstock, Grand Knight of Council 1684 provided the music for the Mass. Honorees in attendance at Mass and the dinner following were: Lt. Ugo "Butch" Arnoldi with his wife Marla representing the SB County Sheriff's Dept., Officer John Ortega and his wife Audrey representing the California Highway Patrol, Capt. Vince Agapito and his wife representing the SB County Fire Dept., and Sgt. Ralph Molina representing the SB City Police Dept. Also honored was Thomas Keller, son of fellow Knight Max Keller and Eleanor. Thomas sacrificed his life while on duty as a police officer. The Mission dining hall staff provided the dinner and everyone in attendance remarked on the excellence of the cuisine. Following the dinner the honorees were introduced and a short bio of each gave us an idea of the significant accomplishments of these faithful public emergency personnel.

Fr. John Vaughn then captivated the audience with his discourse about St. Francis and the widespread works of the Franciscan order, of which Fr. John was the head. Some of his remarks are especially relevant to our order of modern Knights working through good works rather than the sword. The following are excerpts from Father's speech:

“(Francis) was born into a world of chivalry and a young man could easily dream of righting wrongs and rescuing innocent people from robbers and infidels. Knighthood was his ideal and he joined company with a knight heading toward Southern Italy in search of glory and fame. But God stepped in and turned him around. One night on the journey he had a vivid dream: he found himself in a large hall containing the shields of famous knights, and he heard a voice saying, “Why are you trying to follow the servant rather than the master.” He returned home, realizing he would be a knight of a different sort.” Later, Francis went to Egypt on a mission: he thought that he would convert the Sultan or become a martyr. What happened was different: the Sultan respected Francis and allowed him to return safely, and Francis and his brothers began the apostolate not of converting Muslims, but learning to live among them as good Christians....Francis began a new type of war, to carry the message of God’s love through the cross by dialogue and living with and among non-Christians, instead of fighting and killing them.”

“Many of (the early) Franciscan foundations were begun from European and U.S. Provinces which had a steady number of vocations. That is no longer the case. We can ask ourselves why vocations seem to “dry up” in the more “developed” world, and why they seem to flourish in other places. Just last Sunday we heard a visiting priest tell us here at the Mission that there were many, many vocations to the priesthood and religious life in some of the African countries that he had visited. What is the reason for this difference? Why do we not have more vocations? There are many answers and the experts themselves will tell you that there are no simple answers. But it does bring out one fact: vocations to the priesthood and religious life come from prayer and good families, not necessarily pious families in the usual meaning of the word, but pious in the sense of real Gospel values.”

“That, I think, is the challenge for groups such as yours: to nourish a Christian culture that will be open to the world without losing its Gospel salt which should give flavor and savor to the culture in which we live. As you know Knights like yourselves no longer battle robbers and rescue

people caught by them; rather the challenges today are more subtle but just as deadly and important. Your opportunities are great, especially the opportunity that you have to meet together and strengthen yourselves in Christian ideals. I wish you well in your great adventure, even greater than that of the young Francis who wanted to gain glory, fame and power that he later gave up for something much better.”

A break down of those who attended:

19 Sir Knights of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree, 9 Knights of other degrees (1 from Council 5300 and 2 Religious), 7 honorees (1 a Knight), 6 widows, 5 Religious men and women, 30 members of the Secular Franciscan Order. The honorees all received Knights of Columbus membership literature to distribute to Catholic members of their departments.



**Pro-Life Director's Report**

*Bob & Cecilia Marks  
Pro-Life Couple*

*Taken from the site <[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)>*

There is a close link between abortion and contraception. Natural Family Planning, furthermore, provides a solution to both. The Encyclical *Humanae Vitae* has been and will remain a prophetic voice in the Church bearing witness to these truths. Pope John Paul II's *Evangelium Vitae* likewise explains the connection between abortion and contraception as "fruits of the same tree."

In their 2001 revision of the Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities ("*A Campaign in Support of Life*"), the United States Catholic Bishops speak of the connection between abortion and contraception in the following paragraphs:

**Abortion and Contraception**

*The Church's teaching and pastoral efforts on responsible parenthood are appropriately treated more fully in other documents. However, we address the issue here, because some promote widespread use of contraception as a means to reduce abortions and even criticize the Church for*

*not accepting this approach.*

*It is noteworthy that as acceptance and use of contraception have increased in our society, so have acceptance and use of abortion. Couples who unintentionally conceive a child while using contraception are far more likely to resort to abortion than others. Tragically, our society has fallen into a mentality that views children as a burden and invites many to consider abortion as a "backup" to contraceptive failure. This is most obvious in efforts to promote as "emergency contraception" drugs that really act as early abortifacients.*

*With Pope John Paul II, we affirm that contraception and abortion are "specifically different evils," because only "the latter destroys the life of a human being," but that they are also related (The Gospel of Life, no. 13). It is important to remember that means that are referred to as "contraceptive" are, in reality, sometimes also abortifacient. An end to abortion will not come from contraceptive campaigns but from a deeper understanding of our human sexuality, and of human life, as sacred gifts deserving our careful stewardship.*

Priests for Life is committed to assisting the clergy to proclaim these realities. We will provide an increasing amount of educational material on this page, as well as links to other web sites.

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*(Grand Knight's Rpt-Continued from page 1)*

limits on how far our family extends. Indeed, it extends to all corners of the earth. If we are to love our neighbor not just in theory and prayer, but also in practice and **service**, it brings us back to fishing.

Let's look at how families might serve fish to those in need, teach them how to catch their own fish, and make the river accessible to all those who want to fish. In other words, how can families live out their faith on the days between Sundays with the people in their own backyard and those who are yards away. To put it in parenting language, **service** is the natural consequence of following Jesus who called us to love.

Continuing our commitment to making a recruiting

a priority we can increase our membership and our Order will be stronger in **Service Others** by teaching all our members how to catch their own fish and what is more important. Make the river accessible by offering the opportunity of every eligible member to join the knights.

The month of September has been a busy one, membership Blitz, pancake breakfast, Labor Day picnic and Oktoberfest have taken place with much success due to the chairs and the team of volunteers of each event. Read more on these events under the program director and event chairs report. See photo gallery.

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### **KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH**

***Felix Sanchez and His Labor Day Volunteers  
By: Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight***



The "Knights of the Month" title for October 2007 goes to Brother Felix Sanchez and his team of volunteers responsible for a successful Labor Day picnic. Brother Felix has been coordinating the Labor Day and the Memorial Day picnics for years. He can do this event with his eyes closed. Brother Felix recruited three Council 5300 members which are also very active members of the Guadalupanos group to be in charge of cooking the BBQ tri-trip and chicken. Brother Ruben Perez, Isidro Muro and Teo Nungaray received a lot of compliments on the delicious BBQ meal. A special thanks to our Guadalupanos Brothers.

The famous BBQ beans from Brother Ralph and Kathy Wengler were a hit. Brother Rich Scholl provided a balanced meal by taking care of the delicious salad and Brother Joe Meza provided the

required SPICY SALSA. Thanks to Brother Jack Turney, Rafael Cardenas, Joe Darga and Steve Schlesselmann everything was ready by the time people started to arrive.

Brother Felix has worked as the bartender at many of our socials. This task takes a lot of time and dedication. There is a much work that goes on behind the scenes and Brother Felix makes the picnics and tending the bar a very smooth operation. Remember that behind every Brother Knight is a GREAT woman supporting them day and night. Thank you, Julie Sanchez, for your love and support for our Brother Felix and to all you do for the council events. You both are a great couple and a good example to all of us.

A big thanks goes to Vince Filippello and John Kestel for taking care of the beer and the wine at the Labor Day picnic. These refreshments really hit the spot. There was a large turnout and people had a great time. Congratulations to all the volunteers for making the Labor Day Picnic a success. GREAT JOB TO ALL!

*(Program Director's Report continued from page 2)*

One event in particular this month is the MR drive. This is otherwise known as the Tootsie Roll Drive. Our direct recipient of this effort is the Special Olympics. Statewide, the Knights of Columbus contribute donations to organizations supporting the mentally disabled by handing out tootsie rolls at specified locations and collecting from caring people. Please call me at 448-6160 to offer as little as an hour of your time for a great cause. I'm also available at the business meeting on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> with a sign-up sheet. See you there.

### **Past Activities**

- 1) **Sept 3, 2007** - This year's Labor Day Picnic took place at Stow Park. A great time had by all.
- 2) **Sept 8, 2007** - Oktoberfest Dinner was held at the Parish Hall and was a great success.
- 3) **Sept 9, 2007** - Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All who attended enjoyed scrambled eggs, sausage and fresh pancakes.

- 4) **Sept 10, 2007** - A K of C 5300 Business meeting took place at 7:30 PM. There was also a first degree exemplification at the meeting.
- 5) **Sept 17, 2007** - There was a Blue Mass at Serra Hall followed by a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree sponsored Ladies Night Out.
- 6) **Sept 23, 2007** - St. Raphael's Parish Picnic was held on the parish grounds.

### **Upcoming Activities**

- 1) **October 1, 2007** - K of C Officers Meeting will take place at the parish.
- 2) **October 5, 2007** - 24 Hour Adoration.
- 3) **October 8, 2007** - K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 4) **October 14, 2007** - Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses.
- 5) **October 19, 2007** - Columbus Day Dinner.
- 6) **October 29, 2007** - Dinner Social - Knights & Their Families.

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### **PARISH PICNIC** *By Jack Turney*



The 2007 St. Raphael's Parish Picnic could not have picked a better day to happen. The air was crystal clear after having been washed by the previous day's rain. For the benefit of our newer members, the Parish Picnic is a time for the people of the Parish to gather in community. It is a time to enjoy good food, drink and entertainment. All the expenses are paid by the Parish and the monies collected are intended only to cover the costs involved. The Knights of Columbus are an important part of this event, providing much of the

manpower to organize and man the booths. As in the past, the Knights of Columbus were directly in charge of the Beer Sales in the "Beer Garden", the Tri-Tip Sandwich booth and the Nacho Booth.

The "Beer Garden" was again a favorite gathering spot for young (over 21!) to gather and socialize. Vince Filippello and his crew did a great job in providing libations to thirsty parishioners. Vince would like to give a special thanks to all who helped.

Felix and Julie, with the help of Marie Mackey, manned the Nacho Booth and were sold out by 4:30 PM. Once again, the nachos were a popular source of food.

Chris Arnoult and his crew provided the very tasty Tri-tip Sandwiches, which are always popular. So popular that sales of sandwiches were being made until after 5:00 PM, or until there were no more tickets to be collected. This year, Jim Bradbury cooked up 150# of tri-tip and there was still some left. Chris would like to thank all those that helped make this booth a success.

**LIFE TEEN DINNER**



Ralph & Cathy Wengler, Maria Cabrera and Ed Barrier:

Thank you very much for organizing and coordinating the Youth Life Teen Dinner served on the day of Saint Raphael's Parish Picnic, September 23. Once again the Knights of Columbus and their families scored a home run. We had four booths present at the parish picnic, The Christmas cards, the tri tip sandwiches, the nachos and the beer booth. As if this was not enough, Cathy Wengler and Maria Cabrera took on the challenge of preparing and serving a pasta dinner to about 80+ youth members.

Brother Ralph assisted the entire day on both events. Ralph took care of having the tri tip trays ready for the tri tip sandwich booth and helped with the pasta dinner. Ed Barrier was responsible for cooking the pasta and the Grand Knight boiled the water. This was a great service project to our LIFE TEEN youth. It is wonderful to connect with the Youth Group and show the Knights of Columbus presence. These efforts, we hope, will help in bringing awareness to the K of C and eventually provide an avenue for recruiting the young adults of our parish. Thank you to all that made this event successful.

**Francisco Cabrera**  
**Grand Knight**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Resolution Authored by Sam Alfano**

RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 3, 2007,  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLETA VALLEY  
COUNCIL 5300:

WHEREAS: THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT AT THE ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY THERE ARE MISSING WORDS ON THE PACIFIC SIDE OF THE MEMORIAL,

WHEREAS: THE MISSING WORDS ARE THOSE OF PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANOR ROOSEVELT IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE NATION ON DECEMBER 7, 1941,

WHEREAS: THE SPEECH TO THE NATION ON THAT DAY OF INFAMY CONCLUDED WITH THE WORDS "SO HELP US GOD",

WHEREAS: THESE LAST FOUR WORDS HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE,

WHEREAS: SOME ONE TOOK THE LIBERTY TO DELETE THESE WORDS FROM A FACTUAL HISTORICAL SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

WHEREAS: NO ONE SHOULD HAVE THE

AUTHORITY TO MISQUOTE A HISTORICAL SPEECH BY A PRESIDENT ESPECIALLY OF SUCH A TRAUMATIC EVENT IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY,

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

GOLETA VALLEY COUNCIL 5300 RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT THE SUPREME KNIGHT VERIFY THE OMISSION OF THE WORDS "SO HELP US GOD" IN THE ARLINGTON WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL PLAQUE,

ONCE VERIFIED, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF THIS GROSS HISTORICAL OMISSION,

THAT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEK TO CORRECT THE OMISSION BY FUNDING A NEW PLAQUE,

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS 5300 ON -----

RESPECFULLY SUBMITTED ON -----

GRAND KNIGHT GOLETA VALLEY COUNCIL 5300

FRANCISCO CABRERA.

DRAFT 8/3/07

Volunteers are needed to help with parking at the Regional Religious Education Congress on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at Bishop Diego High School from 6:30 to 10:30 AM. Please contact Sister Barbara Dugan, CSJ 682-1508 for additional information.

There will be a Ministry Fair October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at the Parish Hall. We need volunteers to pass out Knights of Columbus information at our booth. The theme is international. Fourth Degree members are encouraged to wear their tuxedo and social baldric. There will be an international snack at the booth.

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification will be held at Serra Hall on Oct 28, 2007. Candidates should be there no earlier than 1 PM and no later than 1:30 PM. The degree starts at 2 PM. Cost is \$10/person.

There will be a dinner after the degree. The ladies who attend will have a choice to tour the Mission, the Courthouse or go shopping at Paseo Nuevo. Cutoff date is October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Serra Hall is located at 2210 Garden Street, Santa Barbara.

## October Birthdays

Angel Castro	10/01
John J. Sternot	10/02
Thomas E. Puerling	10/03
Stephen J. Schlesselmann	10/03
Richard T. Schiada	10/07
George Velasquez	10/08
Joseph W. Duwel	10/09
John J. Vogel	10/09
Francisco G. Cabrera	10/10
Pablo F. Cabrera	10/10
John C. Kirk, Jr.	10/11
Lawrence P. Huard	10/11
Robert A. Montgomery	10/12
Kenneth K. Kuether	10/13
Rev. Thomas A. Meskill	10/18
Ronald G. Uthe	10/19
Jerome M. Becker	10/21
Brian E. Holtz	10/21
William J. Konkol	10/22
Raphael S. Cardenas	10/22
Joseph E. Waters	10/24
John F. Kestel	10/24
Ralph J. Wengler	10/25
Bruce A. Andersson	10/25
Bradley J. Bowen	10/29
Frank H. Mackey	10/31

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Articles need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Labor Day Picnic, September 3, 2007

Oktoberfest, September 8, 2007



*PGK Brian and Judy Klinge with PGK Bill McNamara at the Labor Day Picnic.*



*John Kestel and Vince Filippello at the Labor Day Picnic.*



*Brothers Joe Lima, PGK Brian Klinge, Jose Meza and Chawa Ramirez pose with the current California State Chief Squire.*



*Brother Jack Turney poses for his picture during the Labor Day picnic.*



*GK Francisco Cabrera and his wife Maria at the Oktoberfest.*



*District Deputy Steve Schlesselmann and Mirtha Donovan at the Oktoberfest.*

*Oktoberfest, September 8, 2007 (cont)*



*The Oktoberfest team did a stellar job on the Oktoberfest.*



*Various Brother Knights (DGK Dan Knauss, FN Cherif Khoury, PGK Brian Klinge and PGK Bill McNamara) enjoy their meal.*



*The crew behind the scenes at the Oktoberfest are recognized for their hard work.*



*Brother Ken Kuether is flanked by his wife, Carol and Chawa Ramirez.*



*Brother Joe Lima poses for his picture. Gloria Merrigan is on the right.*



*PGK Mike Donovan with his wife, Mirtha, in traditional Oktoberfest garb.*

2nd Degree, September 12, 2007

Simi Valley Parade, September 15, 2007

Blue Mass, September 17, 2007



*Our newest 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Brothers pose for their picture with the Color Corps.*



*GK Francisco Cabrera poses for his picture with his son, Brother Pablo Cabrera.*



*Several members of the Color Corps pose for their picture before marching in the Simi Valley Parade.*



*A picture of the Knight of Columbus float that followed the Color Corps during the parade.*



*SK Cherif Khoury and Rich Scholl handling the emcee duties at the Blue Mass.*



*SK Rich Scholl and his fiancée, Ginny, pose for their picture with one of the officers honored at the Blue Mass.*

*Blue Mass, September 17, 2007 (cont)*  
*Parish Picnic, September 23, 2007*



*GK Mark Wietstock (1684) poses with his wife for his picture at the Ladies Night Out after the Blue Mass.*



*The various officers honored at the Blue Mass pose for their picture with their wives and FN, Cherif Khoury.*



*Brother Sam Alfano having dinner with one of the honored officers.*



*From left to right (Chawa Ramirez, SK Hal Thompson, Olivia Dodero, Gloria Merrigan and SK Francisco Cabrera).*



*PGK Felix Sanchez prepares the Nachos at the beginning of the parish picnic.*

*Photos by Francisco & Maria Cabrera/Stephen Schlesselmann/Others.*



*SK Bill McLafferty mans the beer booth during the parish picnic.*

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