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## *Officer Installation – Councils 1684/5300 – June 25, 2008*



On June 25, the officers from both Councils 1684 & 5300 were installed at St. Raphael's Church Hall. Above, the officers of both councils stand at attention with several members of the Color Corps also in attendance (The Color Corps members included: SK Paul Coyne, Mike Donovan and Brian Klinge).

## *GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT*

*By Dan Knauss, Grand Knight*



Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

As your new Grand Knight of Council 5300, I wanted say thank you for your support and confidence in me to participate at this level in our organization. It is humbling to me to have been selected to this position and I will do all it takes to make this year a success for all of my Brother Knights.

I mentioned in last month's Knightline that the theme I have selected for this year is Brotherhood. Working with all of you this year is going to be rewarding for us as well as for those who benefit from our charity and I look forward to sharing that with you, my Brother Knights. I also look forward to sharing those rewarding experiences with the new Knights I know we will be bringing in this year. When these new Brothers understand the importance we put on sharing in Brotherhood, they will want to be a part of it and participate in what we do.

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**Program Director's Report**  
*By Bill McLafferty, Deputy Grand Knight*

The first big project of this new Columbian year is running the ever-popular Coke Booth at Fiesta. The Knights Council 5300 staffs the booth for four days from 10:00 AM until midnight selling an assortment of soft drinks, diet and regular. If the weather continues to be hot, hot, hotter, we may sell a lot of drinks this year. We need shift Captains for the 12 shifts for that week. The first shift works from 10:00 AM until 2:30 PM, the second shift reports at 2:00 PM and works until 6:30 PM, and the third shift starts at 6:00 PM and works until closing. There is a built-in overlap to help transition teams get up to speed. Jim Bradbury is going to repair and change out some of the existing booth to make it work better this year. He will have a crew assemble the booth at De la Guerra Plaza on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, the dispensing machine will be placed there on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and we will begin working there on Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM.

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**July, 2008**

07/02/08	Wednesday	Los Padres Chapter Meeting – Ventura, 7:00 PM
07/04/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
07/07/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
07/13/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast ( <i>Cancelled</i> )
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

**August, 2008**

08/01/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
08/01/08	Friday	Fiesta Coke Booth
08/02/08	Saturday	Fiesta Coke Booth
08/03/08	Sunday	Coke Booth Teardown
08/04/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
08/10/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 11 AM /Blood Drive
08/11/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
08/31/08	Sunday	Corporate Communion, 9:30 AM Mass

**September, 2008**

09/01/08	Monday	Labor Day Picnic
09/02/08	Tuesday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
09/03/08	Wednesday	Los Padres Chapter Meeting & Installation of Officers, Serra Hall, 7 PM
09/05/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
09/08/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM/1 <sup>st</sup> Degree
09/13/08	Saturday	Oktoberfest, St. Raphael's Parish Hall
09/14/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 11 AM
09/15/08	Monday	Blue Mass-Santa Barbara Mission
09/21/08	Sunday	Parish Picnic-Tri-Tip/Beer/Nachos-St. Raphael's School Grounds



**District Deputy's Report**  
*Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61*

### **A Spiritual Thought**

We start each day with a prayer and we should start each Columbian Year that way also. In fact, our whole day should be a prayer. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Forge: "Your life must be a constant prayer, a never-ceasing conversation with our Lord: when things are pleasant or unpleasant, easy or difficult, usual or unusual. In every situation, your conversation with your Father God should immediately come to life. You should seek him right within your soul." (page 706 of the **Way/Furrow/the Forge** by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).

Repeating again what I stated last month, **THANK YOU** for allowing me to continue to serve you as District Deputy for the 2008-2009 Columbian Year. This year will have a San Diego flavor to it. Our new State Deputy, Bob Villalobos is from the San Diego area and the State Convention in May, 2009 will be held in that city. Bob's patron for the State this year will be St. Anthony. You can view the new State logo at [www.kofc-california.org](http://www.kofc-california.org).

This Columbian Year, I'm going to encourage all of you to take a more active role assisting in District matters in a number of areas. Here are five that immediately come to mind:

- 1) Recruiting Blitz Drives – in addition to the recruiting that we should be doing every single day, we can and should be doing a better job with holding blitz drives at our various parishes. Several of the councils have been very faithful to the blitz drives while others could improve their participation. Let's really make this a banner year for recruiting new members!
- 2) Round Tables – Round Tables have been set up in each of the parishes to assist non council parishes with help that the pastors

might need from the Knights. Each of you Brother Knights are the eyes and ears in those parishes. Please pay attention to any needs that arise and bring those needs back to the Council so that we can provide help where needed.

- 3) Wheelchair Sundays – those of us who attended the State Convention in May learned about the great need for wheelchair donations to those who need them (the poor in Mexico, Veterans, etc.). The California Knights have developed a great program called Wheelchair Sundays in which the need is presented via a video, short talk and a chance for parishioners to make donations. I'd like to have as many parishes in the district participate in one of the Sundays. Please talk to your pastors and get his approval for this worthy cause.
- 4) Basketball Free Throw Contest – we were the only District in the Chapter who did not participate in this contest during the last Columbian Year. Let's make sure to do it this year.
- 5) Tootsie Roll Drive – This drive occurs in October and our district has been among the lowest contributors to it for a number of years. We can improve that. Let's make every effort to do so. I would like to see all councils participating and doing all they can to obtain funds for the intellectually challenged in our community.

The above list is hardly inclusive. I'll have more ideas to report on after the District Deputy's Convention that as of this writing will be occurring on June 28-29.

### **Degrees:**

- 1) Council 10067 will be holding their next 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at Sacred Heart Church on July 2 just prior to their business meeting. If anyone is interested in attending the degree, please let me know and I'll pass on the details.
- 2) Council 5300 will be holding a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree at their business meeting on September 8.
- 3) The next 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in the district is tentatively set for September 21, 2008 at Serra Hall in Santa Barbara. I'm still

awaiting confirmation from the State and as soon as it arrives, I'll pass the information on and will start advertising the details of the event. We will have a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in September just prior to this 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in order to accommodate all 1<sup>st</sup> Degree members in the District.

### **Awards**

The following councils qualified for awards for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year by equaling or exceeding their quotas:

Council 1684 qualified for the Founders Award by attaining over 100% of their insurance quota for the year.

Council 5300 qualified for the Star Council Award by attaining over 100% of membership and over 100% of insurance for the year.

Council 10067 qualified for the Double Star Council Award by attaining over 200% of membership and 100% of insurance for the year.

### **Programs:**

Council 1684 had a quiet month of June. On June 25, the officers will be installed in a joint ceremony with Council 5300 at St. Raphael's Hall.

In addition to the joint installation mentioned above, Council 5300 held their usual pancake breakfast and handed out St. Joseph prayer cards on Father's Day.

Council 10067 hosted a special Mass for a visiting Bishop from Ghana (Fr. Francis Baykor's Bishop). As mentioned in my previous reports, Fr. Francis is here to study the Knights in order to possibly start a Council in Africa. Council 10067's officer installation is set for Sunday, June 29.

Finally, Council 13756 (Carpinteria) continues to be busy with projects around the church.

### **Other Notes:**

- 1) Right now, the district is at 141% of membership and 117% of insurance. However, what the above numbers don't reflect are the potential drops due to nonpaying members. Right now, Council 1684 has 6 potential drops, 5300 – 2 potential

drops, 10067 – 16 potential drops and as mentioned in my last report, Council 13756 has about 30 nonpaying members. Obviously, the above potential drops show how much work is still to be done.

- 2) 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. At the State Convention, our Supreme Director, Emilio Moure gave us a challenge. Emilio asked each Brother Knight present to recruit 2 new Knights before the end of the Columbian Year. In line with Emilio's challenge, I'm adding a challenge of my own, between now and June 30, 2009, I would like each one of you to recruit 2 new Knights into our Order. If you do, you may be eligible for the Shining Armor Award.
- 3) **The following forms are due soon:** 365 – Service Program Personnel Report – August 1, 1295-Semi Annual Audit – August 15.
- 4) The next Chapter meeting is on Wednesday, July 2 in Ventura. The Chapter will be having elections that evening, so be sure to attend.
- 5) I'll be following up with the Santa Ynez Mission about starting a council at that parish shortly. We already have 3 Brother Knights who joined Council 5300 with the plan of transferring to Santa Ynez as soon as a council can be formed there.
- 6) Our new District # is 62 since there have been three new districts added recently. The same councils are still in the District so the only change is the number.
- 7) The position of District Warden is still open to anyone who wants to apply. Prior Grand Knights are especially encouraged to do so. I'll only be serving as your District Deputy until June 30, 2009, so now is the chance for a Brother Knight to step up and learn the job. The job does require work but the rewards are well worth it!
- 8) Please continue to pray for all of our sick and deceased Knights in the district including



Judy Klinge (PCP Brian Klinge's wife) who is suffering from various illnesses and PGK Jack Nelson (Council 1684) who died recently.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, you can contact me at (805) 968-9440 or by email at [sjschlesselmann@cox.net](mailto:sjschlesselmann@cox.net).



**Report of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**

*SK Jack Turney, Faithful Navigator*

Worthy Sirs,

**Annual 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Picnic for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

The annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic will be at the home of Sir Knight Tom and Patricia Puerling in Orcutt. The address is 4355 Beverly Court, Orcutt, CA 93455. The festivities will begin at 3:00 PM. Attendees with the last name beginning with "A" to "L" should bring a salad, those with last names beginning with "M" to "P" should bring appetizers/snacks and those whose last name begins with "R" to "Z" bring a dessert. The main course and drinks will be provided by the Assembly. Plastic knives and forks will be provided, but it might be a good idea to bring your own silverware and steak knife.

If you are planning on attending, please advise FN Jack Turney at 967-9473. Rides will be made available to those widows not wanting to drive. Please contact FN Jack Turney to make arrangements.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade:**

The Color Corps will be marching in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Santa Barbara. The parade will begin at 1:00 PM, starting from Sola and State Street and end at Cota and State. Color Corps participants will assemble at Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 12:00 and proceed from there to the starting position. Please advise Color Corps Commander SK Paul Coyne (967-7880) if you plan to participate.

**Installation of Officers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree:**

The installation of new officers in the Fourth Degree will be held on July 26 at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall at St. Raphael's Church. The ceremony will be conducted by our Worthy Master Manual Lima and Worthy Marshall Ernie Bingham.

All officers should arrive 15 minutes early before the ceremony in full tux. A light lunch will be served.

**Polling Place Duty:**

Members of the Assembly once again provided manpower for two precincts in Isla Vista, located at St. Mark's Church. They were also joined by another team from Council 5300 manning a third precinct at the same location. Many thanks to SK Paul Coyne who headed up the event and was the Polling Place Coordinator. Many thanks also go to SK Cherif Khoury who arranged for donated pizzas from Woodstock Pizza for lunch and dinner, as well as sweet rolls donated by Jannine's. The workers did not go hungry!!

**Blue Mass:**

Plans are under way to have a Blue Mass, honoring those service people that provide protection to ourselves, as well as our property. These would be the policemen (and women), sheriffs, CHP, firemen (and women) and the various armed services. The date of this event will be Monday, September 15. The Blue Mass will be celebrated in the Friar's Chapel behind the Santa Barbara Old Mission. A buffet dinner will be served afterwards in the Friar's dining room, located close-by. As the details (cost and time) become available they will be published in future newsletters.

**Prayers Requested:**

Sir Knight Jack Nelson passed away suddenly on Sunday, June 8th, in Texas after returning from a trip abroad. He was a member of the Junipero Serra Assembly and PGK of Council 1684. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Charlotte and family.



**Financial Secretary's Report**  
*Ralph Wengler, Financial Secretary*

Twenty years ago, I agreed to become your Financial Secretary. After 12 years, with health problems, I gave the job to Bill McNamara. He did a 3 year term of office and turned it back to me. I am in the process of moving to Orcutt and Bill will be your Financial Secretary once more. How can you stand all the instability?

Seriously though, I loved the job and all of the interaction with the membership. After the challenges of Grand Knight, District Deputy, Faithful Navigator, and Chapter President, it was a good position to retire into. The collection of dues, payment of bills, maintenance of rosters, printing of bulletin mailing labels, were a few of the chores that left little time for getting bored.

I also enjoyed meeting the candidates before they went through their Admission Degree. Trying to pick out the future leaders of the Council became a game. Ever since 1976-77, when I was Grand Knight, officer material interested me. In the GK year, we had a large number of new members, and most became leaders of the Council. I have written (bragged) about that before.

My plans are to look into the St. Louis de Montfort Council, #11137. I can't predict, at this time, whether I will transfer my membership. However, I will be leaving this area to my newer house in Orcutt. I plan on continuing to receive the bulletin and will come back to visit on occasion. My Love to all.

Fraternally,

Ralph



**Chancellor's Report**  
*SK Mark Vampola, Chancellor*

For the next year, as Chancellor, I would like to continue the efforts started by our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Bill McLafferty, of not only remembering our brothers and their families that are in need our prayers, by keeping our council aware of their need, but to also promote the involvement of our newest members.

At this time, we especially need prayers for our faithful Brother, former Financial Secretary, not to mention Past Grand Knight (1976-1977), Ralph Wengler. As he retires from his position as Financial Secretary after so many years of service, he is preparing to move to Santa Maria. We pray for his health, a speedy and effortless move, many return visits to share company with him and his wife Cathy. Brian and Judy Klinge are still in need of our prayers. Judy's perseverance and determination are a model for us all. More recently, Jack Nelson, recent Past Grand Knight of Council 1684 passed away. (please pray for the repose of his soul and for his family and friends that he leaves behind). Although I don't have much in-depth information, Father Bruce has broken several fingers and has some other injuries he sustained during activities with the youth group. With his trip to Australia for World Youth Day coming up on the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, we hope this won't hinder his journey along with the rest of the pilgrims on the way to see Pope Benedict.

Finally, the Mentor Program started just a few months ago. It has already shown many successes, even after just a few months, which is exactly what we need. Getting our newest members involved at the beginning is key to their success as a Knight, and our success as a council. We will continue to grow the program, as we bring in more new members and additional mentors as we encourage our newest First Degree Brothers to become immediately involved and familiar with us, as we help them move along

toward establishing themselves as 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus, doing God's work.



**Membership Director's Report**  
*Sam Alfano, Membership Director*

On Father's Day weekend, members of Council 5300 distributed Father's Day Prayer cards at all of the Masses at St. Raphael's Church as well as the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Mark's in Isla Vista. Knights who assisted in the prayer card distribution included FN



Jack Turney, DD Stephen Schlesselmann, PGK Don Aubrey, Esteban Valenzuela, John Kirk, PGK Chris Arnoult, Tim Hogan, Mark Vampola, PGK Bernie Jochum, Mauricio Cuevas, Isidro Muro, Ruben Perez, Bernardo Lule and PFN Jim

Abels. Some 400 English and Spanish cards were distributed over the weekend. The cards were well received by fathers as they entered the churches. This



tradition is in its sixth year and follows our tradition of distribution of orchids to mothers on Mother's Day weekend. Below find the wording of the cards as distributed:

**Fathers' Day Prayer:**

St. Joseph, protective father of Our Lord Jesus and husband of Mother Mary, we pray that as fathers we can follow your example of love and devotion to our families regardless of the stresses and hardships that come our way.

It was you who guided Holy Mary to Bethlehem, as we hope to light the way for our

families. It was you who stood beside Mary as Jesus was born. So, too, we stand by our wives as our children are born. It was you who guided Jesus to adulthood until He went about his Father's works.

We pray that as shown by your good example, we too can raise our children to Christian adulthood. Continue to be with us as husbands and fathers as we follow your footsteps until that day when we, too, will be reunited with Our Lord.



**Insurance Agent's Report**  
*David Farebrother, Field Agent*

**A Way of Life**

When was the last time your wife went shopping for the day and left you to mind the children? How would you handle this responsibility, day after day, plus having to work?

When I ask this question, I find that most of our members have closed their minds to this possibility. Unfortunately, it does happen, you know. No man likes to place a monetary value on his spouse. But money is the only thing that will give you a fighting chance to keep a semblance of a home for your kids should anything happen to your wife.

Many insurance men call it "wife insurance". I like to call it "way of life" insurance.

Call me today for an appointment. I want to hear from you.

To contact me with regards to this, please email me at [dlfarebrother@aol.com](mailto: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*

**Late-Term Abortion Facility in Dallas To Close-  
Eighth Closure Since Bishop Began Prayer at  
Clinics**

*24 hours a day, 7 days a week ecumenical effort was organized, with more than 800 people from 89 churches and several denominations.*

*By Thaddeus M. Baklinski-DALLAS, Texas, June 24, 2008 (LifeSiteNews.com)*

The Catholic Pro-Life Committee, the Respect Life Ministry of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, has reported that Aaron Women's Health Center, a late-term abortion facility in Dallas will be closing its doors on June 28. Aaron's was one of three abortion clinics in Texas authorized to perform late-term abortions on unborn babies older than 16 weeks gestation.

When Bishop Charles Grahmann began leading a monthly "Second Saturday Rosary" outside Dallas abortion clinics in 1990, there were 13 abortion clinics in the city. Seven clinics closed between 1990 and 2001, and after Aaron's closes there will remain only five freestanding abortion clinics in Dallas. The Catholic Pro-Life Committee and others have vowed to continue to pray and offer alternatives to abortion outside those remaining five clinics.

The Catholic Pro-Life Committee has maintained a constant presence of peaceful prayer and sidewalk counseling in front of Aaron's for over a decade and participated in a "40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil" there in 2004. During the 40 Days Vigil, a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week ecumenical effort was organized, with more than 800 people from 89 churches and several denominations praying and fasting for an end to the killing of babies inside the clinic.

"We are overjoyed to hear that this notorious place of death is finally closing," said Karen Garnett, executive director of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. "Not only is this a victory for

the pro-life movement, for mothers and for babies, but it is a victory for Dallas as well, as the horrific practice of the killing of unborn children will take place at one less location in our city: Dallas will no longer be the home of a late-term abortion facility.

"We thank God for the many lives that will be saved and mothers spared the agony and regret of abortion with the closing of Aaron's. We stand ready to offer help and healing to those who have made the abortion decision at Aaron's or any other abortion facilities. We mourn the tremendous loss of so many thousands of innocent human lives, and we'll continue to pray and work towards the day when Dallas is an abortion-free city and the blood of innocent unborn children is no longer shed here."

Bishop Kevin Farrell of the Diocese of Dallas welcomed news of the closure of the clinic, saying, "This is the best news I've heard all week." He expressed his personal gratitude to everyone who has offered prayers and sacrifices for an end to the killing. A Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of Aaron's will be celebrated Saturday, June 28.

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**Daniel P. Knauss to Lead Goleta Valley Knights,  
Becomes 47th Grand Knight of Council 5300**

*By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight*



Daniel Paul Knauss becomes the 47th Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Council 5300, serving as their leader for the July, 2008-June, 2009 Columbian Year. He was installed as Grand Knight in a special installation ceremony on Wednesday, June 25 in St. Raphael's Parish Hall. District Deputy Stephen Schlesselmann performed the impressive rites as all the other officers were installed also (see the inside back



cover for the names of the officers, directors selected and appointments to the various committees). Dan stated, "It is my hope that those who held director positions last year will remain in those posts this year. We had such a great year with that group and this year can only get better."

There are currently 229 members of Council 5300 according to retiring Financial Secretary Ralph J. Wengler, who was the 15th Grand Knight back in 1976-77. One of Daniel's goals is to increase membership by 20 new men. Two of his goals include achieving the Star Council Award as did the previous three Grand Knights (Francisco Cabrera, Stephen Schlesselmann and Chris Arnoult) and making the business meetings more attractive to the membership by making them shorter so a social time could follow the meeting.

The 43 year old native of California joined the local Knights in 2003. PGK Brian Klinge was his proud sponsor. Dan pointed out, "Council 5300 has a tradition of doing many activities very successfully. I'd like only to carry on that tradition to the best of my abilities with the help of all the new and current members." He added, "I encourage young men to join and get involved with the KC's as the Knights of Columbus is made up of Quality Catholic Gentlemen from whom young new Knights can learn so much from the leadership of the council."

Dan said, "The best thing about being a Knight is that I have ample opportunity to do charitable things with others who seek the same opportunity." He added, "The one event/service by the KC's that stands out as a cherished remembrance never to be forgotten is giving the MR Drive money to the Special Olympic Participants."

Dan didn't take long after becoming a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in 2005 and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree in 2006 to hold key positions: Recorder 2005-06, Chancellor 2006-07 and Deputy Grand Knight 2007-08.

Dan's parents, Donald and Loretta Knauss, were proud of all their children: Dan (born on September 30, 1964), Don, Tom, Keith, Kathy and Lori. The family moved from Compton to

Santa Barbara in 1965. Dan attended El Camino Grade School, San Marcos High School, Santa Barbara City College, LA Pierce College and Cal State Northridge.

Jacqueline, Dan's future wife, was and still is a native of Santa Barbara, born January 25, 1970. She has one brother, Raymond.

Dan and Jackie first met in the same Magnolia Shopping Center where they worked near each other. They were married on October 17, 1992 at St. Raphael's Church. Msgr. Stephen Noel Downes was the celebrant.

Dan and Jackie are proud parents of two teenagers, Jacob, 13 and Jonathon, 12. Dan mentioned an interesting piece of information about his family. He explained, "As a family we are involved in Martial Arts and all four of us have promoted to higher belt levels together. We plan to get our black belts as a family roughly two years from now. Martial Arts is the one activity we do together and support each other through. We may have many things we do separately but we always come together for Hapkido."

A member of St. Raphael Parish since 1966, Dan described the best thing about being a parishioner as "Great community involvement and friendships." He acknowledged, "Father Downes was extra-special to him because he married Jackie and me. Also Father Bruce Correio is special because he has done such a great job under some trying circumstances."

For the past 20-years Dan has been the owner of Goleta Valley Optical in the Magnolia Shopping Center. His mother, an active parishioner for many groups, ran the business previously. She passed away in 2001.

Besides her motherhood responsibilities, Jackie is a considerable help to Dan's business. Jackie regularly puts in nine and ten hour days. She has been involved with the boys' schools over the years and has been a past PTA President.

The reasons Dan decided to become an Optician were noted thus, "I was looking for a job while I was in college and found one at a mall optical outlet. Management, promising more money, recruited me to take the State Certification Exam and become a Certified Optician for their company. Ironically, my father

died in 1987 only days after I received my passing test results so I brought my certification to Santa Barbara to run my parents' business."

Dan attributed the keys to his success as an Optical Specialist to hard work and always putting the customers' needs first. He continued, "We attribute the success of our business to repeat customers. We appreciate our customers who remain loyal to our service. Without the returning clients it's difficult to grow."

Other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Homemade tortillas and chili ribs;
- Favorite meal Jackie prepares: All of them;
- Favorite meal you prepare: Spaghetti;
- Favorite local restaurant: Del Pueblo Cafe;
- Favorite meal at your favorite restaurant: Chicaron con huevos;
- Favorite book: The Dark Tower Series by Steven King;
- Favorite TV program: Two and a Half Men;
- Favorite movie of all time: ET;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Football (Go Steelers - parents came from Pittsburgh);
- Favorite sport as a participant: Martial Arts Sparring;
- Favorite travel destination: I would like to see Italy.
- Best travel experience: Going to Maui with Jackie and the boys in March 2007;
- Hobbies: Playing music (drums) Martial Arts (Blue Belt in Hapkido);
- One word to describe us at Church: Committed;
- One word to describe me at KC meetings: Involved;
- One word to describe St. Raphael: Embracing;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Dedicated;
- Community involvements: KCs, Drum & Percussion Instructor at El Camino Elementary School;
- Growing up, I always thought I'd be: a Father;

- My parents were right when they told me: If you want to know what kind of person you are, look at the people around you.
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Every moment I get to spend with my wife;
- Advice to youngsters: Give and you shall receive."
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: If wishing were, I'd have had?

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

So come to the meetings and be a part of the Brotherhood that will draw new members and reach new levels of charity in our community. I can't wait to see what this year's collective effort will bring.

Vivat Jesus

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### **KNIGHT OF THE MONTH**

***Bill McLafferty***

*By Dan Knauss, Grand Knight*



The Deputy Grand Knight is the second in command in the local council. He is also elected annually, assists the Grand Knight in the operation of council affairs and is responsible for any duties assigned to him by the Grand Knight. In the absence of the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight presides at council meetings and functions as the Grand Knight would.

The Deputy Grand Knight is also a member of the Advisory Board charged with general supervision of a Columbian Squires circle sponsored by his council. It is suggested that the Deputy Grand Knight and the Board of Trustees serve on the council's retention committee.

As this year's incoming Deputy Grand Knight,

Bill has hit the ground running by organizing this year's Coke Booth event at De La Guerra Plaza. He is a Past Faithful Navigator for Junipero Serra Assembly #44 and was last year's Chancellor for the Council. I look forward to working with Bill this year on all of the programs he will oversee as Program Director. Thank You Bill for all you do and your tireless effort.

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I carry a sign-up sheet with me at all times and if you want to sign up, you can call me at 685-4284 and sign up by phone. If I don't hear from you, I will be calling you to get your assistance on working a shift or two. It's a great way for families to work together and have a busy, but fun, quality time together. I would like to arrange a meeting with the shift captains to make sure we are all on the same page as to knowing what to do and what is expected of us. This meeting will be several days or a week before the Fiesta and I will contact you to give you the info. This is one of the major fund raising events of the year, and we need your help!

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**From the ProtectMarriage.Com Website**

McCain announces support for the California Protection of Marriage initiative 6/26/2008  
SACRAMENTO, CA

United States Senator John McCain today announced his support for the California Protection of Marriage initiative on the state's November ballot, leaders of the ProtectMarriage.com campaign announced. In an email received by the ProtectMarriage.com campaign, Senator McCain issued the following statement:

"I support the efforts of the people of California to recognize marriage as a unique institution between a man and a woman, just as we did in my home state of Arizona. I do not believe judges should be making these decisions."

Commenting on the endorsement of Senator McCain, ProtectMarriage.com Chairman Ron Prentice said, "We are honored to have the

support of Senator McCain. As a leader in the United States Senate and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, Senator McCain's position will be an important factor to millions of Californians. Senator McCain has articulated a key feature of the initiative campaign, which is that voters and not judges should be determining this issue. Over 61% of the electorate has already voted to reaffirm marriage as between a man and a woman. Four activist judges on the California Supreme Court in San Francisco wrongly substituted their own narrow views for the opinion of over 4 million California voters. Fortunately, voters will be able to correct that mistake in November and restore the definition of marriage to our constitution. We look forward to working with Senator McCain and many other elected leaders to accomplish this. We hope that U.S Senator Barack Obama will join Senator McCain in endorsing the initiative, and would welcome his support as well."

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**From Zenit.Org (June 21, 2008)**

**Marriage's Meaning "Given, Not Constructed"**

L.A. Prelates Clarify That Redefinition Isn't Possible

LOS ANGELES, JUNE 16, 2008 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)):-

As California's approval of same-sex marriage was set to go into effect this evening, the bishops of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles reiterated that marriage cannot simply be redefined, since it comes from God.

In a statement today, the prelates noted that "persons with a homosexual orientation 'must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity,'" referring to statements from the national episcopal conference.

"Accordingly," they continued, "the bishops condemn all forms of violence, scorn, and hatred - - whether subtle or overt -- against men and women who are homosexual. All people, regardless of sexual inclination, are called to holiness; and 'should be encouraged to take an active role in the faith community' and to live according to its teachings."

But respect, compassion and sensitivity for homosexuals does not mean that marriage can be redefined, the bishops affirmed, since marriage "has a unique place in God's creation, joining a man and a woman in a committed relationship in order to nurture and support the new life for which marriage is intended."

"The meaning of marriage is deeply rooted in history and culture, and has been shaped considerably by Christian tradition," they wrote. "Its meaning is given, not constructed."

The Los Angeles prelates suggested that benefits are already given to same-sex couples, without a need for marital status.

"For example, individuals can agree to own property jointly with another, and they can generally designate anyone they choose to be a beneficiary of their will or to make health care decisions in case they become incompetent," they explained. "Other desired benefits such as sharing in a partner's health insurance could be made available without the drastic step of a cultural or legal redefinition of marriage."

"Let us strengthen our resolve to respect the dignity of each human being and to protect the sanctity of marriage, asking God's guidance in our efforts to promote the common good central to a free and democratic society," the bishops concluded.



On Sunday, July 27, Council 1684 will be holding a Special Memorial for 1684's PGK Jack Nelson who died recently. The Memorial will be at Serra Hall at 2 PM.

There will be several marriage amendment workshops available in the next few months sponsored by the Commission for Catholic Life Issues for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The workshops will focus on Sarah's Law and the Marriage Initiative. The workshop for the Santa Barbara area will be on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at St. Pascal Baylon Church (155 E. Janss

Rd.) in Thousand Oaks. The meeting is only three hours from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The cost is a \$5 donation. If anyone is interested, please let one of the officers know and we will pass on the directions to you.

Remember to keep in your prayers all those who are being affected by the recent wildfires in our area and state and the firefighters who are fighting them. If any Knight has a need for assistance, please let your Brother Knights know. Also, Columbian Charities is ready to help.

## July Birthdays

Harold B. Cahill	07/03
Dcn Wayne Rascati	07/03
Stanley M. Baran Jr.	07/05
Antonio (Tony) Aceves	07/05
Joseph T. Kovach	07/08
Francis C. Arnoult	07/10
Tom F. Zanolini	07/11
Robert M. Marks	07/15
Bernard M. Jochum	07/17
Henry H. Cardiel	07/18
Juan M. Morales	07/19
James M. Bonsell	07/20
Rev. Tomas A. Elis	07/22
Sean P. Connors	07/23
Andrew R. Wengler	07/25
Dal Diebold	07/25
Leonard L. Cruess	07/28
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**Articles need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

Thank you.



## **PHOTO GALLERY**

St. Mark's Confirmation, June 1, 2008

Polling Booth-St. Mark's Church, June 3, 2008

Bishop Diego Confirmation, June 7, 2008

Welcome-Fr. Angel Castro, June 15, 2008



*The Color Corps pose for their picture before the St. Mark's Confirmation.*



*Brother Knights Bill Fuhrer and Larry Stigney man a polling station.*



*GK Dan Knauss and Brother Joe Darga at the polling booth.*



*Brother Bill McNamara staffed the voter information table.*



*The Color Corps pose for their picture at the Bishop Diego graduation.*



*Fr. Bruce, PGK Don Aubrey, Lucille Aubrey, Maria Cabrera and PGK Francisco Cabrera with Fr. Angel Castro at Fr. Angel's welcome celebration.*

District Deputies Convention, June 28, 2008



*State Deputy Bob Villalobos poses with our new State Chaplain, Fr. Charles Fuld.*



*PSD Emilio Moure, State Warden Ray Warriner and Chapter President Cherif Khoury in the State Hospitality Suite.*



*Brother Tom Knapp (from the So Calif Chapter) and State Advocate Charles Clark pose for their picture.*



*State Secretary Vince Pacis, State Deputy Bob Villalobos and PSD Emilio Moure at the convention.*



*DD #61 Tom Pickles and Area Master Manuel Lima pose for their picture.*



*The High Tops, a group of autistic and special needs adults from Buena Park, perform at the convention's banquet.*



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