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2006-2007 Columbian Year Star Council Award



Grand Knight Francisco Cabrera, District Deputy Stephen Schlesselmann and Deputy Grand Knight Dan Knauss with last year's Star Council Award. Council 5300 received the Star Council Award for the 2nd year in a row. PGK Chris Arnoult earned it during his year as Grand Knight.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



Food for Thought

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,



The nature of our Catholic faith prompts us to give thanks on a daily basis to God, the giver of all things. This year, we have many reasons to count our blessings and to pause to express our gratitude to the Lord.

In the month of November, we celebrate THANKSGIVING Day. Let's all concentrate and meditate on this **Thanksgiving Prayer**:

Heavenly Almighty God and Father, on Thanksgiving Day, we bow our heads and our hearts to You and pray. We give You thanks for all You've done for all of us as Brother Knights, especially for the gift of *Jesus*, Your Son. For the beauty in nature, for Your glory we see, for joy and health, friends and family, for everyday provision, for Your mercy and care. These are the blessings,

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

The best way to keep Christ in your Christmas celebrations is to have Him present in your daily life. If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior and made Him the center of your life, keeping Christ in Christmas is more about the way you live your life than the things you say -- such as "Merry Christmas" versus "Happy Holidays." Keeping Christ in Christmas means daily revealing the character, love and spirit of Christ that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions.

Merry Christmas everyone and God Bless.

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
- 12/16/07 Sunday Fr. Tom Messner-40th Anniversary in the Priesthood-Serra Chapel-11 AM
- 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
- 01/09/08 Wednesday Los Padres Chapter Meeting-Serra Hall-7:30 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

February, 2008

- 02/01/08 Friday 24-Hour Adoration
- 02/04/08 Monday K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 02/06/08 Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- 02/08/08 Friday Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall
- 02/10/08 Sunday Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
- 02/11/08 Monday K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 02/15/08 Friday Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall
- 02/22/08 Friday Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall
- 02/25/08 Monday Past Grand Knight's Party
- 02/29/08 Friday Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall



District Deputy's Report
Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61

A Spiritual Thought

This month, we will be celebrating the Birth of Our Lord. Since it is the Christmas season, please try to spend a little more time in prayer preparing your heart for Christ's birth. Try to spend more time before the Blessed Sacrament especially on Days of Adoration. As **St. Jose Maria de Balaguer** states in the Forge: "Jesus was born in a cave in Bethlehem because, Sacred Scripture tells us, 'there was no room for them in the inn.' I am not departing from theological truth when I say that Jesus is still looking for shelter in your heart." (page 634 of the **Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Jose Maria de Balaguer**).

Our District had a quieter month of November. The various councils held a few events but there weren't that many since most Brother Knights took the time to be with their families for the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope each and every one of you had a very enjoyable and restful Thanksgiving weekend.

Degrees:

On Saturday, November 3, 2007, about 90+ 3rd Degree Knights took their 4th Degree in Visalia, CA. I was unable to attend but was told that the weekend was a great success. Congratulations to all of our new Sir Knights!

On Friday, November 9, 2007, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) held a Spanish First Degree. One new Brother Knight was welcomed into our Order that night.

Several other First Degrees in the district were cancelled due to the lack of candidates.

The next First Degree will be on Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at Council 1684 in Santa Barbara. Candidates should be there at 7 PM and the Degree will start at 7:30 PM.

No 2nd Degrees are currently planned but I'll

contact the various Councils and try to get several scheduled over the next few months.

The next 3rd Degree is scheduled for March, 2008 in Simi Valley. If anyone is interested, let me know and I'll pass on the detailed information about it.

Programs:

Council 1684 hosted the annual Mass for the Deceased Knights of their Council on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. The Mass was well attended and many Knights were prayed for that night. Events coming up for the Council: The first degree (mentioned above) and 1684's Christmas party on December 12 at 6:30 PM (Cocktails), 7:00 PM dinner.

Council 5300 continue to be very busy with their events. The pancake breakfasts continue to be well attended and the food keeps getting better. The family social on October 29 was very enjoyable and included a 50s, 60s and 70s theme. On November 18, the annual Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Boutique was held and the Knights participated by making sure Santa Claus (as played by Brothers Bob Marks, Sam Alfano and Carlos Valenzuela) showed up for the event. Events coming up: the Trustee's Christmas party on December 1 and the Candy for Widows program in the early part of December.

Council 10067 (Saticoy) has been fairly quiet. Unfortunately, due to a conflict with the Chapter meeting that same night, I wasn't able to spend much time at their meeting but I was told that they are doing fine.

Other than the First Degree, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) has been fairly quiet also. The Council is planning to participate in the December 9 Our Lady of Guadalupe procession on State Street in Santa Barbara. The Council is also planning a Family Rosary on December 10, Mananitas on December 12 and Posadas from December 16 to the 23, 2007.

Other Notes:

- 1) At the council meetings in November, I had the enjoyable responsibility of handing out the Star Awards to the various Councils who earned them during the last Columbian Year (2006-

2007). The Star award is given to those Councils who 1) attain their membership growth for the year (5% net gain), 2) attain their insurance growth for the year (2.5% net gain) and 3) conduct at least four activities in the areas of Church, community, council, family and youth. Also, each Council has to timely file their various reports for the year. Three councils attained the Star Award (Council 1684, 5300 and 10067) and one Council (1684) attained the **Double Star** Award by obtaining a 10% membership growth for the year. Congratulations to all three Councils for your hard work. Additionally, District 61, led by Cherif Khoury, earned the Star District Award (the 3rd year in a row). Let's do it again this year!

- 2) Right now, the district is at 36% of membership and 67% of insurance. We have a long way to go and already 5/12 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.
- 3) The midyear District Deputy's convention will be on December 1 and 2, 2007. I'll have a report on that convention in the January report.
- 4) Council 1684 & 5300's joint Clergy Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for January 30, 2008. Make your plans now to attend. All Knights are invited and encouraged to attend.
- 5) Remember to read the Columbia magazine especially the spirituality column by our Supreme Chaplain, Bishop Lori.
- 6) Please note: the next Chapter meeting is coming up on January 9 at Council 1684 in Santa Barbara. Please try to make it if you can.
- 7) Please be sure to visit the K of C's website (www.kofc.org) when you get a chance for articles about Bella, the Marian Year of Prayer, the Dedication of the Incarnation Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the Wheelchair

Distribution in November, the three Knights who were elevated to Cardinals by Pope Benedict and many more articles. There is even a link to the Columbia magazine if you can't find your copy. One note, the annual Light Up for Christ program is coming up on December 4, 2007. The following explanation of the event is from **David Lavoie's (DD #63)** newsletter:

On the first Tuesday of December (Dec. 4th) the Knights of Columbus will begin celebrating the Christmas season with the annual "Light Up For Christmas" celebration. Councils throughout the order are invited to light a Nativity scene and/or Christmas tree at 8:00 PM local time. The ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree is just part of the celebration, other activities can accompany it, such as caroling, collecting clothes and food for the needy, or serving snacks and refreshments to commemorate the event.

- 8) Please continue praying for the following Brother Knights: Tom Hall, Dick Allen, PGK Jack Nelson and Malvin Giddings. Also, please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Fr. Luis Quihuis (the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Santa Barbara) who passed away suddenly on Tuesday, November 20. Finally, remember to pray for all of our sick and deceased Brother Knights.
- 9) Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Calendar:

12/04/06	Light Up For Christ
12/05/07	1 st Degree-Council 1684-Santa Barbara
01/09/08	Los Padres Chapter Meeting-Santa Barbara
01/12-01/13/08	State Membership Blitz
01/18-01/19/07	Walk for Life-West Coast-San Francisco

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



Report of the 4th Degree
SK Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator

Sir Knights,

We just had our American traditional Thanksgiving day to give thanks for all the blessings God has blessed us with. As Catholic Christians, we do remember daily in our prayers the gift God our Father has given us all by sending his only begotten Son to live and die in our midst. As we celebrate His coming yearly on Christmas Day, let us rejoice and be thankful for his constant presence in our daily lives.

With great sadness, the Jesuit community and Our Lady of Sorrows parishioners bid their last farewell to their beloved pastor Fr. Luis Quihuis, a Brother Knight in the 3rd degree and Chaplain of the SB Police Department. Fr. always wanted to join the Junipero Serra Assembly of the 4th Degree. Unfortunately, his busy schedule at the parish as well as his long time commitment to the first deaconate program in Santa Barbara stopped him short from attending the exemplification degree each year. He will always be remembered as a true Knight and to us all who knew him well as a true Sir Knight. May his soul and the soul of all our departed brothers watch over us and protect us from above with all the angels in heaven.

Our Assembly has six new Sir Knights who took their exemplification in Visalia on November 3, 2007 in a beautiful ceremony along with 91 brothers from various Chapters. Father Tom Messner OFM, George Bourgeois, John Corcoran, Juan Garcia from Council 1684 and Ed Barrier and Mark Vampola from Council 5300 are our new Sir Knights.

At the November dinner meeting, we had a large attendance of 34 people. My appreciation goes to the cooks Jim Bradbury and Jose Meza who were able to accommodate a larger than usual crowd. A slide show of my last trip to the Middle East was shown to those who stayed late. These slides

highlighted my contacts with the Franciscan community in Egypt as well as the Greek and Coptic communities.

Sir Knight Father Tom Messner is celebrating his 40th year in the priesthood on Sunday, December 16, 2007. A Mass will be held at 11 AM in Serra Chapel at the Old Mission. The Color Corps should be there at 10:30 AM. A festive reception will follow in the Friars dining room. All Sir Knights and wives are cordially invited. Please RSVP to Cherif at 569-2149.

Since we will all be gathered to celebrate Fr Tom's jubilee on Sunday, there will be no dinner meeting on Monday, December 17, 2007.

A Mass to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held at St Raphael's on Wednesday, December 12 at 7 PM. The Color Corps should be there at 6:30 PM.

Negotiations for a new location to hold the exemplification ceremony in the coming years is underway.

May the coming Christmas be merry and joyful and the New Year filled with good deeds planned well ahead.

God bless and may peace fill your hearts.

Cherif



Chancellor's Report
SK Bill McLafferty, Chancellor

As the holiday season approaches at a rapid clip, we, as Knights, should keep in mind that a great Christmas gift for the Council would be to recruit many new members to join us in our charitable endeavors. We don't have to shop at Macy's for this gift. The prospects surround us at every church event. We meet new parishioners; we get to know more about those familiar folks that we greet at the Sunday morning breakfasts. We talk to them at the Christmas boutique, and the Christmas party. After Mass, we chat with them and share a little bit of our

lives with them. These men are prospective Knights. They are good, decent family men, or single men, who practice their faith on a regular basis. It may require time to get them interested, but in every case, it will be worth it. We must also remember that we should act as role models for these prospects, and demonstrate our commitment to the Church and to the Knights of Columbus as often as we can. You won't need wrappings or ribbon for this present to make it a wonderful gift.

Max Keller called to advise me that his daughter, Anne Marie McBeth, was laid to rest next to her police officer brother, who was slain in the line of duty some time ago. Remember Max and his family in your prayers this holiday season.



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

CHRISTMAS

This Christmas give your family a gift that they'll cherish. It is a gift that shows that you truly love your family. Life Insurance.

When you purchase life insurance it isn't just for yourself. It is for your entire family.

Life insurance does two things. The first thing is it provides you and your wife with an income during your retirement years. It enables you to live and not worry about money. You may go and do what you want.

The second thing it does is it protects your loved ones if you were to die prematurely. It gives your family financial protection so that they may survive in your absence. It can be nearly impossible for a family to live without life insurance when the breadwinner dies.

Be a real St. Nick and get life insurance today.

To contact me with regards to any of your K of C 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.

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Church Director's Report
PGK Chris Arnoult, Church Director

Fr. Virgil Cordano Catholic Studies Chair at UCSB Department for Religious Studies

Dear Brother Knights, did you know that the University of California at Santa Barbara has an endowed chair in the Department for Religious Studies named for the beloved Fr. Virgil Cordano of our local Mission parish? Did you also know that having an endowed chair specifically for Catholic study at a public university (UCSB) is a rare occurrence? If you Google "Catholic Study" you will find several pages of universities with Catholic study programs, but these are all private schools, most associated in some way with the Catholic Church. Well perhaps you did know these facts, but did you know that the very existence of the endowed chair at UCSB can be directly attributed to one of the Knights of our Council 5300, Brother Chuck Burke (PGK, deceased) and his wife Harriet Burke?

It was the vision, determination, persistence and the contribution of personal real estate property to UCSB by the Burke's that created the circumstances that attracted a \$1 million pledge from Charles R. Schwab in 2001 which created the Fr. Virgil Cordano Catholic Studies chair. Quoting Fr. Virgil, "The program's aim will be to foster exploration of the historical, cultural, and sociological backgrounds of Catholicism in order to promote mutual understanding among people of different beliefs and cultures." Such a study program is unique at a public university because it examines a religion and its influence, impact and effect on our modern world, but without the aegis of undue influence from the governing body of that particular religion.

In addition to the Catholic Studies program at UCSB in the Department of Religious Studies, there are the Buddhist Studies, the Center for Middle East Studies, the Center for Sikh and Punjab Studies and the Walter H. Capps Center for Study of Ethics, Religion and Public Life. Combined together, these study centers provide an environment for examination of religions and how they shape and determine how we behave with our fellow humans in this world.

Just in case you are interested, here are several course offerings in Catholic Studies for this Winter quarter at UCSB:

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RS 24: Teachings of Jesus in Comparative Perspective (Thomas):

Exploration of key interpretations of the life and teachings of Jesus, and analysis of the sources from which these are reconstructed, in historical, comparative, and contemporary perspectives.

RS 137: Gnosticism and Manichaeism (Thomas):

Study of Gnostic and Manichaean religions as philosophical and ritual systems, as book religions, and in their interrelations with Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, and Platonism.

RS 138A: Church, State, and the Construction of Orthodoxy (Taves):

The course surveys the emergence and development of the Roman Catholic Church as an institution with particular attention to the ways in which church leaders defined, maintained, and transmitted a distinctively Catholic understanding of Christian orthodoxy.

And yes, these courses do not look like an advanced Baltimore Catechism to me either, but then I think that this is the idea; to have bright people, Catholic and non-Catholic studying aspects of Catholicism so that everyone comes out with a little better understanding.

Well, I hope that I interested you a little in the accomplishments of Chuck Burke, fellow Knight of Council 5300, and his wife Harriet. If you are interested in the UCSB Religious Studies programs,

you can explore the website at <http://www.religion.ucsb.edu/> Chuck Burke had an even bigger dream about the Knights of Columbus and his efforts to establish the Fr. Virgil Cordano Catholic Studies chair at UCSB, but I will save that for some future discussion.

I hope that you have a Keep Christ in Christmas Christmas and a good New Year. See you in 2008.

Chris Arnoult, PGK



Pro-Life Director's Report

*Bob & Cecilia Marks
Pro-Life Couple*

New Stem Cell Method Could Ease Ethical Concerns

By GINA KOLATA

Published: November 21, 2007 (New York Times)

Two teams of scientists are reporting today that they turned human skin cells into what appear to be embryonic stem cells without having to make or destroy an embryo — a feat that could quell the ethical debate troubling the field.

All they had to do, the scientists said, was add four genes. The genes reprogrammed the chromosomes of the skin cells, making the cells into blank slates that should be able to turn into any of the 220 cell types of the human body, be it heart, brain, blood or bone. Until now, the only way to get such human universal cells was to pluck them from a human embryo several days after fertilization, destroying the embryo in the process.

The reprogrammed skin cells may yet prove to have subtle differences from embryonic stem cells that come directly from human embryos, and the new method includes potentially risky steps, like introducing a cancer gene. But stem cell researchers say they are confident that it will not take long to perfect the method and that today's drawbacks will prove to be temporary.

Researchers and ethicists not involved in the findings say the work should reshape the stem cell field. At some time in the near future, they said, today's debate over whether it is morally acceptable to create and destroy human embryos to obtain stem cells should be moot.

"Everyone was waiting for this day to come," said the Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center. "You should have a solution here that will address the moral objections that have been percolating for years," he added.

The two independent teams, from Japan and Wisconsin, note that their method also creates stem cells that genetically match the donor without having to resort to the controversial step of cloning. If stem cells are used to make replacement cells and tissues for patients, it would be invaluable to have genetically matched cells because they would not be rejected by the immune system. Even more important, scientists say, is that genetically matched cells from patients will enable them to study complex diseases, like Alzheimer's, in the lab.

Until now, the only way to get embryonic stem cells that genetically matched an individual would be to create embryos that were clones of that person and extract their stem cells. Just last week, scientists in Oregon reported that they did this with monkeys, but the prospect of doing such experiments in humans has been ethically fraught.

But with the new method, human cloning for stem cell research, like the creation of human embryos to extract stem cells, may be unnecessary.

"It really is amazing," said Dr. Leonard Zon, director of the stem cell program at Harvard Medical School's Children's Hospital.

And, said Dr. Douglas Melton, co-director of the Stem Cell Institute at Harvard University, it is "ethically uncomplicated."

For all the hopes invested in it over the past decade, embryonic stem cell research has not yet produced any cures or major therapeutic discoveries. Stem cells are so malleable that they may pose risk of cancer, and the new method of obtaining stem cells includes steps that raise their own safety concerns.

Still, the new work could allow the field to vault significant problems, including the shortage of human embryonic stem cells and restrictions on federal funding for such research. Even when scientists have other sources of funding, they report that it is expensive and difficult to find women who will provide eggs for such research.

The new discovery is being published online today in *Cell*, in a paper by Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University and the Gladstone Institute for Cardiovascular Disease in San Francisco, and in *Science*, in a paper by James Thomson and his colleagues at the University of Wisconsin.

While both groups used just four genes to reprogram human skin cells, two of the four genes used by the Japanese scientists were different from two of the four used by the American group. All the genes in question, though, act in a similar way – they are master regulator genes whose role is to turn other genes on or off.

The reprogrammed cells, the scientists report, appear to behave exactly like human embryonic stem cells.

"By any means we test them they are the same as embryonic stem cells," Dr. Thomson says.

He and Dr. Yamanaka caution, though, that they still must confirm that the reprogrammed human skin cells really are the same as stem cells they get from embryos. And while those studies are underway, Dr. Thomson and others say, it would be premature to abandon research with stem cells taken from human embryos.

Another caveat is that, so far, scientists use a type of virus, a retrovirus, to insert the genes into the cells' chromosomes. Retroviruses slip genes into chromosomes at random, sometimes causing mutations that can make normal cells turn into cancers.

In addition, one of the genes that the Japanese scientists insert actually is a cancer gene.

The cancer risk means that the resulting stem cells would not be suitable for replacement cells or tissues for patients with diseases, like diabetes, in which their own cells die. They would, though, be

ideal for the sort of studies that many researchers say are the real promise of this endeavor — studying the causes and treatments of complex diseases.

For example, researchers want to make embryonic stem cells from a person with a disease like Alzheimer's and turn the stem cells into nerve cells in a petri dish. Then, scientists hope, they may be able to understand what goes awry in Alzheimer's patients when their brain cells die and how to prevent or treat the disease.

**For Past 12 Years Serves as
Color Corps Commander
Paul H. Coyne Joined Knights in 1956**
By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



Paul Henry Coyne, Knights of Columbus member for 35 years has the unique distinction of becoming a Knight on March 14, 1956 in Cambridge, Massachusetts with his father Michael being his sponsor.

Paul, whose birthday is December 9, 1936, is a native of Arlington, MA. Paul has held numerous positions with the Knights and the 4th Degree. Currently the former Grand Knight in 1986-87 is serving as the Color Corps Commander for the 12th consecutive year. Other offices held were: Financial Secretary, '79-'81; Treasurer, '81-'83; Chancellor, '84; Deputy Grand Knight, '85-'86. As a 4th Degree they included Faithful Navigator, '87; District Deputy, '88-'90; Chapter '90-'93; President, '93-'94; and Faithful Controller, '96-'07.

"The best thing about being a Knights of Columbus member is the opportunity to serve," stated Coyne.

Paul recalled proudly three of his goals which were achieved during his Columbian Year as GK:

- The 25th Anniversary Program and Dinner on May 25, 1987;
- A successful Civic Officials Night;
- The Best Fiesta Booth Gross Income.

Paul's response to why men should consider becoming a Knight is, "Involvement in the church and the community and fraternity of Brother Knights." Paul recalls there were 215 members of Council 5300 while serving as GK.

Paul also recalled with pride the officers and directors who served during his year as GK: Richard Martinez, DGK; Tom Quinn, Chancellor; Fausto Navarro, Warden; Dan Bunke, Recorder; John Kusick, Treasurer; Wayne Rascati, Financial Secretary; Pablo Herrera, Larry Stigney, Don Aubrey, Trustees; Bob Montgomery, Program Director; Stan Nowak, Membership, Larry Miller Church; Dan Bunke, Community; Mario Bertuzzi, Council; Ken Kuether Family and Tom Quinn, Youth.

Paul and his sisters Carol and Priscilla attended St. Peter's Grade School in Cambridge and Wayland High School. Paul graduated from Boston College in 1965 majoring in Finance/Accounting. Carol resides in Arlington, MA. and Priscilla in Williamsburg, VA.

Paul met Roberta Ann Barry at a CYO Youth Group event in 1956. On October 15, 1960, the couple was married at St. Zepherin Catholic Church with Rev. F. Hobbs officiating.

Thirteen years later Paul & Roberta moved to Santa Barbara with their four children, Diane, Paul Jr., Michael and Donna.

Roberta and her twin-brother Wilbur and sisters Joanmarie and Cheryl were born in Cambridge. The sisters live in Scituate and Pascoag, MA. and her brother in Huntington Harbor, Calif. Wilbur is a member of KC 5300.

Paul started work at Raytheon in 1955 in Wayland and served as an Engineering intern while at Boston College and later in the accounting department for 40-years in Massachusetts and Goleta. "Persistent

attention to goals," remarked Paul were the keys to his success in his professional career.

Paul served with the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1954-65 and was on active duty in 1961-62 during the Cuban crisis in Guantanamo Bay. While residing in Holliston, MA., Paul was president of the Jaycees and was elected as an official with the town's Finance Committee.

Members of St. Raphael's Church since 1973, the Coynes noted the best thing about being parishioners is the warm friendship of parishioners. Paul keeps busy at the parish as a Eucharistic Minister, member of the Sociable Seniors and a gardener taking care of all the many colorful roses at St. Raphael's, many he planted in the past several years. There are about 75 roses on the church grounds which he prunes once a year and once a month he fertilizes them, gratis. With the gopher problems he now uses a gopher cage when he plants a new rose. These are circled around the base, a foot down so that protects the roots.

Paul and Roberta recognized Father Stephen Noel Downes as an extra-special pastor/priest. "Msgr. Steve is a wonderful representative for the church. He celebrated the Mass for two children and baptized four grandchildren. He's humble in nature and a joy to be with," they expressed.

They have lots of happy memories with former priests of the parish especially Father Jack Stoeger, Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes, Father Antonio Cacciapuoti, Father Charles Hofschulte and Father Vaughn Winters.

Since 1990, Paul & Roberta have taken seven trips to Europe. In 2006, they spent six weeks in Ireland and this year visited Copper Canyon, Mexico.

Countries on their travels also have included England, Scotland, Wales, Mexico, Alaska, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Switzerland, Greece, Canada, Hawaii. The Coynes have also taken a Carribean Cruise.

Over the years, besides her motherhood responsibilities, Roberta has been and is a Docent at the Santa Barbara Mission, has been a Pink Lady at Goleta Valley Community Hospital, a bridge player (2-3 times a week), an Administrative Assistant for

the Building Trades (26 years), a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick at St. Raphael's, a member of the Woman's Service Club of Goleta, a member of Friendship Force of Santa Barbara and a member of Scouting.

Some interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Rib-eye steak;
- Favorite meal Paul prepares: Beef Stroganoff;
- Favorite meal Roberta prepares: Lasagna;
- Favorite TV program: Law and Order;
- Favorite movie of all time: The Quiet Man (John Wayne);
- Favorite sport as a participant: Softball, golf or tennis;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Baseball (Red Sox);
- Favorite travel destination: Ireland;
- Favorite hobbies: golf, tennis, gardening, cooking, travel;
- One word to describe us at Church: Ecumenical;
- One word to describe St. Raphael: Friendly;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Brotherhood;
- Growing up, I always thought I'd be a: Priest;
- My parents (Michael & Evelyn) were right when they told me: I would never graduate from college. Paul did from Boston College;
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Birth of our children and grandchildren;
- Advice to youngsters: Be all that you can be!
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: Health, Happiness and Out-of-debt.

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

You graciously share. So today, we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow Your steps all of our days.

The month of November has been a busy one, many of our Brother Knights have participated in the Pancake Breakfast and the Christmas Boutique. Brother Bob Marks, Sam Alfano and Carlos

Valenzuela brought the Spirit of Christmas to many families by playing the part of Santa Claus. Santa brought many smiles to all that were present. Brother Sam was asking everyone the famous question "Have you been a good boy or girl?" Of course everyone said, "YES." Brother Jack Turney provided the Christmas family pictures with his digital camera and captured this family moment.

Brother Bill McNamara participated in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" booth, by having the Spanish and English Christmas cards for sale. I thank all the Brother Knights who volunteered to help with the November events. On behalf of our Council, I wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas Time.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Chris Arnoult

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



The "Knight of the Month" title for Dec 2007 goes to our Trustee-Two Year board member and Church Director Brother Chris Arnoult. Below is a brief description of the duties and responsibilities of the Church Director and a member of the Board of Trustees. The purpose of outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Knight of the month is not only to emphasize their position in the Council as officers/board members and/or directors but to use the information as a training material for the general membership and readers of the Knightline.

The Board of Trustees consists of the Grand Knight and three members elected by the council. Trustees supervise all financial business of the council. They serve as auditors for the semiannual audits and oversee the work of the financial secretary and treasurer. The Grand Knight is the chairman of the

Board. It is suggested that the board of trustees and the Deputy Grand Knight serve on the council's retention committee. Trustees are elected for terms of three years, two years and one year. At each regular election, the position of each trustee will be voted upon, and the current three and two year trustees move on to become two and one year.

The Church activities that the Council currently performs directly interact with St. Raphael's parish. Brother Chris acting as a Church Director oversees directly or indirectly the following activities: Monthly Sunday pancake breakfasts, Friday evening Lenten fish dinners, Quarterly blood drives concurrent with Sunday pancake breakfasts, Flu shot clinic, Parish picnic (2007 coordinator) multiple food & drink booths, Parking lot direction at Christmas and Easter Masses, Mothers' Day orchid distribution and Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales to parishioners.

As you all know one of my goals during this Columbian year was to bring back the Family Socials. The first family social was coordinated by Brother Chris Arnoult and took place on August 27, 2007. Chris made this event successful by working with the team of the following volunteers: Connie Allen, Mary Arnoult, Ralph & Cathy Wengler, Julie Sanchez, Ed Barrier, Maria Cabrera, Chawa Ramirez, Raphael Cardenas and Larry Stigney. Brother Chris not only coordinated the successful 2006 Christmas Trustees party but he also organized the 2007 Christmas Trustees party as well. As if this was not enough, Brother Chris has taken on the responsibility of overseeing and coordinating the January 30, 2008 Clergy Appreciation Dinner. All of these events take a lot of planning and there is a lot that takes place behind the scenes. I encourage all the Council members to volunteer and assist the chairpersons of any given event. Let's make the chairs and event coordinators job easy by distributing the work load by calling them or email them and ask, "How can I help.?"

Congratulations Chris and Thank you for all you do for the purpose of service to others in Council 5300.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Mike & Mirtha Donovan

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



The Family of the month title for December 2007 goes to Mike Donovan and his wife Mirtha. Mike and Mirtha are very good examples of what it means to be active participants. All you have to do is come to a Knights of Columbus event and you see them helping prior during and after an event. If you have a chance to see the photo galleries of our newsletter, the Knightline, you see Mike or Mirtha or both in pictures during the pancake breakfast, Italian Dinner, Oktoberfest, Parish Picnic, Labor day Picnic, Ministry Fair, Christmas Boutique, Christmas Social, etc. Most recently, Mike and Mirtha chaired the October 29, 2007 Family Social. The theme as you know was the 50's, 60's and 70's. They took all of us back in time to those wonderful years. The decorations provided by Mike and Mirtha were wonderful memorabilia that made us all feel we were back in that decade. This was a successful event due to the leadership and creative abilities of Mike and Mirtha. During the event, I was observing many couples singing the oldies music. I was told that many wonderful memories came back to mind. There is a lot of work that takes careful planning and many hours preparation. Congratulations Mike and Mirtha for being such a good role models to all the members of the 3rd and 4th Degree.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Pope Benedict XVI released his second encyclical titled: "Spe Salvi" (Saved in Hope) on 11/30/07. In it, the Pope states that through prayer we can attain hope. The encyclical is available on the Vatican's website at www.vatican.va.

The District Deputies Midyear meeting took place on December 1 and 2, 2007 in Ontario, CA. There is much information to report and there will be a complete report in the January Knightline. Additionally, if anyone wants a copy of the Powerpoint presentations from the meeting, just go to the KC California website, click on the green button (lower right side of the screen) and a page will open with the material.

December Birthdays

George B. Gritt	12/02
Rev. John W. Higgins	12/05
Msgr. Stephen N. Downes	12/08
Paul H. Coyne	12/09
John W. Moynihan Jr.	12/15
Rodrigo T. Varela	12/15
Roy F. Schrader Jr.	12/18
Daniel J. Bunke	12/19
John R. Bell	12/20
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Mell Hueston	12/23
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Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month.
Thank you.

PHOTO GALLERY

Fourth Degree Exemplification, November 3, 2007



Fr. Tom Messner poses for his picture with SK Ralph & Cathy Wengler.



SK Bill McLafferty and Carol at the Exemplification.



SK Knight Mike Donovan and Mirtha pose for their picture.



The new Sir Knights: John Corcoran, Fr. Tom Messner, Juan Garcia, Ed Barrier, Mark Vampola and George Bourgeois.



SK Mark Vampola with SK Knight Ralph & Cathy Wengler.



Sir Knights Ed Barrier and John Corcoran at the Banquet.

Fourth Degree Exemplification (cont)
Recognition of New Third Degree Knights, November 12, 2007
Christmas Boutique, November 18, 2007



Faithful Navigator Cherif Khoury with Maureen.



DD #63, David Lavoie poses with his wife.



GK Francisco Cabrera poses for his picture with some of the new 3rd Degree Brother Knights: Mike McLenathen, Jim Bonsell, Esteban Valenzuela, Isidro Muro and Pablo Cabrera.



Brother Mark Vampola poses for his picture with Santa.



Brother Jack Turney gives Santa a few tips.

Photos by Francisco Cabrera/Cherif Khoury/Jack Turney/Stephen Schlesselmann.



A picture of the Christmas Boutique.

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