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Grand Knights Report

We are into the final quarter of the Columbian year and our efforts are sure paying off. Through Kim Bond's active membership enrollment we have 10 new Knights. We have raised over \$10,000 and are on schedule to exceed our financial goals with our most recent donation of \$5,000 to St. Julies School of Religion for the Mexico Mission Trip.

I would like to thank Curt Allison, his wife Denise and daughter April for donating time to the Special Olympics through the construction of 200 lunches. Also helping was our District Deputy Dave Lavoie and his wife Darlene and son Dave, daughter Kim and a couple friends for not only making the lunches but helping to hand them to the athletes at the Aquatics Tournament. It was the first time I have volunteered to help the Special Olympics and something we should consider doing more often.

While all the charity and service is great for our spirits, we also are humbled by the loss of a dear friend in Brother Richard McMahon. His funeral was beautiful and glad to see his Brothers came out to show their respect to the family.

The nominations for 2008 officers are in its final stages. Thank you to those who are willing to move up and some willing to move in to positions.

Several of you still have not paid your dues. This is the last month to get them in before being denied entrance to future meetings. Contact Vito to pay.

Ed Roes is coordinating the Easter Food drive this coming Wednesday/and Thursday. Contact Ed to find out how to help.

Take care and God Bless.

Tim

Calendar for April

4/3	General Meeting	7:30 pm	
4/4	Pack Easter Baskets		7:00 pm
4/5	Deliver Easter Baskets		4:00 pm
May 1	General Meeting		7:30 pm
May 6	BBQ Lunch		
May 13	Pancake Breakfast		8:00/9:30am
May 21	Directors Meeting		7:00 pm
June 10	Corporate Communion		9:30 am

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2006-2007

Grand Knight	Tim McCarthy	497-1923
Deputy Grand Knight	Ed Roes	499-6407
Financial Secretary	Vito Covino	492-9493
Treasurer	Mario Ferruzza	498-6234
Chancellor	Giuseppe Calderaro	498-8294
Recorder	Brandon Hitt	499-1127
Advocate	Kevin Mason	499-7699
Warden	Steve Pursley	376-2837
Inside Guard	Ken Giegel	(818) 879-5462
Outside Guard	Dr. Michael Richey	480-1814
Lector	Richard Gaz	498-3393
Trustee 3 rd Year	Bob Hicks	484-0660
Trustee 2 nd Year	Steve Ferrari	375-2894
Trustee 1 st Year	Barry Harper	375-2906
Honorary Trustee	Ray O'Grady	375-2303
Chaplain	Msgr. Michael Bunny	498-3602

Membership Director	Kim Bond	499-1214
Youth Director	Kim Bond	499-1214
Family Director	John Shappet	498-3709
Right to Life Director	Ron Hage	498-1566
Knight Line Editor	Brian McMahon	499-2739
District Deputy	David Lavoie	381-0444
Insurance Agent	Jehan Fernando	582-1310



Officer Nominations for the 2007-2008 Columbian Year

Barry Harper and Kevin Mason

The Brother Knights below are nominated for the officer positions indicated.

Grand Knight	- Ed Roes	Advocate	- Kevin Mason
Deputy Grand Knight	- Giuseppe Calderaro	Warden	- Steve Pursely
Financial Secretary	- Vito Covino	Inside Guard	- Ken Geigel
Treasurer	- Mario Ferruzza	Outside Guard	-
Chancellor	- Dr. Michael Richey	Lector	- Richard Gaz
Recorder	- Brandon Hitt		
Trustee 3rd Year	- Tim McCarthy	Trustee 2nd Year	- Bob Hicks
Trustee 1st Year	- Steve Ferrari	Honorary Trustee	- Ray O'Grady

We have received badges for the following and can be picked up at Tuesday's meeting:

Sam Alia, Ron Bourassa, Chris and Pat Fournier, Kevin Goode, Kurt Gunning, Andy Horan, Bob Watson.

Happy Brithday to all the Knights born in April.

Ron Gellenbeck, John Ahles, John Shappet, Dave Mertel, James Howland, Giuseppe Calderaro.

Some members are still past due on their dues. Please send your payment ASAP.

Thank You - Vito Covino - Financial Secretary

Father McGivney Gave of Himself Totally and Died Young

Our beloved founder, Father Michael McGivney, devoted himself entirely to his parishes and organizations, such as the Knights. He served as a parish priest from 1877 to 1890, a period marked by the rapid growth of United States Catholicism, but a period in which most states had a definite shortage of priests.

After serving at St. Mary's church in New Haven for years, he was transferred to the small town of Thomaston, CT, whose one priest had died. Soon after, the priest in Terryville, a nearby town, was reassigned and Father Michael had to cover both churches. Each Sunday morning he said three masses, starting in Thomaston, driving on horse and carriage to Terryville, then returning to home the same day. He loved his work and his people, but he wore himself out.

In 1889 he began to suffer from a strain of exhaustion, a malady which afflicted most American Catholic priests in the nineteenth century. In December, he came down with influenza, then in January, 1890, contracted pneumonia. Although he seemed to recover, he was left with a weakness he could not seem to overcome. Finally, he got some time off and took a trip to Virginia to recuperate. But it was too late. Although he got attention from doctors in New Haven and New York, his system was permanently damaged by the flu. Shortly after returning home he was confined to bed and in August, 1890 he passed away. His work was done and he died a peaceful death. His only regret was that he would be unable to witness the ordinations of his two younger brothers who were in the seminary. He was 38 years old.

God grant that in the present time, again with a shortage of priests, the lay parishioners and deacons will continue to come forward (like in our own parish) and assist our priests, work in parish ministries, so that our priests may devote themselves without many distractions to their spiritual and sacramental work.

(Most of the above information was taken from "Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism," by Brinkley and Fenster.)

Submitted by Clark Hunter



District Deputy Report

I would like to congratulate the St. Peter Claver's Council 9410 and Grand Knight Chito Coronel for the tremendous job they did in hosting the 3rd degree exemplification.

This has been a pretty good year for membership. Newbury Park #8397 and St. Peter Claver #9410 has already reached their quota. There is another 1st degree on Tuesday April 17th.

If you haven't recognized Founders Day yet, March 29th is the 125th birthday of the Knights of Columbus, it's not too late to plan something in April in your parish to help make the parishioners aware of the Knights of Columbus and educate them on the vision of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney. This may be a good opportunity to have a family mass along with a membership campaign.

May 19th there is an event called the Rosary bowl at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, they expect 65,000 in attendance. For more information go to www.rosarybowl.com

April 29th is World Day of Prayer for Vocation, please review your packet that the Grand Knights have received and plan an event that will help promote vocation in your parish. The Knights must take an active role at promoting vocation activity, this can only make our church stronger and would help us spread our faith into our community.

God Bless and have a Happy and Blessed Easter
District Deputy, David Lavoie

FROM SIMI VALLEY COUNCIL 5803.



Hello all: It is time to get into baseball. Only a couple of brothers have ordered tickets to our annual Dodger night. I need your ticket orders for the game by April 10th so I can purchase the tickets.

Please contact Tim McCarthy to place your ticket order. As you all know this is our 2nd biggest fundraiser of the year. The council makes \$2.50 per ticket sold, but the tickets at \$15 per ticket are still \$10 below the game day ticket price. Invite your family and friends. It is a great night of baseball and family fun. I hope a lot of you decide to come to the game. Last year we had 516 people attend the game!

There are some decorations in the Knights closet that need to be removed because they are taking up too much space. Recently someone placed some purple decorations with a sign they were donated from the OWLS group to the Knights. While we appreciate the gesture, the items need to be returned or taken to your home. They will be thrown away unless someone claims them by April 10th.

PATRONS FOR 2007 WHO DONATED A LITTLE EXTRA TO THE KNIGHTS

Alvidrez, Robert	Decuir, Bob	Hicks, Bob	Pursley, Steve
Ashman, James	Duetsch, Marty	Howland, James	Reisteter, James
Blankenship, Chuck	Du Ross, Paul	Koenig, Richard	Richey, Dr. Michael
Bond, Kim	Fenderlander, Dennis	Lanquist, Don	Roes, Ed
Bourassa, Ron	Ferruzza, Mario	Lima, Frank	Saputo, Bud
Brennan, Jack	Garcia, Joe	Maclean, Jeff	Scully, James
Bullock, Jim	Gaz, Richard	Mason, Kevin	Shappet, John
Calderera, Giuseppe	Gibson, Joe	McCarthy, Tim	Smith, Dave
Capko, Joe	Graves, Butch	McMahon, Brian	Sorek, Jonathon
Carr, Norman	Grinnell, Ken	Mulick, Ron	Velarde, Celso
Castagnetto, Stan	Gutierrez, Rudy	O'Grady, Ray	Villa, Ed
Cirricione, Paul	Hahn, Steve	O'Toole, Donald	Workman, Henry
Covino, Vito	Harper, Barry	Pagano, Tom	Wypyszynski, Stan
Curran, Michael	Henschel, Louis	Plisky, Mike	Zemans, Walter



FAMILY SUPPORT AND SURVIVORS DIRECTORATE REPORT

With the wearing of the Green fast fading we find ourselves looking forward to the spiritually uplifting season of Easter. With Palm Sunday April 1st (and our French toast breakfast), and Easter Sunday on the 8th, we, our families and relatives will be well occupied. Have a happy and sacred Easter from our directorate.

On March 24th, we celebrated the life of our recently departed Brother, Rich McMahon. His cancer could not be eliminated or reversed even with the heroic efforts of the medical profession. He passed peacefully with his wife Mary Kay and family with him at home.

Another sad event occurred on March 9th when Ryan Michael Sorek, son of Brother Jonathan (John) and his wife Donna passed on. A funeral mass was held Saturday March 17th at St. Julie's. The mass was conducted by Monsignor Bunny who preached a very touching sermon to the full church. Brother Dave Smith assisted Monsignor and added to the solemnity of the mass. Brother John and Donna have been very active in our church and are a credit to it. Ryan Sorek was an EMS (Emergency Medical Service) technician. To honor him and his family, I think the following "EMS Prayer" from the back of the distributed mass pamphlet would be appropriate:

As I perform my duty Lord, what ever be the call
Help to guide and keep me safe, from dangers big and small.

I want to serve and do my best, no matter what the scene
I pledge to keep my skills refined, my judgement quick and keen.

This calling to give of myself, most do not understand .
But I stand ready all the time, to help my fellow man.

To have a chance to help a child, restore his laugh with glee
A word of thanks I might not hear, but knowing is enough for me.

The praise of men is fine for some, but I feel truly blessed
That you, oh Lord have chosen me to serve in the EMS.

God Bless,

Director: John Shappet / Members: Clark Hunter & Tony Dias

Minutes from 3/6/07 General Meeting

- Meeting opened with the Prayer and Pledge.
- Roll call was made by Recorder, Brandon Hitt. He also announced the minutes from last the February meeting since they were not incorporate in the latest issue of the Knight Line.
- GK Tim McCarthy thanked Brian McMahon for taking over the Knight Line.
- District Deputy David Lavoie congratulated the Knights for the success of Vegas Night, and for the 5 new 3rd degree members. He also made the announcement about the corporate mass, scheduled on Founder's Day (March 25th).
- GK Tim McCarthy made the following announcements:
 - The Bike-A-Thon proceeds the Knights made was going back into the Scouts.
 - The K.O.C. made a profit of \$480 from the Pancake Breakfast.
 - The K.O.C. made about \$3200 from Vegas Knight.
 - The K.O.C. made a profit of \$625 from the Fish Fry.
- Financial Secretary Vito Covino gave the financial report. Announced that 30-40 members needed to pay their dues.
- Treasurer Mario Ferruzza gave the treasurer's report. Announced that \$11, 171 was in the account. \$5000 of that money would be taken out for upcoming events.
- Chaplin Msgr. Michael Bunny encouraged everybody to take part in the liturgies during Lent.
- GK Tim McCarthy made the following announcements:
 - March 11th was the date for the Corporate Communion Mass at 9:30am.
 - March 12th is the Rosary service being held inside the church.
 - March 23rd is the Soup and Salad, hosted by Outside Guard, Dr. Michael Richey.
 - March 23rd is the Special Olympics at Ventura Community College.
 - April 1st is the French Toast Breakfast, organized by Bob Hicks.
 - April 5th is also the Easter Basket Delivery.
- The K.O.C. talked about possibly investing into a plaque for deceased knights.
- Bob Hicks announced that he was to undergo surgery on Monday, March 19.
- Meeting closed with a prayer.