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CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER ***01/30/08***



The Clergy Appreciation Dinner was a big success. Pictured above with Bishop Thomas Curry are 2 of the new deacons who were ordained last June at SBCC's La Playa Stadium: Steve Montross and Mike Betliski. For more pictures of the event, see the Photo Gallery. There will be an article about the event in next month's Knightline plus more pictures.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



Food for Thought

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

In the Month of January we celebrate the New Year. Brother Knights, I wish you and your families a Prosperous and Happy 2008. Many of us discuss at this time New Year's



Resolutions. We all start with good intentions and as the year goes by, we gradually lose the momentum and forget about them. I invite all of you to revisit these good intentions at the beginning of each month as opposed to only at the beginning of the year. These should always include Jesus Christ in everything we do. Asking Jesus Christ to be with us in the nucleus of our family and asking for His guidance in everything we do, our New Year's resolutions then become realized and it will be easier for us not to forget them as the year goes by. The way to have Jesus Christ present in our everyday life is

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

I'm asked from time to time why I have chosen involvement in the Knights of Columbus. I find myself explaining about giving back to my community, giving my time to benefit those less fortunate than myself. I tell people I want what I can donate to go directly to those who need the help. All of this is true. It is also true that I choose to be a Knight because I am a Catholic.

- I am a Catholic because I believe that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God made flesh.
- I am a Catholic because Jesus died on the cross in obedience to His Father's will to pay the price for my salvation.
- I am a Catholic because Jesus established His Church upon the Rock of Peter, first Bishop of Rome, first Pope, and endowed His Church with all the means necessary to attain salvation.

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February, 2008

02/01/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
02/04/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
02/05/08	Tuesday	Election Precinct Adopt a Poll
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/First Degree, 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
02/29/08	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall

March, 2008

03/03/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
03/07/08	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall
03/07/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
03/09/08	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Blood Drive
03/10/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
03/14/08	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry, 6 to 8 PM-St. Raphael's Hall
03/21/08	Friday	Good Friday
03/23/08	Sunday	Easter Sunday/Easter Parking
03/29/08	Saturday	Founder's Day
03/30/08	Sunday	Corporate Communion

April, 2008

04/04/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
04/07/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
04/14/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
04/28/08	Monday	Past Grand Knights' Party



District Deputy's Report
Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61

A Spiritual Thought

Lent is right around the corner, February 6, and as always, Lent is a good time to pray and do penance. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Way: "That Christ you see is not Jesus. At best it is only the pitiful image that your blurred eyes are able to form... Purify yourself. Make your sight cleaner with humility and penance. Then the pure light of love will not fail you. And you will have perfect vision. The image you see will really be his: Jesus himself." (page 48 of the **Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer**).

The State recently notified me that Brother Rich Scholl (our current District Warden) has resigned from active status with the Knights for personal reasons. I want to personally thank Rich for his many years of active dedicated service to the Knights. Rich has served in many officer positions in the council including the Grand Knight's position and has been an officer in our Fourth Degree Assembly as well. Brother Rich also has had time to serve lately as our Community Director and has been actively helping with both this year's Clergy Appreciation Dinner and Lenten Fish Fries. On behalf of all your Brother Knights, thank you Rich for all you have done! We hope that you can rejoin us soon.

Degrees:

There are several degrees planned in the near future:

- 1) Council 5300 will be hosting a 1st Degree on Monday, February 11, 2008. Candidates should be there at 7 PM and the Degree will start at 7:30 PM.
- 2) Council 12805 (Our Lady Mary Star of the Sea) will be hosting a 3rd Degree on Sunday, February 17, 2008. Registration will begin at 12:45 PM and the Degree will start at 2 PM. There will be a tour for the Ladies and a dinner

for all those attending immediately following the degree.

- 3) Council 1684 will be hosting a 2nd Degree on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at Serra Hall. Candidates should be there at 7 PM and the Degree will start at 7:30 PM.
- 4) The 3rd Degree at St. Peter Claver's in Simi Valley on March 2, 2008 has been cancelled.

Programs:

Council 1684 had a fairly quiet month of January. This February, however, the Council will be hosting their Valentine's Dinner on February 13, the 2nd degree mentioned above on February 20, and a blitz drive sometime during the month of February or March. Please try to make some or all of the events.

Council 5300 hosted their blitz drive on Saturday and Sunday, January 12 and 13, 2008. Approximately 6 or 7 potential Knights signed up to receive further information. At our council's meeting on the 14th, Brother Sam Alfano (our membership director), handed out a list of about 20 or so potential candidates to be contacted for the first Degree on February 11. Other than the blitz drive, Council 5300 also hosted their usual monthly pancake breakfast and on January 30, the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner held in conjunction with Council 1684. In February, Council 5300 will have the 1st Degree already mentioned, and their Lenten Fish Fries on the Fridays of Lent.

Council 10067 (Saticoy) had a fairly quiet month of January themselves. They helped out with various projects around the parish (Sacred Heart). On February 16, the Council will be hosting several fundraising events: a tri-tip sale on February 3 (Super Bowl Sunday) and a Valentine's dinner/dance on February 16. There will be a blitz drive on February 3 in conjunction with the tri-tip sale. In addition to the fundraising events, the Council will be holding a 1st Degree for several of their waiting candidates. The 1st Degree's date and time are still pending.

Finally, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) was busy with projects around the church including converting one of the unused confessionals into a sanctuary for the

tabernacle at St. Joseph's Church. Before, the tabernacle was less visible. Council 13756 also hosted their blitz drive on January 19 and 20. At least 5 potential candidates asked for more information and GK Ruffino Murillo stated that at least 2 of the potential candidates were very likely to become Knights. The council hopes to have a Spanish 1st Degree sometime in the next few months.

Other Notes:

- 1) Right now, the district is at 50% of membership and 75% of insurance. We have a long way to go with membership and already 7/12 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.
- 2) The degree training that was initially scheduled for January 27 was cancelled due to the weather and the fact that our State Ceremonial Chairman, Bob Boul had another commitment. I'll work with Bob and let you know when it will be rescheduled.
- 3) The Chapter Dinner is coming up on February 24 in Ventura at 5 PM. The Chapter dinner is always enjoyable so make your plans to attend.
- 4) Per our State Chaplain Fr. Grace's request, we started the spirituality initiative at the various council meetings in January. The initiative will take the form of a 10 minute discussion about our Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori's article in the current issue of the Columbia magazine. The magazine and the article are available at www.kofc.org. Just click on Publications and Resources, then Columbia Magazine and you will be brought to a web page that lists the various articles in the current issue. Look for Bishop Lori's article and please read it before coming to the meeting and be ready to discuss it. We won't have time during the meeting to have it read.
- 5) As stated last month, from December 1 to April 20, 2008, all new first degree Brother Knights will be listed in a special book that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson will present to Pope

Benedict XVI when the Pope visits the United States in April. All new first degree Brother Knights who take their first degree between December 1 and June 30, 2008 will be presented with a limited edition certificate acknowledging their joining the Knights during the 125th year of our Order. Finally, the Knight's recruiter will receive a minted medallion acknowledging their efforts.

- 6) Please be sure to visit the K of C's website (www.kofc.org) when you get a chance for up to date information about what the Order is doing at the national level. You will find a link to our Supreme Knight's new book "A Civilization of Love". Also, there is a link to a podcast of both Carl Anderson's remarks at the National March for Life as well as remarks by our Immediate Past State Deputy about the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco.
- 7) The State Convention is coming up in May. Make your plans now to attend. All Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights should be there. It is a great chance to meet fellow Brother Knights, build friendships and witness how the State works. It is also a great chance to meet some of the Supreme officers such as Emilio Moure. Last May, we had the privilege of hearing and meeting Carl Anderson!
- 8) We have been asked by the State to get behind the "California One Man, One Woman Marriage Initiative". We have been asked to collect signatures for the initiative on petition forms that can be obtained by filling out a request form at www.onemanonewoman08.org. The deadline for submitting signatures is April 1, 2008.
- 9) Please make sure to continue praying for the repose of the soul of Col. Bravo (father of PCP John Bravo) and Ernie Guzman's (Council 10067) sister who recently passed away.

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

Worthy Sirs,

Vote. As American citizens we do have an obligation to our Constitution. This election year is very important as we are electing a new president to lead this nation that we all love dearly. We need to invoke the Holy Spirit's guidance in voting for the right candidate, to inspire and strengthen our elected officials, to value humility and forgiveness in the political arena, to solve the continuing problem of homelessness, to seek justice and to respect the dignity of every person. It is an opportunity to reflect on our God-given power and responsibility.

The opportunity has knocked at our door to serve God and country in various ways. In January, we celebrated Martin Luther King's dream. One of them was how to make our county a better place. For that occasion, we had as guest speaker, Mr. Ted Sten, Santa Barbara County Grand Jury Foreman. He gave us an overview of the requirement and duties to serve a one year term on the Civil Grand Jury. He invited all to consider applying for next year's term.

In February, we acknowledge Presidents Day. I would like to invite our Past Faithful Navigators and recognize them for their service being at the helm of the Assembly at our Monday, February 18 dinner meeting. Navigator, Grand Knight, Chapter President are all titles that have the same meaning: How can I be your humble servant. What a nice way to say thank you for your continuing leadership and vision for the Assembly. Please come and enjoy camaraderie and listen to our guest speaker Richard Temple who will tell us about his leadership in the Rotary Club and ToastMasters.

A great thanks to all who volunteered to serve at the polling places this February 5, 2008 at the various adopted precincts. Once you enjoy serving God, country and the needy all at once, you will, without hesitation, volunteer your time again in the June and

November elections. The Assembly's Chalice fund will be replenished and the less fortunate in our community, served by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, will rejoice from your generosity.

The various polling places where you volunteered to serve:

- Saint Mark's Church.
- Community Covenant Church.
- Saint Raphael's Church.
- Santa Barbara Woman's Club.
- Hope Elementary School.

Worthy Master Manuel Lima, whose term is ending, is asking 3 delegates from each Assembly to attend the district meeting Saturday, February 16 at Saint Mary's Church in Visalia at 10 AM. The nomination of 3 candidates for the position of Master of the Central District will be submitted to Supreme for his appointment. The Visalia Holiday Inn location has been selected as the site of the 2008 Exemplification. Our hope and dream to have it on the West Coast has not materialized.

Upcoming schedule of events:

Monday, February 4 at 7 PM: Officers' meeting.

Tuesday, February 5 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM: Election Day at various polling places.

Monday, February 18 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall recognizing all Past Faithful Navigators. Guest speaker: Richard Temple.

Monday, March 3 at 7 PM: Officers' meeting at Saint Raphael's Church.

Monday, March 17 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall.

May the gift of the Holy Spirit, the words of the Scripture, the protection of the Blessed Virgin, the intercession of the angels and saints protect you and your family through this Lenten season. May you pray the rosary, fast and give alms. We carry our strength from the Cross of Christ, His blood and His wounds.

Vivat Jesus.

Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator



Chancellor's Report
SK Bill McLafferty, Chancellor

I don't know about you, but I really got excited when the USS Reagan anchored off the Santa Barbara coast on January 11th. It was so majestic as it sat in the harbor and it had to inspire your patriotism when you first noticed it. My son, John, age 15, is a Sea Cadet and his unit based here in Santa Barbara had the opportunity to board the aircraft carrier on Monday, the 14th, and sail with it to San Diego in the afternoon. The cadets reported to the pier in dress blues and took their sea bags with them for the trip south. They, of course, had bunks provided for them for the overnight trip and, during the trip, they were shown around the ship and even took part in a mock fire fighting exercise. According to John, the food was delicious and plentiful. The Sea Cadets had the opportunity to speak with the officers and the "swabbies" and get a crash course on life in the Navy aboard a huge aircraft carrier. The bottom line on the advice they received: if you go into the Navy, go in as an officer. When they anchored in San Diego, they were right next to the USS Nimitz. On Tuesday, the 15th, a bus transported the cadets back to Santa Barbara, arriving late in the afternoon.

The carrier can handle 3,000 sailors and it seemed like they all came ashore during that weekend to enjoy the beauty of Santa Barbara (and its night spots); if you were downtown on Friday or Saturday, you had to have seen a large number of sailors walking the streets and taking in the sights. I understand the USS Reagan is being deployed to the Middle East for a tour of duty, and this was an opportunity for the crew men and women to have some R&R before that assignment. They all love Santa Barbara and look forward to visits here. It may be a while before we see them again.

Please remember in your prayers **Joyce Bonham**, wife of **Sir Knight Terry Bonham**, as she continues dialysis while waiting for a kidney transplant. Also, **Felix Sanchez** reported that his

brother-in-law, **Bill Sieckmann**, died on January 16th in Prescott, Arizona. Remember him and his family in your prayers.

There are a number of Knights and their Ladies fighting the flu and cold bugs this month; just take it easy and make sure you're well before heading back into your schedules. We need everyone well for the Lenten season and the Friday Fish Fries. Take some extra Vitamin C and don't push yourself when you don't feel like it.



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

Provider Pathway

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, Long-term Care Insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And – since 2005 - every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value.

That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.

Eligibility for participation in this program is open to Knights of Columbus long-term care insurance policyholders, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law. All providers are fully credentialed and meet state licensing requirements.

If you are not currently an LTC policyholder, I suggest that you and I get together so that I can provide additional information on how you can avail yourself of this valuable, value-added benefit.

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

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Cloning Scientist Looking at Blastocyst: "I Looked Like That a Long Time Ago"

By Hilary White

LA JOLLA, California, January 18, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The news around the world is full of reports that a team of scientists at a small California private company have claimed to be the first to have created three mature cloned human embryos, using DNA taken from single adult skin cells. The report from Stemagen Corp in La Jolla, California, says one of the cloned embryos carries DNA donated by Dr. Samuel Wood, a fertility doctor who is the California-based company's founder.

Despite the research world's insistence that a cloned embryo is not genuinely a human being, Dr. Wood inadvertently admitted that scientists know this is not true. He is quoted in the Times saying, "[O]nce I saw the blastocyst and I looked at it and realized that I may well have looked something like that a long time ago, it was quite an interesting experience."

But pro-life advocates and the Vatican have denounced the work as a form of slavery that will further the ongoing devaluation of human life

Monsignor Elio Sgreccia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, called the work, the "worst type of exploitation of the human being". "This ranks among the most morally illicit acts, ethically speaking," he said.

"As for the possible justification that this would be used to provide therapy, up to now there's been no success at this, and even if there were, it would not be permissible to use the human being as a medicine," Bishop Sgreccia added.

The clones were created by the somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) technique, in which the nucleus of a human oocyte (ovum) is removed and replaced with the mature nucleus obtained from a somatic (body) cell of a donor; in this case, skin cells.

The La Jolla company gives the usual explanation that the cloned embryos can provide embryonic stem cells for use in research on Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases and spinal cord injuries. The embryos were allowed to develop to the blastocyst stage at which the inner cell mass forms. These cells are the embryonic stem cells so prized by researchers.

The report was published in the scientific journal, Stem Cell, and has been called by the journal "painstakingly" documented and verified. This caution comes after the 2004 scandals in which the world was shocked to discover that the Korean maverick cloning researcher Dr. Hwang Woo Suk, had faked his results in which he claimed to have created cloned human embryos and viable stem cell lines from them.

Youth Director's Report

John Vasellina, Youth Director

The High School LIFE TEEN program meets every Sunday immediately following the Sunday evening 5:30 PM LIFE TEEN Mass. Also, on January 26, approximately 60 High School teens from St. Raphael's Confirmation program attended Santa Barbara Youth Day at Bishop Diego High School. There were approximately 500 teens who attended the event and Praise and Worship Music and Music for the Liturgy were provided by the 5:30 PM LIFE TEEN Choir.

The Year 1 and year 2 confirmation classes met throughout the month on every Monday evening in January. The Jr. High Youth Ministry program "The EDGE" met on January 3rd and the 17th.

Our Youth Ministry Program is looking forward to sponsoring our Lenten Parish Mission featuring singer/songwriter Chris Muglia and his team of Presenters on Sunday and Monday evenings February 24 and 25. There will be specific talks for adult women, adult men and teens from grades 7-12. The theme of the mission is "Faithful Families" and will be a great spiritual event for all who attend. The cost of the mission is free however a free will offering will be taken up each night. Look in the bulletin for more information.

**30 New Knights for Council 5300 in Past 4 Years
Knights' Membership Drive, Many Other Parish
Involvements Speak Wonders of Sam Alfano**

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



Sam Stephen Alfano, well-known St. Raphael Parishioner for his numerous positive contributions during the past 44-years, has been a major working member for the Knights of Columbus, Council 5300 since 1995.

The native of Buffalo, New York, joined the Knights on October 9, 1995 with Brother Jim Provenza his sponsor. He quickly became a 2nd Degree on March 11, in 1996, a 3rd Degree on June 23, 1996 and a 4th Degree on February 8, 1997.

"The best thing about being a KC member is the service to our Church, fellow Knights and our Community," specified Sam.

Sam has been a driving force as the successful Membership Committee Chairman for the past four years. "Thirty new members have been exemplified," proudly stated Sam. "This success can be attributed to cooperation of Brother Knights

and the dedication of the First Degree Team," declared Sam. He added, "We are planning to have a total of 10 new members this Columbian year and retain as many members as we can."

Sam recognized his Admissions Committee Members for their key involvements. They include GK Francisco Cabrera, PGK Paul Coyne, PGK Bernie Jochum, PFN Bill McLafferty, DD Stephen Schlesselmann and PGK Ralph Wengler.

Two of his ideas he would like to see the KC's undertake are "to reach out to the widows in our church community and to continue to put more emphasis on youth activities."

Sam pointed out why other men should consider becoming a Knight in this statement: "The four basic precepts upon which our Order is based: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, are still very applicable in today's society. These principles of conduct are even more applicable in our diverse culture."

A cherished memory never to be forgotten exclaimed Sam, "was the KC's involvement in St. Raphael's 100th Anniversary celebrated in 1996." He added, "The parish has been a warm and supportive community of faith all these years."

Sam's many involvements in the parish include Extraordinary Minister, Lector, Chair of the 5-Year Parish Plan, Picnic Committee Chair, Church Renovation Chair, Building Committee Chair, Parish Council Member, Founder of the St. Raphael's Golf Tournament and Co-Chair with John Barens on the Centennial Committee. Sam is also a member of St. Raphael's Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, a member of the ICOP (Interfaith Community Organizing Project) and a past chairman of the Mission Council Catholic Scouting Committee. Sam is a recipient of the Archdiocese Pelician and St. George Scouting Awards.

Sam was one of five children born to Charles and Mary Giglia Alfano in Buffalo. Both parents were born in Racalmuto, Sicily. His siblings include three sisters, Connie Stanton, Mary Morganelli and Jean Mahn and a brother Tom.

Born on November 28, 1930, Sam's primary grade school classes were in Buffalo. The family moved to San Gabriel, CA in July 1944. Sam attended 8th grade in Rosemead, continued in high school at El Monte and onto John Muir Jr. College in Pasadena. Sam earned his BS degree in Forestry in March, 1954 at Utah State University in Logan.

Lee's parents, Francesco and Maria Porrini and sister Doris Schlerf also emigrated from Angera and Travedona, Italy in 1929.

Lee was born on January 4, 1931 in Los Angeles. After her early schooling in the Los Angeles area, Lee also attended John Muir Jr. College.

Sam and Lee did not meet each other until two years after John Muir College. In 1957, they met at a Catholic Youth activity in San Gabriel. They were married on June 21, 1958 at St. Luke's Church in Temple City, CA by Rev. Hugh Clear. After the marriage, Sam, Lee and the rest of the family moved each time Sam was transferred or promoted in his Forestry profession. Their final move in 1966 took them from Lake Arrowhead to Santa Barbara.

They are proud parents of three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Children include Nancy Banks, 48; Mark, 47; and Vicky Blethen 43. Grandchildren are twins Kristina Vercellono, 27; Tiana Chaidez, 27; Steven Hayes, 24; Robert Blethen 13; "Maggie" Blethen, 12; Mathew Blethen, 8 and Isabella Alfano, one.

"We are expecting our 7th great-grandchild in March," sighs Lee. The six great-grandchildren are: Ethan Vercellono, 7; Elijah Vercellono, 5; Emberlyn Vercellono, 3, Elizabeth Vercellono, 2; Jaiyden Chaidez, 2; and Malachy Hayes, 4 months.

Sam served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956. Basic training was at Ft. Ord, CA., then to Ft. Belvoir, Virginia (Photogrametry Training) and later transferred to Map Compiling Company at Ft. Sheridan, IL., north of Chicago. He was reassigned to Kaiserlautern, Germany to another Map Compiling Co., where he interpreted aerial photos and made photo mosaics. He was discharged in the spring of 1956.

Sam began his rewarding 32-year career with the U.S. Forest Service at the Angeles National Forest

headquarters in Pasadena in 1957. His interest in forestry began earlier during summer periods of 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1953. He was a firefighter for two seasons and then served as a foreman for two seasons on fire engines working at the Arroyo Seco Ranger District.

- In 1959, he was promoted to Asst. District Ranger in the Greenhorn Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest with headquarters in Bakersfield;
- In 1962, he was transferred to the Arrowhead Ranger District in the San Bernardino National Forest in the position of District Ranger;
- In Sept., 1966, he was promoted as Outdoor Recreation Management Officer at Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara. This position covered one million acres extending from Fillmore on the south to Carmel in the north. While in this position, Sam had duties as Lands Officer, Timber Management Officer, Cultural Resource Officer and Wilderness Manager. In the latter part of his career, Sam served as a Safety Officer and Plans Chief on major forest fires.

With a total of 32-years as a government employee, Sam retired on January 3, 1986 and started his Home Maintenance Service business (1986-1996) known as HMS.

"I enjoyed working with the public and forest personnel," acknowledged Sam for the keys to his success in his profession. He has been a member of the Society of American Foresters since 1954, was elected "Fellow" of the Society in 1995 and is a lifetime member of the American Forestry Assn.

Lee worked as a Library Media Specialist for the Goleta Union School District at Foothill School from 1980-1992. In 1987, Lee went back to school part-time and graduated from UCSB with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (Religion, Sociology and Psychology).

In the parish, Lee is a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick, Co-Lectors with Sam, served as Sunshine Chairperson for the Ladies Auxiliary and has helped in the Parish Library. Each month, as "The Story

Lady" she reads to St. Raphael's Preschool and is proud to be among the founders of our present Sunday School Program in 1967. Lee enjoys what she is learning in the Parish Bible Study Classes and in her spare time reads and does counted-crossstitch embroidery. The names of Lee's parents and sister as well as Sam's parents are on the dedication wall at Ellis Island.

Special pastors who have been extra special to Sam and his family were Father Henry Van Son and Father Stephen Downes. Sam reflected, "It was during Fr. Van Son's tenure that a number of us were first invested as Extraordinary Ministers. Fr. Van Son was very approachable and well-liked. Fr. Steve was also very approachable and was responsible for the renovation of the church as well as the construction of the new Community Center. I enjoyed our relationship in my various parish capacities during Fr. Steve's 15-year tenure." Sam said, "I enjoyed helping put together the special Portugese-Irish Welcoming Dinner we had for Father Bruce Correio when he arrived in 2002. Fr. Bruce has been appreciative of financial and other supportive activities of the Knights."

Lee and Sam have traveled by car to Mexico City. As a family, they spent six weeks in Europe visiting seven countries (Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Holland). They have also traveled to Alaska and Canada and visited the eastern part of the USA.

Sam's community activities include Toastmasters International for the past 38-years. He has achieved the Distinguished Toastmaster Award, by way of achieving this award he founded the Mission Toastmaster Club which is celebrating its 29th anniversary in 2008. Active in Goleta Valley Beautiful for the past 15-years, Sam served as President for 10-years. He was a member of "Save the Hospital" committee and was the recipient of the Goleta Valley Chamber "Man of the Year Award" in 1999. For three years, Sam served as President of a local federal credit union where he was a board member also for ten years.

Some other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: That's Italian;

- Favorite meal Lee prepares: Chicken Cacciatore;
- Favorite meal Sam prepares: Veal Scallopini;
- Favorite local restaurant: Beachside in Goleta;
- Favorite book: The Adventures of Don Quixote;
- Favorite TV program: Jack Benny;
- Favorite movie of all time: My Fair Lady;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Skiing;
- Favorite sport as a participant: Swimming;
- Favorite travel destination: Italy;
- Favorite hobbies: Photography, Outdoor activity, Swimming;
- One word to describe us at Church: Supportive;
- One word to describe St. Raphael's: Family;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Charitable;
- Growing up, I always thought I'd be a: Forest Ranger;
- My parents were right when they told me: Do what is right;
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Seeing our children being born;
- Advice to youngsters: Love your parents and come to peace with who you are;
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: Inter-faith harmony, continued good health and continued joy in life.

How Cable Television Should Be

By Rich Scholl

There is a movement afoot to require the television cable industry to offer programming by the channel, called "a la carte", as an option to packages of channels. You should be able to choose and pay only for the cable channels you watch. Not a sports fan? Why should you have to pay over \$80 per year for ESPN, ESPN2 and one -- or often more -- regional sports networks? Offended by Comedy Central, MTV, E! and SPIKE? Why should you have to fork over \$30 per year for programming you can't abide? But, as you know, you can't choose your cable channels. You have to buy them in

expensive "packages", "bundles," or "tiers." And, the way the cable companies and programmers run the game, you often need to buy more than one tier – more than just "expanded basic" – to get what you really want. That explains why the average U.S. cable bill now tops \$50! Just how do they get away with this?

Let's start with the consolidated ownership of cable networks: 6 mega-media companies own the 20 networks with the highest programming fees. Put differently, 6 companies pretty much rule Expanded Basic. Now, add cross-ownership to the mix of consolidation. For example, Time-Warner, the second biggest cable company, owns 8 cable networks, 5 of which are typically included in the Expanded Basic tier. Comcast, the biggest cable company, owns all or a majority stake in 7 smaller cable networks (with 1 typically in the Expanded Basic tier). Now, add the fact that 5 of the biggest cable network owners are also big time owners of local broadcast television stations (and are affiliated with hundreds and hundreds more broadcast stations). In all of this, the biggest con being run on consumers is what economists call bundling. This is when one product or service cannot be bought without another. For example, NBC/Universal, the owner of CNBC, MSNBC, USA, SciFi, Bravo, and other networks, makes it very attractive for cable companies to take them all, and very hard for cable companies to pick and choose only the nets they want. Cable companies must secure permission from local broadcast affiliates to carry the affiliate over the cable system. Permission is tied to carrying not only the owner network's marquee cable networks, but also all the minor networks, such as those containing sleaze. Cleaning up the bundling scam may be a case where courts can do what elected representatives and bureaucrats cannot. A recent anti-trust, class action suit filed against the big cable companies and mega-programmers may go a long, long way in helping. It's time to bust the trust that has cost us all billions.

A recent FCC "Further Report On the Packaging and Sale of Video Programming Services To the Public", concludes that a la carte could be in consumers' best interests. Moreover, it explores several alternatives for increasing consumer choice

in purchasing multichannel video programming that could provide substantial consumer benefits.

Help to end the cable programming racket. Tell your friends and family so that there is a greater national awareness of this issue. Contact your cable company, the mega-programmers, your elected representatives, the FCC, the FTC and the courts, and tell them How Cable Should Be. Cable subjected to the marketplace of consumer choice will be different than cable today. It will be far better!

Most of the information for this article is from Parents Television Council's new website www.howcableshouldbe.com.

**Remarks by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at
the 2008 March for Life**

Washington, DC - January 22, 2008

Thank you, Nellie, for your tireless energy and devotion to the prolife cause.

We first met 30 years ago at the March for Life and I am proud that thousands of Knights of Columbus have volunteered to help stage this march over the years.

We have followed your example. We help organize Marches for Life all across North America - at the West Coast March for Life three days ago in San Francisco, in Mexico City last fall, and in the Canadian capital of Ottawa each May.

We gather here today at the beginning of another election year, a year in which almost all of the candidates promise "change." But *we* have been coming to Washington for 35 years asking for change - asking to change *Roe v. Wade*.

Thirty-five years ago, the Supreme Court *imposed* a change on our nation that is at odds with our history, our Constitution and our humanity. And it is time to change *Roe v. Wade*.

Abortion is wrong because abortion hurts everyone.

It takes the life of the innocent unborn child.

It victimizes the mother *and* the father.

It compromises doctors and nurses.

It undermines respect for judges.

It implicates the taxpayer who pays for it.

It coarsens the society that tolerates it.

No woman should feel that she must have an abortion. We can find a better way. We can build a society in which every woman and child can find the support and care they deserve. We can build a culture of life. We can give hope to every woman and every child.

Today I see thousands of helping hands ready to make this hope a reality and I know there are millions more. Together we can bring change. Together we can build a new culture of life in our hearts, in our homes, and in our laws.

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

to follow his steps of **Serving Others**, by obeying his command of "Feed my sheep." God has given us multiple gifts and unique talents and as Brother Knights we give back and share these gifts with each other and with the community by following the principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. Let us all stay focused on these New Year's resolutions as we carry out the principles of our Order.

The month of January has been a busy one. The pancake breakfast took place and the proceeds from it were donated to assist the Youth group going to the World Youth Day in Australia this summer. We are looking forward to continuing to work with the Youth group. The Clergy Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for January 30, and I am looking forward to this worthy event. A Big "Thank You" to Chris Arnoult and his team of volunteers for coordinating the Clergy event. We welcome Brother John Vasellina as our Youth Director. We look forward to working with him and the Youth ministry.



KNIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Jim Bradbury & Jose Meza

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



Team effort in action, Jim needs a pan and Jose responds immediately.

This month, I would like to name two Knights as Knights of the Month. Jim Bradbury & Jose Meza. Both of these Knights were named Knights of the Month by PGK Chris Arnoult two years ago and again last year by our past Grand Knight Steve Schlesselmann and this year it is with pleasure and honor that I select them.

Brother Jim Bradbury first joined Council 5300 in June, 2001 and received his 2nd and 3rd degrees in September, 2001. Jim joined the Junipero Serra Assembly in November, 2002 in Buellton when the 4th degree held their exemplification there.

Jose first joined the Knights in October, 1981 and received his 2nd and 3rd degrees the following month of November. Jose joined the 4th degree in July, 1985.

Both Knights have been active participants on many levels; they have picked up momentum since they joined the Council and they have not stopped. However, all of us Knights need to be very careful not to burn them out. When they call for helpers we need to be there for them.

Brother Jim has been our chief cook for multiple years. He has been cooking at many of the pancake breakfasts and 3rd and 4th degree dinners (if you haven't tasted Jim's spare ribs, you are missing something). Jim is one of the IRON Chefs of the Council. Jim is also known as "Mr. Tri-tip Barbeque." For the Labor Day barbecue and St. Raphael's school auction, Jim has done the tri-tip. He takes care of the tri-tip sandwiches for the K of

C booth at the parish picnic. Undoubtedly, you have sampled his cooking at one of our picnics, at our special dinners or at the monthly Sunday breakfasts. Jim's specialty is tri-tip meat cooked over genuine oak charcoals.

Jim held the Warden Officer's position for the council for a several years. The warden is responsible for supervising and maintaining all council property, except that which belongs to the financial secretary. He sets up the council chambers for meetings and degrees and appoints and supervises guards for ceremonial exemplifications. The warden should also oversee the Inside and Outside Guards and make sure they are fulfilling the duties assigned to them. He served as Outside Guard in Columbian year 2003-2004.

In addition to the above duties, Jim also helps set up and taken down the Coke Booth. The Coke Booth installation is a major undertaking and Jim and his team of Coke Booth volunteers do it with ease because they have it down to a science. This year, Jim volunteered to redesign the Cook Booth to make the set up user friendly. His skills are so handy that he is proposing to re do the entire booth with a minimum budget (approximately \$200). Brother Knights, if we had to hire a subcontractor to do this task we would be paying ten times as much. I think you are beginning to see the value of our Brother Jim. Also Jim has assisted for the last few years in picking the orchids for the Mothers Day Orchid distribution. Due to Jim's carpentry skills, he also rebuilt some of the shelves in the kitchen making the area look very professional. Jim is very modest and he does a lot for the council. Jim, however, claims that he is only doing his share. He is always willing to help and ready to fix, repair or build any project you can imagine. Jim has many good ideas that he shares with his fellow Knights and he is ready and willing to put his time and energy into turning anybody's good ideas into reality.

Brother Jose's commitment to the Council is admirable. Jose is very dependable and trustworthy. Jose is one of those Knights whom you really appreciate because he is always "there." Jose also took care of the attendance drawing and

the 50/50 raffle when it was allowed. The Council is very lucky to count on a person like Jose. He is a great Chef and is very dedicated to doing a good job. Jose works hand in hand with Jim. Both make a great team. Jose's Mexican salsa is the best in California. According to Chris Arnoult, he is "Mr. Salsa", well known for making a salsa with a nice kick that even a gringo can love and more potent versions that the he-men in the Council can swear (or curse) by. The events go so smoothly when both Jose and Jim are in charge and with the help of many volunteers at the end of the event the kitchen is spotless as if it was magic that took place. It is a joy to have Jim and Jose in our Council.

Additionally, Jose faithfully attends most of the 4th Degree Callouts that are held throughout the year, such as Corpus Christi in Santa Ines, the Fourth of July parade and most of the Confirmations. Jose is known for his warm and friendly demeanor, and his good sense of humor makes any event more enjoyable. Jose has been serving the council for many years as Outside Guard and attends every 3rd degree meeting.

Overall, Jose and Jim are busy Brother Knights of Columbus and their contributions to the organization are greatly appreciated by all members, especially me, as Grand Knight.

I am very proud of Jim and Jose for all they do for the Council but above all I thank Jim's wife Dianne and Jose's wife Maria for their love and support to their husbands. **As you know "Behind every great man there is a great wife."** It is a great honor to have both Jim and Jose as Brother Knights. Thanks for your great work!

FAMILY OF THE MONTH
Sam & Lee Alfano
By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight

The "Family of the Month" title for February, 2008 goes to our Sam Alfano and his wife Lee.



Sam has been the Council membership director for several years. The membership director's

responsibilities are as follows:

- 1) To oversee all membership programs and to direct recruitment activities.
- 2) To work with the membership/admissions committee of three or more Knights and the retention chairman appointed by the Grand Knight.
- 3) To recruit committee members, set goals and plan specific recruitment, retention and insurance promotion activities for the year.
- 4) To set up a schedule of recruitment activities that best suits the council's goals and resources.
- 5) To work with the admissions committee whose purpose is to:
 - a. Inform the new member of the workings of the Order, both at the international and local levels and including programs and activities.
 - b. Determine the interests of new candidates for subsequent involvement in council activities.
 - c. Establish the candidate's practical Catholicity.
 - d. Inform the candidate of what membership can do for him.
 - e. Use the Admission Committee Questionnaire (#391) to determine the candidate's interests and encourage his involvement in the council's service program.
 - f. Advise the candidate what is expected of him (Timely payment of dues, Attendance at meetings, Participation in programs, Assume a leadership role and Advancement through the higher degrees).

The admissions committee consists of our Chancellor & PFN Bill McLafferty, Financial Secretary & PGK Ralph Wengler, PGK and PFN Paul Coyne, PGK Bernie Jochum, DD & PGK Steve Schlesselmann and GK Francisco Cabrera.

Sam has been active performing the above responsibilities for over 6 years and demanding as they are Sam does them with a smile. Last year, Sam recruited me for the Deputy Grand Knight and

when I became the Grand Knight he expressed interested on passing the Membership Director responsibilities to another Knight. I knew what a great job Sam has done and I felt that with Sam on my team as a Grand Knight, I would have a winning combination. Well, I requested Sam to stay another year. He agreed, and here we are on the path to achieving the Star Council Award.

Brother Sam first joined our Council in October 1995; by February, 1997 he had obtained his 4th degree. Sam is another great role model to all of us. His commitment shows not only at the Church but also with the community. His involvement with the Church includes, Liturgy committee, St. Raphael's Renovation Committee, the Building Committee, the Parish Council and the St. Vincent de Paul Group. His community activities include Goleta Valley Beautiful and Toastmasters. Sam founded the Mission Toastmasters Group over 26 years ago.

As if the above list of tasks were not enough, Sam also chairs the annual Columbus Day Italian Dinner in October and the St. Joseph's Dinner for the St. Vincent de Paul Group. Sam was instrumental in getting the Knights and the St Vincent de Paul group to sponsor two AED units one for the Church and the other for St. Raphael's School. Sam coordinated the training sessions given by the Red Cross volunteers on how to use the new AED units.

Wait there is more. In June, Sam coordinated the Father's Day cards that get distributed to all the men after each Mass on Father's Day. During our Blitz Recruiting Drive, Sam is seen before & after each Mass passing out literature. At the Christmas boutique, Sam shared smiles as **Santa Claus** while making lots of children happy posing for a picture and by granting them their wish provided they have been good kids.

Do you know how Sam can do SO MUCH? It is easy to figure out. It is with the support of his wife, Lee. As you know "Behind every great man there is a great wife". Lee, thank you for your understanding, your patience and your love for Sam that permits him to be a GREAT KNIGHT.

Congratulations to Sam and Lee for being chosen the Family of the Month. We recognize your

unconditional support for the Council.

Knights of Columbus Protocol
By Grand Knight Francisco Cabrera

Protocol Part II

Continuing with more training material for all the members, here is the part II Protocol published by Brother Don Aubrey in the September, 2004 Knightline:

A second courtesy is that of standing when members of the Clergy enter or leave the Chambers. When, for example, the chaplain enters the Chambers, the Inside Guard must salute the GK and announce in a loud voice, "Worthy Grand Knight". When recognized by the GK, the Inside Guard will announce: "The Chaplain of this Council has entered the Chambers." At this time, the GK will rap the gavel three times (directing the membership to rise) and announce: "Worthy Warden". The Warden will go to the center of the Chamber and salute the GK. The GK will announce, "Worthy Warden, please escort the Chaplain to his seat at the head table." The Warden will then salute the GK and DGK, proceed to where the Chaplain waits and escort him to the center of the chambers. There, both the Warden and the Chaplain will salute the GK and DGK and the Warden will escort the Chaplain to his seat by the most direct route. When the Chaplain has taken his position, the GK will rap the gavel once to seat the assembly. Note that the Chaplain does not come in and proceed to a seat by himself as does most any other member.

Similarly, when a visiting dignitary, such as the District Deputy or State Officer or similar VIP, visits the Council, his arrival will be announced in a similar manner and he will be escorted to his place in a similar manner. If, when the GK calls a meeting to order one of these VIP is present, they should take a seat in the Chamber and the GK will then direct that he be escorted to his proper place (as above). If the Chaplain or VIP departs before the meeting is adjourned he will be escorted to the door by the Warden, at the direction of the GK.

Watch for next month's lesson. Remember PROTOCOL.

(Program Director's Rpt continued from page 2)

- I am a Catholic because of the seven sacraments that Jesus gave to His Church to communicate His divine life to me, in particular the Holy Eucharist, the real and true body, blood, soul, and divinity of Jesus, which nourishes me with eternal life.
- I am a Catholic because Jesus has given me, and all others who so desire, the gift of the forgiveness of sins in the sacrament of penance.
- I am a Catholic because the Church has taught me, in fidelity to the teaching of Jesus and His Apostles.
- I am a Catholic because the Church has led me to the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom Jesus gave to me and to all as a mother in the Spirit.
- I am a Catholic because the Church has introduced me to the communion of saints, the friends of Jesus in heaven who pray for me, and the souls in purgatory who rely on my prayers.
- I am a Catholic because the Bible bears witness to the Catholic faith of the Church.
- I am a Catholic because for two thousand years the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church have proclaimed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the world.
- I am a Catholic because every time scandal and sin has weakened the public face of the Church, God has raised up saints-ordinary people like you and me, called to extraordinary witness-to heal and restore His Church.
- I am a Catholic because the faith of the Catholic Church is true, guaranteed by Christ's promise of the Holy Spirit, and against the Church of Jesus Christ, in spite of the perennial weakness of its shepherds and sheep, the gates of hell SHALL NOT PREVAIL!!!

Past Events

- 1) **January 7, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus Officers meeting took place as it usually does on the first Monday of each month. DGK Dan Knauss chaired the meeting sitting in for GK Francisco Cabrera.
- 2) **January 9, 2008:** The Los Padres Chapter meeting took place at Serra Hall at 7:30 PM.

- 3) **January 13, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast took place after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.
- 4) **January 14, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus Business Meeting took place on the second Monday as usual. Mark your calendar so you don't miss these meetings to stay abreast of all we're doing.
- 5) **January 30, 2008:** The Clergy Appreciation Dinner took place.

Upcoming Events

- 1) **February 4, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus officers meeting will take place.
- 2) **February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2008:** Lenten Fish Fry at 6 PM at St. Raphael's Hall. Come and bring a friend or two for a great fish dinner.
- 3) **February 10, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast will take place after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses. This is always a great breakfast and a great way to start your Sunday.
- 4) **February 11, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus Business Meeting will take place on the second Monday as usual. Mark your calendar so you don't miss these meetings to stay abreast of all we're doing.

Donovan who is taking over as chairman after the first dinner. It's a joy to be a part of the crew.

February Birthdays

Rev. Antonio Cacciapuoti	02/02
Patrick R. Maloney	02/08
Richard J. Karr	02/08
Joseph W. Hazher	02/09
Joseph R. Darga	02/11
Vincent L. Filippello	02/11
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Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Thank you.



LENTEN FISH FRYs TO START

By Rich Scholl

The Lenten Fish Fries are set to begin on Friday, Feb. 8 and to continue the following five weeks and serving starts at 6 PM. This is one of the best meals you can get and low-priced at \$8 for the complete meal (\$3 for children). Last year we raised over \$4,000 and it was our second biggest fund raising event. We need everyone to come out and make the Fish Fries an even bigger success.

The crew is primed and ready, but we can always use a few extra hands on cleanup. Thanks to Mike

PHOTO GALLERY

Christmas Boutique, November 18, 2007

Pancake Breakfast & Membership Drive, January 13, 2008



GK Francisco Cabrera poses for his picture with Santa Claus (Brother Sam Alfano) at the Christmas Boutique.



PGK Don & Lucille Aubrey, GK Francisco Cabrera, PCP John Bravo, PGK Mike & Mirtha Donovan & Brother Jim Bradbury at the Pancake Breakfast.



Brother Paul Curzan gives a Pancake Breakfast ticket to Maria Cabrera.



Fellow parishioners enjoy their meal at the breakfast.



Membership Director Sam Alfano at the recruiting table with the Durenbergers.



Some of the youth who served the Pancake Breakfast with Noel Fuentes..

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, January 30, 2008



Frs. John Vaughn, Tom Messner & Howard Hall at the Dinner.



Deacon Wayne Rascati & Fr. Bruce talk before the dinner.



GK Francisco Cabrera exchanges ideas with GK Mark Wietstock of Council 1684.



Fr. Alberto (Bishop Diego HS) talks with Elaine McNamara at the dinner.



GK Mark Wietstock poses for his picture with one of the guests at the dinner.



Fr. Dennis from Our Lady of Sorrows poses for his picture with several other guests who attended the dinner.

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