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FISH FRIES *02/08/08-03/14/08*



The 2008 Knights of Columbus Fish Fries were very successful due to the hard work of many Brother Knights (see PGK Mike Donovan’s article on page 11 for more details). Above is a picture of St. Raphael’s parishioners enjoying their dinner on March 14, 2008.

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT *By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight*



Food for Thought

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,



This year Easter Sunday is on March 23rd. Easter, also called **Pascha**, is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, (The **Resurrection appearances of Jesus** are reported in the New Testament to have occurred after His death and burial and prior to His Ascension.) which Christians believe occurred on the third day after his crucifixion some time in the period AD 27 to 33. According to The New Testament, Jesus, the central figure of Christianity, was crucified, died, buried within a tomb, and resurrected three days later)

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

We've heard it before but have we really digested how important it is for us to continue to add numbers to council 5300? Go out and make contact. A small effort from many outperforms a large effort of few.

The 24 Hour Knight

How many times have you heard the reply: "I don't have much time to give to the Knights, so why should I join?" It's a common concern among many prospects that they just don't have the time to be a part of the Knights of Columbus.

Imagine if you were able to tell a man that if he could just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Knights of Columbus. Even with this minimal commitment he can be an important part of a council and reap the benefits of what membership in the Knights of Columbus has to offer him and his family. When talking to a prospect about joining our Order, try breaking down the time commitment in this way:

- 12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, *Columbia* magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council Web sites.
- 2 hours a year volunteering at the council's annual drive for people with intellectual disabilities.

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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/First Degree, 7:30 PM
04/16/08	Wednesday	Finance Meeting-A/B Room, 7 PM
04/21/08	Monday	4 th Degree Dinner Meeting-St. Raphael's Hall, 7 PM
04/28/08	Monday	Past Grand Knights' Party

May, 2008

05/02/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
05/05/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
05/11/08	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses/Mother's Day Orchids
05/12/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
05/19/08	Monday	4 th Degree Dinner Meeting-St. Raphael's Hall, 7 PM
05/26/08	Monday	Memorial Day Picnic – Tucker's Grove

June, 2008

06/02/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
06/06/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
06/08/08	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
06/09/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
06/15/08	Sunday	Father's Day Cards
06/25/08	Wednesday	Officers' Installation and GK Party



District Deputy's Report
Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61

A Spiritual Thought

As all of you Brothers know, the first principle of our Order is Charity. We follow that principle by serving others but to do so requires prayer. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Forge: "When you start out each day to work by Christ's side and to look after all those souls who seek him, remember that there is only one way of doing it: we must turn to the Lord. Only in prayer, and through prayer, do we learn to serve others." (page 584 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).

I hope all of you had a very Blessed Easter and are enjoying a joyous Easter Season.

The most important news to report this month is that our Founder, Fr. Michael J McGivney, was recently elevated to the status of "Venerable Servant of God" by Pope Benedict XVI. For Fr. McGivney to be declared a saint, this decree was required and a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession is still needed (for more details, please see www.kofc.org). Keep praying the prayer card for Fr. McGivney's canonization.

Degrees:

Only about one or two degrees took place over the last month and ½ but hopefully, there will be a few more in the next month or two. Here are the details:

- 1) A 1st degree was held on Wednesday, February 27 at Council 10067 in Saticoy. Three new Brother Knights joined the council that night: Brothers Rafael Ojeda, Sergio Vargas and Fr. Francis Bakyor. Fr. Francis is from Ghana and is hoping to start a council there when he returns. Another note about the Saticoy council: Right now, they have welcomed 8 new Brother Knights into their council and are at 160% of their membership quota.

- 2) Council 5300 will be hosting a 1st degree at St. Raphael's on April 14. Candidates should be there at 7 PM.
- 3) Council 1684 will be hosting a 1st degree at Serra Hall on May 14. Candidates should be there for that degree at 7 PM.
- 4) I'm working with Vic Mercado, DD #62, to host a 2nd degree in either Saticoy or Oxnard. So far nothing is definite, so stay tuned.

Programs:

Council 1684 has been continuing to recruit new members at their churches and they are meeting with moderate success. At the March business meeting, one of Council 1684's Past Grand Knights, John Green, was recognized for that success in recruiting by receiving the VIP (Very Important Proposer) Award from GK Mark Wietstock. The VIP award is given to any member who recruits at least 2 new members into the Knights. Congratulations, Brother John! Other events at Council 1684: the monthly social dinner on Wednesday, March 12 occurred and on April 23, the Council will be hosting their annual scholarship dinner on Wednesday, April 23.

Council 5300 was very busy during the month of March with a number of events: On March 7 and March 14, the council held their final two fish fries of the 2008 Lenten season. The fish fries this year were a phenomenal success and everyone raved about the food. On Sunday, March 9, the council not only had a blood drive and pancake breakfast but they also helped the Los Guadalupanos barbeque chicken and tri-tip for the youth of the parish who will be attending World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia.

On Sunday, March 30, Council 10067 (Saticoy) held a tri-tip sale fundraiser for a 4th or 5th grade girl who is undergoing cancer treatments. I had a chance to stop by, and business for the tri-tip sandwiches was brisk. The council also used the opportunity to do some recruiting as well. The council will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, April 27.

Finally, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) continues to be busy with projects around the church. The council held their Lenten soup and meditation event for several of the Fridays of March. Also, the

council is meeting once a month on Saturday afternoons in church to pray the rosary and teach those who haven't learned how to pray it.

Other Notes:

- 1) Right now, the district is at 77% of membership and 67% of insurance. Membership is improving but insurance is dropping. Brother Knights, we can do better! We only have three months to reach our goals, so let's get to work. Some councils are doing better than others but it would be great to see all councils attain at least 100% of both insurance and membership by the end of the Columbian Year. There are plenty of potential members who can join our Order. All we have to do is ask. When you are recruiting, mention to potential members that they will be joining a fraternity that was founded by a future saint.
- 2) The next Chapter meeting is on Wednesday, May 7 in Santa Barbara. Every Brother Knight is more than welcome to attend. The Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights are especially encouraged to do so.
- 3) The election process for the next Columbian should be well under way. I know that most councils in the district have already started the process, but for any that haven't, please start now.
- 4) The discussion regarding Bishop Lori's article in the Columbia is finally beginning to take hold. Council 10067's chancellor, Brother Andy Stay has already been doing a great job of not only recapping the article but also leading a brief discussion of it. GK Mark Wietstock of Council 1684 recapped it and asked a few questions during the March meeting. Council 5300 had it read at their January or February meeting. Thanks Brother Knights for allocating time for this important endeavor. Let's keep up the momentum on this project and make it a routine part of every meeting. Again, remember that the article is available online at www.kofc.org.
- 5) As stated for the last few months, 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 this month. 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 (I just received one of those medallions and they are very nice).

- 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". Orders are being taken for it right now.
- 7) Just a reminder: if you haven't done so already, please make your reservations now for the State Convention from May 15 to May 18. If you need information about it, please let me know.
- 8) Thank you to all the councils who participated in the "California One Man, One Woman Marriage Initiative" signature drive that was recently held. The last email from the National Organization for Marriage indicated that about 881,000 of the required 1.1 million signatures had been collected. Hopefully, enough signatures will be collected for the initiative by April 1.
- 9) Please continue to pray for all our sick and deceased Knights in the district.

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,

Saint Patrick's Day was celebrated on March 17 at the Santa Barbara Old Mission Friars dining room. Sir Knight Jack Turney, filling in as Faithful

Captain, presided over the beautiful gathering of Sir Knights and their ladies. Father Richard McManus, Guardian of the Franciscan Friars, blessed the meeting with a prayer. Father Jack Robinson told the story of an Irish priest who was sent to the Santa Barbara Mission to investigate the possibility of its closure in the late 19th century. The Irish priest's favorable recommendation is the reason why the Mission remained an active parish and is alive and well today. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal while sharing jokes and singing Irish songs. It was an enchanting evening that made everyone in attendance see four leaf clovers all the way home. Thank you all who participated and helped with the



decorations and setting up of the festive place.

At our Monday, April 21 meeting we will have Tim Taylor as guest

speaker. Tim is Old Spanish Days' El Presidente for 2008. His goal this year is to include and invite the entire community to celebrate Fiesta. Tim's theme this year is "Viva la comunidad" (Long live the community).

Tim is a sixth generation Californian. He is related to the Cota, Osuna, and Foxen families. His great, great, great grandparents William Benjamin Foxen and Eduarda del Carmen Osuna were married at the Santa Barbara Mission in 1831. Eduarda's grandfather was Pablo Antonio de Cota de Leon who came to California with Father Junipero Serra. Tim has followed his ancestor's footsteps by recently marrying his wife Perrin at our beautiful and historic Old Mission.

The Knights of Columbus have actively participated at all the Fiestas from day one. The 4th Degree Color Corps have marched in previous parades. I encourage all Sir Knights to attend the meeting and share in the vision of future Fiestas in our community.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul held at the Cathedral of Our Lady

of The Angels, Sir Knight Don Aubrey, PFN, received the Frederic Ozanam medallion award for his distinctive years of service. Congratulations, Don, and thank you for all the work you have contributed in the name of charity. You are a true Knight indeed.

The Bishop Curry confirmation schedule for Color Corps participation is as follows:

- Friday, April 11 at 7 PM at Mission Santa Ynez.
- Sunday, April 13 at 12 noon at Old Mission Santa Barbara.
- Sunday, April 13 at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Saturday, April 19 at 10 AM and 2 PM at St. Raphael's.
- Sunday, April 20 at 11:30 AM at San Roque (participation not requested).
- Tuesday, April 22 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows.
- Sunday, April 27 at 9 AM at St Joseph's in Carpinteria.
- Sunday, May 18 at 4 PM at Holy Cross.
- Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

Upcoming schedule of events:

- 1) Monday, April 7 at 7 PM: Officers meeting at St. Raphael's Church.
- 2) Monday, April 21 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall. Guest speaker: Tim Taylor, El Presidente.
- 3) Monday, May 5 at 7 PM: Officers meeting at St. Raphael's Church.
- 4) Monday, May 19 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall.

May the resurrected Christ keep you in good health and lead your way to exemplary chivalry.

Vivat Jesus.

Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator





Chancellor's Report
SK Bill McLafferty, Chancellor

Past Faithful Navigator Brian Klinge reports that his Lady, Judy, has been experiencing great difficulties in the last several months because of an aggressive increase in her Parkinson symptoms. The old medication failed to help any more and she was prescribed a new drug that hopefully will improve her situation. If she gets enough rest, she can experience a good day, but it varies from day to day. Sir Knight Brian is attending to her at all times and he will be staying close to home until the new drug takes effect. Please keep both of them in your prayers during this trying time

Your prayers are also requested for the brother of Sir Knight Richard Rink who passed away on March 9th of this year. Joseph Rink belonged to the Knights of Columbus in Greenville, South Carolina and his brother Knights supplied an honor guard for the funeral Mass and attended the wake the night before the funeral in formal dress. Brother Rink thanked them for their presence.

It was just learned that Sir Knight Sam Alfano's brother died in his sleep on March 31st. He lived in Las Vegas and suffered a stroke and succumbed to complications from the stroke. Thomas Alfano was 79 years old at his death. Sir Knight Sam and Lady Lee will be traveling to Las Vegas for the funeral. Remember their family in your prayers.

Lady Joyce Bonham is undergoing dialysis twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, according to her husband, Sir Knight Terry. She would welcome visitors or telephone calls on the other days of the week if you are so inclined. Ventura is not that far away. She and Terry thank you for your continued prayers.

It has been noted that many of the new members are not seen again after their initial exemplification. There has been no concerted follow-up by their fellow Knights to remind them of our meetings, invite them to attend with us and to encourage them to get involved in the many projects that are on-going. Few of them return to a meeting, and those

that do seem to stop coming after a few visits. It was proposed that the Chancellor could assume the responsibility of assigning mentors to new members to help them transition into the council. Signing up new members is our goal and responsibility; getting them involved in council activities is equally important if we are to have a vibrant and effective council. There will be more on this in future columns; your suggestions are always welcome on this topic.



Membership Director's Report
Sam Alfano, Membership Director



On Saturday, March 15, members of Council 5300 as well as volunteers, again put on the annual St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner in the church hall. The dinner included a fresh green salad, mostaccioli pasta, smothered with a special marinara sauce, along with BBQ mild Italian sausage, with slices of heated garlic bread. Choice of beverage included various wines, beer, soft drinks and pitchers of iced water with lemon slices. Desserts which were contributed by those attending were delicious and varied. Vanilla ice cream was also served to compliment the cookies and cakes that were served. We were pleased to have eight teenagers from the youth group who assisted in serving the meal to the 180 diners.

Pastor Bruce Correio and Bishop Thomas Curry were able to attend. Fr. Bruce spoke about the charitable works done by the St. Raphael Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Since the dinner was in honor of St. Joseph, Bishop

Curry spoke about St. Joseph and his loving commitment to Mary and Jesus. Sisters of Charity were also in attendance. Sister Mark offered grace before dinner.

A wide range of donated gifts were available for the rousing raffle session that took place after the dinner. Raffle masters Don & Lucille Aubrey along with Joan Magenheimer did an excellent job in putting that part of the dinner merriment in place. Grand Knight Francisco Cabrera spoke about the Knights of Council 5300 participating in numerous activities in the parish. President Joe Bauer of the St. Raphael Conference thanked all who had a hand in putting the dinner together. Birthday songs were sung. The evening concluded with the singing of "God Bless America".

The funds earned as a result of dinner ticket sales, raffle ticket sales, bar sales and donations for the dessert, which amounted to \$2,100.00 will be placed in the St. Raphael's Conference treasury to be used to help the needy in our community.

Sam S. Alfano, Dinner Chair
St. Joseph Feast Day
St. Raphael Conference
St. Vincent de Paul Society



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

NECESSITY

People nowadays can't imagine life without cars, but they were once a luxury. Today, cars have become a necessity.

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from you.

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The Berkery Agency is pleased to announce that David Farebrother was named Agent of the Year for 2007! David also led our agency with 5 Star Councils, 2 of which qualified for the Founders Award. David has been a Field Agent since 2004. He serves councils in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. For each of the last 4 years, David has led our agency in new members and Star Councils. He was our Rookie of the Year in 2005 and our Agent of the Year in 2006. David is PGK of Council 10886 in Ft Meyers, FL. He is also a Former District Deputy and Past Faithful Navigator. "Congratulations on an outstanding Year. I know the best is yet to come!", said General Agent Jim Berkery.



Youth Director's Report
John Vasellina, Youth Director

On April 19, 2008, 112 High School Confirmation Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Raphael's Church at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. These candidates have been preparing for confirmation for the past two years. They have attended regular monthly class meetings,

four Large Group meeting nights per year with their sponsor, attended weekend retreats, Youth Days and provided service to the parish and the community. Throughout their two year journey, they have had many opportunities to have an experience with God. Please keep these 112 candidates in your prayers as they prepare their hearts for grace that is poured out with this sacrament of the Church.

Our 5:30 PM Sunday evening LIFE TEEN Mass continues to grow with spirit and enthusiasm. On March 30, Catholic singer/songwriter Matt Maher and his band provided the music for this Mass and then provided a concert at Bishop Diego High School at 7:30 PM that evening. The Mass was packed with standing room only and approximately 500 teens and adults attended the concert. The evening was a huge success. Our high school Sunday evening Life Nights continue to draw teens into community and relationship with Christ.

We are winding down another great year with the Jr. High Ministry, The EDGE. We will meet twice in April, on Thursday evenings: April 10 and 17 and then twice in May with a closing BBQ.



Pro-Life Director's Report

*Bob & Cecilia Marks
Pro-Life Couple*

Barbara Boxer's Moment of Truth

Human Life Review, Fall, 1999 by Chris Weinkopf

Simple questions do not always yield simple answers, especially when asked on the floor of the United States Senate. Republican Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania spent several minutes Wednesday extracting a "yes" or "no" from his Democratic colleague, Barbara Boxer, to the question: "If [a] baby's foot was inside the mother, but the rest of the baby was outside, could that baby [legally] be killed?"

It was a trap, and Sen. Boxer knew it. Throughout the Senate's latest debate on the partial-birth-abortion ban, Mrs. Boxer and other opponents of the legislation masterfully managed to discuss anything but partial-birth abortion. Until that moment. Rick Santorum had baited her, and she

bit.

It was a no-win situation. Answering yes would be to endorse infanticide, but answering no would expose the flawed logic of her position. Mrs. Boxer and her allies were fighting for the right of a doctor to kill living, breathing human babies at the time of delivery-while only their heads remain in the birth canal. How could she oppose killing when the foot remains inside, but not extend the same protection to the head?

So Sen. Boxer did what politicians usually do when confronted with questions they would rather not answer-she ducked it. "The baby is born when the baby is born," she replied the first time around. Followed by, "You give birth to a baby. The baby is there," and "to me it is obvious when a baby is born." Credit Sen. Santorum for his persistence. After prolonged needling, she could stonewall no more.

Mr. SANTORUM: What you are suggesting is if the baby's foot is still inside of the mother, that baby can then still be killed.

Mrs. BOXER: I am not suggesting that.

Mr. SANTORUM: I am asking.

Mrs. BOXER: I am absolutely not suggesting that.

Mr. SANTORUM: But, again, what you are suggesting is if the baby's toe is inside the mother, you can, in fact, kill that baby.

Mrs. BOXER: Absolutely not.

That might not sound like much, but it's actually an extraordinary concession. It's a rare, if not unique, admission that killing a baby on its way out of the womb - i.e., partial-birth abortion, which Mrs. Boxer defends - is wrong. When Sen. Santorum pointed out this inconsistency, Sen. Boxer immediately tried to rescind it. "Parliamentary inquiry:" she interrupted, "Let the Record show that I did not say what the Senator from Pennsylvania said that I did."

But the Congressional Record does not lie. She must be kicking herself. By responding to Santorum's interrogation, Sen. Boxer violated the cardinal rule of defending partial-birth abortion: change the subject. Early in her exchange, when she ignored Santorum's questions, Sen. Boxer expressed an unwillingness to tackle the thorny

subject of "when does life begin?" And wisely so, for that requires supporting her view, rejected by 75 percent of Americans, that life starts only when all of the baby is safely in his mother's arms. That debate is one Mrs. Boxer cannot win, and with the one exception of that moment Santorum had her on the ropes, she dodged it consistently.

John Vasellina, Youth Minister for St. Raphael's, Assists 400 Teens in Their Faith Journey With Special Musical Mass, Social Events, Retreats

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



John Arthur Vasellina, a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council 5300 since October 9, 2000 (PGK Frank Castelo was his sponsor), has been a very active member of St. Raphael's Parish since 1997 as the Youth Minister and also serving as the Youth Director for Council 5300.

John was appointed Youth Minister in 1997 by Father Stephen N. Downes. "Father Steve hired me to take over for retiring Dennis Santos," stated John. He added, "Father Steve believed in me and had confidence in me to do a good job." John continued, "Father Bruce Correio has been a great support."

Currently John serves also as Director of Music for the Sunday 5:30 Life Teen Mass and as the Confirmation Coordinator. He was in charge of the St. Raphael's Feast Day Festival and the recent Parish Mini Mission with singer/musician Chris Muglia and Father John Bonavitaola from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Tempe, Arizona.

It was at a Youth Ministry function in 1978 when John met Phyllis Hopping. Father Jack Stoeger and Dennis Santos were the youth advisors

at the time. They had plans of match-making and drew straws over who would introduce them. (Phyllis is one of the seven well-known children of George and Mary Hopping, long-time parishioners). John and Phyllis were married at St. Raphael's Church on January 19, 1980 with Father Virgil Cordano and Father Tim Caan con-celebrating the Nuptial Mass.

John, born on June 15, 1955, graduated from Lincoln Elementary School, St. Thomas Aquinas High School and Central Connecticut State University. He went to work for his father's business, Par Manufacturing, Inc. in 1980 and served as President of the small firm for 17 years. The native of New Britain, Connecticut, was one of five children born to John & Ida Vasellina. Sisters include Susan, Patricia, and the youngest are twins Janice and brother James. "My mother died in 1984," stated the 52-year old exuberant Youth Minister. He noted, "A wonderful stepmother, Betty, has been a blessing to the entire family."

Phyllis Helen was born on January 24, 1959 at St. Francis Hospital in Santa Barbara, the sixth child of George and Mary Hopping. Her siblings include Max, Johanna, Father John Paul, Stephanie, Connie and Betty, the youngest.

Phyllis considers herself a "Goleta Girl" having gone to local schools and after school CCD. She met many students from various schools through CCD. Phyllis met Doris Theile Kavanaugh in Gloria Merrigan's 2nd Grade Communion CCD class and is still friends with her today. Since 1963, Phyllis's parents have been involved at St. Raphael's. George still ushers at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass and for years, worked as a church gardener on Suzie Sichi's volunteer crew. Mary is part of the Thursday morning Rosary group and in charge of the back bulletin board by the girl's bathroom.

John's mother and father were always very involved at St. Maurice Church in New Britain. John and two of his sisters had their own folk group in high school and college and as adults with other friends. John & Phyllis expressed, "We thank our parents for their good examples of faith."

While in Connecticut, besides Phyllis' motherhood responsibilities, she sang in a Folk Group, was very involved in children's school,

volunteered and worked with underprivileged inner-city school children, created an international potluck dinner to bring all the families of the school together and provided transportation. She volunteered to help needy families with transportation, food and clothing.

"The best thing about being a Knights of Columbus member is the support to the parish community and spiritual support," exclaimed John. He added, "Being the hands and feet of Christ to serve others is most important."

Two ideas he would like the KC's to undertake include:

- Partnering with Life Teen Youth Ministry to sponsor speaker/performer events like a Santa Barbara Regional Youth Day. This would be a way for teens to see the next step for them to be involved in parish life and give to others as well as the KC's mentoring Youth by example;
- Bringing in speakers/musicians for Mini Parish Missions.

John attributes the success for the numbers of youth participating in the Youth Groups to "a solid program assisting teens in their faith journey, having social events, services, retreats and Youth Days."

Asked what are the keys to his success in his 11-years as the Youth Minister, John confirmed, "Able to relate to teens and able to attract other adults to help with programs."

John's decision to become a Youth Minister happened at a very powerful retreat experience at age 16 while in high school. John explained, "That experience has always stuck with me and I wanted to be able to help other teens experience the presence of God."

Some of this year's Ministry goals to lead teens closer to Christ are:

- A vibrant Spirit filled 5:30 Sunday Life Teen Mass;
- Meaningful and energized Sunday Evening Life Nights;
- Reaching out to as many teens as possible;
- Bringing Teens to the Eucharist;
- Offer life changing weekend retreats;

- Teach teens about the Catholic Faith and have them experience their Faith through preparation for Confirmation.

His recommendations why teens should consider becoming involved in the Youth programs include:

- The Ministry offers a place for teens to share and grow in their faith, and a place that is safe for them to share and be part of the Young Catholic Church;
- We are here to support the teens and their parents during this stage in a teen's life.

John pointed out, "We continue to pray for the parents of teens to deepen their faith. Many parents do not know their faith (you can't give what you don't have). Youth are sometimes not being supported at home."

John acknowledges he could not do this ministry for 400 teens without his many key Youth Ministry assistants:

- Phyllis, his wife, is his biggest supporter. "Without her support, need and interest, I would not be doing this work. She calls it "Side line ministry," he said.
- Claudia Renteria is his Assistant Youth Minister;
- Laura Murphy is the office assistant;
- 21 Confirmation Teachers;
- 16 High School Core Team Adults;
- 20 Adults and Peer Leaders for the Jr. High Program, the Edge;
- 15 singers and Instrumentalists in the Choir.

The Vasellina's are proud parents of sons John Paul, 27 and Jeremy, 22. "Now that our two sons are adults, we are very grateful for our relationships with them," said Phyllis. She added, "While there is distance, we are able to stay in touch by cell phones all the time. Our sons have both stayed involved with their faith and now we are able to learn so much from each of them."

"The struggles we had as a family at one time or another are lessons that we have learned from," Phyllis stated. "The Youth and their parents have benefited from our lessons. We are able to be very understanding and comforting when we can say, "Yes, I know what you are going through." And we know the glory of all the prayers and hard work of parenting and can share that hope. Our sons have

been available to also offer advice or counsel to Youth or parents as well. This is a journey that we are on together and we couldn't do it without our daily couples' prayer and our trust in Jesus," reflected Phyllis.

Other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Italian;
- Favorite meal Phyllis prepares: Italian pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, peppers, onions and chocolate pumpkin spice cake for dessert;
- Favorite meal John prepares: Breakfast omelette;
- Favorite local restaurant: Cajun Kitchen;
- Favorite meal at your favorite restaurant: Breakfast;
- Favorite book: The Power of Intention;
- Favorite TV programs: Biggest Loser, Lost;
- Favorite movie of all time: One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Baseball, Yankees;
- Favorite sport as a participant: Squash;
- Favorite travel destinations: Vermont, Connecticut, San Francisco and Phoenix;
- Favorite hobbies: Guitar playing, squash, yoga stretching, yard work and cribbage;
- One word to describe us at Church: Universal;
- One word to describe me at Youth Group Meetings: Leader;
- One word to describe St. Raphael's: Community;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Service;
- Growing up I always thought I'd be a: Fireman;
- My parents were right when they told me: "Always be a good boy and you'll never be sorry."
- Great personal moment as a husband: Wedding Day, Phyllis receiving volunteer award, and after God, Phyllis is my first priority.
- Advice to youngsters: Give God a chance in your life;
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: peace, end to poverty, good health.

Lenten Fish Fries

By: Mike Donovan, PGK



From February 8 through March 14, a dedicated crew from our council served 1,275 (1,147 paid) fish, rice, veggies, salad, rolls, and desert dinners to members of the parish and outside of the parish. March 7, we set a record with 240 dinners served. Four of the six weeks saw 200 or more dinners served. A bit of a challenge, but the team came through.

The fish, filet of sole, purchased from Santa Cruz Market was a great hit with PGK John Vogel's special batter applied and cooked by Master Chef Jim Bradbury assisted at times by Carlos Valenzuela, PGK Chris Arnoult and Jim Balster. The veggies were prepared by Vince Filippello, the rice by John Kestel, salad by Walt McCartney and Raphael Cardenas. Our dinner guests also added that the rice, veggies and salad were quite tasty along with the fish. Our servers were Joe Bauer, Esteban Valenzuela, John Peyton and John's fiancée Cindy Bennett. Rich Schiada was our floater and worked where needed. Our bartender was Felix Sanchez with relief from Janet Page so that Felix could eat. Evelina Curzan our hostess with help from Mirtha Donovan, Maria Cabrera, and Raphael's friend Connie prepared dessert, punch and condiments and helped with set-up. Ticket sales were handled by Paul Curzan who helped with set-up along with Jim Balster and others. Cleanup of the kitchen was headed by Mark Vampola with help from, Tim Hogan, Raphael Cardenas, Mark's son, Brian and others left the kitchen cleaner than when we opened up. Hall clean-up was performed by Ralph Wengler, Joe Bauer, Teo Nungaray and other members of the team. At times John Vogel

and Jim Balsters' young daughters helped out.

The third fish fry, we had the Blest and Broken family band play music for us. Their music was appreciated by all.

A special thanks to PGK Rich Scholl who put the team together before retiring as chairman. Also special thanks to Mirtha for helping me with purchases necessary to prepare for dinners. Finally, I was blessed with a great crew that made my job as chairman easy and enjoyable.

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The New Testament also mentions several resurrection appearances of Jesus on different occasions to his twelve apostles and disciples, including "more than five hundred brethren at once" (1 Cor. 15:6), before Jesus' Ascension.

These two events are essential doctrines of the Christian faith, and are commemorated by Christians during Good Friday and Easter, particularly during the liturgical time of Holy Week. Many non-religious cultural elements have become part of the holiday, and those aspects are often celebrated by many Christians and non-Christians alike.

Easter also refers to the season of the church year called Eastertide or the Easter Season. Traditionally the Easter Season lasted for the forty days from Easter Day until Ascension Day but now officially lasts for the fifty days until Pentecost. The first week of the Easter Season is known as Easter Week or the Octave of Easter.

Easter is termed a moveable feast because it is not fixed in relation to the civil calendar. Easter falls at some point between late March and late April each year (early April to early May in Eastern Christianity), following the cycle of the moon.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover not only for much of its symbolism, but also for its position in the calendar. The Last Supper shared by Jesus and his disciples before his crucifixion is generally thought of as a Passover meal, based on the chronology in the Synoptic Gospels. The Gospel of John, however, speaks of the Jewish elders not wanting to enter the hall of Pilate in order "that they might eat the Passover", implying that the Passover meal had not yet occurred. Thus, John places

Christ's death at the time of the slaughter of the Passover lamb, which would put the Last Supper slightly before Passover, on 14 Nisan of the Bible's Hebrew calendar. According to *The Catholic Encyclopedia*, "In fact, the Jewish feast was taken over into the Christian Easter celebration."

Our Council members have been very active in the month of March. The Pancake breakfast, Blood Drive and the Youth Group Tri-Tip & BBQ Chicken Fund raiser were done on March 9. We just completed six successful Fish Fry dinners (at the second to the last one, we served 240 dinners).

Thank You to Brother Mike Donovan and Jim Bradbury who have been the chairs of these events. I am very grateful to them and the team of volunteers that made these events possible (Mirtha Donovan, Jim Balster- not a Knight member and his daughter, Esteban Valenzuela, Joe Bauer, Rafael Cardenas and Connie Allen, John Vogel, John Kestel, Ralph Wengler, Vince Filippello, Paul and Evelina Curzan, Mark Vampola and his son, Brian, Tim Hogan, John Peyton, Cindy Bennet, Felix Sanchez, Richard Schiada, Walt McCartney and Maria Cabrera).

I would like to thank Brother Chris Arnoult and Sam Alfano for leading the meeting to take care of the proceeds we raised this year so that we can select the various charities that we want to support. Bear in mind that the funds are limited and as always our local parish, St. Raphael's School and our priests have priority. Brother Knights, it is important for all Brother Knights to participate in these important meetings. Our Catholic Fraternal Men's Service Organization is ready to elect the charities that we will be assisting this year. It is important for you to attend so that your input will be considered in case you have a preference for which charities to help.

A Big Thank you is extended to our Deputy Grand Knight Dan Knauss and his team of volunteers for assisting with parking at the Easter Sunday morning Masses. Brother Knights if for some reason your name is omitted from the list of volunteers when you help in an event, accept my apologies. By all means, it was not our intention to exclude you. It simply means we unintentionally overlooked including it. Remember that God sees

all and we are following in his steps of serving others. Thank you all for your valuable contribution in Serving Others and keep up the Good Work.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Jim Bradbury

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



This month I would like to name Jim Bradbury as the Knight of the Month.

As all of you know, my theme of the year is “Serving Others” with the focus on families and especially connecting with the youth. In the near future, the youth will be the leaders of tomorrow and what a better way to show them what the Knights stand for. It is essential for all of us to give the youth the example. This way, they are more likely to follow our steps. The youth I am talking about can be our own children, grandchildren and/or the Saint Raphael’s Parish LIFE TEEN youth group. This summer the World Youth Day is taking place in Sydney, Australia and 30 Students from our parish are scheduled to attend along with Fr. Bruce and Noel Fuentes as the chaperones. The cost per person is approximately \$3,800. This event is such a worthy cause that it will be a memorable time for all participants and who knows what positive effects it will have on our youth. Perhaps we can get future deacons or a priest from this inspiring event.

Well, how does Jim fits in all of this you might ask? Jim led the first fund raiser for this worthy cause by hosting the February pancake breakfast and all the proceeds were donated to the youth group to assist with the World Youth Day cost. However, Jim pulled me aside and he said “Worthy Grand Knight... There must be a better way or

something else we can do as Knights of Columbus to assist the Youth Group with more than what the pancake breakfast can provide?” “I said what do you have in mind?” Jim suggested that we do a joint fund raiser.

His idea was two fold: first let’s get three groups together so that we can continue building a good relationship with the Youth, the Guadalupanos and the Knights. He said what a better idea to collaborate with each other and then we can plan a Tri-Tip and BBQ Chicken fund raiser. Well, this idea materialized and Jim put together a plan and orchestrated the idea. He organized the team of volunteers for the pancake breakfast (led by John Peyton and Cindy Bennett) and the BBQ (led by Jim Bradbury).

Three members of the Guadalupanos (Teo Nungaray, Isidro Muro and Ruben Perez) who are also Brother Knights took care of the morning shift BBQ, and provided additional fire wood to add the firewood Jim himself provided. Mark Vampola, Tim Hogan and Raphael Cardenas helped BBQ later in the afternoon. The Youth Group led by Noel Fuentes and Jenny Lafferty took care of everything else, the advertising, the ticket sales, reservations, the serving and setting up.

The event was a successful BBQ. I am very proud of the team of volunteers that make our council visible to the community, our parish and our priests. It is a pleasure for me as a Grand Knight to be part of such a great **Catholic Men’s Fraternal Service Organization**. We nearly sold out of food and had to make three trips to the market for more meat. Over \$1,000 was raised. Jim’s vision was realized and I am sure that the acquired youth experience during the World Youth Day in Sydney Australia this coming summer will be a memorable one. Jim and his team of volunteers should be very proud that through their efforts, they have touched many young lives in a positive way.

Congratulations, Jim for earning the title of Knight of the Month (Again). A big “Thank You” to your wife, Dianne, for all the love and support that she gives you and that allows you to be a very valuable member of our Council.



FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Mike & Mirtha Donovan

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



The Family of the Month title for April, 2008 goes to Mike Donovan and his wife, Mirtha. Mike and Mirtha took the responsibility of chairing the six Fish Fries this Lenten season. They stepped up and continued the momentum that our previous chair Brother Rich Scholl established in the past few years. Brother Rich had been asking for someone to take over this responsibility for the past year. The timing worked in such a way that during Rich's absence from the Knights, Brother Mike and Mirtha volunteered to plan and perform the related tasks associated with this event.

This year, Mike and Mirtha and the team of volunteers take the credit for breaking our previous record of Fish Fry dinners sold (240) plus the dinners provided to the volunteers and the clergy and widows that attended. Please read Mike Donovan's Fish Fry report and see the photo gallery pictures at the end of the Knightline.

The second reason, I chose Mike and Mirtha as the family of the month is for their dedication to the Pancake Breakfast and other Knight events like the Saint Vincent de Paul Italian dinner. It is common to see Mirtha taking the lead on the Hall and table decorations and Mike helping with the setting up and making sure everything in the kitchen runs smoothly. Mike and Mirtha are a very good example 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 the event. A list of events they participate in are: Pancake Breakfast, Italian Dinner, Oktoberfest, Parish picnic, Labor Day picnic,

Ministry Fair, Christmas Boutique, Christmas social, the October social and most recently chairing the Fish Fries which is a six week commitment. There is much work that takes careful planning and many hours preparation. Congratulations Mike and Mirtha for being such good role models to all the members of the 3rd and 4th Degree Knights.

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- 2 hours a year attending, with his family, two council corporate Communion or prayer services at the parish.
- 2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of his choosing.
- 2 hours a year attending one council meeting. (If it's a well-run interesting meeting he might even come back for a second.)
- 4 hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

When you present the time commitment of joining the Knights of Columbus to a man is this way, it doesn't seem very intimidating at all. Once a man becomes a member and sees how rewarding being a part of the Knights of Columbus is, he'll want to dedicate more of his time to the Order.

There are 8,760 hours in a year. By giving the Knights of Columbus 24 of those hours (less than .3 percent), a man can be a better Catholic, a better father, a better husband and a better person.

Past Events

- 1) **March 7, 2008:** Lenten Fish Fries continued. These turned out to be some of the best fries ever.
- 2) **March 9, 2008:** Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast took 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.
- 3) **March 10, 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 are doing.

- 4) **March 14, 2008:** Lenten Fish Fries continued and few missed out. Many made it a point to be there for the wonderful food and friends.
- 5) **March 21, 2008:** Good Friday was observed.
- 6) **March 23, 2008:** Easter Sunday-we had volunteers to help with the organized chaos parking the cars. Thank you to all who braved the crowd.

Upcoming Events

- 1) **April 4, 2008:** 24- Hour Adoration
- 2) **April 7, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting will take place. Officers, mark your calendars.
- 3) **April 14, 2008:** The Knights of Columbus Business Meeting will take place on the second Monday as usual. There will also be a First Degree at the meeting. Mark your calendar so you don't miss these meetings to stay abreast of all we are doing.
- 4) **April 28, 2008:** Past Grand Knight's Party.

Vatican Declares Knights of Columbus Founder "Venerable"

Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be first American-born priest to be declared a saint

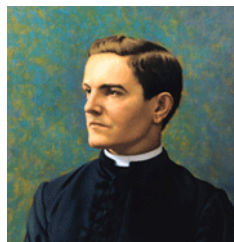
New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the

event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family.



From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland.





Dear Brother Knights.

RE: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE OUR BICYCLE PROJECT FOR THE 26 REMAINING CATECHISTS.

Many warm and prayerful Easter greetings from the Archdiocese of Kampala and from my old parish called Mwereerwe in Uganda.

I am writing to update you on the above project which you generously sponsored last year, 2007, with a grant of \$1,000. I was also able to receive \$400 from the Junipero Serra Assembly. Please thanks a lot.

The main aim of these bicycles is to make transportation easy for the catechists. The catechists carry out pastoral visits to the sick, teach Catechism, prepare people for the sacraments, bury the dead and they represent us on several occasions. On Sundays they also conduct services. They (the catechists) are a very great asset to this parish. We need your financial support again to be able to complete this project.

Quantity – 26 Bicycles; Particulars – Complete Eastman Bicycle; Rate - \$100; **Total Amount - \$2,600.**

The catechists will use these bicycles mainly to transport them as they go for grass roots evangelization on a daily basis. These bicycles are the effective means of transport for our evangelizers. Because the roads are small and bushy, it is not easy for one to penetrate deep in the village with a motor-bike. These bicycles will also be used to help our catechists to reach out to the elderly who are spread in the parish and will also help them to transport patients to the nearby hospitals.

I am glad to inform you that 14 catechists out of 40 received bicycles from you. I have a lot of hope to believe that you will be able to assist us to complete this much needed project.

I remain,

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

**REV. FR. RICHARD KAYIZZI
(PROJECT COORDINATOR)**

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Don't forget! The Grand Knight's Party is coming up on April 28 at St. Raphael's Parish Hall. Be sure to come and show your appreciation for all that our Grand Knights have done for us over the years.

The next **State Membership Blitz** is set for April 26 and 27. Please, all of you, make a special effort to recruit at least one new Brother to our Order that weekend.

April Birthdays

Raymond V. Hussey	04/02
Francisco J. Martinez	04/03
Rev. Juan A. Ruiz	04/04
Nicholas P. Vitalari	04/04
Joseph E. Ponce	04/05
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Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month.

Thank you.

PHOTO GALLERY

Pancake Breakfast/Blood Drive/World Youth Day Barbecue, March 9, 2008

Lenten Fish Fry, March 14, 2008



PGK Don Aubrey, his wife, Lucille, Chawa Ramirez and several other parishioners pose for their picture at the Pancake Breakfast.



PGK Rich Scholl and PGK Chris Arnoult at the Blood Drive.



Brothers Ruben Perez, Isidro Muro, GK Francisco Cabrera, Mark Vampola and Jim Bradbury pose for their picture while barbecuing for the Youth.



Brothers Esteban Valenzuela, a parishioner, and Joe Bauer serve at one of the fish fry dinners.



Fr. Frank Colburn, Maria Cabrera, Maria's mother, Mrs. Bertha Fonnegra, Brother Pablo Cabrera, GK Francisco Cabrera and Jim Balster at the fish fries.



Brother Mell Hueston, and his wife, Gwen with Sr. Rose enjoy their meal.

St. Joseph's Italian Dinner, March 15, 2008
St. Patrick's Day Dinner, March 17, 2008



Various parishioners socialize at the St. Joseph's dinner.



Maureen Lynch, PGK Brian Klinge and his wife, Judy pose for their picture at the dinner.



The St. Joseph's dinner cooking team: Maria Cabrera, Brother Ed Barrier, Philip DiMateo and Brother Sam Alfano.



Julie Sanchez, SK Ed Page and Janet Page at the St. Patrick's Dinner at Santa Barbara's Mission.



SK Jack Turney and Maureen Lynch pose for their picture during the dinner.



PFN Mike Donovan and his wife, Mirtha, get into the Irish spirit at the dinner

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