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PRIOR GRAND KNIGHT’S PARTY

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On April 28, our Council hosted a Prior Grand Knight’s Party to celebrate the achievements of the 45 Grand Knights who have served the Council since 1961. Above, Gloria Merrigan, wife of our Charter Grand Knight, Walter Merrigan, thanks those in attendance while PGK Don Aubrey looks on.

GRAND KNIGHT’S REPORT

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



Food for Thought on Mother’s Day

Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,



In the Month of May we celebrate Mothers Day. Let us reflect on the fact that the Virgin Mary is our Mother, and She guides us and protect us every day. Let’s begin this spiritual thought with a blessing to our Mother and all the Mothers in the World.

“Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these Mothers, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

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

Come Back

In April we were fortunate enough to have gathered at an event honoring all of the Past Grand Knights of Council 5300 dating back 45 years. This was particularly fortunate for me since I am looking forward to being the next Grand Knight of this council. I've seen the faces on the wall of the hall for many years and wondered what the council was like then and who was attending the meetings at that time. All of us who attended heard from some of the PGKs who spoke about the decade in which they were The Grand Knight. A forty five year history of charity, fraternity, unity and patriotism in the same room, having shared a common goal at some point and I'm not even forty five years old.

It stuck me there was a considerable amount of knowledge to be gained by knowing the men in whose footsteps I will be following. There are many of you PGKs around at the meetings and events so the opportunity will present itself to interact with you and learn how I can be a better Grand Knight. But after seeing all of the less familiar faces at the Past Grand Knight's Dinner, I wish the abundance of all that wisdom could be more readily available. So COME BACK!!

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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	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
06/03/08	Tuesday	Polling Booth Duty
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

July, 2008

07/04/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
07/07/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
07/13/08	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
07/14/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
07/27/08	Saturday	Coke Booth Setup
07/30/08	Wednesday	Fiesta Coke Booth
07/31/08	Thursday	Fiesta Coke Booth



District Deputy's Report
Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61

A Spiritual Thought

On May 18, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity: Three Persons in one God. We will be receiving grace that day just as we do each day of our lives. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Furrow: "The Most Holy Trinity grants you grace and expects you to make use of it responsibly. Given such an endowment, there is no place for your adopting easy, slow, lazy attitudes, because, apart from everything else, souls await you." (page 957 of the **Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer**).

This last week has been a great one for us Catholics and for the nation. Our Pope, Benedict XVI, paid us a visit. I hope all of you had a chance to watch or read about the Pope's time here in Washington, DC and New York. The Knights of Columbus were very much a part of the event from their Color Corps presence on the south lawn of the White House (an historic first) to guest commentaries by several Knights including our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. You can read all about the visit at www.kofc.org and the April issue of the Columbia is filled cover to cover with details about Pope Benedict, his itinerary and quotes he has made. It is worthwhile reading the issue.

Also, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's new book, "A Civilization of Love" made the New York Times best sellers list; so it is worthwhile reading it. You can order a copy of the book at the Knights of Columbus web site.

Finally, as I'm writing this report, the State is in the middle of their Spring membership blitz drive. I hope several of you councils participated in it and gained new members as a result.

Degrees:

Only two degrees took place in April but there a few more coming up in the next month or two. Here are the details (unfortunately, there are no 3rd

degrees planned until the fall):

- 1) A 1st degree was held on Monday, April 14 at Council 5300 in Goleta. Seven new Brother Knights joined the council that night: Brothers Mauricio Cuevas, Abel Salcedo, Matthew Drammer, Leonardo Curti, Patrick Donohoe, Dr. Robert Pacheco and Andrew Nguyen. Congratulations, to our new Brother Knights!
- 2) By the time most of you read this report, the 2nd degree at Council 750 on April 30 will have already occurred. I'll pass on the district results of that 2nd degree in my emails and in my June report.
- 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.

Programs:

Council 1684 has been busy hosting their dinner socials and events. A scholarship dinner was held on April 23 for the essay contest winners from various local elementary schools. On May 28, the council will be hosting their annual high school scholarship awards dinner.

Council 5300 was very busy during the month of April with a number of events: In addition to the first degree mentioned above, the Council also hosted their regular monthly pancake breakfast and a Past Grand Knight's party on April 28. Events coming up include: the Mother's Day orchid distribution on May 11 and the Memorial Day picnic on May 26 at Tucker's Grove Park. Also, GK Ray Centeno from Council 750 will be coming the council on Monday, May 12 to talk about the Squires.

Council 10067 (Saticoy) had a very busy business meeting in April: the local Scout troop presented their charter to the council and a resolution was passed to give the proceeds of the March tri-tip sale (\$1,500) to Jeannette, a local 4th or 5th grader who is dying of cancer. On April 27, the council hosted a pancake breakfast and blood drive and did some recruiting as well.

Finally, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) continues to be busy with projects around the church. The council also hosted a very nice birthday party for their pastor, Fr. Beto on April 26. Both Brother

Cherif Khoury and myself took the opportunity to do some recruiting and were able to recruit one new member for the council with a potential for at least 3 or 4 more.

Other Notes:

- 1) Right now, the district is at 100% of membership and 67% of insurance. However, those numbers don't reflect several insurance transactions that our insurance agent, David Farebrother has completed in the last week or so nor do the numbers reflect members that could be potentially dropped due to nonpayment of their dues. It is imperative that we make every effort to continue contacting the late paying members to encourage them to stay with the council. Again, as I state every month, 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) As I stated in point 1 above, the membership and insurance percents do not reflect the potential dropped members due to late payment. Unfortunately, as I recently learned, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) has many members in the late payment category. Only 9 members have paid their dues so far this Columbian Year. I'll be working closely with GK Rufino Murillo, Chapter Vice President Cherif Khoury and Brother David Farebrother to solve this problem. We have much work to do and only a short time to get it done.
- 3) 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.
- 4) Several of the Knights who joined Council 5300 at the April first degree are from the Santa Ynez area and are anxious to start a council there. I will be contacting the pastor at Mission Santa Ynez shortly for a discussion on starting the council.
- 5) 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.

- 6) The discussion regarding Bishop Lori's article in the Columbia is going full steam ahead. 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 asked another member Brother Jim Garland to recap it and ask a few questions during the April meeting. Council 5300 skipped it at the April meeting due to the first degree but will resume discussions on it in May. 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.
- 7) As stated for the last few months, 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. Also, the Knight's recruiter will receive a minted medallion acknowledging their efforts.
- 8) Thank you again to all the councils who participated in the "California One Man, One Woman Marriage Initiative" signature drive that was recently held. We did it! The initiative made onto the ballot for the November election. However, as GK Mark Wietstock (1684) put it, the real hard work is about to begin. Since the initiative is an amendment to the State constitution, GK Mark stated that it will take 67% of California's voters to vote for it in order for it to become law. Keep praying!

Please continue to pray for all our sick and deceased Knights in the district including Brother Richard Rink's (1684) brother, Brother Sam Alfano's (5300) brother, Brother John Naour (1684) and Judy Klinge (PCP Brian Klinge's wife) who is suffering from Parkinson's disease. Also, Brother Ray Ruiz (10067) recently lost 3 family members.

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,

Long live Pope Benedict XVI. The purpose of his visit to the United States was accomplished to the fullest. Our President even broke the norm and wanted to be the first to welcome him at the airport. Seeing 30 Color Corps in full regalia providing an honor guard at the White House ceremony marked the first time the fourth degree stood in formation for a Pope and a president. It was a great honor and a sign of high regard for the order and what it stands for especially after our founder Father Michael J. McGivney was declared on March 15, 2008 "Venerable Servant of God" by Pope Benedict XVI.

At our Monday, April 21 dinner meeting, Old Spanish Days El Presidente Tim Taylor was our guest speaker. He reminded the Assembly of the long lasting participation the Knights had with the Fiestas in Santa Barbara. He invited us to once again participate in the Fiesta Parade by walking and also with a float as we did in previous years. His theme this year is "Viva la Comunidad" (Long Live the Community) It would be nice to have the largest horse mounting parade in the world see the participation of the world's largest Catholic fraternity.

A new resolution was presented at our last meeting and it requires a vote at our next meeting:

WHEREAS, Sir Knight Reverend Richard Kayizzi has requested financial assistance from the Knights of Columbus Junipero Serra Assembly for bicycles to be used for his Catechists Pastoral Ministry in Uganda. In the past, we have contributed \$400 for this worthy cause. This translates into about 4 bicycles and his need is 26.

RESOLVED that \$400 be distributed to Father Kayizzi for this purpose.

The California State and Santa Barbara County wide elections are scheduled for Tuesday June 3, 2008. Your participation is a duty to our

constitution as this very patriotic act keeps our democracy shining throughout the world.

At our next dinner meeting on Monday, May 19, 2008 we will have our own SK Jeremy Hass as guest speaker. He will give a speech on his research on Saint Barbara. Was Saint Barbara a real person? Is she a sort of an Egyptian Saint? Where are her remains kept? You will be thrilled to listen to her story and remember her when lightning strikes.

The Color Corps will participate at the following confirmations:

- Sunday, May 18 at 4 PM at Holy Cross
- Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

The Color Corps participation was also requested by Father Tom Elewaut at the following events:

- Wednesday, June 4 at 7 PM for a Senior Mass at Saint Raphael's Church.
- Saturday, June 7 at 10 AM at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse for the Bishop Diego High School graduation.

The Color Corps has also been asked by the JJ Cantwell Assembly to serve at the Corpus Christi procession at Mission Santa Ines on Sunday, May 25 at 12 Noon.

Upcoming schedule of events:

- 1) Monday, May 5 at 7 PM: Officers' meeting at St. Raphael's Church.
- 2) Monday, May 19 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Sir Knight Jeremy Hass.
- 3) Monday, June 2 at 7 PM: Officers' meeting at St. Raphael's Church.
- 4) Tuesday, June 3 from 6 AM until 9 PM: Election polling places.
- 5) Monday, June 16 at 7 PM: Assembly dinner meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall.

Sir Knights, let us invite other Assemblies from various Chapters to join us in building a nice float and walk in unity in the Fiesta parade commemorating our 125 years jubilee. Psalm 127:1 reads: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain."

Brothers, the Lord is watching over all of us because he has resurrected. Amen.

Vivat Jesus.

Cherif Khoury, Faithful Navigator

Elections of officers for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year are coming up. The slate of candidates is listed below:

Faithful Navigator	SK Jack Turney
Faithful Captain	SK Jacques Benoit
Faithful Pilot	SK Francisco Cabrera
Faithful Admiral	SK Cherif Khoury
Faithful Comptroller	SK Paul Coyne, PFN
Faithful Scribe	SK Ed Barrier
Faithful Purser	SK Rafael Cardenas
Faithful Trustee III	SK Edmund Page
Faithful Trustee II	SK Brian Klinge
Faithful Trustee I	SK William McLafferty
Faithful In. Sentinel	SK Chris Arnoult
Faithful Out. Sentinel	SK Stephen Schlesselmann

surgical methods which required longer recuperation time.

Judy Klinge is still struggling to adjust to her new medication and other complications. She and Sir Knight Brian would appreciate your prayers. It was great seeing both Brian and Judy at the 45th Anniversary Party on April 28th.

It was also great seeing the brand new Knights recently installed helping out at the Anniversary dinner. Brother Aubrey rounded them up and put them to work and they came through beautifully. Congratulations, Brothers! You did a great job and we look forward to working with you again in a future project.

Brother Terry Bonham reports that his wife, Joyce, is adjusting as best she can to her weekly dialysis routine, but remains upbeat and keeps a positive outlook. They are still considering the possibility of a transplant, but are not too hopeful of doing so at this time. Remember them in your prayers.

Brother Art Garcia reports that his wife, Krista, is still on the sick list and would appreciate prayers on her behalf. Brother Joe Kovach's wife, Geri, recently underwent eye surgeries, and is recovering. Add her name to your prayer list.

We have also heard from Brother Tom Cordeiro that doctors have found a mass in his grandson's other leg and a biopsy was being performed. T. T. Michael McGrew, teenage son of a police officer, was diagnosed with cancer in his leg several years ago and he had to undergo chemotherapy treatment after surgery. The local police all shaved their heads as a sign of support and solidarity for the young lad who lost all of his hair as a result of the treatment. Brother Tom himself shaved his head. Pray for this brave young man.



Chancellor's Report
SK Bill McLafferty, Chancellor

Brother Fred Cota passed away on or about April 16, 2008; our prayers will be offered for the repose of his soul. For years, Brother Fred served as a volunteer playground supervisor at St. Raphael's School and the children affectionately referred to him as Papa Fred. He would appear on campus regularly 10 minutes early and he was quite popular with children and parents alike. He will be missed.

Carlos Valenzuela had a tough battle with pain and discomfort which landed him in the hospital and on the operating table. The doctors removed his gallbladder and helped remove kidney stones and sent him home. When I last talked to him, he was getting better and looking forward to riding with the Rancheros Vistadores on May 2, 2008. He apparently benefited from the new robotic surgery technique which is gaining ground on the old



Membership Director's Report
Sam Alfano, Membership Director

At the regular business meeting on April 14, seven new Knights were invested in our Council. They are: Mauricio Cuevas, Leonardo Curti, Matthew Drammer, Patrick Donohoe, Andrew

Nguyen, Dr. Roberto Pacheco, and Abel Salcedo. There was very good attendance by council members who enthusiastically welcomed the new Knights into the Council.

The new Knights represent the largest candidate class that we have had in the last few years. This came about as a result of the efforts made by team members of the admission committee to contact potential candidates. The first degree team which consisted of some relatively new members included: GK Cherif Khoury, DGK Jack Turney, Chancellor Sam Alfano, Financial Secretary Bill McNamara, Warden Ed Barrier, Warden's Assistance Joe Salcedo & Tony Vallejo, Banner Bearer Peter Martinez, Inside Guard Jose Meza, Music Man Tim Hogan & Joe Bauer. The team was complimented on their effectiveness in making the ceremony so meaningful to the new Knights as well as refreshing the memories of Council members on the values expressed in the first degree. As a result of these new Knights coming into our Council, we have achieved our annual membership goal of 10 new members.

All of the new Knights introduced themselves to the Council Members and were encouraged to take an active part in Council activities as soon as possible. Many of them signed up to assist in the upcoming April 28 dinner recognizing the 45 year history of Council 5300.

A number of candidates who signed up for the exemplification were not able to be attendance. Committee members are being requested to contact these candidates to see if they can take advantage of the first degree being conducted by Council 1684 on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM at Serra Hall (Corner Los Olivos & Garden Streets).

New Knights Leonardo Curti and Matthew Drammer drove down from Santa Ynez to attend the first degree. They have an interest in possibly starting a new Council in Santa Ynez. It would be a wonderful tribute to Council 5300 if we can assist them in making this a reality.

Sam S. Alfano,
Membership Chair



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

Thinking about a vacation?

No doubt the signs of spring have had their affect on you. Initially, getting outdoors is the obvious thing to do. We start by poking around the garden, working on the lawn, attending softball practice, dusting off the gas grill.

Beneath it all, we sense that vacation time is near. This pleases everyone. It doesn't matter whether we are planning an elaborate vacation or will simply enjoy the company of our family at home – the feeling is the same. Vacations are fun.

If we've planned properly, chances are that some of our hard earned dollars have been set aside for this occasion. We recognize that if we plan to spend money in the pursuit of enjoyment, the ordinary fixed expenses – mortgage, utilities, etc. – must still be paid. So you need a "vacation fund".

All of this makes good sense. The soundness of the idea is obvious. Isn't it amazing that so many of us see the wisdom of planning for our vacations each summer, but fail to plan our long range vacation – retirement. The government has thought about it and encouraged your independence at retirement age. Your place of employment has probably thought about it and planned a pension for you.

The only one left is you ... it's time you thought about it. Find out how you can add to government and employer programs an amount sufficient to provide for you and yours.

After all, retirement is the longest vacation you'll ever take. Call me today and we'll plan it together.

To contact me with regards to this, 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

Note: This article was submitted by Brother Paul Curzan:

Grandson Priest says: William Wilberforce would have fought Abortion

By Fr. Gerard Wilberforce
4/1/2008 - LifeSiteNews

A letter from Fr Gerard Wilberforce, a Catholic priest in Exeter, who is the great grandson of the famed William Wilberforce:

TORONTO (LifeSiteNews) - I am writing as the great great grandson of William Wilberforce, who campaigned vigorously for the ending of the transatlantic slave trade in 1807, which ultimately paved the way for the abolition of slavery itself throughout the entire British Empire in 1833.

I am often asked what would be the campaigns Wilberforce would be fighting if he were alive in 21st century Britain. I believe that there would be a number of different issues among them human trafficking and the scourge of drugs. But almost certainly at the top of the list, would be the issue of abortion.

As the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill comes before Parliament over the next few weeks, the opportunity presents itself to amend the Abortion Act. With the number of abortions having reached 200,000 per year in the UK alone, the time is right to tighten up the law that was designed to protect women by ending illegal abortion, but never to allow such a high degree of deprived life.

There are great similarities between the status of the fetus and the status of African slaves two centuries ago. Slaves were considered a commodity to do with whatever the vested interests of the day decided.

Today, in our desire to play God in our embryology experimentation, with all its' unfulfilled promises of miracle cures, and our decision to abort unwanted children, we are no better than those slave traders who put their interests and world view higher than they placed the sanctity and value of

human life.

Most people at the time didn't believe the evil of slavery could ever be defeated, as so much of the economy at the time was dependent on the trade. It's easy for us to think that is the case today with abortion, but I believe William Wilberforce would not take such a view.

Whilst our hearts go out to those who have chosen abortion, there should now be much greater emphasis on the alternatives that exist. Many of us would like to see far more support to those who have made such a significant and difficult decision but whilst we recognize the trauma many women have gone through, we also have a duty to 'Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves' (Proverbs 31).

The Psalmist says 'My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.'

With abortions in the UK reaching 600 a day, it seems to me that the 'secret place', is one of the most dangerous places to be in modern day Britain.

As with my great ancestor, the battle took many years, even decades. But now, with the passage of time we look back in horror at how we devalued human life. I truly believe we will look back in years to come, repent and ask forgiveness for what we let happen to the unborn child.

There is something deeply depressing about a society in which abortion is so easy, yet alternatives such as adoption are made to appear so difficult.

Jose de Jesus Meza, a Knight Since 1981
Has Served Council 5300 for Many Events

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



Jose de Jesus Meza has held the position of Outside Guard for the Knights of Columbus for many of his 27 years as a member of Council 5300.

His service at this post could be a record for any Brother for any Goleta Valley KC office.

Brother Lawrence L. Stigney was his sponsor back on October 12, 1981 and in rapid succession, Jose became a 2nd Degree on Nov. 9 and 3rd Degree on Nov. 15. On July 20, 1985, Jose became a 4th Degree member.

Jose explained, "The reason I decided to join the Knights of Columbus was that I always wanted to be active in helping others." He added, "And the best thing about being a member is you work together as a unit to reach a goal. I enjoy helping at all the picnics, breakfasts, dinners and other KC socials."

The native of Toluca, Mexico would like to see the Knights of Columbus attract more young men as new members by doing events that they like. Jose exclaimed, "Younger men would discover that the Knights of Columbus is a good organization, it helps you and the family and the community."

Jose has sponsored three men in becoming Knights. They were Jerome Becker, 1986, Luis Parfecto, 1989 and Robert Znovena, 2000.

KC events that stand out as cherished remembrances never to be forgotten include the former Friday night BINGO parties, the monthly Sunday breakfasts and the yearly Coke Booth during Fiesta Days.

Jose was a member of St. Raphael's Parish from 1960-1964 and then joined Our Lady of Sorrows in 1965 after marrying Maria Rebeca Franco on July 25, 1965 at Senor de la Ascension Church in Teuchitlan, Mexico by Rev. Jose de Jesus Garcia. They first met while working at Cottage Hospital in 1961.

One of nine children born to Francisco and Josefina Aceves Meza in Mexico, Jose's brothers include Pedro, Francisco, Adolfo and Gabriel and sisters are Socorro, Dolores, Carmen and Teresa.

Jose was born on January 2, 1939. Reflecting on his youthful days, Jose stated, "At the age of 15, I went on vacation with the family to Guadalajara and while we were there, my aunt, a nun, asked us if we were interested in the priesthood or convent and I said that I was interested; so she arranged it for me and I entered the seminary. I was there for two years." He added, "My wife's cousin was the Rector at the Seminary but I didn't know Maria until

six years later and, on July 25, 1965, her cousin, the priest married us."

Maria was born in Teuchitlan, Jalisco, Mexico. Her siblings include Jose Miguel, Guadalupe, Beatriz and Margarita.

Jose and Maria are proud parents of daughter Paula Beatriz Maddux and her husband Brian and the two grandchildren, Christopher, 13 and Becky, 11. Maria has worked as a caregiver, cooking and cleaning house.

Before moving to Goleta from Guadalajara, Jose served with the Mexican Army. Soon after, he was a member of the U.S. Navy from 1958-1962 stationed in San Diego.

His education started in 1949 at Vista Del Mar, later Santa Ynez High School, SBCC and Adult Education classes.

Over the years, Jose has worked at Cottage Hospital, PS&S, BFI Trash Co., Delco Systems Electronics, gardening and as a chauffeur in Hope Ranch.

Three priests who have been extra-special to Jose and Maria were Rev. Jeffrey Newell at St. Raphael's and Rev. Luis Quihuis and Rev. Martin Brewer at Our Lady of Sorrows.

The couple enjoy traveling to Mexico, driving to Guadalajara, Teuchitlan, Mexicali, San Agustin, Puebla, Auhululco, Etzatlan, Morelia and other places.

Other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Birria de Chivo;
- Favorite meal Maria prepares: Albondigas and Espinazo en mole;
- Favorite meal Jose prepares: Roast shoulder pork;
- Favorite local restaurant: Most of the Mexican restaurants;
- Favorite book: Don Quixote de la Mancha;
- Favorite movie of all time: Nosotros los Pobres;
- Favorite TV program: Chespirito;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Futbol Mexicano;
- Favorite travel destination: Mexico;
- Favorite hobby: Gardening;
- Favorite community involvements: Casa de la Raza and Legal Defense Center;

- One word to describe us at Church: Friendly;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Brotherhood;
- One word to describe St. Raphael's: Friendly;
- Growing up, I always thought I'd be a: Priest;
- My parents were right when they told me: To Respect;
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Taking care of my wife and daughter and giving them the best things that I could.
- Advice to youngsters: Obey your parents;
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: health, peace in the world and more time to travel.

(Grand Knight's Rpt, continued from page 1)

Grant this through Christ our Lord Jesus.”

There is nothing which unites a family more than the presence of a loving and caring mother. God certainly knew this when he chose Mary, from the unknown town of Nazareth in Galilee, to be the mother of his son made flesh. She would be the first teacher of love and compassion of the God-made-man for us. Jesus was certainly very aware of the unifying power of a mother when, as the final act of his earthly life, he gave her to us to be our mother.

The earliest followers of Jesus certainly experienced this unifying power when after the Ascension they were gathered in prayer around Mary, the mother of Jesus, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. And it is amazing how in moments of great historical crisis, Mary has appeared once again to usher in the healing, liberating, unifying and saving presence of her Son.

What was formed in the womb of Mary would be the very beginning of the new creation of love and justice, of honesty and sincerity, of mercy and forgiveness. It would be the beginning of the new family, wherein all would recognize the fundamental dignity and value of each other as creatures of the one Creator, children of the one God.

Our Brother Knights continued the momentum of activities for the month of April. These included the Pancake Breakfast and St. Raphael's School Fundraiser Auction in which the Knights of

Columbus donated a BBQ Dinner for 25 to 35 People that took place on April 19, 2008. The schools made over \$800 from this event. A BIG THANK YOU! to Jim Bradbury and Chris Arnoult and their team of volunteers for taking care of this BBQ Dinner.

I welcome the new members that joined our Council on April 14, 2008: Mauricio Cuevas, Leonardo Curti, Mathew Drammer, Patrick Donohoe, Andrew Nguyen, Dr Roberto Pacheco and Abel Salcedo. Brothers, together we will continue serving the less fortunate by giving of our talents and gifts that God gave us. We follow Jesus' steps by obeying His command of Serving. I invite you to follow your heart and determine how you can use your gifts and talents to be an active participant in our Council. Thank you to our membership Director Sam Alfano and his team of recruiters and the First Degree team for a job well done.

Thank you to Brother Don Aubrey and Bernie Jochum for chairing the PGK social. This was a worthy event for recognizing the legacy of PAST GRAND KNIGHTS as we celebrate our 45th anniversary of our Goleta Valley Council 5300.

Congratulations to the Family of the Month Paul and Evelina Curzan, and to the Knight of the Month John Peyton. I am very grateful to them and the team of volunteers that made these events possible (Michael and Mirtha Donovan, Esteban Valenzuela, Joe Bauer, Rafael Cardenas and Connie Allen, John Kestel, Mark Vampola, Tim Hogan, Felix Sanchez, Jose Meza and Maria Cabrera).

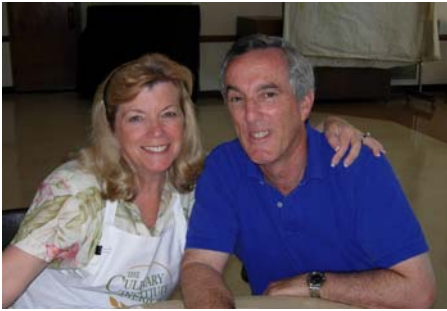
Note: I would like to recognize and thank our District Deputy Stephen Schlesselmann for all the work he has been doing in keeping us informed of what is going on at the State and Supreme level and especially for taking the lead on editing the Knightline and for being at most of our events and taking pictures. These pictures are the ones you enjoy in the photo gallery of our newsletter. Pictures give a good summary of our events. THANK YOU! Steve.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

John Peyton

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



The Knight of the Month title for May, 2008 goes to John Peyton.

I have seen John Peyton and his fiancée Cindy Bennet active in the Council for a long time. This selection as the Knight of the Month is way over due. For several years, John has coordinated the youth group servers during the Clergy appreciation dinners. He was a member of the planning committee for the January 30, 2008 Clergy Appreciation Dinner. This event takes careful planning and the execution is critical. This was a successful event thanks to John's experience with planning and executing the event.

John has this event down to a science. He works well with people and is well respected with the youth. They just come through for him; his leadership is evidenced by how smoothly things flow.

John and Cindy have a high level of commitment to the Council. This commitment is the type of fabric that is great to show to new members. John & Cindy are great mentors to the new Knights and their families. They can easily show someone what to do and how to get things done the simple and efficient way. John has been in charge of several Pancake Breakfast events and works behind the scenes for the Fish Fries. It is wonderful to see how John and Cindy make the events go on without a hitch.

It is a pleasure and honor to select John as the Knight of the Month. Congratulations John for earning the title of Knight of the Month for May, 2008. A big **Thank You** to his fiancée Cindy for all the love and support that she gives him. You both are a great team and I am looking forward to

continue working with you in the near future. God bless you both and good luck with the wedding plans.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Paul & Evelina Curzan

By Francisco Cabrera, Grand Knight



The Family of the month title for May, 2008 goes to Paul and Evelina Curzan.

Paul and his wife, Evelina, took the responsibility of assisting in a BIG WAY during all the Pancake Breakfasts and the six Fish Fries during the Lenten season. They arrived early to set up the hall and to have everything ready. Paul set -up the cashier table to collect the money and kept the accounting on the tickets sold. He also set the background CD music to create a nice ambiance during the event. For one of the Fish Fries, Paul was instrumental in inviting the Blest and Broken singing group. Paul also contacted our parish administrator to make sure our bulletin announcements were in on time. Evelina set up the tables with all the condiments necessary so that people could serve themselves and keep the lines moving efficiently. All of this took time and effort and dedication. Paul and Evelina's contributions were greatly appreciated. They always make people feel welcome and the key feature especially with Evelina is her cheerfulness, "SERVICE WITH A SMILE". This attitude is priceless.

The Council is very fortunate to have such dedicated and committed families like Paul and Evelina. They are a prime example of what it means to SERVE OTHERS. As a Grand Knight, I am very pleased and honored to have families like Paul and Evelina that carry on the theme of SERVING OTHERS. As you may know already,

we had a very successful Fish Fry event. We broke the record of Fish Fry dinners sold (219 and 217 respectively).

Paul and Evelina are always there at the Pancake Breakfasts and other Social events. Evelina takes the lead assisting with the decorations of the Hall. She has the vision and, before you know it, the hall looks marvelous. Evelina was in charge of decorating the Hall for the Past Grand Knights' Social on April 28, 2008 and she came up with good ideas.

I knew that taking on the role of Grand Knight was going to be a lot of work; a year full of activities and events related to raising funds to help the less fortunate plus all the leadership required to keep a healthy Council. This year was certainly a personal challenge. These challenges were met with the great commitment that all the members and their families provided to the Council when they volunteered to make a difference by being active participants. Paul and Evelina have shown this commitment. This commitment from all the members and active participants is what has made my job as a Grand Knight very easy. I am so honored to be part of such premier organization.

Thus, it is with pleasure I dedicate the month of May to be their Month. Congratulations Paul and Evelina for being such a good role models to all the members of the Council. See the photo gallery pictures at the end of the Knightline.

(Program Director's Rpt continued from page 2)

We as a council have been seeking new members who are going to continue the great work we all know is done by the Knights of Columbus. It's no secret the average age of the council is increasing and younger members are desirable. It is also my opinion that we need the experience and knowledge of all the veteran members to guide us through the process of the degrees, to help us grow the programs and to help us understand the spiritual connection we share as brother Knights.

Come back and share what you know as we grow. We are your Brothers and we will work together with God's love to continue the great work together that you started.

Be Proud of Being Catholic

(Excerpts of an article written by Sam Miller, prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman - NOT Catholic)

Submitted by Dee Lynd

Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church? Do you know - the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to your Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. Your graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%, all at a cost to you. To the rest of the Americans it's free. The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U.S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students. The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people - not just Catholics - in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage. Let me give you some figures that you as Catholics should know and remember. For example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8 % of clergywomen reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic Problem. A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the

Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now. Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: "Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls". Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions. Be proud that you're a Catholic.

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From Zenit.org

Move Forward in Hope, Urges Pontiff

Celebrates Bicentennial of 1st US Archdiocese

NEW YORK, APRIL 20, 2008 (Zenit.org).- Build a future of hope, Benedict XVI told the Church in the United States on the last day of his apostolic trip to the country.

Speaking to more than 58,000 people gathered in Yankee's Stadium for the last major event of his five-day visit, the Pope recalled the bicentennial this month of the creation of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

"Today," he said, "we recall the bicentennial of a watershed in the history of the Church in the United States: its first great chapter of growth."

Cardinal Edward Egan, archbishop of New York, was on hand to greet Benedict XVI, and to thank him on behalf of the Church in the United States for the Pontiff's visit.

The cardinal recalled, "200 years ago this month, your wise and heroic predecessor of happy memory, Pope Pius VII, elevated the Diocese of Baltimore, the only diocese in the nation at the time, to the dignity of an archdiocese."

Along with the elevation of Baltimore to an archdiocese, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Bardonia, which is now Louisville, were all created as dioceses.

"Our celebration today is also a sign of the impressive growth which God has given to the Church in your country in the past two hundred years," Benedict XVI said. "From a small flock [...] the Church in America has been built up in fidelity to the twin commandment of love of God and love of neighbor.

"In this land of freedom and opportunity, the Church has united a widely diverse flock in the profession of the faith and, through her many educational, charitable and social works, has also contributed significantly to the growth of American society as a whole."

Unity

The Pontiff spoke of the "linguistic and cultural tensions" that posed a challenge for the first apostles, and said the success of the Early Church demonstrated "the power of the word of God, authoritatively proclaimed by the Apostles and received in faith, to create a unity which transcends the divisions arising from human limitations and weakness."

He continued: "Here we are reminded of a fundamental truth: That the Church's unity has no other basis than the Word of God, made flesh in Christ Jesus our Lord.

"All external signs of identity, all structures, associations and programs, valuable or even essential as they may be, ultimately exist only to support and foster the deeper unity which, in Christ, is God's indefectible gift to his Church."

"In these 200 years," the Pope continued, "the face of the Catholic community in your country has changed greatly. We think of the successive waves of immigrants whose traditions have so enriched the Church in America.

"We think of the strong faith which built up the network of churches, educational, healthcare and social institutions which have long been the hallmark of the Church in this land.

"We think also of those countless fathers and mothers who passed on the faith to their children, the steady ministry of the many priests who devoted their lives to the care of souls, and the incalculable contribution made by so many men and women religious, who not only taught generations of children how to read and write, but also inspired in

them a lifelong desire to know God, to love him and to serve him."

ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNCIL 5300 LIST OF OFFICER CANDIDATES, COLUMBIAN YEAR 2008-2009

Grand Knight	Daniel Knauss
Deputy Grand Knight	William McLafferty
Chancellor	Mark Vampola
Recorder	Brad Bowen
Treasurer	Joe Darga
Advocate	Ed Barrier
Warden	Tim Hogan
Inside Guard	Raphael Cardenas
Outside Guard	Jose Meza
Trustee for Three Years	Francisco Cabrera
Trustee for Two Years	Stephen Schlesselmann
Trustee for One Year	Chris Arnoult



On April 14, Council 5300 accepted 7 new Brother Knights into our Order. Pictured (from left to right) are: Brothers Patrick Donohoe, Mauricio Cuevas, Matthew Drammer, Leonardo Curti, Andrew Nguyen, Abel Salcedo and Dr. Robert Pacheco. Congratulations, Brother Knights!



On April 30, 11 Brother Knights took their 2nd degree in a very impressive ceremony at Council 750 in Oxnard. There were 3 Brother Knights from District 61 – Dick Temple (Council 5300), Mauricio Cuevas (Council 5300) and Fr. Francis Baykor (Council 10067). Congratulations, Brother Knights!

May Birthdays

Carlos Cohen	05/04
Isidro Muro	05/06
Albert S. Moriarty, Jr.	05/08
Paul E. Christiansen	05/09
Paul F. Strittmatter	05/12
Ricardo A. Roberto	05/12
Frank J. Pineda	05/13
George M. Romich	05/13
Francis J. Donohoe, Jr.	05/18
Roy K. Fong	05/18
Wyatt K. Claxton	05/20
Andrew L. Nguyen	05/20
Artemio Garcia	05/25

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Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month.
Thank you.



Memorial Day Picnic

Monday May 26, 2008

Tucker's Grove Park
(Area 5 – near Kiwanis Meadows)

For Knights of Columbus Members and their Guests

Tri-tip, chicken, beans, salad, garlic bread and dessert
Salsa, chips and beverages

Adults: \$7.00

Children (under 12): \$3.00

Social time begins at 1:30 PM
Dinner will be served at 4:00 PM

50/50 Raffle

Limited (non-reserved) Parking

Enter the park, turn right and drive to the farthest parking
lot - the one past the creek

*Notes: Please call Felix Sanchez (964-3398) if you can help set up
No White Elephant Gifts Needed
No Fruit Salad Ingredients Needed*

PHOTO GALLERY

Pancake Breakfast/Our Lady of Guadalupe Confirmation, April 13, 2008

First Degree Presentation, April 14, 2008

St. Raphael's Confirmation Luncheon, April 19, 2008



GK Francisco Cabrera, his wife, Maria, DD Stephen Schlesselmann and several parishioners enjoy the pancake breakfast.



Brother Tim Hogan scrambles the eggs.



SK Francisco Cabrera, Jack Turney, Jose Meza, Paul Coyne, Rafael Cardenas, Stephen Schlesselmann and Hal Thompson pose for their picture in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.



GK Francisco Cabrera presents Brother Dick Temple with his First Degree certificate at the April 14 Business Meeting (Brother Dick took his first degree in January, 2008).



SK Francisco Cabrera, Ed Page and Al Meckelborg at the St. Raphael's confirmation luncheon.



Various parishioners including Deacon Steve Montross and His Excellency, Bishop Thomas Curry, enjoy their meal at the luncheon.

St. Raphael's Confirmation, April 19, 2008
4th Degree Assembly Meeting, April 21, 2008
St. Joseph's (Carpinteria) Confirmation, April 27, 2008
Prior Grand Knight's Party, April 28, 2008



The Color Corps poses for their picture with Fr. Dan Barica at St. Raphael's confirmation.



Faithful Navigator, Cherif Khoury with El Presidente Tim Taylor at the 4th Degree meeting of April 21.



The Color Corps at St. Joseph's Confirmation (SK Stephen Schlesselmann, Francisco Cabrera, Al Meckelborg, Ed Page and Mike Donovan).



Another picture of the Color Corps (SK Paul Coyne, Bill McLafferty, Cherif Khoury, Jack Turney, Jose Meza and Rafael Cardenas).



Cathy Wengler, Judy Connors, PGK Bob Montgomery and his wife, Millie, at the PGK party.



Brothers Dr. Robert Pacheco, David Farebrother and his wife, Marta and Chris Arnoult pose for their picture.

Prior Grand Knight's Party (cont), April 28, 2008



Brother Larry Torres, his wife, Melinda, Olivia Dodero and Gloria Merrigan enjoy their meal.



PGK Bill McNamara, Chawa Ramirez, Janet Page, PGK Tom Puerling, Kay Donohoe, Ria Van Son and Joanne Andersson pose for their picture.



PGK Rich and Ginny Scholl, Brother Jack Turney, Brother Bill Fuhrer, PGK Mike & Mirtha Donovan at the dinner.



From left to right: PGK Tom Puerling, PGK Bill McNamara, Elaine McNamara, Maria Cabrera, Judy Klinge, PGK Brian Klinge and Lucille Aubrey.



The CoChairs of the PGK party – PGK Don Aubrey and Bernie Jochum with GK Francisco Cabrera.



The volunteers led by Brother Sam Alfano, pose for their picture.

Photos by Francisco & Maria Cabrera/Stephen Schlesselmann/others

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