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## *4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification-October 6, 2007*



Father Cyril Nnadi (who is currently serving in Altadena, CA) took his Forth Degree on October 6, 2007 in Irvine, CA. The ceremony, a very impressive one, was under the direction of Southern California Area Master Bernie Gardner. The Central District held their 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification in Visalia, CA on November 3, 2007.

## *GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT*

*By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight*



### *Food for Thought*

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

### Stewardship



During the month of October we celebrated the Ministry & Stewardship which I translate to "GOD HAS CALLED EACH OF US TO SERVE HIM." In the place He has us, In His eyes we all have a ministry. Many serve Him in a local church through a variety of ministries, such as music, teaching, youth work, or by being a part of the church staff. Others serve in the mission field, on the job, at school or at home.

God knows you and He knows your heart desires to serve Him. You are someone that He will use to make a difference, to share His love, and to touch the hearts of others. What has qualified you for this high privilege of being used by Him?

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

The month of October contained a number of activities giving the Knights the opportunity to show who we are and what we do. Exposure is a very important part of the efforts the Knights of Columbus puts forth. When we are seen doing the things we joined to do we create an awareness of who we are which helps us to build and strengthen our organization.

In October, we had the privilege of participating in this year's Ministry Fair. This was a great way for all the parish members to see the many opportunities available for them to get involved. I was amazed at the diversity of interests the parish organizations meet. I must say though that The Knights of Columbus Council 5300 has a most impressive presence.

This year's Tootsie Roll drive also took place in October during which I had quite a few personal contacts with people who expressed their appreciation for what we were doing. Intellectual disability impacts the lives of many people and our activity to raise money to support those in need touches those lives. We are a great organization doing great things we can be proud of.

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**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/1<sup>st</sup> Degree
- 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
- 12/08/07 Saturday Candy for Widows
- 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

**January, 2008**

- 01/01/08 Tuesday New Year's Day
- 01/04/08 Friday 24-Hour Adoration
- 01/04/08 Friday Prime Time Band Dinner
- 01/07/08 Monday K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 01/13/08 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
- 01/14/08 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 01/30/08 Wednesday Clergy Appreciation Dinner-St. Raphael's Hall

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**Past Activities**

- 1) **October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007** – The Pancake Breakfast after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses was well attended.
- 2) **October 15, 2007** – The “Festa Italiana” Dinner was held on this date. Hope you didn’t miss it. Brother Sam Alfano talks about this special night elsewhere in the bulletin.
- 3) **October 29, 2007** - The second Knights and their Families Social was great fun for all who attended. The theme was the 50’s, 60’s, and 70’s. See PGK Mike Donovan’s article elsewhere in the bulletin for all the details.

**Upcoming Activities**

- 1) **November 3, 2007** - A 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification took place in Visalia, CA. 6 new Brother Knights from Council 5300 joined the Junipero Serra Assembly that day.
- 2) **November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007** - K of C Officer’s Meeting, 8:00 PM. Officers, please add all meeting notices to your work and/or home calendar. This will help remind you of the meeting.
- 3) **November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007** - Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses. Come and enjoy the delicious food!
- 4) **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007** - K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM. The business meetings are a great way to keep up with all the great things the Knights are doing. This month there will be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree exemplification.



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

**A Spiritual Thought**

This month, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Way:

“You owe such a great debt to your Father-God! He has given you life, intelligence, will... He has given you his grace – the Holy Spirit; Jesus, in the Sacred Host; divine sonship; the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God and our Mother. He has given you the possibility of taking part in the Holy Mass; and he grants you forgiveness for your sins. He forgives you so many times. He has given you countless gifts, some of them quite extraordinary... Tell me, my son: how have you corresponded so far to this generosity? How are you corresponding now?” **(page 568 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).**

Before starting my report, I wanted to thank all my Brother Knights for their prayers and support due to my father’s death on October 1. The prayers have really helped. It’s great to be part of an organization whose principles are based on charity, unity and fraternity. I have really experienced all three of those principles over the last few weeks. **Thank you!**

Our District has had a busy and productive month of October. However, it’s time to step up recruiting and first degrees. Right now, the district is only at 22.7% of membership and 25.0% of insurance. We have a long way to go and already 1/3 of the fraternal year is over. Brothers, we can do better! Let’s get those candidates who have filled out Form 100s into a first degree. Let’s step up our efforts to invite our fellow Catholics into our Order. Remember, it is every Knight’s responsibility to recruit.

**Degrees:**

On Tuesday, October 23, a 2<sup>nd</sup> degree was held at Council 10067 in Satticoy. 9 Brother Knights from District 62 participated in the exemplification. The degree team did a great job and GK Ben Martinez, Brothers Mike Kipp and Robert Oropeza provided a tasty dinner of pizza afterwards.

On Sunday, October 28, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree was held at Council 1684 in Santa Barbara. The event was very well attended. 43 new Brother Knights took their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree that day including 10 from Council 5300. The degree team did a fantastic job and Council 1684 did a great job with making sure the

administrative side of the event ran very smoothly including the dinner afterwards.

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> degree in Visalia on Saturday, November 3.

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree at Council 10067 (Satticoy) on November 7 (the same night as the Chapter meeting).

There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> degree at Council 5300 (Goleta) on November 12. All candidates should be there by 7 PM. The degree will start at 7:30 PM.

There will be a Spanish 1<sup>st</sup> degree in Carpinteria at Council 13756 (St. Joseph's Church) on Friday, November 9. The degree will start at 7 PM.

**Programs:**

Council 1684 hosted their annual Knights Night Out on October 24. This event is the major fundraiser for Council 1684's charities for the year. Other events scheduled by the council include a Mass in November for Council 1684's deceased members and several more socials including a Christmas party before the end of the year. Also, the council is tentatively planning on sponsoring a free throw contest later in the Columbian year.

Council 5300 continues to be very busy with their events. The pancake breakfasts continue to be well attended and the food keeps getting better. On October 19, Council 5300's annual Columbus Day dinner hosted by Brother Sam Alfano was held. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Other events coming up: October 29-Dinner Social.

On September 30, Council 10067 (Satticoy) helped staff several booths at Sacred Heart's annual parish picnic (Fiesta). The council also hosted a dinner to raise funds for the council on Tuesday, October 16.

Council 13756 (Carpinteria) is starting to get busy also. On October 12, the officers of the council were installed at the beginning of the business meeting. On October 13 and 14, the council held their first ever MR drive and collected \$180. Congratulations, Brother Knights! Finally, in late September or early October, the council held a boxing match in order to raise funds to pay for the tabernacle in the Church.

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) Council 5300 held their MR drive on the weekend of October 19 to 21. I'll have a report about it at the meetings and the December report.
- 2) Council 1684 & 5300's joint Clergy Appreciation Dinner is tentatively scheduled for January 30, 2008. Make your plans now to attend. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.
- 3) Make sure to read the October issue of Columbia. The issue is entirely devoted to the Supreme Convention and it is well worth your time to read through it.
- 4) Please note: the next Chapter meeting is coming up on November 7. Please try to make it if you can.
- 5) The Marian Year of Prayer started on September 8, 2007 and continues until September 8, 2008. Brother Knights have been asked to spread devotion to Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, Cuba, through a yearlong Marian Hour of Prayer program for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI. For more information, please see the Knights web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).
- 6) The movie "Bella", that was produced by Brother Knights and stars a fellow Knight, is due to be released to the general public on October 26. Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson has asked that us Brother Knights make an effort to see it. Please also encourage your friends to see it as well.
- 7) 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:**

- 11/02-11/04/07 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification-Visalia, CA
- 11/07/07 1<sup>st</sup> Degree-Council 10067
- 11/07/07 Los Padres Chapter Meeting-Ventura
- 11/09/07 Spanish 1<sup>st</sup> Degree-Council 13756
- 11/12/07 1<sup>st</sup> Degree-Council 5300
- 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

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

Your continued prayers are requested for the soul of Herman Schlesselmann, father of our District Deputy and past Grand Knight, Steve Schlesselmann. Remember his family in your prayers also.

Terence Bonham, Ventura resident and current 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of our assembly, informed me recently that his wife, Joyce, has been diagnosed with Lupus and will be in need of dialysis. He requested our prayers for Joyce as she begins the trek to UCLA for extensive treatments. Her spirits are up, as usual, and for anyone who knows Joyce, she is always in a positive mind set. Last Columbian year, she and Terry attended several of our Fourth Degree Ladies' Night Out and they really enjoyed seeing old friends and sharing family news with them. Terry and Joyce were quite active in the Knights of Columbus in Goleta when they lived here many years ago. Terry is a partner in a law firm in Ventura and has tried many cases over the years, several with yours truly.

It was great seeing Frank Mackey at the recent family night with wife, Marie. He had been ill, but looks like he has bounced back to his old self again.

My wife and son and I recently made a trip to Annapolis, Maryland to visit the Naval Academy. If you ever need a quick dose of patriotism, you should visit there if you are traveling back east. The Noon Formation where all of the cadets gather in their respective groups and march to lunch is quite impressive, with the sounds of bagpipes and drums and the sight of a color guard with flags waving in the breeze. We toured the Chapel and it is beautiful. This visit was a shot in the arm to prepare me for the Fourth Degree Exemplification in Visalia on November 3, where patriotism is exalted to the nth degree. I certainly recommend that anyone who can, should see their nation's service academies in operation.

If you have any information about a brother Knight who is ailing or needs our prayers, give me a call at 685-4284 or send me an e-mail at [jwmcljr@cox.net](mailto:jwmcljr@cox.net) anytime.



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

**"RENDERING PECUNIARY AID"**

The month of November in the Knights of Columbus is traditionally the time during which we remember our deceased Brother Knights – those who have gone to their eternal reward.

Our thoughts also turn, naturally, to those who our Brother Knights have left behind – their widows and children. These are the same people, though of a different generation, who occupied Father McGivney's thoughts in 1882 when he founded the Order.

The first two reasons listed on our charter for the establishment of the Knights of Columbus are: "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members" and rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families".

My position as a field agent for the Order has evolved from those principles. I am here to help you plan financial security – both for yourself and for those who you may leave behind. I am not here to sell you insurance because you might die and be a part of our remembrances next November. I am here to sell you insurance because someone else might live . . . and I think you love that someone and would like her to continue to live with dignity.

It's not a pretty thought, but picture the first November your loved ones will spend without you. How does it look?

To contact me with regards to any of your K of C insurance needs, please email me at [dlfarebrother@aol.com](mailto:dlfarebrother@aol.com) or call me at either of the numbers listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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



The "Festa Italiana" on October 19 which is our annual Columbus Day Dinner was a fun evening in all respects due to the tremendous effort of all the volunteers. In this respect, special note should be made of PGK Dale Wenzinger's perennial contribution of furnishing the dinner tickets. A

month prior to the dinner, some twelve ticket sellers were active in encouraging 180 diners to attend. It was our privilege to again invite as our guests the priests and sisters not only from our parish but other parishes as well. It is always a pleasure to have the sisters from St. Vincents with us. At 3:00 PM on the day of the dinner, the setup crew of Paul Robillard, Earl Pugh, Al Meckelborg and son Brian Meckelborg (a PGK) did an excellent job of putting the dining area in order.

The dinner consisted of the now famous Livia Doder's antipasto salad, the Mostaccioli Pasta (cooked al denti), BBQ Italian sausage, garlic french bread, and Spumoni ice cream. The dinner was served by volunteers as well as the youth from John Vasellina's youth group. Before and during the meal, wine and beer was served by the congenial couple: PGK Felix Sanchez and wife Julie.

Guests were received at the entrance by Grand Knight Francisco Cabrera and his wife Maria. Also at the entrance, guests were able to purchase religious cards offered by Knight Bill McNamara.

Raffle tickets were also being sold at the entryway by PGK Don Aubrey, wife Lucille, Joan Mangenheimer and Stan Roth. The raffle prizes contributed by individuals and local businesses were well received. The income from the raffle was a substantial amount of the evening receipts.

The sing along with accordionist Bob Wightman was fun with the entire audience singing to the tunes of the most popular Italian songs. We were led in the great "Happy Birthday" song by vocalist Florence Wenzinger. The fun evening concluded prior to 9:00 PM.

After all expenses were paid, we were able to deposit \$2,170.00 into our general fund account to be used for the needs of our community.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the volunteers and diners who made it a truly enjoyable evening.

Sam S. Alfano  
Columbus Day Dinner Chairman



**Pro-Life Director's Report**

*Bob & Cecilia Marks*

*Pro-Life Couple*

The following is a poem written in mid-18th-century England. The poet is anonymous and was extracted from an article entitled "Viewing Abortion Objectively" by Donald DiMarco in the summer 2007 issue of "The Human Life Review".

**Epitaph on a Child Killed by Procured Abortion**

O thou, whose eyes were closed in death's pale night,  
Ere fate revealed thee to my aching sight;  
Ambiguous something, by no standard fixed,  
Frail span, of naught and of existence mixed;  
Embryo, imperfect as my tort'ring thought,  
Sad outcast of existence and of naught;  
Thou, who to guilty love first ow'st thy frame,  
Whom guilty honour kills to hide its shame;  
Dire offspring formed by love's too pleasing pow'r!  
Honour's dire victim in luckless hour!  
Soften the pangs that still revenge thy doom;  
Nor from the dark abyss of nature's womb,  
Where back I cast thee, let revolving time  
Call up past scenes to aggravate my crime,  
Two adverse tyrants ruled thy wayward fate,  
Thyself a helpless victim to their hate;  
Love, spite of honour's dictates, gave thee breath;  
Honour, in spite of love, pronounced thy death.

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*(from the Breitbart.com website)*

Few issues generate as much heat in the United States as the debate over abortion -- the subject of a powerful and graphic new documentary by controversial British filmmaker Tony Kaye.

"Lake of Fire," currently on limited release in the United States, unwinds over more than two and a half hours of interviews with some of the leading figures from the pro-life and pro-choice camps.

But it is the graphic and disturbing depiction of termination procedures, filmed like the rest of the movie in black and white, that marks the film out.

"From the moment I started making the film I thought I have to show an abortion, which at the time had never been done before," Kaye, best known for his 1998 neo-Nazi feature "American History X," told AFP in an interview.

"There was no question about whether or not that was the right thing to do because if I'm documenting two sides of the argument, that is one side of the argument and you have to show it," he said.

Kaye, who cut his teeth directing commercials and music videos, separately admits to being "addicted to controversy when I began."

One scene depicts a doctor sifting through a surgical tray after performing a late-term abortion, where the grisly residue of an arm, a foot and part of a face can be clearly made out.

"It's about as shocking as any motion picture can ever get. It's illegal to film someone being killed," said Kaye.

They may be the kind of images used by anti-abortion activists, but Kaye also doesn't shy from showing pictures of a kneeling and bent-over naked woman who died after performing a botched abortion on herself with a wire coat hanger.

Kaye worked for more than 15 years on "Lake of Fire" -- anti-abortion activist John Burt's description of the hell awaiting abortionists -- and said his goal when he set out was simply to show both sides of the argument.

"The concept was to make a film about the debate over the issue of abortion but to make it a non-propagandist way and to create a kind of war of words."

He said he wanted "to create this kind of a weave where we really explore the issue without taking any sides."

"It's very easy for me to do that because... I don't really have a point of view. I'm not a politician or a commentator," he said.

**Musical Group, 'Blest and Broken' Shares Their  
New Release with the Community**

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



The seven siblings from the talented Stawiecki (pronounced Stah-vyeh-tskee) Family shared their newly released album at the Knights of Columbus Dinner Social on Monday evening, Oct. 29 in the St. Raphael Parish Hall.

Many parishioners at St. Raphael's and members of the Knights of Columbus have heard this incredible music group (vocals, guitars, bass, percussion) at the Saturday Vigil Mass (Jan. 2006 until March 2007) and at other parish events.

Comprised of seven of the 11 children of Ryszard and Maria Jolanta Stawiecki, the group is now known as 'Blest and Broken.' They include Agnieszka 33, Katarzyna (Kasia) 30, Karolina 25, Virginia 24, Anna 22, Ivona 21 and Gabriel 20. Kasia explained their namesake thus, "We thought about what it means to be followers of Christ, and it hit us - Blest and Broken. These two words are very profound. At first glance, they appear to be opposites, but upon closer inspection, the words have a special relationship which point directly to Christ. This happens when people start to ponder the different meanings of the word broken. Of course, it is a separating into parts. But for what purpose? In the case of our loving Savior, it was a breaking of His body so that we may share in the promise of salvation." Her older sister Agnieszka added, "We hope that those who hear 'Blest and Broken' are immediately reminded of the Last Supper and the breaking of the bread. Jesus is the Bread of Life which was blest and broken for our sake. As His followers, we too are called to 'take up our cross' or to be broken - for the sake of our

brothers and sisters. Kasia further expressed, "We all face many challenges and struggles. At times, we feel forgotten, lost and broken. But at the same time, we know that such trials bring us closer to Christ, because it is in suffering that we most resemble Christ."

Many parishioners who attended Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Raphael's asked if they had a CD they could buy. "That inspired us to record one," stated Karolina. In July they released their first exceptional CD, "We Remember," featuring 13 of the songs they performed at Mass. These titles are:

- 1 - Gather Us Together;
- 2 - Prayer of St. Francis;
- 3 - There Is a Longing;
- 4 - Lead Me, Lord;
- 5 - Mary's Song;
- 6 - We Remember;
- 7 - You Are Mine;
- 8 - Gift of Finest Wheat;
- 9 - They'll Know We Are Christians;
- 10 - Digo "Si," Senor/I Say "Yes," Lord;
- 11 - Refiner's Fire (Purify My Heart);
- 12 - My Glorious;
- 13 - I Could Sing of Your Love Forever (Over the Mountains and the Sea).

All seven in the group agree that the three keys to their success are love of God, love of music and patience.

Music has always been a great love in the Stawiecki household. Karolina pointed out, "We listen to the radio and play CDs everyday, especially during household chores...washing dishes, folding clothes...all that fun stuff! And, of course, we sing along to our favorite songs. Kasia added with humor, "One year, we decided to give up listening to the radio for Lent. It was the longest and most challenging Lent we ever experienced!"

A cherished remembrance never to be forgotten when singing as a group occurred when all 11 children sang "Amazing Grace" at Our Lady of Sorrows Church during a Memorial Service for Michael Daly in March 2004. Anna noted, "Michael was a close friend who had Marfan Syndrome. He passed away at age 12. Our album,



"We Remember," is dedicated in his memory."

Besides providing music at church services, 'Blest and Broken' has been involved in community events. Last year they performed a Christmas concert for the poor and homeless at the annual Christmas dinner held at the Goleta Community Center.

In the summer of 2006, they had an incredible experience of organizing and leading a week-long retreat at Divine Saviour Parish in Los Angeles for nearly 100 children. The retreat was called "Holy Summer," and included many learning activities and music designed for the children's spiritual enrichment. The program concluded with a special Children's Mass.

When asked about future goals they wish to pursue, the group expressed their desire to record more albums, including a Christmas album and an album which would feature their own original songs. They are also entertaining the idea of touring nationally.

The parents and two eldest children, Agnieszka and Kasia, were born in Szczecin, Poland. They emigrated from Poland to Austria in the fall of 1981. Karolina was born in Austria. Agnieszka explained, "My parents, two younger sisters and I immigrated to the USA in 1982. We landed at the Santa Barbara Airport on a September afternoon and have lived in the surrounding area ever since.

The remaining eight children of the Stawiecki Family were all born in the U.S.

When asked, "What is the best thing about being Polish?" without a moment's hesitation, they all exclaimed, "The food!"

Virginia voiced, "Our mom makes the best stuffed peppers and zrazy (Polish beef roulade in sour cream sauce) and our dad makes amazing nalezniki (Polish crepes). He is also a guru at the fire pit."

Their family hobbies include playing soccer, hanging out at the beach and watching movies. "We go out and play soccer a lot," states Gabriel, the youngest in the group, and the only male. "It's great. We have 11 kids in the family - the exact number needed to make a soccer team." The family also enjoys camping up north. "We've gone as far

up as Portland, Oregon, visiting sites as 'The Grotto' and Silver Falls," expressed Ivona. "But our favorite trips are to Yosemite and Lake Tahoe."

Education is very important to each of the 11 siblings.

\* Agnieszka earned a BA in Liberal Studies from Westmont, has a teacher credential and MA in Education from Antioch University;

\* Kasia earned a BA in English from Westmont and a JD from Santa Barbara College of Law;

\* Karolina earned an AA in Photography and Graphic Design at SBCC;

\* Virginia earned an AA in Liberal Studies, AA in Interior Design at SBCC;

\* Anna earned an AA in Real Estate at SBCC, is a Licensed Broker and earned a BA in Biology at Westmont;

\* Ivona and Gabriel earned high school diplomas;

\* Paul (15), Magdalena (14), John (12) and Daniel (11) are home schooled.

Ivona and Gabriel plan to attend college next year. They are both considering a major in music. "The album certainly required much time and dedication," Kasia related, "and we have all sacrificed much to make it possible.

At the same time, we are so grateful that God has given us this opportunity."

It should be noted that all the photography and graphic work for the CD album including the CD label, jacket and foldout insert were done by members of Blest and Broken.

The group is continually encouraged by their devoted listeners. "The album is receiving a very positive response," commented Kasia. Indeed, many who have bought the CD have been deeply touched and spiritually uplifted.

These are comments from two of the persons who have auditioned the CD album. "They are a real treat to listen to as their voices blend so well together," remarked parishioner Jim Maloney. GK Mark Wietstock of Council 1684 had this to say: "In an age of technological effects and glitzy marketing,

"We Remember" offers the listener a calm and quiet room, filled with melody and harmony, animated by the infectious faith and enthusiasm of these young family members, who clearly believe in one another as much as they believe in Christ."

The CD may be purchased for \$17 plus \$2.50 S&H from their website: [www.blestandbroken.com](http://www.blestandbroken.com) which gives detailed information in six areas - Home, We Remember, Reviews, Events, About Us and Contact Us.

For more biographical information and beautiful, creative photos of each of the seven performers, see their website: [www.blestandbroken.com/bios.html](http://www.blestandbroken.com/bios.html).

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### **OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> SOCIAL**

*Chairpersons PGK Michael and Mirtha Donovan*



Hamburgers, hot dogs, banana splits, hula hoops, Rock and Roll era music, costumes and a trivia game with Mel Hueston meant a great time for Knights and their families.

Master Chef Brother Jim Bradbury and his crew, Brothers Jose Meza, John Peyton and Cindy Bennett cooked up a great meal of hamburgers and hot dogs with bacon and green peppers. Gloria Merrigan prepared fruit drinks and also helped in the kitchen. PGK John Vogel took care of the bar. Set-up and decorations crew included Mirtha Donovan, Brother Al Meckelborg, PDD Larry Stigney, Brother Paul and Evelina Curzan and Grand Knight Francisco and Maria Cabrera. Desert included root beer floats and banana splits served up by Cece Burich and Cathy Wengler. Gifts for winners of best dressed era and hula hoops came from Maria Cabrera. The guests who attended helped with the clean up.

Prizes awarded for best era dress in the 50's went to Bernie and Mary Jochum, 60's to Mirtha Donovan and 70's to Paul and Roberta Coyne. Hula hoop prizes went to 3 members of the Stawiecki family and Cindy Bennett. Mel Hueston put on great trivia pursuit game. The table with Gwen Hueston took the prize for the most correct answers!!

Special thanks go to our Grand Knight and Maria who put in as much work if not more than Mirtha and me.

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Is it your talents, your personality, your education, your influence, or your resume? It is none of these; rather, it is the response of your heart towards Him. God is always searching for those whose hearts yield to Him so that He can work mightily through them.

Remember the lesson that Peter learned. Jesus taught him the futility of trying to get results through his own efforts by allowing him, an expert fisherman, to labor all night and come up empty. Afterward, when He followed Jesus' word to cast out into the deep, Peter pulled in a catch that was beyond his dreams.

As His servant, remember that your ministry is His idea and not yours. He is the One who knows you, who has called you, and who has equipped you to serve Him. Remain true, remain faithful, remain restful and remain totally dependent upon Him.

The month of October has been a busy one: the membership Blitz, the pancake breakfast, the Italian Dinner and the 50", 60's,& 70's family social that took place on Monday October 29, 2007. I personally thank all the all the chairs and the team of volunteers for making each event successful. Read more on these events under the program director and event chairs' reports. Also, see the photo gallery.



**KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

***Ralph Wengler***

***By: Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight***



The "Knight of the Month" title for November, 2007 goes to our Financial Secretary (FS) Brother Ralph Wengler.

The Financial Secretary's important role is underscored by the fact that he is not elected by the membership but, his appointment - upon the recommendation of the Grand Knight and Trustees - is approved by the Supreme Knight for a period of three years. His work has a direct effect on council members, his fellow officers, the state council and the Supreme Council.

The Financial Secretary's duties revolve around two key areas of council activities: financial records and membership records. The Financial Secretary collects and receives all monies that come into the council from any source. He then turns that money over to the treasurer for deposit in the council account.

One main function of the Financial Secretary is to collect money, in the form of dues, from members. He sends out billing notices before the start of the billing period and initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues.

The compilation of membership records is another of the financial secretary's important roles. He must ensure, that new members sign the constitutional roll of membership at the time of their First Degree. The financial secretary also applies to the Supreme Council office for honorary and honorary life membership cards for qualified members. Besides these two major responsibilities, the Financial Secretary has several others. They include:

handling supply orders for members with the Supreme Council Supply Department; and reporting all membership/insurance transactions to the Supreme Council office in a timely and correct manner. Because the duties and responsibilities of the Financial Secretary are so varied and complex, a Financial Secretary's Handbook (#1410) and an audiovisual production is given to the Financial Secretary.

Brother Ralph, besides taking care of all the business of the Council, attends the monthly officer and business meetings and is always there to assist and answer any council questions. When I attended the state convention, I gathered resources from other participants. Many of them were past Grand Knights. One of the questions I had for them was, "What is the key to a successful council and how can a Grand Knight lead his council efficiently?" The answer was "The KEY to a successful Council is to have a Good Financial Secretary. He must be knowledgeable about at the council, state and supreme level."

Brother Knights, this person is Brother Ralph Wengler. Not only is he a key person knowledgeable about the council at every level; but he is very active participating in many events such as the Labor Day picnic, Saint Raphael's parish picnic, LIFE TEEN dinner, Oktoberfest, August Family Social dinner. Brother Ralph oversees the events and makes sure that things run smoothly. An example of his coaching and guidance is that events must always start on time. Food must be served warm and on time and there must be plenty of it. We cannot have people waiting. Ralph cooks, serves, cleans up, sets up, guides, helps and assists. He is one of the pillars of our Council.

As you can see the (FS) position is a big commitment and responsibility to the Council which Ralph performs with excellence. This position is a three year term of service by appointment by the Supreme Knight. In addition, Ralph Wengler has held this position previously; he was the FS from 1988 until 2000. The three year term of office of the FS provides some administrative continuity as Grand Knights come and go with their relatively trivial one year service

commitment. The Financial Secretary advises the Grand Knight and the Officers on the financial health and needs of the Council.

Ralph joined Council 5300 in 1968, a year after he and his wife Cathy moved to Goleta from Connecticut with their family. John Moynihan was his sponsor. Ralph quickly became involved in the Council; he even took his 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplifications on the same day. He served as Treasurer in Columbian year 1972-73. Ralph has served in many Officer Positions in his association with Council 5300. These have included: Chancellor 1974-75, Deputy Grand Knight 1975-76, Grand Knight 1976-77, District Deputy 1977-79 and Chapter President 1983-84. Ralph is also a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member and is a Past Faithful Navigator. In addition, he has been the Council cook for many events. Ralph is a GREAT ROLE MODEL to all of us. Congratulations Ralph.

So thank you to Ralph Wengler for your long and continuous service to Council 5300.

Rodrigo Varela, Pablo Cabrera, Esteban Valenzuela and Isidro Muro. Congratulations to our new Third Degree Knights!

In a letter received from the State, our State Deputy, Jim Scroggin asked that we pray for the victims of the recent fires in Los Angeles and San Diego. He also asked that we make donations to the following address: California State Council-Disaster Fund-15808 Arrow Blvd. Suite A, Fontana, CA 92335. You can find a complete copy of the letter at the State web site: [www.kofc-california.org](http://www.kofc-california.org).

## November Birthdays

Ricardo V. Garcia	11/01
Bruce M. Velasco	11/06
Leroy J. Kwarcinski	11/07
Vincent P. Mustacich	11/08
Anthony Vallejo	11/09
Robert A. Clarke	11/12
William F. Keenan	11/15
Jesse Ponce	11/16
John C. Giordano	11/16
Donald A. Pouliot	11/19
Edmund C. Page	11/19
Joseph I. Castro	11/21
Rev. Gregory G. Ingels	11/23
Rev. Kenneth McGuire	11/25
Timothy M. Hogan	11/25
Michael J. Donovan	11/27
Richard E. Evans	11/28
Sam S. Alfano	11/28
Earl W. Pugh	11/29
Richard A. Nordsieck	11/29

## ANNOUNCEMENT



As I mentioned in my District Deputy's report, our District hosted a Third Degree on October 28, 2007. Pictured above are some of our new Brother Knights from Council 5300 wit Brother Carlos Valenzuela: (From left to right) Brothers Isidro Muro, Carlos Valenzuela, Rodrigo Varela, Esteban Valenzuela and Jose Hernandez (Council 13756). The full list of Brother Knights from Council 5300 who took their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree is as follows: Robert Shull, Tony Vallejo, Francisco Martinez, Michael McLenathen, Jim Bonsell, George Velasquez,

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

## **PHOTO GALLERY**

*Festa Italiana, October 19, 2007*

*Ministry Fair, October 21, 2007*



*GK Francisco Cabrera and his wife, Maria, greeting patrons at the Italian Dinner.*



*Brothers Al Meckelborg, Mike Donovan and Brian Meckelborg pose for their picture at the dinner.*



*Brothers Joe Lima and his wife, Jill, at the dinner.*



*The cooks at work: Maria Cabrera, Livia Dodero and Gloria Merrigan.*



*SK Francisco Cabrera, Jack Turney and Steve Schlesselmann at the Ministry Fair.*



*Brother Joe Kovach recruits a potential Knight in front of the Knights of Columbus booth at the fair.*

*Third Degree, October 28, 2007  
October Family Social, October 29, 2007*



*Brother Pablo Cabrera and Michael Aberle pose for their picture with one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree attendees at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.*



*DD #63 David Lavoie with the New Council Development Chairman, Joe Salaiz at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.*



*The various contestants vie for prizes at the dinner. Prizes were given for those dressed in 50's, 60's or 70's garb.*



*PGK Bernie Jochum with his wife, Mary, at the Family Social.*



*The hard workers behind the scenes at the Family Social: Brother John Peyton, Cindy Bennett, Brothers Jim Bradbury, Jose Meza, Mike Donovan and Mirtha Donovan.*

*Photos by Francisco Cabrera/Stephen Schlesselmann.*



*GK Francisco Cabrera announces the winners of the costume contest.*

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