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On April 9th, 7 new Brother Knights were accepted into our Order. They are from left to right: Esteban Valenzuela, Joe Salcedo, Isidro Muro, Ken Benn, Rodrigo Varela, Ruben Perez and Renato Moiso. Congratulations to all of our new Brother Knights! It's great to have all of you joining us!

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Stephen Schlesselmann, Grand Knight



A Spiritual Thought

The 2nd Degree of our Order focuses on Unity. As St. Josemaria de Balaguer states: "Among those around you, apostolic soul, you are the stone fallen into the lake. With your word and example, produce a first ripple... and it will produce another...and then another, and another... each time wider." (page 209 of the Way/Furrow/the Forge by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).

While I was at a recent 2nd Degree in Oxnard at Council 750 (April 19th), I had a chance to reflect at some length on this principle of Unity. Working alone, we accomplish very little. Working together we can accomplish great things. Over the next few months, there will be ample opportunity to show our Unity to the community. As has been mentioned in previous editions of the Knightline and in the parish bulletin, the Rosary Bowl will be held on May 19th. The organizers of the event hope to have 100,000 people at the Rose Bowl

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<u>Program Director's Report</u> By Francisco Cabrera, Deputy Grand Knight



Food for Thought:

In the month of May we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension and Mother's Day.

Feast of the Ascension



General understanding of the Christian doctrine of **Ascension** holds that <u>Jesus</u> bodily ascended to heaven in the presence of his <u>apostles</u>, following his <u>resurrection</u>. The term heaven is generally believed, by practicing Christians, as referring to a physical reunion with God the Father, as opposed to a spiritual transformation and experience of the Divine which is common to the mystical traditions of other world religions. It is narrated in <u>Mark 16:19</u>, <u>Luke 24:50-51</u>, <u>Acts 1:9-11</u>, and <u>Ephesians 4:7-13</u>. This is affirmed by Christian liturgy in the <u>Apostles' Creed</u> and the <u>Nicene Creed</u>.

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		May, 2007
05/04/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
05/07/07	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
05/13/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
05/13/07	Sunday	Mother's Day Orchids
05/14/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
05/17/07	Thursday	Feast of the Ascension
05/17/07	Thursday	State Convention in Ontario (until 05/20/07)
05/19/07	Saturday	Rosary Bowl, 6 PM (at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena)
05/28/07	Monday	Memorial Day Picnic
		June, 2007
06/01/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
06/04/07	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
06/10/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
06/11/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
06/17/07	Sunday	Father's Day Cards
06/27/07	Wednesday	Officer's Installation & Grand Knight's Party
		July, 2007
07/05/07	Wednesday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
07/07/07	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
07/09/07	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
07/10/07	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
07/28/07	Saturday	Coke Booth Setup
07/29/07	Sunday	Corporate Communion



Chancellor's Report Dan Knauss, Chancellor

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Brother Len Mooy; Deacon Fred Pelletier, Former Deputy Supreme Knight and Past State Deputy; Brother Ignacio Ramirez; Past Church Music Director Don Fitch; Walter Swiacki Jr, Son of PGK Walter Swiacki Sr.; Brother Mark Christman; Donna Riley, wife of Ken Riley; Ann Marie McBeth, daughter of PGK Max Keller; Shirley Giordano, wife of Jack Giordano; PGK Dick Hopper: May God grant them peace and comfort.

Please pray for Brother Knights who are ill or recovering from illness:

Flemming Andersson; Jesse Garcia; Fred Cota; George Romich; Don Benn; Daniel Bunke who is doing well and thanks the Knights for all their prayers; Fritz Cahill.

Other persons for whom prayers are requested:

Eleanor Cahill, wife of Fritz Cahill; Nancy Herrera; Patrick Donohoe, son of PGK Frank Donohoe; Ellen Velasco, granddaughter of Bruce Velasco; Theresa Meza, sister of Jose Meza; Michael T. McGrew, grandson of Tom Cordeiro; Barbara Vogel, mother of PGK John Vogel; Barbara Friedrich; the niece of PGK John Vogel; Bill Kestel, brother of John Kestel; Steve Schlesselmann's sister's family; Donna Abels, wife of Jim Abels; Larry Torres, Jr.(at home waiting for liver transplant), son of Larry Torres; Steve Schlesselmann's father; Cay Donohoe (heart surgery), wife of PGK Frank Donohoe; Coco Corcoran, wife of John Corcoran; Jim Bradbury's granddaughter.

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<u>Report of the 4th Degree</u> Bill McLafferty, Faithful Navigator

The last Ladies' Night Out for the 4th degree Knights and their Ladies was a great success. The highest attendance of the year was reached at this event and everyone had a good time. The food as prepared by Chefs Jim Bradbury and Jose Meza was excellent and plentiful. There were three varieties of wine on the tables and the entrée choices were rib-eye steak or teriyaki chicken. The social period lasted almost an hour before dinner was served. A presentation was made to Sir Knight Richard Bilski of his 50th year service pin and Sir Knight Brian Klinge received his cape from the assembly for service as Faithful Navigator. The entertainment was provided by a local barbershop quartet called "Quartet du Jour" which means "three people willing to sing with Brent Anderson." The singing was excellent and everyone seemed to enjoy the program. We were served by the excellent team of Paul and Evalina Curzan, Cindy Bennett, Ed Barrier, and our bartender, John Vogel. Thanks to all who helped put on this very special event.

Elections of officers for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year are coming up at the May dinner meeting on May 21, 2007. The slate of candidates was listed in the last Navigator and here they are again:

Faithful Navigator	SK Cherif Khoury
Faithful Captain	SK Richard Scholl
Faithful Pilot	SK Jacques Benoit
Faithful Admiral	SK William McLafferty
Faithful Comptroller	SK Paul Coyne, PFN
Faithful Scribe	SK Hal Thompson
Faithful Purser	SK Horace Schooter
Faithful Trustee III	SK Michael Donovan
Faithful Trustee II	SK Edmund Page
Faithful Trustee I	SK Brian Klinge
Faithful Inner Sentinel	SK Raphael Cardenas
Faithful Outer Sentinel	SK Jack Turney

Let's have a good turnout for the May meeting and select our leaders for the next year.



<u>Insurance Agent's Report</u> David Farebrother, Field Agent

Two Incomes Equals Two Insurance Needs

In the days of "Ozzie and Harriet," most families fit one description. Fathers worked full-time, while mothers remained home, raising the kids and taking care of the house. Today, while some families still fall into the traditional, one-paycheck category, many others rely on two incomes to make ends meet – even if one parent works part-time or from home.

The more things change, the more they remain the same. This maxim certainly holds true with life insurance planning. If someone earns an income to support a family, family-income protection through life insurance is of utmost importance.

As your Knights of Columbus agent, I'll be happy to provide a customized needs analysis for both of you. I'll take into consideration the amount and the sources of your income, and suggest different ways to provide sufficient life insurance coverage for you and your family.

You take it for granted that you and your family should get an annual checkup from your doctor. But you'd also benefit from an annual financial checkup. Now's the time, because chances are your life and your financial obligations become more complicated each year.

Here's some good news for you married folks: If a husband and wife purchase permanent insurance policies at the same time, they can get our Spousal Waiver of Premium rider added to each policy at no cost. You have to apply for insurance on or before your issue age 60 and you both must qualify for insurance at standard rates. The Spousal Waiver of Premium Rider is an excellent feature for both dualincome and one-income families. Call me. I'll be glad to meet with you both to discuss your options.

To contact me with regards to this or any of your KofC insurance needs, please email me at dlfarebrother@aol.com or call me at either of the

numbers listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Fraternally,

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Community Director's Report
Rich Scholl, PGK
Community Director

MORALITY IN MEDIA COMMENDS FCC FOR
ITS REPORT ON TV VIOLENCE, BUT A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT MAY BE
NEEDED TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM
VIOLENT ENTERTAINMENT

Robert Peters, President of Morality in Media, had the following comments on yesterday's release of an FCC Report recommending that "action should be taken" to protect children from excessively violent television programming.

"... as far back as 1946, when the Supreme Court invalidated a New York law (and by implication similar laws in 19 other states) that prohibited distribution of publications containing certain types of violence, the courts have been invalidating every law intended to protect children from violent entertainment. ... drafting a law that will distinguish between materials that pose a serious risk of harm from those that don't also poses a challenge, but when it comes to protecting children from exposure to entertainment that can harm them, government must have leeway. These days the Supreme Court also applies 'strict scrutiny' to laws that restrict speech based on content, and as the Court has said, 'it is rare' that any such law 'will ever be permissible.' One way to overcome this Supreme Courtimposed roadblock is to add a Justice or two who still have some common sense. Failing that, the Constitution will have to be amended to clarify that the First Amendment does not prevent government from enacting reasonable legislation to protect children from entertainment that is harmful to them. The FCC Report states that Congress could mandate some form of consumer choice, which would certainly help. But violent programming isn't limited to cable and satellite TV, and wise consumer choice depends on wise parents, which not every child is fortunate to have." (underline added)

The study also states that industry efforts to curb exposure to violent entertainment have been a failure. The study calls upon Congress to pass laws to limit exposure (such as creating hours for non-violent programming and mandating consumer choice of individual TV channels).

I went to the FCC website and read the commentary document supplied by the ACLU on the study. The ACLU declares that violent programming is not proven to be harmful to children and may even be beneficial. This is directly opposed to the information of groups such as the American Pediatric Association, whom I would consider to be experts to be consulted in this case. Furthermore, the ACLU has said that any attempts to limit the media will be unconstitutional, meaning they will fight such laws and have decided ahead of time that any effective legislation is unconstitutional. This makes the position for a constitutional amendment a reasonable solution for the majority of the public, who have said action is needed. The courts would be required to abide by such an amendment in their analysis of laws. Making an amendment will, of course, require tremendous support from the public. Are we up to it?

You can learn more about Morality in Media, Inc. at www.moralityinmedia.org.

MORALITY IN MEDIA, INC is a national, [501(c)(3)] interfaith organization established in 1962 to combat obscenity and uphold decency standards in the media. It maintains the National Obscenity Law Center, a clearinghouse of legal materials on obscenity law. MIM operates the ObscenityCrimes.org Web site, where citizens can report possible violations of federal Internet obscenity laws to Federal prosecutors. Donations are tax-deductible.



<u>Pro-Life Director's Report</u> Bob & Cecilia Marks Pro-Life Couple

Here is a new site for Internet wanderers, www.osJoseph.org. It is the home page for the Oblates of Saint Joseph. There you will find out how St. Joseph is the patron of the unborn and many prayers and other information. Below is a text on Saint Joseph from that site.

In both the opening paragraph and the closing chapter of Redemptoris Custos, Pope John Paul II emphasizes St. Joseph's role as patron and protector of the Church. The sound traditional reasoning for this concludes that since his mission was to guard and care for the physical body of Christ on earth, so is his mission now to continue to care for the mystical body of Christ, the Church.

St. Joseph's role as universal patron is not only to protect the Church, but also to provide a "noble example, which transcends all individual states of life and serves as a model for the entire Christian community, whatever the condition and duties of each of its members may be." He is a model of the evangelical virtues for all, but among those given particular mention are parents (along with spouses, workers, contemplatives and apostles).

Looking to St. Joseph as model and patron of parents, we may learn something about even the earliest stages of parenthood, prior to birth. These stages are so crucial in this era of widespread abortion, denial of the humanity of the child in the womb and the consequent denial of parenthood. We learn from the angel of the Lord that Joseph is father of the child in Mary's womb by virtue of his marriage, a clear message that it is of the essence of marriage for husband and wife to receive, nurture and bring to birth life conceived in the womb.

In our times, though, abortion is defended by posing questions about all the irregular situations: What about rape, incest, "unwanted" out-of-wedlock, and teen-age pregnancies? Although the circumstance is of quite a different nature, Joseph too is faced with the most irregular of all pregnancies, a situation leaving him quite unsettled: his wife has con-

ceived by the Holy Spirit! The child is not his biologically or genetically. It is not the fruit of his physical relationship with his wife. In fact, he is called to believe that the child is conceived not by physical relationship with any man, but by the unique and direct intervention of God. How can a man accept such an overwhelming pregnancy? Only by faith. How can he accept fatherhood over such a child that could be called not his own? Only by openness to the will of God, by willingness to do as the angel of the Lord tells him.

We learn from Joseph that fatherhood is much more than simple physical generation. In fact Joseph, who does not engender any child at all, is the best of fathers and a model for every father. He accepts the life in the womb by honorably taking Mary his wife. He journeys with her to Bethlehem to register the child in the list of humanity. He gives the child a name in the line of David. He defends the child from the cruel attack of Herod.

Recommitted to Father McGivney's Dream

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered an address entitled "Committed to Father McGivney's Dream" during the Order's 125th anniversary celebration March 29.



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife Dorian attend 125th Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Church, New Haven.

On an occasion such as a 125th anniversary, it would be customary to review the great accomplishments and the great personalities that have brought our Order to such heights. Tonight, I would prefer not to look back, but to

look forward — to consider the great challenge that our Church today faces and to consider in what way we should act.

Throughout our history, we have faced many challenges regarding the acceptance of our religion. Despite those challenges, there remained a firm foundation in one sense. George Washington aptly described the view of the Founding Fathers toward religion in the life of the United States when he

said: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness."

I am sure the founders of the Knights of Columbus would have agreed with our first president.

Today, sadly, Washington would hardly receive unanimous support. Instead, we see a strenuous effort to drive religion out of the public life of our nation — to create in the words of one Catholic author, a "naked public square" in which the words "under God" and "In God we trust" are erased from our national symbols.

And across the Atlantic, the European parliament refuses to recognize the common Christian roots of Europe in its constitution.

How has this turn of affairs come about?

To find an answer we might consider the influence of men I would call the fathers of modern secular society, men such as Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, Sigmund Freud and Jean-Paul Sartre.

When Marx described religion as "the opium of the people," he began an attack on religion that ultimately led to the destruction of thousands of churches and the murder of millions of priests and other believers in countries such as Poland and Ukraine.

And while the communist regimes throughout Europe have fallen, this influence is still strong.

Nietzsche, Freud and Sartre chose different words than Marx to express their negative views of religion, but they nonetheless agreed with him. Today we may easily dismiss Marx's idea of religion in society, but we should not because there are still many people who do not. Although these people are not likely to quote Marx that religion is the "opium of the people," they agree that religion is like a dangerous and destructive drug.

And they may think, "What type of a society founds its basic institutions on drug addiction or gives a privileged place to those who promote this addiction?" The answer, of course, is that no sane or healthy society will tolerate such behavior or grant it a privileged place or recognize it as morally appropriate.

When we look at the situation this way, we see why some elites insist upon a "naked public square," or why they do not accept rights of conscience for Catholic hospitals, schools and charities.

We might mention one further development in this regard: It is the widespread influence of the philosophy of existentialism — the idea that existence precedes essence.

We might ask, what practical difference does this make? But consider the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade that the unborn child is nothing more than "potential human life." Is this not the judicial expression of existentialism's basic idea that a being can exist before it has a real nature?

In other words, a human embryo can be treated as not yet really human. If human beings can be said to begin life as not yet really human in order to justify abortion, the same reasoning can say that human beings may approach the end of life while not really being human in order to justify euthanasia.

All of these modern thinkers have influenced the development of our laws in perhaps an even more important way.

There is no room in existentialism for the idea of natural law. Nor is there any room for natural law in Marx's understanding of the dialectic, in Nietzsche's search for a morality "beyond good and evil," or in Freud's theory of the interpretation of dreams.

In fact, natural law is impossible within all of these modern ways of thinking. When the sense of natural law disappears, laws supporting the Christian understanding of marriage, family and even life itself become harder to maintain in our courts and in our legislatures.

But in a way it is even worse than that.

In today's society, natural law is no longer regarded as that special guide written on the heart of each person. Instead, it is seen as something entirely contrary to the person and his or her freedom. It is seen as something fabricated, something artificial and something abstract. Today, Catholics are seen by many in society as coming to today's cultural debates with an outdated rule book called "natural law" — a rule book that our critics say imposes unreasonable restraints on personal freedom and limits the "pursuit of happiness."

The Catholic theologian Henri de Lubac summarized the situation when he wrote that this secular world view "is built upon resentment and begins with a choice" (The Drama of Atheist Humanism, Ignatius Press). Nietzsche expressed this "choice" with even more precision when he wrote, "it is our preference that decides against Christianity — not arguments."

The founding fathers of modern secular society — Marx, Nietzsche, Freud and Sartre — are radically different from the Founding Fathers of the U.S. Constitution. Unlike Madison, Jefferson and Washington, they have no interest in finding common ground with the Christian tradition nor do they value religion or religious morality. To the contrary, they seek to build a society entirely without Christian principles or morality.

They already have had great success in society's treatment of marriage, divorce, abortion and euthanasia. Already, writers speak of an "abortion culture" and of a "divorce culture." And it may not be long before sociologists suggest other types of social transformations.

I am sure you have noticed that Marx, Nietzsche, Freud and Sartre are all Europeans and their influence in Europe has been, to say the least, enormous. Europe has already undergone great social transformations, and one consequence has been the increasing marginalization of Christianity. Sunday Mass attendance in some European countries is now at such low levels that Catholic churches are being given over to be used as mosques.

Is America next? Is the recent past in Europe a reflection of what is to come in North America and beyond?

More than 70 years ago, as the storm clouds of World War II were gathering in Europe, the great French Catholic philosopher Jacques Maritain observed that at the root of this crisis "there is a deep resentment against the Christian world — and not only against the Christian world but (also) against Christianity itself." Maritain emphasized that this resentment was directed especially against those Christians "who have not been able to give effect to the truth of which they were the bearers" (Integral Humanism, University of Notre Dame Press).

Not long after he wrote these words, Europe, and soon the whole world, plunged into a global war brought on by regimes which embodied that deep resentment of Christianity. Today, more than 50 years later, the threat to Christianity still comes from those who resent it. The threat from an aggressive secularism is less violent, but potentially just as lethal. Maritain's analysis of the threat of the 1930s suggests the only adequate response to our situation today: There must be a stronger and more visible living witness by Catholics that makes present to a skeptical and cynical world the living reality of Jesus Christ.

On this 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, we must resolve as Catholics to turn the tide. We must begin with the spiritual renewal of Catholic life and a rededication to our charitable mission as Catholics. This renewal must take place precisely where people live — within our families and, especially, within our parishes. As we have done since our founding, this renewal must be pursued in close cooperation with our parish priests.



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivers the keynote address at the Knights' 125th celebration dinner honoring Connecticut's parish priests.

Last August, Pope Benedict XVI conducted a brief question and answer session with parish priests from the diocese in which the pope's summer retreat, Castel Gandolfo, is located. He said, "The parish priest cannot do it all! It is impossible! He cannot be a 'soloist'; he cannot do everything, but needs other pastoral workers."

In those remarks, the pope was restating a truth that was well known and understood by our founder. It is a truth that guided

the way in which he went about organizing the Knights of Columbus.

Father Michael J. McGivney could easily have become the head of the Knights upon its founding. He felt strongly that his pastoral responsibilities came first. He believed that the Knights would make its greatest contribution to the vitality of the parish as an organization led by laymen. In fact, he had a vision of the role of the laity that was well ahead of his time. It was a vision that would receive its ultimate articulation at the Second Vatican Council in its pastoral constitution Gaudium et Spes.

I have long thought it providential that Father McGivney founded our great Order in 1882 — the year that the German philosopher Nietzsche wrote that "God is dead." Father McGivney would never have written a book in response to Nietzsche's contention; rather, he wrote his response in the living hearts of men.

These men they call "Knights" — Father McGivney's knights — would not remain in ivory towers to debate with philosophers. Instead, they would take to the field. For 125 years, we have been living his response as Knights of Columbus by providing a living witness to the reality of the Gospel of life through our works of charity, unity and fraternity.

Because of our devotion to the young parish priest whose vision and strength made these 125 years possible, in recent years we have worked harder to establish parish-based councils and promote greater solidarity with our priests.

We are proud that in so many ways we have earned the title of the "strong right arm of the Church." In this regard, we often recount service to our Holy Father and our bishops. Our greatest contributions, however, will always be at the parish level. It is there that we must make our mark as the strong right arm of the local church and the strong right arm of our parish priest.

There are thousands of parish priests who are active members of the Knights of Columbus, and there are thousands of councils already active in local parishes. We are providentially positioned to help lead the renewal of parish life in every country where we are active.

Every parish can benefit from our works of charity, our programs of Marian and Eucharistic devotion, and our efforts to promote family life and priestly vocations.

Every parish can benefit from our programs and every parish should benefit. This year, in honor of the parish priest who was our founder, the Knights of Columbus pledges to devote new energy to increasing the vitality and spirituality that will help our parishes become the leading edge of a renewed and energetic Catholic Church. A more detailed look at how we will accomplish this important goal will be presented as our anniversary year unfolds.

Beginning today, on this 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, let us all rededicate ourselves to Father McGivney's dream: Every parish must have an active Knights of Columbus presence, and every parish priest should see in the Knights of Columbus his strong right arm to lead a renewal of parish life.

Today, we say thank you to a special parish priest, the Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, to whom we owe so much.

Today, we say thank you to the thousands of priests throughout North America, Europe and Asia who, as loyal Knights of Columbus, have done so much to help our Order grow and thrive.

Today, we say thank you to every parish priest. With our gratitude comes a promise and a commitment of a new solidarity in the work of renewal for our parishes, so that the world may know its most precious reality: Vivat Jesus!



Archbishop Mansell, center, celebrates the 125th anniversary Mass with Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori and former Supreme Chaplain Bishop Thomas V. Daily, right.

Member of Knights of Columbus Since 1957, 4th Degree Knight Richard Bilski and Wife Monica Have Been Members of St. Raphael Since 1965

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



Joining an esteemed group of 50-year members of the Knights of Columbus Council 5300 is Richard Stanley Bilski, who joined the Knights on April 14, 1957 and quickly became a 2nd and 3rd Degree Knight the same month. The native of Grand Rapids, Michigan became a 4th Degree on October 18, 1969. Dick and his wife Monica have been enjoying for many years all the husband-wife social activities sponsored by the Knights. "The best things about being a Knight are the Brotherhood of fellow Knights and the projects that help others," stated Dick.

Dick met Monica Mae McConnell at a college Oktoberfest in Grand Rapids and they were married by Rev. Shruba in Clare, Michigan (the birthplace for Monica). They emphasized, "The keys to our successful 49-years of marriage are staying together and enjoying life as you go through the different stages, as they all differ and should be enjoyed."

They are proud parents of five children (Stacey, Mary, Rosemarie, Stephanie and Stanley) and seven grandchildren (Kristin 21, Craig 18, Scott 16, Joe 16, Janelle 14, John David 13 and Steven 11). Dick beamed, "In retirement a top priority is getting up each morning and going to all the grandchildren's games and school events."

Dick has three brothers and a sister, all in Grand Rapids where his parents, Stanley S. and Sophia R. Bilski lived most of their lives. Monica had two brothers, both deceased. Dick graduated from St. Isidore Grade School in 1944 and from Catholic Central High School in 1948.

The family moved to Goleta in 1965 and they have

been members of St. Raphael's Church since then. Dick pointed out, "The best thing about being St. Raphael's parishioners is that people work hard together to have a vibrant Parish Community." A special occurrence at St. Raphael's for them was the building of the new Parish Hall in 1981. "Their favorite pastors have been Father Henry Van Son and Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes -- both are very kind and dedicated men," stated Dick.

Before retiring Dick worked as a Union Steamfitter for Local 250 Los Angeles on projects in Southern California. He also did mining in Northern California and Upper Michigan.

Dick's birthdate is April 19, 1930 and today his recommendation for "seniors" in their twilight years is "keep active in every way possible." The Bilski's have enjoyed traveling to Mexico, Canada, Alaska and all over the United States.

Some other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Kielbasa;
- Favorite meal Monica prepares: Spaghetti;
- Favorite local restaurant: Beachside;
- Favorite meal to prepare: Tri-tip;
- Favorite TV program: Seinfeld;
- Favorite movie of all time: Music Man;
- Favorite sport to watch on TV or live: Football;
- Favorite sport as a participant when younger: Baseball:
- Favorite travel destination: Cambria Silver Dollar Beach:
- One word to describe us at Church: Reverent;
- One word to describe St. Raphael: Friendly;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Giving;
- My parents were right when they told me: Get an education;
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Having five children;
- Advice to youngsters: Get a college education;
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: healthy life, happy children, happy in old age with Monica.

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that night all praying the Rosary. Hopefully, many Knights will also be there in attendance. If you haven't made your reservations yet to attend, please do so immediately. It will be well worth the effort.

Another chance to show Unity will be on June 16th. 64 men will be ordained as Deacons that day at SBCC's La Playa Stadium. A number of those men are our Brother Knights. What better way to show Unity than to show your support for our new Deacons by attending the event!

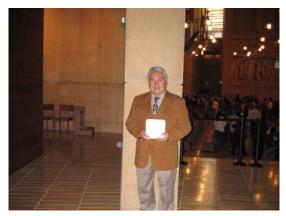
In addition to the above future events, there were other notable events that occurred in April and that will occur in May. Please see the Program Director's Report for all the details. I did want to congratulate our new Brother Knights who took their 1st Degree on April 9th and their 2nd on April 19th. Our new 1st Degree Brother Knights include: Brothers Ken Benn, Renajo Moiso, Isidro Muro, Ruben Perez, Joe Salcedo, Jr., Rodrigo Varela and Esteban Valenzuela. Those who took their 2nd degree include: Brothers Isidro Muro, Ruben Perez, Rodrigo Varela and Esteban Valenzuela. Congratulations to our new Brother Knights! I'd also like to say a BIG THANKS to the degree team for a great job at the degree. Also, thank you to Brothers Sam Alfano and Carlos Valenzuela for recruiting our 7 new Knights.

Finally, we held our "excess funds" meeting on April 26th. The meeting was very fruitful. See Brother Joe Kovach's article about the meeting elsewhere in this bulletin and the resolution just before the announcements.



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Carlos Valenzuela By Stephen Schlesselmann, Grand Knight



This month I would like to name Brother Carlos Valenzuela as the Knight of the Month. Carlos first joined the Knights on October 9, 1995, took his 2nd degree on March 11, 1996, his 3rd on June 23, 1996 and his 4th on February 8, 1997. As you can see, Carlos didn't waste any time moving through his degrees. Carlos has also been very active with the council attending the meetings, the dinners and has helped at various events such as the Christmas Boutique and at the 1st degrees. Most recently, Carlos recruited 4 new Knights into our Order one of whom was his son, Esteban, and made sure they received their 2nd degree about a week later.

Brother Carlos also has been very active with other groups in the parish and the community including Cursillo and the Guadalupanos. Carlos received the Benemerenti Award (a papal award) on March 19, 2006 for his outstanding work with the parish and community.

Brother Carlos also works full time at Rancheros Vistadores as a superintendent

Carlos, we are very happy that you are a member of our Council. Keep up the great work!

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In the Eastern Church this feast was known as *analepsis*, the taking up, and also as the *episozomene*, the salvation, denoting that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption. The terms used in the West, *ascensio* and, occasion-

ally, ascensa, signify that Christ was raised up by His own powers. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. The feast falls on Thursday. It is one of the Ecumenical feasts ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter and of Pentecost among the most solemn in the calendar, has a vigil and, since the fifteenth century, an octave which is set apart for a novena of preparation for Pentecost, in accordance with the directions of Leo XIII.

Mother's Day



What A Mother Is:

M - Messenger, relaying God's Word

O - Outpouring of genuine Love

T - Trusts in God

H - Heart set on things above

E - Earthly saint

R - Rescuer of the Wayward

A Mother's job is to watch over, nourish, and protect maternally. This job starts the day she finds she's conceived; just a built-in mechanism from the Lord!

Mother is the chief night watchman: her ear is finetuned (maybe God-given?) to hear the slightest turn of a baby in the bed, a light whimper, and immediately she's out of that bed, and straight to the baby's crib!

Mother is the Doctor and Nurse, all rolled into one. If it's a fever, a crying baby that won't be quieted, a cut, a broken tooth - doesn't matter. She knows how to fix it! A Mother needs only kiss the 'bad boo-boo' and the child instantly is calmed of all fears. After all, Mother knows best!

She is the chief diaper-changer: Surely a wet diaper, or, heaven forbid - one with poop! - stay on that baby more than a few minutes! That's the Mother-protectant clicking - (another God-given talent?).

She's the taxi, bus driver, and chauffeur - whatever it takes to get the child wherever they need to go. Can she not just be Mom? No way!

She's the time keeper. After all, children don't watch the clock; they listen to Mom. She knows

when the bus runs for school, the time for practice for the games, the piano lesson, the school play. Whatever has a time attached, be assured that Mother has the TIME written down in her time-clock, the head! If not, she surely has a paper attached to her refrigerator, the bathroom mirror, her purse, the car steering wheel, or some place she's bound to see it, or be able to find in case of a lapse in memory!

She's the chief cook and bottle washer. This lasts right up until they leave home. In fact, with some it never ends!! She is dear ole' Dependable Mom!

She's a counselor for the teens. She listens to all the problems, and then tries to solve them her way. Only problem with that is, teens usually know more than the COUNSELOR.

She's also the CONSOLER. She listens while they tell her that 'nobody loves me', 'my boyfriend dumped me', and, 'my fiancée loves someone else'. It goes beyond child and early adulthood, right into marriage with, 'the baby doesn't sleep at night', 'the kids are killing me'. Mother is such a great consoler in this area, why? She's been there, done that!

She's the referee in every dispute. She's the cheer person during the ball games. You can expect her on her feet protesting when her child is tripped at a soccer game, and the referee just doesn't catch it in time.

She is the light at the end of the tunnel, in the wake of a storm!! She is MOM!

Although overworked and underpaid, Mother doesn't complain. She would work her fingers to the bone for her children. She'd come to their rescue, no matter what the cause. These are, after all, her God-given 'talents' to take and use for the glory of God. HE expects Mother to raise and nurture her 'charges' to become the best they can be in this world, and equip them for what is needed to get to the other side!

Past Activities

1) March 30 2007 – Was our last Lenten Fish Fry for Lent. We had a great turn out and many families requested that we continue having them during the year. It was good to hear this.

We are currently evaluating the feasibility of continuing the Fish Fries. A Big Thank you to Rich Scholl for chairing the event and to his team of members that made this event very successful.

- 2) **April 8 Easter Sunday**. Several Brother Knights assisted with parking control during the morning Masses. Thank you to all who helped.
- 3) **April 9 2007** At the business meeting, a 1st Degree took place. Also, Troop 105, Pack 105 and the Venture Scouts presented their charters to the Knights. See the Photo Gallery for several pictures of the event. We are very proud to sponsor such a great group as the Scouts!
- 4) **April 29 2007** Our quarterly Corporate Communion took place at the 9:30 AM Mass. Also, later in the day, several Knights attended Troop 105's 40th anniversary celebration in the Hall. The event was well attended and everyone who went had a great time. Congratulations to Troop 105 for 40 years of service to the youth, the Church and the Community.

Upcoming Activities

- 1) **May 4 2007** 24 Hour Adoration will take place in the church. We all have many reasons to give thanks to **God.**
- 2) May 7, 2007 K of C Officer's Meeting, 8:00 PM. Officers, please add all meeting notices to your work and/or home calendar. This will help you as a reminder of the meeting.
- 3) May 13, 2007 Pancake Breakfast. We will be hosting a special Mother's Day Parish breakfast from 8:30 am to 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. All mothers will be treated to a **free** scrambled egg, sausage and pancake breakfast. Breakfast for other family members and friends may be purchased for a nominal charge. Moms, your orchid will be you ticket for the breakfast. Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with your love ones.
- 4) May 13, 2007 Mother's Day Orchids. We are continuing with our traditions of distributing free orchids to all mothers at all of the Masses on Mother's Day weekend.
- 5) **May 17, 2007** Feast of the Ascension.

- 6) May 19 to 20, 2007 State Convention in Ontario. GK Stephen Schlesselmann and DGK Francisco Cabrera will be attending the event. Also, our District Deputy, Cherif Khoury will also be attending as a delegate from Council 1684. All members are invited to attend. For more information contact GK Stephen Schlesselmann.
- 7) May 19, 2007 Rosary Bowl, 6 PM (at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena). Several members of our council will be attending this event. We need to show our support. Please make an effort to participate.
- 8) May 28, 2007 Memorial Day Picnic. This annual event promise to be a great one. Let's show our brotherhood and take the time from our busy schedules to enjoy the day with our loved ones.

Dear Brother Knights,

As I begin to get ready to take on the office of Grand Knight, I am asking your help as the new Columbian year is being planned. Rather than going around and asking each one of you to participate in several projects and then find out that you would prefer to accept responsibility on others, I will be sending a out a survey via email, regular mail and also delivering it to our meetings. I am asking you to volunteer and commit to undertake one or two or as many activities that you would like to participate.

The survey will have a list of the activities planned for the Columbian year 2007/2008. Please rank in order of preference. Activities where there are no volunteers will be cancelled. Please understand that I am trying to make this coming year a wonderful and fulfilling one for our service organization as your Grand Knight while I still work fulltime.

Thank you for taking time to help us start with a plan and commitment from all of our members. A heavy load shared by all becomes an easily manageable task.

Blessings,

Francisco Cabrera, DGK

Knights of Columbus Council 5300 to Provide Funds Totaling \$12,000 To 16 Benefactors This Month

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight

Grand Knight Stephen Schlesselmann and eight members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 5300 met on Thursday evening, April 26 in the Parish Library to review the requests for extraordinary funds from 23 organizations and persons. After reviewing each of these requests at length for 90 minutes the members decided on 16 benefactors who will each be receiving part of the \$12,000 available. GK Stephen Schlesselmann will be presenting the recommendation to the Business Officers at their May meeting for final approval.

Brother Steve Schlesselmann attributed the extraordinary funds availability to the ending of the Knight's commitment last year of \$10,000 to the new community center along with better than expected revenue at several functions during the year (especially the Fish Fries). "Our mission as Knights is to totally give of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and our neighbor. Many of us Knights have done that successfully this year and as a result we are in position to help those less fortunate than ourselves in a very tangible way" stated GK Stephen Schlesselmann.

Sam Alfano, Membership Director, served as the bulletin board informational facilitator, and the others provided input. These included GK Steve Schlesselmann, PGK Chris Arnoult, Brother Brad Bowen, DGK Francisco Cabrera, Bother Joe Darga, PGK Michael Donovan, Brother Vincent Filippello and Brother Joe Kovach.



Resolutions

Knights of Columbus Goleta Valley Council 5300

Be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will commit to making charitable donations

to support the following recipients. The named recipients will be notified in writing of the intention to provide funds to them. The total amount of all the donations to all the recipients collectively will be \$12,000.00.

- 1) Benefactor St. Raphael Church \$1,000 to help in the construction of a wheelchair access ramp at the front entrance to the Parish Office. This ramp is necessary to be in compliance with federal and state regulations.
- 2) Catholic Committee on Scouting \$1,000 to help in their yearly purchase of the Catholic Religious Emblems Promotion for rewards to Catholic Scouts. This \$1,000 is a fraction of what the St. Raphael Scouting programs spend for Emblems.
- 3) Father Richard Kayizzi \$1,000 to assist the former St. Raphael seminarian, now in Uganda, Africa, to purchase nine bicycles for his Catechists Pastoral Ministry. "This request would do more work for the Lord than any local spending might," urged Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary.
- 4) <u>Villa Majella</u> \$1,500 to assist in the pro-life, pregnancy counseling and unwed mothers program undertaken by this local organization. They provide a home for unwed mothers, where they are given help while they carry their babies to term a positive alternative to abortion.
- 5) St. Vincent de Paul Society \$500 to the St. Raphael Conference for assisting the needy of our Community. The money is helpful in a number of various requests from those in need.
- 6) <u>St. Francis Foundation</u> \$400 The former Parish Nurse Program under Mary Joe Durenburger now known as the St. Francis Foundation provides those in need with health care assistance.
- 7) <u>Seminarians in Nigeria.</u> \$400 to assist the fellow seminarians in Nigeria where Father Cyril Nnadi received his initial seminarian training.
- 8) Father Cyril Nnadi \$400 to assist Council 5300's Chaplain to visit his home in Nigeria this year after his two-years of outstanding spiritual assistance at St. Raphael's and to Council 5300. Father will be taking on a new assignment in the

- Archdiocese as an Associate in the Los Angeles area.
- 9) <u>St. Vincent Sisters.</u> \$500 to provide assistance to Sister Alicia Martin and her Parenting classes for new mothers and for various personal needs as they move into their housing units.
- 10) "Over There...Say a Prayer." \$1,000 to the Janet Fanucchi Rosary Guild. Members make and provide rosaries, scapulars, holy cards and medals for the U.S. Armed Forces stationed around the world.
- 11) St. Raphael Church. \$200 to assist the Don Fitch Memorial Library Fund. The late Don Fitch (who was a UCSB Librarian for many years), started the Parish Library many years ago and developed it into an excellent resource of Catholic books and tapes.
- 12) <u>Santa Barbara Pastoral Region</u> \$1,000 for Bishop Thomas Curry to help defray expenses at the new Deacon Ordination Ceremony for 60 new Deacons to take place at SBCC's LaPlaya Stadium in June.
- 13) <u>Decency in Media.</u> \$400 to be used by the Media Decency organizations supported by Supreme for quality videos, movies, newspapers, magazines, books, etc.
- 14) Religious Orders. \$400 to assist those persons who are interested in the religious life as a priest, nun, brother in any religious order in America.
- 15) <u>St. Raphael Youth Groups.</u> \$1,800 to be earmarked for all Youth Groups and Youth Confirmation Groups in the Parish led by John Vasellina, Youth Minister.
- 16) <u>St. Raphael's School.</u> \$500.00 to be of assistance to a student in the school under their "Adopt a Student Program."

Respectfully Submitted:

Harold Thompson Joe Kovach Sam Alfano

COUNCIL 5300 LIST OF OFFICER CANDIDATES, COLUMBIAN YEAR 2007-2008

We are currently working on contacting the various officer candidates for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year and we will publish the list in the June issue of the Knightline.



As noted in the Program Director's Report, we will be handing out orchids to all the Mothers on Mothers Day, May 13th. We need plenty of help at all the Masses. Handing out the orchids only takes a few minutes before and after Mass and the joy of seeing the happy smiles of the Mothers is well worth the effort. Please contact GK Stephen Schlesselmann at (805) 968-9440 if you can help.

Reminder: The next 3rd degree is coming up on June 10th in Oxnard at Council 750 at 1:00 PM. All members who haven't yet attained the degree, please try to make it. The time spent is well worth it.

A World at Prayer Is a World at Peace: A Rosary Celebration



THE ROSARY BOWL

Rose Bowl, Pasadena

May 19, 2007, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

The following letter was written by our State Deputy, Emilio Moure:

My brothers, The "Rosary Bowl" that will take place at the Pasadena Rose Bowl on May 19, 2007,

is currently being planned by the Holy Cross Family Ministries in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and His Eminence, Roger Michael Cardinal Mahony, (yes the same day as our convention). A successful Eucharistic/Rosary celebration here in the media capital of the world will inspire similar celebrations in the United States and Canada. The Supreme Board of Directors voted at our last meeting a grant of \$50,000 to this effort and in addition the Supreme Council will also donate 20,000 olive wood rosaries; while the supply rosaries is not enough to provide one for each of the 65,000 participants expected at the "Rosary Bowl," it would be enough for those who may not have a rosary of their own. The California State Council will complement the Supreme Council's contribution by providing a Fourth Degree honor guard, manpower support and possibly financial support

Father John Phalen, CSC and Father Wilfred Raymond, CSC of Holy Cross Family Ministries are ready for our help. The event will start at 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 19th and we need a support staff of 300 brother Knights and 100 Color Corps members. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is trying to clear his busy schedule to be one of the many speakers at this event. We will need help from every council, district, assembly and chapter in Southern California.

This event will give the Knights of Columbus a very massive exposure and an opportunity beyond our dreams to open new doors in Faith, Charity and Growth.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for your support and it's now the time to push our performances to a new level, now is the hour of the Knights of Columbus.

With fraternal regards and prayerful best wishes, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

Emilio B. Moure Your Servant in Christ

Memorial Day Picnic



The Memorial Day picnic is fast approaching. It will occur on May 28th so make your plans now to attend. It will be at Stow Park in the afternoon with the cost to be determined. The barbeque is always a fun event, so don't miss it. Please contact Brother Felix Sanchez at 964-3398 if you can help.

Second Degree-04/19/07



On Thursday, April 19th, 4 of our new Brother Knights took their 2nd Degree at Council 750 in Oxnard. From left to right: Brothers Isidro Muro, Rodrigo Varela, Ruben Perez and Esteban Valenzuela pose for their picture. Congratulations!

At our last business meeting, Fr Cyril announced that he will be leaving the parish at the end of June for a new assignment in Altadeena. We will miss Fr. and we wish him the best for his new assignment. Make sure to thank Fr. for his wonderful service to our parish and council when you get the chance.



Fr. Richard Kayizzi is doing very well in his parish work in Africa. Above, Fr. Richard assists the local bishop and other parishioners in laying the cornerstone of his new Church.

May Birthdays

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Article Submissions

All articles are to be submitted to the Grand Knight, Stephen Schlesselmann (805) 968-9440 (sjschlesselmann@cox.net) and Mike Donovan (805) 967-9506 (mkedonovan@aol.com). Articles need to be in by the 20th of the month. Thank you.

PHOTO GALLERY

Scout Charters Presented to Council 5300, April 9, 2007 Ladies Night Out, April 16, 2007



One of the Scouts presents Brother Bob Marks with one of the charters.



The Boy Scouts pose for their picture in front of the KC 5300 banner



Brother Jim Bradbury barbecues steak and chicken with PGK Ralph Wengler and SK Joe and Ruth Duwel admiring his technique.



Brother Joe Bauer gives a short talk about some of the accomplishments of the Boy Scouts.



Enjoying Ladies Night Out are Judy Klinge, Eileen Pando, Roberta Coyne, Mary Jochum and Lucille Aubrey



PGK Felix and Julie Sanchez, PGK Paul Coyne, Chawa Ramirez in friendly conversation.

Ladies Night Out, April 16, 2007 Color Corps, Lady of Sorrows Confirmation, April 24, 2007



Brother Ed Barrier serving salads.



Brother Jim (!! Suit !!) and Diane Bradbury ready to enjoy a delicious dinner.



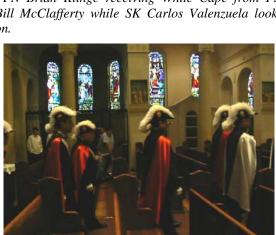
Color Corps saluting Confirmation students along with their families, friends and clergy at Our Lady of Sorrows.



PFN Brian Klinge receiving White Cape from FN Bill McClafferty while SK Carlos Valenzuela looks

SK Flemming and Joanne Andersson, SK Al Meckel-

borg, SK Len Cruess, Deacon Wayne Rascati and Janet Page enjoying salad and good conversation



Color Corps marching into Our Lady of Sorrows church at the start of Confirmation ceremonies.

Photos by Ed Barrier/Stephen Schlesselmann

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