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Merry Christmas



Pictured: (left to right) Top Row: DGK Ed Barrier, SK Jim Bradbury, FS Chris Arnoult and wife Mary, PGK Francisco Cabrera. Bottom Row Maria Cabrera, GK Mark Vampola, Chawa Ramirez, SK Patrick Donohoe.

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Grand Knight's Report



By Mark Vampola, Grand Knight

The year of 2010 has come to an end with our Council celebrating the "Holidays". The highlights of the "Holidays" include Thanksgiving, where we do just as the Pilgrims did 400 years ago, giving thanks to God for all that we have. We also celebrated Christmas (not "Xmas", as I'm not sure what "X" did for us). This is the time that we celebrate with the giving of gifts, in remembrance of what God did when he sent his son Jesus, as a gift to save us all.

Events our Council were involved in this season included the Christmas Boutique which was coordinated by Barbara Bonsell, wife of Brother Jim Bonsell. The Knights of Columbus hosted the complimentary pictures with Santa Claus, who was none other than PGK Tom Puerling and being assisted by his wife Patricia. Also helping out taking and printing pictures were Brothers Bob Marks, Mell Heuston, Patrick Donohoe, and myself. All the pictures taken are available on the website at www.kc5300.org/christmas.

We also held our annual Christmas dinner on the 18th of December. Although it was cold and very wet

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Program Director's Report

By Ed Barrier, Deputy Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

We had a very successful Christmas Party (see the GK Report and the Christmas Miracle articles in this edition of the Knightline) and the Widows' Christmas Candy Program is still going strong. I leave you with a spiritual thought from Elisabeth Leseur, who is in the process of being canonized. She is known for converting her atheist husband to Catholicism:

*"The last day of a year of which the chief characteristic for me has been privation. God willed
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Schedule of Events

January, 2011

01/01/11	Saturday	New Year's Day.
01/03/11	Monday	Officers' Meeting at Conference Room 8:00 PM.
01/09/11	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast/Blood Drive from 8:30 AM until 11 AM.
01/10/11	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM at Parish Hall.
01/15/11	Saturday	Los Padres Chapter Meeting at St. Raphael's Parish Hall
01/17/11	Monday	4 th Degree Meeting
01/30/10	Sunday	Corporate Communion

February, 2011

02/07/11	Monday	Officers' Meeting at Conference Room 8:00 PM.
02/13/11	Sunday	K of C Parish Pancake Breakfast from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
02/14/11	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM at Parish Hall.
02/21/11	Monday	4 th Degree Meeting

March, 2011

03/01/11	Monday	Officers' Meeting at Conference Room 8:00 PM.
03/07/11	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM at Parish Hall.
03/09/11	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
03/11/11	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry 6:00 PM Parish Hall
03/14/11	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 7:30 AM until 11 AM. Blood Drive from 8:00 AM until 12 PM
03/19/11	Friday	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
03/25/11	Friday	Lenten Fish Fry 6:00 PM Parish Hall

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Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

“I Already Have Insurance at Work”

Many jobs offer some form of group term 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 a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to 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, in absence of a detailed needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage 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 change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could - one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.

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.

Call me - let's talk.

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Chancellor's Report
SK Jack Turney, Chancellor

Below are listings of people that we should be praying for:

Ray Tafelski, member of Council 5300, who is in the care of hospice, Len Cruess who is at Valle Verde recovering from a fall that he had taken, SK Steve Schlesselmann for his continuing recovery, SK Ralph Modugno and his wife, Helen, SK Sam Alfano, SK Jim Wasil, SK Val Taylor, Judy Klinge, the wife of SK Brian Klinge, John Sternot, SK Thomas Bauer who is currently deployed in the Navy, Terry Pugh, wife of Earl Pugh, for the mother of SK John Bravo, Ray and Lupe Villa, Socorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez. Also for the mother of SK Francisco Cabrera, as well as the rest of the family having to deal with the effects of Alzheimers.

For repose of the soul of Fr. Thomas Messner, Chaplain for Council 1684 and member of Junipero Serra Assembly of the 4th Degree. May the Perpetual Light shine on him and his family.

Pray also for our Pastors, Fr. Bruce and Fr. Lawrence, as they guide us (the Parish Community) down our Spiritual Path.

If you know of anybody in need of our prayers please feel free to contact me at 967 9473.

Have a Blessed 2011.

January Birthdays

Knight	B'day
Jesus R. Hernandez	01-Jan
Jim Neary	01-Jan
Dr. Anthony N. Mendesh	02-Jan
Jose J. Meza	02-Jan
Ryan T. Wingco	02-Jan
Rev. Jeffrey D. Newell	03-Jan
Jerry J. Nespor	06-Jan
Dwight A. Morey	09-Jan
Alan D. Keyser	11-Jan

Robert J. Gauthier	12-Jan
Kenneth R. Benn	13-Jan
Solomon G. Sanchez	13-Jan
Donald R. Aubrey	14-Jan
Francis P. Diani	16-Jan
Leonardo Curti	18-Jan
Michael H. Hannen	18-Jan
Rev. Edward C. Nowak	19-Jan
Jose Salcedo Jr	22-Jan
James A. Wasil	24-Jan
James E. Mc Cann	25-Jan
Renato Moiso	28-Jan
John A. Meagher	29-Jan
Ralph V. Modugno	30-Jan

A Small Miracle at Christmas

By Mark Vampola, Grand Knight

We often see good things happen, occasionally some great things, and every once in a while, something really extraordinary. This past Christmas, I got to witness some small, but very good deeds, become something extraordinary.

At the Christmas Dinner our Council held on December 18, the events included a 50/50 Raffle. Being Christmas time, I thought it would be a good time to donate the proceeds of the Raffle (50%) to Catholic Charities. Ticket entries were light, so during dinner I announced where the proceeds were being donated to. By the evening's end, \$211 worth of tickets had been sold. The winner was to get \$105, Catholic Charities, \$106. The winning ticket (#660) belonged to none other than our Chaplain, Msgr. Steve. Msgr. Steve asked that his winnings also be donated to Catholic Charities! Bypassing the process which should be followed when making donations, on Monday I drove down to Catholic Charities to get these funds to them before Christmas, when they could really make a difference. The staff was very appreciative of the donation and mentioned that all cash donations made there by Dec. 31 would be matched, thus doubling this contribution much to my surprise!

The final result of all these little "Good Deeds" turned a \$106 donation into a \$422 donation, not through the acts of one person, but through the contributions and the fateful actions of many. A

small miracle at Christmas!

Thomas Schiferl Earns Eagle Scout Ranking **From Los Padres Eagle Board of Review**



Pictured: Thomas Schiferl

By Joe T. Kovach, Knight Member since 1996

Thomas Schiferl, member of the Boy Scout Troop 105, has been awarded the Eagle Scout rank as his Eagle Scout project benefitting St. Raphael Parish has been completed.

After 90+ hours of work installing three security cameras and over 600 feet of network wiring in the church and one camera at the front door of the Rectory, the 36 month project was finished. Thomas was helped at times by his father, Scoutmaster Glenn, J-Comm owner Oliver Javier and Nonillon Moratilla. Thomas explained, "The most difficult part of the project was choosing the correct equipment for the spaces, and staying within the constrained budget."

The Dos Pueblos Senior went before the 3-member local Los Padres Council Eagle Board of Review on Thursday, December 9th. They questioned him for 30 minutes on his Boy Scouting career and his special project. Deliberating for 20 minutes, they brought Thomas before the Board to be congratulated for his Eagle Scout ranking. After this recognition Thomas' next steps would be Eagle Palms (Bronze, Gold and Silver).

The overall cost of materials installed for Thomas' project and Andrew Leicht's project was over \$3,500. Andrew's project involves installing an electric strike lock on the Rectory door and a two-way intercom

between Receptionist Maria Romero's desk and the front door. To help pay for their projects Thomas and Andrew sold raffle tickets for a grand prize of one week in a fully furnished 3-bedroom South Lake Tahoe home near Heavenly Ski Resort. They made \$3,187 after selling 143 tickets to parish members and others. Pastor Bruce Correio was asked by Thomas to draw the winning ticket on Sunday, Nov. 28. The winning ticket and winner was Joe T. Kovach. The two talented Scouts stated, "We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets to support our projects."

Thomas and Andrew with the assistance of their Knights of Columbus fathers, Glenn and Edward, have asked the Knights of Columbus Council 5300 to contribute financial support to cover the remaining balance of their overall costs.

Besides their many Boy Scouting activities, both youth have been Altar Servers for many years, active with Parish Youth Ministry and a big help at this past Parish Festival. Thomas also is the producer for Dos Pueblos' DP News daily news show.

After graduation in June 2011, Thomas plans to major in Broadcast Production next fall. He has narrowed his universities to Cal State Fullerton, San Jose State University, Western Kentucky University and Chapman University.

Andrew plans to attend the University of Notre Dame or a university in California.

According to Deacon Wayne Rascati, Boy Scout Committee Member, the previous Troop 105 Scout to earn Eagle Scout rank was Bren Valliere. Rascati expressed, "Thomas is a very bright and energetic Scout who has earned 31 merit badges to date." Rascati added, "Thomas can continue earning more merit badges until his 18th birthday, June 10, 2011. After this he no longer is a Boy Scout but he can become an Adult Leader."

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outside, inside we had a warm cozy setting for dinner, set up around a centered Christmas Tree and a beautifully decorated Christmas Hall by Maria & PGK Francisco Cabrera, Mary & PGK Chris Arnoult, Chawa Ramirez, and DGK Ed Barrier.

Dinner was incredibly roasted ham, marinated with ginger ale, and served with a light horse radish sauce on the side. A super combination put together by none other than Brother Jim Bradbury, with the

assistance of Brothers Patrick Donohoe, Vincent & Sandy Filippello, and John Kestel. Jim (who was unable to stay for dinner) also had prepared for the menu sweet potato yams; onion topped green beans in sauce, salad, and pumpkin pie for dessert. Brother John Vasellina asked several members of the youth group to assist in serving the wonderful meal, while PGK Dan Knauss provided the music and entertainment, featuring Gary Smith. As usual, PGK Felix & Julie Sanchez took care of all the bar needs of the evening. Near the end of the evening, we finished with a 50/50 raffle. Gloria Merrigan, wife of Charter GK Walter Merrigan drew out the winning ticket for the prize which would have been \$105. That ticket belonged to Fr. Steve our Chaplain; however he donated his winnings to Catholic Charities, along with the rest of the raffle proceeds (\$106). See the other article "A Small Christmas Miracle". When the evening was finally done, cleanup was done by many, but special thanks to Brother Tim Hogan who came in late only to help clean up in the kitchen. In all, it was a wonderful evening.

With this New Year ahead of us, let us not forget those Brother Knights that left us over the past year: Past Grand Knights Bill McLafferty, Frank Mackey, and Larry Stigney. May we always remember all their dedication to the families of the Knights of Columbus before, during and after their tenure as Grand Knights. Their Leadership and Inspiration to our Council and their dedication to the Church will not be forgotten. Let us also remember Brother Knights Msgr. Henry Van Son and Joseph Pando who also passed during the last year.

God's Plan for Life and Love

*By Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori
(from the January 2011 issue of the **Columbia** magazine)*

The virtue of chastity is necessary to protect and practice the truth about marriage, sexuality and human life

The 33rd installment of Supreme Chaplain Bishop William E. Lori's faith formation program addresses [questions 487-502](#) of the *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

The very notion of chastity is unpopular in contemporary culture. It is often equated with sexual repression and is decidedly out of step with how

sexuality is portrayed by the entertainment industry. The *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, however, introduces to us a very different way of looking at chastity. It is a gift from God and a virtue by which we integrate our sexual powers and attain the self-mastery necessary to give ourselves in love and service to others (488-489). It is an essential part of building a culture of life.

Chastity is not reserved only for a few; all of the baptized are called to model their lives on Christ by being formed in this virtue, which is to be practiced in all states of life or vocations within the Church. This formation takes place through the sacraments, prayer, mortification — such as fasting — and exercising the moral virtues, especially the virtue of temperance by which our passions are steadily controlled by reason (490).

A DIVINE PURPOSE

Some, such as religious and priests, profess virginity or consecrated celibacy so as to serve God and the Church with an undivided heart. While the unmarried are also called to refrain from sexual activity reserved for marriage, married couples are called to conjugal chastity, or purity within marriage. At a minimum, this enjoins them to refrain from all sexual activity outside of marriage (491). These are not merely man-made rules. Rather, they help us model our lives after Christ and the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Mt 5:8).

Chastity respects the intertwined, God-given purposes of human sexuality, which is to express the exclusive love of husband and wife in a manner that is open to the procreation of new human life (496). As Pope Paul VI warned in the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (1968), de-linking sexuality's power to express married love and to beget new life has opened the door to abortion and many other assaults on the family, on the truth of sexuality and on the dignity of human life.

The Sixth Commandment, "You shall not commit adultery," forbids all expressions of the vice known as lust, including adultery, masturbation, fornication, pornography, prostitution, rape and homosexual acts. When such acts are committed by an adult with a minor, their gravity is intensified (492). Sexual abuse on the part of those who represent the Church is particularly reprehensible, and in recent years, the Church has taken appropriate steps to protect children

and young people.

The Church's teaching on chastity has often been held up to ridicule and distortion. This was true not only in the decades following the so-called "sexual revolution" of the late 1960s, but it remains true today. In addition, there has been a trend in courts and legislatures to legalize as "human rights" sexual acts that are in fact destructive. In such cases, civil authorities have abdicated their responsibility to create a society that fully respects human dignity and the institution of marriage while protecting the most vulnerable (494). Unfortunately, young people are sometimes permitted and encouraged, even by their parents and public school authorities, to engage in sexual activity, while formation in chastity is dismissed as "unworkable."

MUTUAL SELF-GIFT

Despite the fact that chastity is often distorted in our culture, it is at the heart of the vocation of marriage. Our human sexuality is not merely a means to pleasure, but is instead ordered toward the benefits of married love: unity, fidelity, indissolubility and openness to new life (495). Accordingly, God has invested two inseparable meanings to the conjugal act: the unitive meaning — the mutual self-giving of the husband and wife; and the procreative meaning — openness to the transmission of new life (496). Actions such as sterilization and contraception, which break the intrinsic connection between these two meanings, are immoral and contrary to God's plan for human life (498).

Of course, there can be morally sound reasons for a husband and wife to regulate the timing and number of births in their family. These decisions must not be made for selfish reasons or as the result of external pressures, and must be carried out by morally licit methods, which involve continence during periods when the wife is fertile (497).

The efforts of infertile couples to have children must also respect the link between the unitive and procreative meanings of the conjugal act. Procedures such as artificial insemination and artificial fertilization, or methods that involve using a third party to carry a child to term, are morally illicit. Children are a gift from God; no couple has a "right" to a child, and no couple should regard a child as an intolerable burden (499-500). By contrast, from the moment of conception, children do indeed have a God-given "right to life." When a husband and wife

generously seek to have children but find, after exploring all legitimate options, that they cannot do so, they should consider the possibility of adoption and avenues of service to others (501).

Lastly, we may observe that such acts as adultery, divorce, polygamy, incest, cohabitation, sexual acts before or outside of marriage, and so-called same-sex marriage are offenses against the dignity of marriage (502).

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it to be full enough of suffering, renunciation, sadness of every kind. . .But the blessed Master taught me stronger, deeper love, stripped of conscious happiness; and it is from the bottom of my heart that I offer him the year that is gone, and the one that is to come. I consecrate myself to him and accept all that he wants of me, through me, or for me; joy or sorrow, health or illness, poverty or riches, and also life or death...For myself, I ask one thing: let me love thee, without joy or comfort if need be, and use me for the spreading of thy spiritual kingdom in souls, Jesus my Savior."

Report on Program for Widows Christmas Candy Distribuiton

By Joe Darga, Treasurer

This past year ended on a positive note by honoring the Widows of deceased Brother Knights of Council 5300. For many years our Council has given each Widow a small Holiday gift in honor of their husbands' service to the Knights of Columbus. This year, a one-pound box of See's Candy and Christmas card signed by Grand Knight Mark Vampola was delivered to thirty Widows living in the Goleta/Santa Barbara area and five that are outside the area.

A special "Thank You" to the following brother Knights that delivered candy to the Widows; Brothers Jack Turney, Brad Bowen, Sam Alfano, Jose Meza, Mike Donovan and Joe Darga.

Assorted pictures from the Christmas Party at St. Raphael's Parish Hall:



Pray the Rosary

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Photo Gallery

December 18th, 2010 – Christmas Party at St. Raphael's Parish Hall



Maria Cabrera, Mary Arnoult and Chawa Ramirez decorating the Christmas Tree.



The hall decorated before the start of the party.



PGK Frank Donohoe (center) and DGK Ed Barrier (right) with guest.



SK Don Aubrey, Brian Meckelborg, Brother Sam Alfano and wife Lee, GK Mark Vampola, Msgr. Steven Downes and Fr. Lawrence Santos.



GK Mark Vampola with the winner of the Christmas Raffle, Msgr. Steven Downes.



Assorted guests listening to GK Mark Vampola announce the winner of the Christmas Raffle.

Pictures by Francisco and Maria Cabrera

Photo Gallery

December 18th, 2010 – Christmas Party at St. Raphael's Parish Hall



PGK's Dan Knauss and Felix Sanchez manning the bar.



Brother Rafael Cardenas with wife Connie.



PGKs Steven Schlessleemann and Chris Arnoult with Mary Arnoult and Maria Cabrera.



Brother Bill McNamara with wife Elaine.



Gary Smith and band (with PGK Dan Knauss in the background on drums) performing.



Brother Sam Alfano with Chawa Ramirez dancing.

Pictures by Francisco and Maria Cabrera

Photo Gallery

December 18th, 2010 – Christmas Party at St. Raphael's Parish Hall



Chawa Ramirez with PGK Frank Donohoe with assorted guests dancing.



Brother Knight Mell Hueston with wife Gwen.



Cherif Khoury with guest.



PGK Felix Sanchez with wife Julie.



Msgr. Steven Downes, Gloria Merrigan, and GK Mark Vampola.

Pictures by Francisco and Maria Cabrera



PGK Francisco Cabrera and wife Maria near the Christmas Tree.

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