

March - 2007

Charity

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Patriotism

**Grand Knights Report**

The Knights did a great job in February. Thank you to so many volunteers who gave up their time to make a difference to many people we don't, and probably won't, ever know.

With Sally Kutcher driving the boat we made enough money for the Boy Scout Bike-A-Thon BBQ/lunch to not have to use any of our own money. About \$1300 was raised by asking each family for \$1 over one weekend. We cooked about 300 burgers/100 hot dogs in a 45 minute period and all the cooks are still recovering from smoke inhalation. Special thanks to Joe Garcia for transporting the grill.

The Pancake breakfast was well attended. We raised just over \$400 for the two masses.

The Casino night was also seen as a success (as told by others). We are tallying up the costs and income and will report back on the net difference. The proceeds go towards Mexico Mission Trip.

On March 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have a soup/salad night. Dr. Richey is coordinating and looking for people to bring in the food. Let one of us know if you can help out. As requested by many parishioners. I will not be providing a soup this year. I hear we need bowls though!!!

Are you interested in being on the officer's board? If you would like to be a guard, warden, chancellor, program director, or treasurer please let us know.

Thanks to Brother Brian McMahon for putting the Knight-line together. We added an area for prayers in the bulletin. Please review the names and give a prayer or two for each. In March we will be helping the Special Olympics with 250 lunches. A request for items has been sent via email. If you can help and want to see what else is needed, drop me a line.

God Bless.

Calendar

3/4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree	
3/6	General Meeting	7:30 am
3/11	Corporate Communion	9:30 am
3/19	Directors Meeting	6:30 pm
3/23	Soup/Salad Night	6:00 pm
4/1	French Toast Breakfast	8:00 & 9:30am
4/3	General Meeting	7:30 pm
4/11	Pack Easter Baskets	7:00 pm
4/12	Deliver Easter Baskets	4:00 pm

**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 Pursely	376-2837
Inside Guard	Ken Geigel	(818) 879-5462
Outside Guard	Dr. Michael Richey	480-1814
Lector	Richard Gaz	498-3393
Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Bob Hicks	484-0660
Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Steve Ferrari	375-2894
Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Barry Harper	375-2906
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Youth Director	Kim Bond	499-1214
Family Director	John Shappett	498-3709
Right to Life Director	Ron Hage	498-1566
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District Deputy	David Lavoie	381-0444

Please Pray For

Don Lanquist  
Helen Modolo

Rich McMahon  
Jeanne Covino

Ginny Blankenship  
Carole O'Grady





Deputy Grand Knight Report

Did you know that March 29th of this year marks the 125th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus? Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney of St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882, our international organization has grown to over 1.7 million members dedicated to serving the Catholic Church and the community. As reported in a recent Supreme newsletter, last year the Knights donated 64 million hours of volunteer service while contributing upwards of \$139 million to charitable causes.

In keeping with the spirit of Charity; Unity and Fraternity (and Oscar season), we'll be having a special feature at this month's regular membership meeting- **Movie Night!** We've obtained a DVD copy of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson's State of the Order address to the Supreme Council this past August in Orlando, Florida. The address reflects upon the first encyclical (*n*: a papal letter to bishops of the church; I had to look it up, too!) issued by Pope Benedict XVI on Christmas Day 2005. In 'Living *Deus Caritas Est*' (God is Love), Supreme Knight Anderson reviews highlights of the past fraternal year, including raising \$10 million for hurricane relief and the Order's first international expansion in 100 years. The DVD runs about 22 minutes and makes for great viewing for new members as well as veteran Knights.

**Be sure to arrive early for a good seat** (and to avoid the paparazzi). Popcorn will be provided.

Yours in Christ,

**ALBERTSONS COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM** : It is with great pleasure that I'm able to write that our fellow Brothers and their families, by shopping at Albertson's Markets, have donated a whopping \$2,807 this past quarter ending January 31, 2007.

Again, thank you for your support in this worthy endeavor towards a fund raiser for St. Julies. Your Brother in Love,

Chuck Blankenship

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:** In June, we will elect the officers on the council for the next Columbian year. If you interested in running for office, please contact Brother Barry Harper or Brother Kevin Mason. In the next month's newsletter, the nominating committee will post the proposed slate of candidates for the various offices

Bike-A-Thon Volunteers

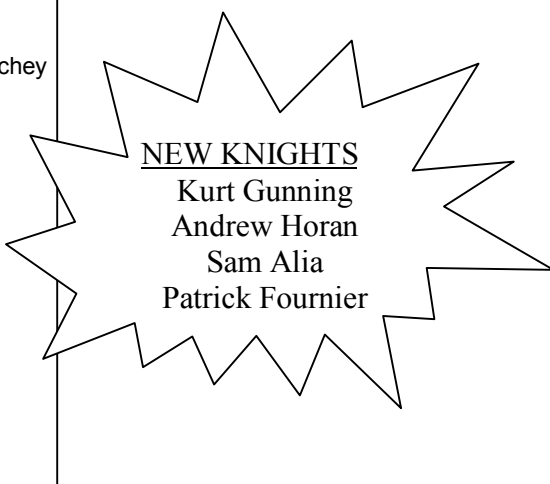
John Shappet  
 Joe Garcia  
 Joe Krupansky  
 Kim Bond  
 Dr. Michael Richey  
 Jack Brennan  
 Steve Ferrari  
 Kevin Mason  
 Richard Gaz  
 German Castro  
 Kim Bond  
 Tim McCarthy

Pancake Breakfast Volunteers

Joe Garcia  
 Dr. Michael Richey  
 Jack Brennan  
 Kevin Mason  
 Ken Geigel  
 Ed Roes & Family  
 Brendan & Delaney Teehan  
 Denny Fenderlander  
 Bob Watson  
 Dan Miroballi  
 Barry Harper  
 Ron Bourassa  
 Bob Hicks  
 Steve Smith  
 Greg Stimson  
 German Castro  
 Kurt Moore  
 Tim & Sean McCarthy

Casino Night Volunteers

Ron Bourassa  
 Bob Hicks  
 Linda & Dr. Michael Richey  
 Brendan Teehan  
 Mike Curran  
 Paul DuRoss  
 John Shappet  
 Dave Smith  
 German Castro  
 Jack Brennan  
 Curt Allison  
 Stephen Pursely  
 Barry Harper  
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## **FAMILY SUPPORT AND SURVIVORS DIRECTORATE REPORT**

February was very busy for our council and this directorate. Madri Gras (Fat Tuesday) ushered in Ash Wednesday on the 21st and the Lenten season. March will highlight the remembrance of our dear Saint Patrick on the 17th. It would be a good time to contact some of the Knights that are having health problems or family concerns.

As reported at the February council meeting, brother Clark Hunter and I visited brother Richard McMahon at the Thousand Oaks Healthcare Center at 93 W. Avenida de Los Arboles. He is in room 40 and has been receiving excellent care. We visited for about an hour starting at 11:00 A.M. as he is rested by then, and it will not interrupt his lunch. It is suggested that you call the Center at 492-2444 before visiting to ensure he is available.

Brother Victor Modolo wife Helen has several ailments that keep her home. We plan to visit them soon. You can reach Victor at 376-2012.

As many of us had some vegetation damage during the February freeze, so had widow Marlene Elias, wife of deceased brother Tony. We plan to have a couple of us replace or cut back some of her plants. As we approach Easter, the following poem titled: "Directions" would be a help for us to find our way:

Jesus, take me by the hand, guide me through this troubled land,  
When, by storms, I'm tossed about, calm the waves, erase the doubt.  
Dearest Savior, light my way, lest in darkness, I might stray.  
Though a detour cause concern, may it be a chance to learn.  
Oh, Lord, shield me with Your grace, hold me in Your sweet embrace.  
As a beacon, shining far, stay my constant guiding star.

God Bless.

Director: John Shappet  
Members: Clark Hunter & Tony Dias

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## **District Deputy's Report**

Congratulation to the Newbury Park Council #8397 who is the 2nd council that hit their recruitment quota in my district. They had four members take their first degree on February 20th to give them a total of 10 for the year. Great job membership chairman Kim Bond and Grand Knight Tim McCarthy.

**Special Olympics** - I am asking each council in the district to participate in the Special Olympics Aquatic tournament held at the Ventura College March 25th. Tim McCarthy has volunteered to coordinate this effort. The Knights have agreed to provide sandwiches to the Special Olympians and to provide support and encouragement to the participants. Please call Tim if you would like to be a part of this very worthwhile project, Tim's phone number is (805) 501-2953.

**Founders Day** is March 29th which marks the 125 anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. Please talk to your pastor about hosting a mass in honoring the 125th anniversary with a reception to follow. This event could help your council get the visibility you need in your parish and possibly attract new membership.

**Day of the Unborn Child** is March 26th, please pray, fast, and work to restore respect and protection for the unborn children.

**Membership Blitz** has been scheduled for the last week in March. Councils should review what can be done to encourage membership.

God Bless you and your family,  
David Lavoie, District Deputy

**SEE PHOTOS FROM BBQ AND CASINO NIGHT ON OUR  
WEB SITE @ [www.koc8397.com](http://www.koc8397.com)**



## Community Activities

### Barry Harper

**Meal and Winter Shelter Program**

Many thanks to all are interested in helping with this ministry. I have a number of people who contact me about helping through the month. I also offer my continuing thanks to Marc Milnes and Kim Bond and anyone else that I am not aware of for coordinating the food.

In my role as overall coordinator for the total St. Julie's involvement, I sincerely appreciate the Knights who have answered my call for helping as overnight chaperones. This duty is always the hardest to fill. The sleepover portion of this ministry will continue until mid-April. If you are interested, please contact Brother Barry Harper.

**Habitat for Humanity:** The Conejo Valley Interfaith Coalition is still planning to work on a house in Simi Valley under Habitat for Humanity. I have had a couple Knights contact me about this and I will be contacting them. I know we will need a number of people. The biggest need will be someone to be the point of contact for St. Julie's. If you want to help, please contact Brother Barry Harper or Brother Dave Smith. Work days will probably be Saturdays and, maybe, Wednesdays. If you can not physically work the site, there are other jobs that need done to support this effort. The web site for the Coalition is <http://www.cvichabitat.com>.

**University:** Keep the Lenten University series in your plans; there are topics that will interest almost everyone. These seminars are an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be Catholic Christian. Invite your non-Catholic friends and neighbors, too. Brochures are still available in the church or parish office.

**Mexico Mission Trip:** You may have already been involved in the fundraising events for the trip. We are up to around 185 people planning to go on this mission trip during the after Easter, 9-14 April. Thanks for your continuing support of this outreach ministry. There will be more information in the parish bulletin about other events.

**ACTION:** I have mentioned **Area Christians Taking Initiative On Needs (ACTION)** in the past. ACTION has been established as a non-profit foundation to help in providing resources for volunteer efforts through the county all year long as well as a major volunteer day in June. The big event will be on 2 June 2007. Last year, ACTION had around 1000 volunteers from 30 churches who accomplished almost 100 projects around the county. I have been on the ACTION steering committee in past years and I am looking for one or two people to pick up the ball to help be the point person for our parish or work with me contacting other churches. For more information, contact Brother Barry Harper. There is more information about the group at <http://www.actionvc.org>.

**PATRONS FOR 2007 WHO DONATED A LITTLE EXTRA TO THE KNIGHTS .**

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