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Blue Mass – September 15, 2008



The Junipero Serra Assembly sponsored a Blue Mass on September 15 to honor the law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel that serve our community on a daily basis. Above are several pictures of those who attended the event including Sheriff Bill Brown in the center of the first picture.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

By Dan Knauss, Grand Knight



Dear fellow Brother Knights of Columbus,

The month of September has been exciting and a lot of work has been put in by many to get it all done. I wanted to start by saying thank you to all the Brother Knights and their family and friends for all that you have done and will continue to do for this council. I'm constantly reminded by your faithful action how great it is to be involved with you. I'm truly blessed to able to call you Brothers and Friends.

We started the month off with the Labor Day Picnic and had a great time. The weather was great and we had an awesome turnout. We hope you all had a good time. The food was incredible and the cooks were entertaining. Thank You Abel, Patty, Jose, Tony and all who participated. The 50/50 raffle seemed to find Bernie Jochum's table no matter how much I tried to spread the wealth.

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

All Brother Knights should be excited to see how some of our newest members have stepped up to help support our Council 5300 in its many activities. Check out the new faces working in the kitchen or in the Coke Booth or at the semi-monthly socials or special fund raisers. They are there, they are active and they are the future. Recently, four of these newer members received their Third Degree Exemplification: Joe Salcedo, Patrick Donohoe, Jose Rodriguez and Dick Temple. Congratulations to these Brothers for their involvement and their inspiration. They are showing the leadership our Council needs for its future.

It's that time again! Usually on a weekend close to Halloween, our Council gets involved in the Tootsie Roll campaign to raise funds to assist in support of Intellectually Disabled programs. This year, on the third weekend of October, we will be out in the shopping centers and malls to offer Tootsie Rolls for contributions to this most worthy cause. The Tootsie Rolls are offered as a thank you for cash donations to the cause and they do come in handy for Halloween Trick or Treaters a week or two later. Come to the October meeting and sign up to help with the fund raiser.

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October, 2008

10/03/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
10/06/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
10/12/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 11 AM
10/11/08	Saturday	Columbus Day Dinner
10/13/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
10/27/08	Monday	Family Dinner Social (Harvest Fest Theme)

November, 2008

11/03/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
11/04/08	Tuesday	Election Day-Polling Place Duty
11/07/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
11/08/08	Saturday	Chapter Meeting, Simi Valley, 10:30 AM
11/09/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 11 AM
11/10/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
11/27/08	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
11/30/08	Sunday	Corporate Communion, 9:30 AM Mass

December, 2008

12/01/08	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting, 8:00 PM
12/05/08	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
12/08/08	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
12/13/08	Saturday	Christmas Party
12/14/08	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 8:30 AM until 11 AM/Blood Drive
12/20/08	Saturday	Candy for Widows
12/25/08	Tuesday	Christmas Day, Merry Christmas!



District Deputy's Report
Stephen Schlesselmann, District 61

A Spiritual Thought

On October 7, we will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As Knights, we should carry our rosaries with us and say it often and well. As **St. Josemaria de Balaguer** states in the Furrow: "The Rosary is said not with the lips alone, muttering Hail Marys one after the other. That is the way over-pious old men and women rattle them off. For a Christian, vocal prayer must spring from the heart, so that while the Rosary is said, the mind can enter into contemplation of each one of the mysteries" (page 403 of the **Way/Furrow/the Forge** by St. Josemaria de Balaguer).

September turned out to be just as busy as expected. There were numerous degrees, the Chapter installation, various council events, Proposition 8 meetings and parish celebrations and picnics. Before, highlighting the details, I would like to once again encourage all of you to get involved in ensuring the passage of Proposition 4 (Sarah's Law) and Proposition 8 (the Marriage Amendment). We have only a few weeks left before absentee ballots are mailed and only a few more weeks before the general election. Please, please sign up to help at www.catholicsforprotectmarriage.com and get involved. Most of the work from now on will involve phone calling. It is an easy task and the Protect Marriage Committee has set up call nights to assist in the process. There may be a few more neighborhood walks as well. Also, if you are interested in displaying a yard sign and/or bumper sticker, please let Cherif or myself know and we will pass on your request to the committee. Remember, our State Deputy, Bob Villalobos has asked that we help with these propositions. As Knights, we have an obligation to follow our superior officers.

Degrees:

- 1) At the same time that the Chapter Installation was being held, Council 10067 (Saticoy) conducted a first degree in which 2 new Brother Knights were welcomed into our Order.
- 2) Council 5300 held their first degree on September 8 and 4 new Brother Knights took the degree: Brothers Mike Hannen (5300), Pete Leyva (5300), Juan Navarro (5300) and Antonio Reyes (13756).
- 3) Council 1684 held a 2nd degree at their council on September 10 and 8 1st Degree Knights attended the ceremony: Fr. Rafael Marin-Leon (1684), Dcn. Mike Betliskey (13756), Brothers Jim Neary (5300), Patrick Donohoe (5300), Jose Rodriguez (5300), Steve Romonofsky (1684), Theo Provencio (10067) and John Contreras (10067).
- 4) Council 750 also held a 2nd degree ceremony at their council on September 11 and 8 Brother Knights from Districts 62 & 63 took their degree that night. There were 3 Brother Knights who took their degree from our district (62) who were all members of Council 10067: Brothers Jose Munoz, Marco Flores and Rafael Ojeda.
- 5) Finally, we had a very impressive 3rd degree ceremony at Council 1684 on Sunday, September 21. 43 2nd degree Brother Knights took their 3rd degree that day including 2 priests: Fr. Rafael Marin-Leon and Fr. Francis Davoro as well as Deacon Mike Betliskey.
- 6) The next degrees coming up include a 1st degree at Council 1684 on Wednesday, October 8 and a 3rd degree on March 1, 2009 at St. Peter Claver's in Simi Valley. Before the 3rd degree in March, there will be a few more first second degrees although, at this time, no dates have been set for those degrees.

I just wanted to say THANK YOU to all who helped and participated in the above degrees. As most of you know, there is quite a bit of behind the scenes work that goes on to ensure that these degrees run smoothly. The various councils that hosted the degrees did an excellent job.

Programs:

In addition to the degrees mentioned above, Council 1684 also hosted a very nice fourth Wednesday dinner on September 24. At the dinner, GK Mark Wietstock played the Wheelchair Sunday DVD video and the Catholic Vote video. A copy of the video is available at www.kofc.org and if you haven't seen it yet, you should do so. It is very short and well worth viewing it. GK Mark also made a very impassioned exhortation for all of us to get involved and ensure that Propositions 4 & 8 pass in November.

Other than the degree, Council 5300 hosted their annual Labor Day picnic at Tucker's Grove, their pancake breakfast, a Blue Mass sponsored by the 4th Degree, and finally, the council helped at the parish picnic by providing Tri-Tip sandwiches, beer and nachos.

Council 10067 has been busy with work around the parish including painting of the curbs in front of Sacred Heart Church (the paint and labor were donated by the council). In addition, the Council participated in the parish's annual festival by manning several booths. Brother Gerry Morrison chaired the activity.

Finally, Council 13756 helped Fr. Beto and St. Joseph's parish with their 75th anniversary celebration. The celebration included a special Mass presided over by the Bishop and a very nice luncheon afterwards.

Other Notes:

- 1) As noted previously, the Chapter installation took place on September 3 and it was a very impressive ceremony. The ceremony itself took place outside of Serra Hall followed by a very nice sit down dinner. Chapter President Cherif Khoury arranged for a few speakers including Paul Sorensen who is the Santa Barbara area coordinator for the Yes on Proposition 8 Campaign. Also, Brother Sam Alfano was given an award as the top recruiter in the Chapter for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year.
- 2) On September 13, a number of us Knights from the district along with other groups

attended a very informative meeting at St. Pascal Baylon in Thousand Oaks on Proposition 4 and Proposition 8. The Archdiocese along with the California Bishops are strongly supporting both issues. If you need more information about either issue, please log onto www.yeson4.net for Proposition 4 and the Catholics for Protect Marriage website mentioned above for Proposition 8.

- 3) Right now, the district is at 13% of membership and 17% of insurance. Brothers we can do much better. We only have 9 months left in this Columbian Year to increase those numbers to 100%. Let's get to work. The next blitz drive is coming up on October 11 and 12 and I would like to see 100% participation in the event by all the councils even those councils who have recently held a blitz drive. Remember, it is every Knight's responsibility to recruit.
- 4) The next Chapter meeting is on Saturday, November 8 at Council 5803 (Simi Valley) starting at 10:30 AM with lunch at 12:30 PM. If any of you need directions, please let me know and I'll email you the details.
- 5) The Drive to help those with Intellectual Disabilities is scheduled for the weekend of October 17-19. So far, Councils 1684 and 5300 are planning on participating and I am hoping that Councils 10067 and 13756 will be doing likewise. Of course, the collection can take place any time of the year but the State has asked us Knights to focus on this particular weekend for this activity.
- 6) Will each council be participating in the free throw contest this year? It is a very worthwhile activity. If any council would like to participate, they should get busy now since the free throw kits have to be ordered this month.
- 7) We have been asked by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to pray a Novena for Faithful Citizenship prior to the elections in November. A link to the Novena can be found at www.kofc.org. If you haven't already started praying it, the suggested start date is October 26.

- 8) As mentioned in previous columns, we would like to host a Wheelchair Sunday in as many parishes in the district as possible during the next 6 to 9 months. Please contact your pastors, let me know and I'll pass on your requests to DD Dan Mohberg and Brother Chris Lewis.
- 9) The position of District Warden is still open to anyone who wants to apply although 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!
- 10) Please continue to pray for all of our sick and deceased Knights in the district.

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



Report of the 4th Degree
SK Jack Turney, Faithful Navigator

DINNER MEETING

Our next regular dinner meeting will be on October 20 at 7:00 pm in the St. Raphael Parish Hall.

4th DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

The 4th Degree Exemplification will be held in Visalia on November 1, 2008. We have several candidates from 1684 and 5300 that are planning to attend. They will be given information packets with schedules and events individually. Those Sir Knights that are planning to attend the exemplification can get this information from FN Jack Turney (967 9473), or FC Paul Coyne (967 7880). All reservations and monies must be received in Visalia by October 21, so time is of the essence.

BLUE MASS HELD

The Blue Mass was held on Monday evening, September 15, and it turned out to be a beautiful celebration honoring the Police, Sheriffs and

Forest Service personnel that attended. The Mass was con-celebrated by Fr. Mark (ex-LAPD Chaplain) and Fr. Rafael Marin-Leon, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, the current SBPD Police Chaplain. Also in attendance were Deacons Jorge Rodriquez, Armando Martel and Arturo Gonzales from the Carpinteria Council. They were very impressive in their Chaplain's uniforms for the SBPD distributing communion. Also in attendance were SB Police Chief Cam Sanchez and some of his staff, SB County Sheriff Bill Brown along with his Adjutant "Butch" Arnoldi. Representing the Forest Service was the Deputy Ranger, Ken Hefner and Battalion Chief Rick Coursan. Chief Coursan (still recovering from injuries sustained) was one of the first responders to our recent "Gap Fire". Music for the Mass was provided by Gilda Sahagun and her rendition of Amazing Grace at the closing left many in attendance with moist eyes. Our own Color Corps turned out in large number (16), providing the color and flourish needed at such an important celebration. Afterwards, I received many thanks from those that attended expressing their appreciation to the Knights for thinking of them and the support we showed with this celebration.

The dinner afterwards was a sit-down feast prepared by Chef Bradbury, the main course being Chicken Bradbury. Many compliments were received on his behalf. Many thanks to all the Knights that helped with the cooking and serving.

NEEDED: POLLING PLACE WORKERS

The November 4 Elections are fast approaching and the Junipero Serra Assembly and Council 5300 are putting together their teams of polling place workers for this important election. Currently there are three precincts to be manned, all at St. Mark's Church in Isla Vista. For this election, the County Elections Office is requiring that 1 more clerk be added to the normal contingent of 5 and your help is needed to fill these positions. Each precinct will have a crew of 12 people, half of whom will work in the morning from 6:00 AM until 1:30 PM, the other half will work from 1:30 PM until closing of the polling

place is completed, at about 9:00 PM. This is an important fund raiser for the Council and the Assembly. The monies that the County pays for manning these precincts are given directly to the Knights of Columbus and deposited in their respective general funds to be used for charitable donations. If you are interested in helping out (**widows are also invited to participate**) please call Paul Coyne at 975-7880 or Bill McNamara at 964-4526.



Chancellor's Report
SK Mark Vampola, Chancellor

With the Christmas Holiday season just around the corner, we are all starting to get busy filling our schedules with our plans: vacations, seasonal parties, family visitations, guests, and the list goes on and on. By the time we reach Thanksgiving, our calendars are sure to be booked full with all our traditional activities and even a few new ones and the Christmas cards are nearly ready to be mailed. The next five weeks fly by like a whirlwind, and by January 3, we are thinking, "Survived another Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years!" and "Whew, time to take a break from it all" We all wish we had just a bit more time, so that we could relax and truly enjoy this wonderful time of the year. If only we had planned better, if only . . .

As always with this special season that nears, at some point we are reminded of those who aren't as fortunate as many. There are some that need financial assistance, food, treats for children, or just someone to share some time with, to remind them that they are not just forgotten relics of a time gone by, but still matter and are appreciated. As we are reminded of those who need our assistance, we frequently are in the position that those who would be so blessed with our help are often just out of our reach, due to scheduled obligations which fill our calendars so quickly. If only . . . we had more time.

Alas, there is still much time before the Christmas Season is upon us. If only . . . we

chose now to consider those who could use our help and our company, and we planned for it now, before the whirlwind swept us up. If only . . . we planned to make a difference to those who really needed that difference made. What a difference we could make this upcoming Christmas Season and return the gift of Christ to those who are desperately in need of the light and the joy of Christmas. Before your calendars get filled, take some time and plan to make that "if only . . ." a truly bright shining Christmas light in someone's life. "God loved us so, that he sent us his only son" on Christmas day. Where is he sending you this Christmas?

Plan also to keep these Brother Knights and their families in your prayers. Teo Nungaray and his wife Dolores. Dolores has been ill for many months with a stomach ailment. Juan Morales has recently gotten out of the hospital, after treatment for his back. Our Deputy Grand Knight Bill McLafferty has been under the weather for some time also, and for Janet Page, wife of Brother Knight Edmund Page.



Youth Director's Report
John Vasellina, Youth Director

St. Raphael's LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry had their opening kickoff on Sunday, September 21. The evening started with the Sunday evening 5:30 PM LIFE TEEN Mass which Fr. Mark presided over. After Mass, there was a huge BBQ spearheaded by Tony Vallejo and his team. The night included food for the teens, Laser Tag, the Java Man coffee cart, large screen Wii competitions, games and prizes. The evening ended with Praise and Worship and prayer. Approximately 200 teens attended.

On Sunday, September 28, the Confirmation students, their families, and the congregation gathered for a standing room only 5:30 PM Sunday evening LIFE TEEN Mass where Bishop Curry presided. This was the first Rite of the year for the confirmation students, the Rite of Beginning the Journey for Year 1 and the Rite of

Continuing the Journey for Year 2. It was a beautiful Mass with great participation and spirit. There are about 200 teens in the confirmation program. After Mass, we held our monthly XLT which is Praise and Worship, a guest speaker and Eucharistic Adoration. Approximately 100 teens and 15 adults participated in the XLT.

The Jr. High Youth Ministry program "The`EDGE" begins on Thursday, October 2.



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

"I ALREADY HAVE INSURANCE AT WORK"

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists, may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

To contact me with regards to this, please email me at dlfarebrother@aol.com or call me at

either of the numbers listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Pro-Life Director's Report

*Bob & Cecilia Marks
Pro-Life Couple*

DEATH WISH!

THE IMPENDING SUICIDE OF A ONCE GREAT NATION

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A large number of endangered, unwanted, and unborn children held a town hall meeting on the 4th of July--alarmed at the brutal and untimely killing of millions of their brothers and sisters in recent years. That the murderous war waged on them had the full force and respectability of the law made their plight all the more terrifying.

Their complaint was humble and it was simple. They were not distressed by rising gas prices, or the deteriorating economy in general. They were not even frightened by the exponential increase of natural disasters. The threat of global warming or global terrorism did not greatly disturb them.

They had become an endangered species, and little had been done to answer their terrified and silent screams from the womb. They decided that the barbaric treatment that they and their fellow unwanted unborn human beings have had to endure for perilous decades was unconscionable and unbearable. They cried out to their Creator for inspiration and protection, and then unanimously they put forth a declaration. It began as follows:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with

another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS....”

THAT AMONG THESE IS LIFE; THAT AMONG THESE IS LIFE; THAT AMONG THESE IS LIFE!

The first and pre-eminent right is the right to life. This truth the Founding Fathers were sure of, and anyone with any common sense at all is equally sure of it. 232 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed the amount of common sense that seems to be operative in many spheres of influence—most notably the courts and the political arena--can easily be poured into a very small thimble.

The United States of America seems to have a death wish, and we have traveled far down the road to having that wish realized. When law divorces itself from common sense and spawns the illegitimate offspring of distortions of law, resulting in illegal laws—based neither on the natural law nor divine law--this undermines law itself, generating disdain for the law. Erosion of trust in the courts, or the system in general, is inevitable.

The genesis of the death wish is rooted in the fall of man that we see in the Book of Genesis. The substance of the fall is wrapped up in Lucifer's pride, transferred to Adam and Eve—“You can be like gods, knowing good and evil.” The unholy, yet inevitable, consequence of that pride is disobedience—eating the forbidden fruit. The ultimate end is death, as God said it would be. That's the way it was in the beginning. That's the way it is now. That's the way it will be until time breathes forth its last moment.

The prototypical sin is pride, the pride that seeks to exalt the creature above the Creator: “I can be like God.” Then, subjectively and arbitrarily, man tries to assert himself, imagining that he knows what's good and evil for himself without reference to God and God's law. This was the fall of the angels and the fall of man. The attempt by creatures to usurp what is only the province of God. Only God knows what is good for His creation.

In recent years, it took the form of a self-inflicted heart wound when some dissident Catholics rejected the teaching of the Church, a teaching that clearly held that artificial contraception is intrinsically evil. Then, as Pope Paul VI had warned, it metastasized into abortion. From abortion it degenerated even further into partial-birth abortion. It was then a short and easy step to infanticide.

The exclamation point at the end of the death wish is that now there is yet another candidate for the office of president of the United States who has in an extraordinary way done everything possible to breathe life into all of the barbaric elements of the death wish. He and his party make no apologies for their support of abortion, partial-birth abortion, and even infanticide. It's hard to believe that we have degenerated to the point that we'll murder a helpless baby should it escape the violence of an abortion and be born alive. Can a Catholic vote for such persons? We are told, “yes” for a “proportionate reason.” What, I might ask, is the proportionate reason so weighty as to excuse supporting those responsible for what is tantamount to genocide? The judges and politicians that support such barbaric practices are truly guilty of genocide: *genocide*—the deliberate and systematic destruction of an ethnic, racial, religious, national, or social group. “What is the group so targeted?” you might ask. The group is unwanted, unborn children--tens of millions of them.

The Supreme Court justices that gave us *Roe v. Wade* will have to plead temporary insanity in the court of history. There will be no defense in the highest Court that is the judgment seat of almighty God if they do not repent of the incalculable evil they have wrought.

Yet, despite the life and death importance of this travesty of authentic law, there will be no serious discussion among political candidates, or anyone else. It is as if society has been bewitched, blind to the splendor of truth, deaf to the cries of the most innocent, most vulnerable, and most utterly helpless.

From artificial contraception to abortion to partial-birth abortion, then on to infanticide we march toward the abyss of oblivion, a society marked for death. Is it any wonder we can rationalize the killing of the elderly or the sick through euthanasia? The tragic murder of Terri Schiavo is a logical extension of a morally numb society's mad march toward its own suicidal death. She wasn't sick. She wasn't dying. They murdered her, starved her to death--one of the cruelest forms of death. She was innocent, yet subjected to a most cruel and unusual punishment. Why? Because she was helpless? Because she was too much trouble, too hard to look at?

As Abraham Lincoln asserted, "If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time, or die by suicide." We are dying by suicide, moral and spiritual suicide, and the moral demise of a nation almost always precedes the ultimate demise of a nation.

Many of our leaders, political and legal, are reminiscent of the horrid witches in Act 1 Scene 1 of Shakespeare's "Macbeth," chanting shrilly to a morally sick public all too eager to be confirmed in their sins,

"Fair is foul, and foul is fair: Hover through the fog and filthy air."

Good is evil, and evil is good. The truth is a lie and lies are the truth, hover through the fog of moral relativism and the filthy air of a world gone mad with the madness of sin.

The words of the prophet thunder through the ages, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness" (Isaiah 5:20).

We have inverted the poles of the moral power grid. We have begun to call the negative pole the positive, and the positive the negative. This inversion of reality begets disaster: The power fails, the lights go out, darkness falls—and

indeed, if your light is darkness, how deep, how very deep will the darkness be! (cf. Mt 6:23).

This death wish has marched toward its logical and inexorable conclusion with little opposition from leaders--political, legal, or religious. The world knows the Catholic Church and any self-respecting and faithful Christian roundly reject abortion and all of the other nails in the coffin of contemporary society, but the defense of life has been weak. Weak leadership, whether in society in general, or in the Church in particular, is punishment for sin. The Old Covenant has examples enough of the Chosen People being turned over to exile and their enemies because of infidelity. They lamented, "We have no priest, prophet, or king." These were taken away because of infidelity. In recent times large numbers of Catholics and other Christians rejected Pope Paul VI's landmark and prophetic encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, on Human Life. A majority of the bishops of Canada did so publicly, formally, and in writing with their infamous *Winnipeg Statement*.

The great Archbishop Fulton Sheen lamented bitterly in the 1970s that the prophetic spirit of Christ had all but been extinguished in the contemporary Church. Today there are many CEOs, all too few Apostles. Are we afraid of a fight? Do we fear rejection, misunderstanding, or derision? Are we cowed and intimidated by fallacious notions of the separation of Church and state? Could we be afraid of persecution? Could we be afraid of losing our tax-exempt status? Have we declared *détente* with evil?

The clock is ticking. Midnight is approaching. Time is running out for our nation, a nation that once was great, and could be great again if enough of us wake up and renounce this curse of a death wish. Will God turn his friends over to His enemies as He has done multiple times in the past? Will radical Islam overrun us? Will the planet cook? Will one too many natural disasters grind us into dust? Will we collapse economically? All of the above? Perhaps these are all merely effects of the underlying cause—a death wish that chokes the life out of us.

In the end it is likely that President Abraham Lincoln had it right: "Intoxicated with unbroken

success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." Thus forgetting that we are one nation under God, we become a nation gone under (President Ronald Reagan).

And, indeed, "If destruction be our lot we ourselves will be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen we must live through all time, or die by suicide."

May God grant us the grace to awake from this deadly moral slumber, renounce the death wish, and live like truly free men and women—in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

Rev John Corapi, SOLT-2008

**Brother David Farebrother, Knight Since 1991,
Named KC Insurance Agent for August, 2008**

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight



David Lawrence Farebrother, area Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent, has been named Agent of the Month for the James Berkery Agency for August, 2008. The former Grand Knight in 1992-96 in Ft. Myers, Florida has led the agency in new members and star councils for three years in a row.

Currently David serves 10 councils (with 1,925 members) from Camarillo to Vandenberg AFB., of which 1,200 have insurance with the Knights of Columbus (life insurance, annuities or long term care insurance). David's interest in insurance took place when he was asked to fill a California vacancy. He went to a couple of interviews, took a 50-hour crash course, passed the state exam, the medical exam and background

check, got his license and was offered a contract with the KCs. He has been honored as Rookie of the Year for the Berkery Agency, Agent of the Year twice and Agent of the Month several times.

After graduating from Midway Elementary in 1959, Mt. Rainier High School in 1965 and from the University of Washington in 1970, David worked in the horticultural industry for more than 35 years. He also worked for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at Santa Clara Cemetery in Oxnard for a few years. David said, "When the opportunity to work full-time for the Knights of Columbus came up, I jumped on it. I care about my Brother Knights and their families."

The native of Waltham, Mass., joined the Knights in Florida on September 1, 1991 and in two years became a 4th Degree Sir Knight. David's sponsor was Rev. Rafael Padilla. David served as Grand Knight for Council 10886 Jesus Obrero in Ft. Myers from 1992-96. The council received Star Council Awards three years in a row while David was the Grand Knight. David's other KC duties included:

- Financial Secretary and District Warden, 1996-97, Council 10886;
- District Deputy 35, Florida, 1997-98;
- District Deputy 59, California, 2002-03;
- Faithful Pilot, Assembly 82, 2002-03;
- District Deputy 60, California, 2003-04;
- Faithful Captain, Assembly 82, 2003-04;
- Faithful Navigator, Assembly 82, 2004-05;
- Faithful Admiral, Assembly 82, 2005-06;
- Faithful Trustee, Assembly 82, 2006-present.

David was born on December 5, 1946 during a blizzard in an Army hospital. David's parents, Thomas Lawrence Farebrother and Alice Mary, hailed from Buffalo, N.Y., and Dorchester, Mass. David has two sisters Gayle and Susan Jordan. David boasted, "I have no biological brothers but I am fortunate enough to have 1,770,000 fraternal brothers." His parents, both Army Medics, later transferred to Seattle so David grew up in Seattle and has lived in Colorado, Florida, Mexico and California.

David's wife, Martha Vazquez, was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1956 in Ameca, Jalisco, Mexico. Martha's nine siblings include five

brothers (Humberto, Francisco, Juan, Jose and Sergio) and four sisters Maria de Jesus (Chui), Maria Isabel (Chavela), Maria de Guadalupe (Lupe) and Maria Teresa (Tere).

David met Martha in Salinas, Calif., and on December 24, 1975, they were married by Rev. Ramiro Valdez in Santiago Apostol Church in Ameca, Jalisco.

David and Martha are proud parents of three grown children, Martha Alicia Farebrother, 31, Xochitl D. Frye, 27 and David T., 24 and two grandchildren, Adrianna, 11 and Amaya, 8.

In 2004, David & Martha moved from Oxnard to Carpinteria where they are Eucharistic Ministers at St. Joseph's Parish. "We are fortunate to have such an inspired pastor, Father Beto, who is noted for his beautiful homilies," acclaimed David.

Besides Martha's motherhood responsibilities, Martha has also worked for the school district in Florida at Sunshine Elementary. Soon after moving to California, she began working in the Archdiocese Cemetery in Santa Barbara and Santa Clara in Oxnard.

Over the years, Martha's contributions to the church have been very impressive. She has been a Lector, member of the choir, Eucharistic Minister, Coordinator for RENEW, taught CCD and Baptism classes, initiated Divine Mercy at St. Joseph's, and has been involved in Encuentro Familiar and Marriage Encounter.

"We've traveled all over the USA and Mexico," said David. He continued, "I've been to 47 states (still missing Alaska, Michigan and Kentucky). We've also been to British Columbia and Alberta, Canada, the Bahamas and Colombia, South America."

"I have been truly blessed to have many religious who I would consider to be good friends," stated David. He added, "But Father Rafael Padilla in Ft. Myers, Florida is extra special. He had a talent for making me get out of the back pew in church and getting me involved in the parish community. He is also the Godfather to our son."

Responding to why he has been so successful, David exclaimed, "I am very persistent and enthusiastic about the Knights and our insurance

program. Having had time to examine other policies and how commercial companies work, I am thoroughly convinced that we have the best insurance available." David encourages every member to become a 4th Degree member and an insured member.

"Most importantly, I want to ensure that every Brother Knight has adequate coverage to care for their families after they are gone, as Father McGivney intended when he founded the Knights of Columbus," asserted David.

David's recommendations as to why all Catholic men should join the KCs were summarized thus, "We are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization. If you want to become a better Catholic, bring your family to enjoy activities with other Catholic families, meet and work together with other men with values similar to your own, enjoy their brotherhood and make meaningful contributions to your church and community and, indeed, the whole world." He added, "We are each given many opportunities to contribute in areas that are meaningful to us individually. I do think we need to focus on our spiritual development as Knights and help other Catholic men with their spiritual development by inviting them to join."

A memorable KC event never to be forgotten took place in Florida while he served as GK. The Council decided to have a Fiesta to raise funds but it was a flop...the council lost money and had tons of food left over. After the fiasco, the following year the council held the Fiesta Hispana on a Saturday instead of Sunday with live music added. Everything worked out perfectly. The council sold out of food, raised money for the parish, had a great time and developed a strong sense of teamwork. "We fed the parish Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Colombian food and everyone including visiting state officers and their wives were quite impressed with our little Spanish-speaking council," expressed David.

Other interesting personal items:

- Favorite food: Lasagna like my mother makes;
- Favorite meal Martha prepares: Albondigas con tortillas hechas a mano;

- Favorite meal David prepares: Stuffs and cooks the turkey for Thanksgiving;
- Favorite restaurant: Foo Chow in Chinatown in LA;
- Favorite book: The Second Book of Samuel;
- Favorite TV program: Don't have any...I very rarely watch commercial TV. It is a waste of time and money;
- Favorite movie of all time: Star Wars;
- Favorite sport as a participant: Chess;
- Favorite hobby: Hiking and bird watching;
- Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Football. It would be even more enjoyable if the U of W Huskies could win a game;
- Favorite travel destination: I could easily spend the rest of my life traveling in California and take in all the wonders of nature we have right here. We plan to climb Mt. Whitney next summer;
- One word to describe us at Church: Faithful;
- One word to describe me at KC meetings: Intent;
- One word to describe St. Joseph's: Community;
- One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Brotherhood;
- Growing up, I always thought I'd be a Forester (I got a degree in Botany instead);
- My parents were right when they told me: Get a college education;
- Greatest personal moment as a husband: Receiving the Sacrament of Marriage and being true to my commitment;
- Advice to youngsters: Learn about your religion. It will be your greatest asset;
- If I had 3 wishes they would be: Have a successful exit interview with St. Peter; leave this world a better place for my having been here and for my children to have long, happy lives.

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

As you know by now, we were unable to get the Oktoberfest Dinner together in time for the scheduled time for a variety of reasons. But it just so happens we are fortunate enough to have

members like Chris and Mary Arnoult along with Paul and Evelina Curzan working with Rich Scholl and Vince Filippello to put together an October family Social with just that theme. Look for the flyer in this Knightline and save the date.

The Blue Mass (and dinner) was organized by the Fourth Degree and was well attended. Thank you, Jack Turney for putting on a great event to honor our servicemen. Thank you also to the work that went on in the kitchen to prepare the dinner. We had a superb stuffed chicken with scalloped potatoes and green beans. As always, I want to mention Jim Bradbury and all the crew for their work in providing a great meal.

Lastly, I want say how much I appreciate all of my Brother Knights for being receptive to the call when we need help at an event or a function like the parish picnic. I was please to get so much willingness to help. You all are truly special.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Felix Sanchez

By Dan Knauss, Grand Knight



From left to right: Julie Sanchez, Marie Mackey, Felix and Chawa Ramirez

My selection for this month's Knight of the Month is Felix Sanchez. Felix and Julie are my pick because they are mentors in Council 5300 and that is exactly what we need as an organization to grow. Felix and Julie worked closely with Abel and Patty Salcedo, this month's Family of the Month, to put together the Labor Day Picnic. This event was well attended and was considered a success by all.

It is important to recognize that the work that gets done by the council is often managed and

usually performed by a small percentage of the membership and Felix and Julie are always in that mix. They recognize how important it is to have the newer members get involved and they are willing to take the time to reach out and help them to make a difference in our council. When everyone does just a little, no one has to do a much and a lot gets accomplished.

Brother Felix joined the Council in 1979. He has held many leadership positions. Felix moved up the officer's ranks and became the Grand Knight in 1999-2000. He has made a positive difference in our council and the time he and his wife, Julie have spent coordinating many events has been very valuable to the community and the sponsored charities.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Abel & Patty Salcedo

By Dan Knauss, Grand Knight



The Family of the Month this month goes deservedly to Abel and Patty Salcedo. Abel and Patty stepped up to make this year's Labor Day picnic a huge success. I cannot limit this recognition to Patty and Abel alone because they reached out to Abel's brother, Jose, and to Brother-in-Law and Sister, Tony and Sandra Vallejo, and went to work making the event happen.

Abel and Patty were recruited to assist Brother Felix Sanchez and his lovely wife Julie. As you know they have been instrumental in coordinating the Memorial Day and Labor Day Picnics in recent years. This year, it was time to let some of the new Knights and their families get involved and that is exactly what Abel and Patty did.

Abel took his first degree on April 14, 2008 and, as you can see, has hit the ground running. I'm sure we will see a lot of these two in the years to come.

(Program Director's Rpt continued from page 2)

Don't forget the Oktoberfest theme of the next family social to be held on Monday, October 27th in the Parish Hall. There may be a touch of Halloween in the event, so come to the next meeting and get the full and final information on the event. These socials are guaranteed family fun and should be supported by all members.

Of course, members should be looking forward to Festa Italiana on October 11th in the Parish Hall. Brother Sam Alfano leads the crew who will recreate once again the magic and fun of a great Italian sausage and pasta dinner with accordion music and sing alongs. It is always a great time. Get your tickets from Sam (967-0595) or Livia Dodero (967-4153) and join the fun.

(From the ProtectMarriage.com website-editors note: for the complete report please visit the Protect Marriage website)

12 Points to Remember when Debating Prop 8

1. Men and women are different, and the union of a man and a woman is different that the union of two men or two women.
2. Tolerance opposes same-sex marriage.
3. Equality does not require treating different relationships the same.
4. Marriage is a pre-existing social institution, not a mere legal creation or social construct.
5. The legal definition of marriage signals important social functions.
6. Legalizing same-sex marriage harms families and makes more vulnerable those who invest their lives, and sacrifice their careers, for their marriages and families.
7. Legalizing same-sex marriage harms children by depriving them of a mother or father, and removing the clear legal signal that marriage connects parents to children and parental responsibility.

8. Legalizing same-sex marriage harms society by the transformative power of inclusion and by weakening the basic infrastructure of society.
9. Marriage is defined to serve the public interest, not private special interests.
10. The radical redefinition of marriage is a matter for the people, not the courts, to decide.
11. Many constitutional amendments have been adopted to protect threatened basic institutions and rights.
12. Proposition 8 is about marriage, it is not about homosexuality.

ANNOUNCEMENT



On Monday, September 8, 4 new Brother Knights received their 1st Degree at our business meeting. From left to right: Brothers Peter Leyva (5300), Antonio Reyes (13756), Mike Hannen (5300) and Juan Navarro (5300) are flanked by GK Dan Knauss and our Membership Director, Brother Sam Alfano.

Also, at the business meeting, GK Dan Knauss and PGK Francisco Cabrera presented



a \$5,000 check to Fr. Bruce to help the parish with its financial needs.



On Wednesday, September 10, 8 Brother Knights took their 2nd degree. From left to right (back): Brothers Jim Neary (5300), Patrick Donohoe (5300), Steve Romonofsky (1684), Theo Provencio (10067), Fr. Rafael Marin-Leon (1684), John Contreras (10067). Dcn. Mike Betliskey (13756) is seated in the wheelchair and next to Dcn. Mike is Brother Jose Rodriguez (5300).



On September 21, 43 Brother Knights took their 3rd degree. Pictured above are some of our new 3rd Degree Brother Knights from District 62 with PGK Ralph Wengler: From left to right: Dcn. Mike Betliskey (13756), Brother Patrick Donohoe (5300), Fr. Francis Davoro (10067) and Brother Joe Salcedo (5300).

Troop 105 needs:

Assistant Scoutmasters

Troop 105 currently has an Assistant Scoutmaster, and he has told me that he will not continue past this year. We need a dedicated adult to show up on Wednesday nights and help the Scoutmaster. Ideally, this person would also help on campouts, hikes, and other outdoor events, as well as lead some of the Wednesday night meetings to take the load off the Scoutmaster. The following is an excerpt from the BSA position statement:

“To fulfill his obligation to the troop, the Scoutmaster, with the assistance of the troop committee, recruits assistant Scoutmasters to help operate the troop. Each assistant Scoutmaster is assigned specific program duties and reports to the Scoutmaster. They also provide the required two-deep leadership standards set by the Boy Scouts of America (there must be at least two adults present at any Boy Scout activity). An assistant Scoutmaster may be 18 years old, but at least one in each troop should be 21 or older, so he or she can serve in the Scoutmaster's absence.”

Adult Committee members

As you know, the Troop Committee runs the business side of the troop and helps with scheduling, budgeting, and so forth. We need an adult for each of the following positions: outdoor activities, treasurer, advancement coordinator, general membership.

Treelot Help

Yes, we need treelot help!

I would like to have two people in charge of deliveries, and nothing else. They would setup a schedule and stick to it. Ideally, they would also have a truck, as we don't have one yet this year.

We need one or two day workers. One of the positions can be paid if someone is looking for a little cash. We may need help filling in on some evening shifts, too, but I don't know that yet.

We need help setting up and tearing down. I can let you know when these are scheduled if you find interested people.

I could use anybody with any experience in

past tree lots. If there's someone who thinks they can help, they can!

For further information, please contact Ed Leicht at leicht@implantech.com or (805) 681-0969.

October Birthdays

Rev. Angel Castro	10/01
John J. Sternot	10/02
Thomas E. Puerling	10/03
Stephen J. Schlesselmann	10/03
Richard T. Schiada	10/07
George Velasquez	10/08
Joseph W. Duwel	10/09
John J. Vogel	10/09
Francisco G. Cabrera	10/10
Pablo F. Cabrera	10/10
John C. Kirk, Jr.	10/11
Lawrence P. Huard	10/11
Robert A. Montgomery	10/12
Kenneth K. Kuether	10/13
Rev. Thomas A. Meskill	10/18
Peter A. Martinez	10/19
Ronald G. Uthe	10/19
Jerome M. Becker	10/21
Brian E. Holtz	10/21
William J. Konkol	10/22
Raphael S. Cardenas	10/22
Joseph E. Waters	10/24
John F. Kestel	10/24
Ralph J. Wengler	10/25
Bruce A. Andersson	10/25
Bradley J. Bowen	10/29
Frank H. Mackey	10/31

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PHOTO GALLERY

Labor Day Picnic, September 1, 2008

Chapter Installation, September 3, 2008



Brothers Tony Vallejo, Joe Salcedo and Abel Salcedo barbecuing the delicious chicken and tri-tip at the picnic.



FN Jack & Christa Turney, Tom & Patricia Puerling and Bill & Betty Furher enjoy their meal.



GK Dan Knauss and his family, Jonathan, Jackie and Jacob pose for their picture.



PCP Brian Klinge, David Farebrother, Jr., David Farebrother, Marta Farebrother, Betty Furher and GK Dan Knauss at the picnic.



CP Cherif Khoury poses for his picture in front of the Chapter banner with PGK Francisco Cabrera and FN Jack Turney.



FN Jack Turney watches as State Secretary Ivan Reek conducts the Chapter installation.

Chapter Installation (continued)

Our Lady of Sorrows Centennial Mass, September 28, 2008

Parish Picnic, September 28, 2008



Several Chapter Officers pose with several of our State Officers: SK Steve DiMarco, Ray Centeno, State Warden Ray Warriner, State Secretary Ivan Reek, CP Cherif Khoury and PCP John Bravo.



Brother Sam Alfano receives his "Top Recruiter of the Chapter" award from CP Cherif Khoury while Lee Alfano looks on.



The Color Corps pose for their picture with Fr. Paul Devot after the Centennial Mass.



PGK Francisco Cabrera and Brother Ed Barrier sell Christmas Cards at the Parish Picnic.



Brothers Vince Filippello and John Kestelman man the beer booth at the Parish Picnic.



GK Dan Knauss displays one of his hidden talents that we all found out about at the Parish Picnic.

Photos by Francisco Cabrera/Stephen Schlesselmann/others

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