

# The Knightly News

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## COUNSEL FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



As we approach the Advent Season we look to deepening our faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ. This requires a special effort to spend time in prayer and meditation. When we review any week gone by, we realize the days slip away in activities that are not always God-centered. In fact, prayer sometimes gets postponed because of a very busy life. So, reminders are so important to bring us back to the source of all life and strength. As the days of November and December become part of us, let's renew our commitment to prayer and good works. As Knights we have constant reminders through meetings and service about our need to reflect and pray.

May the months ahead help us to deepen our life in the Lord.

I'm most grateful to the spirit our Council brought to our Hospitality Sunday and the Golf Tournament. Both events were so successful and St. Michael's became a better parish by your generous service.

God's blessings,  
Msgr. Neal

## VOTE

## FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

The hard part is over. October is the busiest time of year for our council due to multiple major events to support. This month we had the MR Drive, Golf Tournament, and Pro-Life walk, in addition to selling Entertainment books and Christmas cards.

I do notice, however, that over the years we get the same volunteers contributing their time and effort to the activities of our council. Although we have chairmen who are very capable of handling these events, their success is based upon the support we receive from our membership. I realize many of you are busy with a multitude of responsibilities, such as raising a family, working, teaching CCD, coaching your children's sports teams, etc., however, there are many other ways for you to support the council and the church for a minimal amount of time.

The annual picnic, 4th of July parade, pizza night out, MR Drive, Pro-Life walk, Christmas caroling at the senior centers are wonderful ways to support your council while spending time with your family. If you can't attend some of these functions, you can always show your support by purchasing the items we sell or by simply wearing your council badge to church.

Please continue to keep the council updated on your personal information. If you don't have a badge, let me know 675-3078.

Fraternally,  
**Dennis Bammann, GK**

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## Swing for the Kids

The annual Swing for the Kids golf tournament has just concluded and it was a great success.

The many months of negotiations and preparation by the golf committee have paid off. The golf course location was convenient for most of the people attending since it was right in Carmel Mountain Ranch. The dinner afterwards was delicious, set in an elegant, but comfortable room. The event was flawless.

A special thanks goes to Skip Sharp and all those who have contributed, John Woll, Ben Polis, Hugh Largey, Tom Drzewiecki, John Giltner, Matt Feiner, Michael Burr, John Pumper, Daniel Chadkecz, Brian Dolejs and Bob Pratt. You all handled it like pros. Everyone I spoke to had a fantastic time.

Fraternally,  
**Dennis Bammann GK**

# VOTE

## A Minute with the Membership Director

I really miss not attending our council meetings, but as some of you know the councils at St. Gabriel and Our Lady of Mount Carmel meet on the same night. As District Deputy I need to visit all councils in my district at least once a quarter. Our Grand Knight Dennis Bammann and

I talk frequently and I am fully aware of the great things you are doing. Our business meetings on the first Wednesday of the month are for **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**. The meetings run about an hour and there is always refreshments afterwards prepared by Ken Herbenar and John Pumper. These meetings are set up so **WE** can **ALL** meet each other and start to bond as Catholic gentlemen in work and in fun.

The council First degree team held another fabulous Degree on Monday October 12, 2004. They brought in twelve members to the Order. One from Santa Maria Valley council in Ramona, three from Valley of the Angels council in Rancho Bernardo, one from San Diego Council in Kearney Mesa, one from Master Dei council in El Cajon, two from Our Mother of Confidence in University City, one from Holy Family of the Valley council in Valley Center and two from St. Michael's council in Poway. Yes we did it again. Two new members join our council. **Douglas Henson** is interested in pro life and **Michael Pearson** wants to contribute to the Church and Community. Committee chairman need to contact them and get them involved.

**John Giltner, PGK**

## Chapter Chatter

**Minutes of the San Diego Diocese Chapter meeting, October 15, 2004 at St. James the Greater Council 12749 in Solana Beach**

### Chapter President Abe Doliente called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Chapter Chaplain Fr. Vincent Lorenz led the opening prayer. FN Frank Durazo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Chapter President's Report – Abe Doliente:** I would like to thank all those who participated in our chapter picnic last September 25<sup>th</sup>. The participants came from 8 councils and 5 Assemblies. We had a total of 83 people there. Everyone who was there had a great time. Thank you Fr. Lorenz for your great idea.

Our first Membership Drive required by the State for this Columbian year went well. Most of the councils participated and brought in many new members. Joe Proctor, our Membership Director will have the numbers for you later. The Third

Degree last month went well. We had 98 candidates and everyone enjoyed the degree as well as the food. Thank you brothers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 13007. You were excellent hosts.

This coming weekend is our annual M – R Drive. I hope you are all prepared. Worthy District Deputies, I want to remind you of the challenge that you took with you when you were sworn in as District Deputies. Remember that you resolved to have 100% participation in the M – R Drive and that you will get a plaque at the DD’s breakfast meeting during the State Convention. Let me remind you to have all your councils participate either by running a drive or making a reasonable donation and make sure that everyone has their documentation and funds into the Foundation **no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Worthy DD’s all of you can do it. Our M-R Chairman Larry Campitiello will have more details later.

The Round Table program in the chapter needs to catch up with the state. We only have 8 Round Tables so far. We still have a lot of parishes not accounted for. Worthy District Deputies, let us ask our Grand Knights to send in that Form 2629.

At the end of this month, you will be getting a mailing for Chapter Charities. This is their annual Christmas appeal. Inside the envelope will be sheet of Christmas seals and a return envelope for your donation. Please give this a priority. Remember all proceeds from the Christmas appeal will be distributed to a Charity at the January State Deputy’s Testimonial dinner. Over the last few years, we have given over \$11,000 each time. Let us try to beat that mark this year. With all your help, we can do it.

Let us start talking about the State Testimonial Dinner. This will take place on Saturday, January 22. We, the officers have not finalized the details yet. Brother Ernie Cruz, our Special Events Coordinator is working very hard to be able to present a very nice package for all of us before the end of this month.

Last year, two of our District Deputies worked very hard. Because of all the hard work that they did, I am very happy to present tonight their plaques for Star District. The recipients for last Columbian year are **District Deputy William E. Monroe, DD 103 and District Deputy John**

**Giltner, DD 104.** At this time next year, I expect thirteen District Deputies to be receiving their plaques. It can be done brothers. Just ask Brother Bill and Brother John.

#### **Chaplain’s Message - Fr. Vincent Lorenz:**

#### **MONTHLY COMMENTARY ABOUT SUNDAY GOSPEL**

What is your view of God?

Do you think Him as an unjust judge?

Do you think you must flatter Him into caring for you?

How easy it is for us to misunderstand the way God works!

How quickly we develop false perceptions based on the way we interpreted the events in our lives. Yet the truth still stands that our God is loving and just.

It can be difficult to abandon our cares to God. We cannot expect to understand why and how God chooses to answer our prayers – we do not know His divine purposes. But we can look to Jesus to show us the way to trust and obedience; Jesus fully turned His life over to God. Even in the midst of tremendous physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering, he embraced God’s will. As a result, He was raised up and exalted to the highest place in heaven.

*“Father, forgive us when we entertain thoughts that you are unjust or unloving toward us. We are weak and cannot understand your ways. Help us in our weakness – strengthen us as we persist in our prayer.” Amen*

#### **Treasurer’s Report – Jack O’Rourke:**

Starting checkbook balance, August 31, 2004 - \$7,863.76, Receipts - \$342.73, Expenses - (\$190.26), Ending checkbook balance, September 30, 2004 - \$8016.23.

**Secretary’s Report – John Giltner:** Read voucher numbers 1873 for \$500.00 for Mater Dolorosa, 1874 – void, 1875 for \$85.63 for printing of September Bulletin, 1876 for \$100.00 for rental of picnic ground, at Mission San Antonio de Pala, 1877 for \$82.20 for printing of October Bulletin, 1878 for \$300.00 for bulk postage and 1879 for \$60.55 for the purchase of prayer cards.

**Vice President/Program Director – Frank Contreras:** called on chapter chairmen and directors for their reports.

**PCP Al Koenig – Adoration and Columbian Retirement Homes:** At present I am still looking for results from three councils; 6031, 7069 and 1143 for the sweepstake tickets for the football pool. All other councils have participated. Participation went very well. Keep up the good work.

**PCP John Moore – Vocations, Parades and Christmas Cards:** Attendance for the Feast Day Mass for Saint Padre Pio at the Immaculata was poor. We were almost outnumbered by the bishops. There were seven Knights in colors and four bishops.

Veteran's Day Parade – Thursday – November 11, 2004. Assemble at the County Administration Building on Harbor Drive. Be in position by 10:30 a.m. Parade steps off at 11:00 a.m. For this parade we will need nine Knights to carry flags. This parade will be unique, it is dedicated to three war veterans. There will be about 10 or 15 Co-Grand Marshals. Each Co-Marshall will be listed as a three-war veteran.

Some good news on the Christmas Cards. I spoke with the Chaplain at MCAS Miramar about sending Christmas cards to our troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait so they would have something to mail back to their families. Father thought it was a great idea. Goal is to send 20,000 cards. Every council and assembly is invited to join us. If you want to send a specific card, send me the cash and tell me what you want. If you are not particular about which card to send, just send us the money. Make check payable to K of C Code 260. Write "Sandbox" in the memo line to identify that the funds are for Christmas cards for our troops. Need to get the cards to the Chaplain before November 1, 2004.

**PCP Joe Proctor – Membership:** The Council Status Chart is in the back. If you want the numbers to change, as soon as you hold that First Degree, please remind the Financial Secretary to mail the Form 100s to the Supreme office and the Insurance Field Agent. Too often the Financial Secretaries hold the Form 100s one, two or three weeks. They should go out the very next day after the degree. So look at the board and take the

information back to your council. Thank you for your efforts in membership. Our September drive netted 591 prospects and 190 Form 100s signed. Only 39 councils participated. Let us hold the drives on the dates set by the state. I know you are holding degrees. Next month the status board will look a lot better.

**PCP Bernie Gardner – Essay Chairman:** By now, I imagine that all councils are aware of the theme changes for this year's Essay Contest. I have a handout for each Grand Knight or his representative just in case. There are not enough copies for everyone here tonight so please limit it to one copy per council.

By now the Council Chairmen should have identified the individuals from the schools and CCD programs with whom they will be working this year. All this information as well as the entry forms is readily available in Section "C" of the Grand Knights Handbook. A copy of the Entry Blank is also located in that section. If you have not as yet made contact with your Parish school or CCD program, I urge you to do so soon in order for those involved to start making their preparations. If we just follow the guidelines as set forth in the handbook, everything should run smoothly. Just please be sure to notify all involved of the changes in the Topics. Thank you and I hope you all have a successful contest.

**Joe Valdez – Scholarship:** There are 12 scholarships up for grabs. I have application with me tonight. They are also printed on pages E-12 and E-13 of the Grand Knight's Handbook.

**Jerry Balistreri - Bereavement Chairman:** I received the names of deceased brothers for the last 5 years from Supreme. I ask all council to provide me a list of all deceased brothers from your council since they were chartered. I need to add them to the Book of Necrology so they can be included in our prayer services.

**PSD Joseph P. Schultz - Supreme Director and Supreme Master of the Fourth Degree:** I visited Poland recently and I was deeply impressed the Faith expressed by the Polish people who now have the right of religious expression. I visited Auschwitz Concentration Camp and saw the emotional reaction of a Jewish youth group and Catholic youth group dealing with the terrible things that happened there. I also visited the Black

Madonna on a rainy Sunday afternoon. The chapel was standing room only. We were taken to the chapel where the statue of the Black Madonna is hanging. Next to Madonna is a white cloth of some sort. A Polish Priest explained it was the white stole Pope John Paul II wore when he was shot. It still had the blood on it. This was a 2:00 p.m. Mass. A local Priest told me on Sundays we have our main Mass at 11:00 a.m. and we hold it outside. Today because of the rain we only had 50,000 at the 11:00 Mass. 50,000 for one Mass and they hold a Mass every hour. I sometimes think we take our religion for granted. They hold Mass every hour, everyday of the week and they are all crowded. On Tuesday we visited the Shrine of Divine Mercy. We saw the original painting of the Divine Mercy. We saw the three places where Sister Faustina had her apparitions. We attended Mass at the new shrine. It was absolutely packed. Tuesday, late morning 900 people at mass. We went back at 3:00 p.m. for to Divine Mercy Prayer Service and were lucky our seats were reserved, because it was again packed. The faith of those people is just so heartening

(Editor's note: Words do not give these comments justice. You do not experience the emotion and enthusiasm that were displayed. I encourage all Grand Knights and Chapter Delegates to attend the Chapter meetings and hear this dedicated Knight speak)

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** Larry Campitiello made a motion to purchase Christmas Cards for our troops. Al Koenig seconded it. After some discussion, an amendment and some additional discussion, the motion was approved to purchase four cases of Christmas Cards at a cost of \$480.00.

**Ron Nowak - Insurance Field Agent:** The money we donate to support the \$500,000 to enlarge the center at the Divine Mercy Shrine does not come from our dues but because some of us support our insurance programs. Not in a minimal way, but in a meaningful, relative way. Look at this month's Columbia Magazine, it is the Annual Report of the Supreme Knight. In the discussion regarding membership I would like to quote a short paragraph from his remarks, "The Shinning Armor incentive program is also working. A new Knight becomes a Knight in shinning armor when he gets active immediately in the life of the council, in both charitable projects and recruitment. This has become a proven way to get a new Knight

involved in the "experience of a lifetime" and helps guarantee that he will not let his membership lapse". If you are not using the Shinning Armor Award Program, talk to your District Deputy, talk to your Insurance Field Agent. Find out more about it and implement it. It will do wonders for your recruitment. The councils I work with had successful recruitment drives. If your council is not doing it, again talk to your District Deputy and your Insurance Field Agent. Find out what you can do and what we can do to help you. Every council that has not held a long-term care seminar or a living trust seminar, we can arrange this for you. It is another service we provide.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

Recorded by

***John Giltner PGK, DD***

**VOTE**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

THE COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

I was asked to serve as Christmas card chairman this year. I received four cases of the beautiful Knights of Columbus Christmas cards and want to get an early start. Actually, I want to get them out of my dinning room. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year for funds that support our general fund. The council needs the help of every member. There are brochures in the knight's room and in my car. When you are at the October meeting please pick up a couple or when you see me, ask for some. Show them to your relatives, friends, neighbors and co-workers. The cards are of great quality and are very inexpensive compared to what you will find in department stores. That is, if you can find religious cards in department stores. These cards express the true meaning of Christmas and help us to evangelize. IF YOUR BUSINESS SENDS OUT CHRISTMAS CARDS, BUY THEM FROM THE COUNCIL. Call me if you have any questions at 673-7397.

***John Giltner, PGK***

## **Hospitality Breakfast**

### **ANOTHER ROUSING SUCCESS!!**

I believe the September 26<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Breakfast set new records for our council. It was given one of the shortest notices ever (barely 2 weeks), it was planned & setup in the same short time, and it provided one of---if not THE---largest profits of any of our breakfasts, just under \$400.00.

As usual for our council, that record was set by the tremendous efforts of the crew. Once again, Paul Zeltner manned the grill, Bob Pratt provided a culinary masterpiece, and Tom Drzewiecki worked tirelessly before, during and after the breakfast doing most of the cleanup himself.

Others provided the much needed support with setup, cooking, serving, refilling the serving pans, cleanup, etc. and my heartfelt thanks goes out to all of you.

*Vern Snyder, SK*

## **VOTE**

In case you haven't heard we have an election coming up on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. (I left a few [not so] "subtle" messages in the newsletter.) I believe voting is a right we can ONLY protect by USING it. It also happens to be a Knight's Patriotic duty.

We live in a day when God is being systematically ripped out of every phase of American society from courthouses to the Pledge Of Allegiance to State Symbols. A day when moral and religious beliefs are ridiculed. A day when our religious leaders are ignored and life has little or no value.

Many times our own Constitution is used as the basis for these attacks so I think it significant to remember the words of John Adams I found in the Knights to Christ, Daily Devotions, page 294:

***“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”***

We as Knights should be leading our Parish---**indeed our society**---back to being “a moral and religious people.”

*Vern Snyder, SK*

## **VOTE**

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**September 28, 2004**

**Saint Michael's Knight's of Columbus, Council 11632**

**Poway Ca 92064**

**Dear Grand Knight and Council 11632**

**Special Friends Foundation would like to thank you for the donation of \$1,104.78 to Special Friends Foundation. Our residents are all developmentally delayed and really appreciate the money, which goes towards recreational activities. We have fun trips to Sea World and the Zoo. We have dinners out and sponsor activities for many disabled people in Poway through your donation. With the addition of our new home in Poway for girls, we now have two homes and serve 12 residents.**

**Thank you again for your support in helping us as we provide caring hearts and homes for these developmentally delayed young adults. We count you as a very special friend.**

**Sincerely,**

**Julie Chadwick  
Administrator, Special Friends Foundation**

**P.S. Pursuant to IRS Regulations regarding the tax deductibility of your gift, this statement reflects contributions only. No goods or services were provided by us in return for this contribution.**

# November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Council Meeting 7 P.M. Knights Room	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> First Degree 7:00 (6:30 Reg.) Knight's Room	<b>9</b> Assembly Meeting, San Rafael's	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Officer's Meeting 7 P.M., Knight's Room	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>** Newsletter Articles Due **</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

Supreme Knight	Carl Anderson
State Deputy	Robert Rodriguez
Chapter President	Avelino "Abe" Doliente
District Deputy	John Giltner
Insurance Agent	Jason Ward

Church Activities	Phil Sibayan
Columbian Retirement Home Council Activities	Michael Galasso
Council Admissions Committee	John Pumper Ken Herbenar Jack O'Rourke
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Outer Guard	Bob Pratt
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Trustee, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Hugh Largey, PGK
Trustee, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Jack O'Rourke, PGK
Lecturer	Michael Burr, PGK

Council Yearbook	OPEN
Electro- Communications	Sam Miller
Entertainment Books	Hugh Largey
Community Activities	Vern Snyder
Family Activities	Nick Herbka
Golf Committee	Terry Ford
Golf Committee	Skip Sharp
Membership Director MR Drive	John Giltner Vince Krolikowski
Newsletter Editor	Vern Snyder
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Photographer	Sal Cafiero
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Program Director	Skip Sharp
Public Relations	Bruce Koepke
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**COMMITTEE DIRECTORS AND  
CHAIRMEN**

Blood Drive	Mike Dunalp
Christmas Card Drive	John Giltner