



# knightly news

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knights of columbus



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## grand knight's message

Brothers,  
PGK

What is a PGK? A PGK is the acronym for the position of Past Grand Knight, a title that you keep forever. Some think it is the best job in the Council because "you've done it all and now you can sit back and don't have to do a thing!!!!" Well, I agree that it is the BEST job in the Council, but for different reasons. To become a PGK you must first hold the office of Grand Knight, a leadership position that takes time, effort and sometimes a whole lot of prayer. Before you are Grand Knight you typically hold several other officer and/or director positions so that you understand the workings of your Council and Supreme.

So, by the time one becomes a PGK he is very knowledgeable of the workings of the Knights of Columbus and its service to our Priests, our Church and our Community. The PGK's experience is extremely valuable to any current Grand Knight and his staff. The way I see it, the PGK (and our Council has many) should act as a consultant, mentor and supporter of Grand Knight.

You may be asking yourself what motivated this newsletter article. Last month we celebrated Mark

Kotch's terms as Grand Knight by honoring him at his PGK Dinner, a celebration dinner that all Brothers and their wife's are invited to attend. Many of the PGK's were there for the celebration and during the event each one got up and said some much deserved praise for Marks leadership as Grand Knight. What struck me the most is the likes of Frank Costa, Lou Santero, Joe Balestreri, Brad Schieferstein and Mike Machi just to name a few whom all hold the title of PGK's AND are still very active with our Council. These guys are the life blood of our Council and the guys I turn to when I need help and advise.

In closing I would like to thank all PGK for their past service to the Knights of Columbus and I look forward to all of their future service as well. And, yes, the Past Grand Knight is the BEST job in the Council.

I would like to wish you and your families a joyful Christmas Season.

God Bless,

Ron Hebron  
GK 6043

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Columbian Year 2009 - 2010

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deputy grand knight/program dir.

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chancellor/membership director

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treasurer

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financial secretary

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advocate

**PGK Brad Schieferstein** .....846-7181

recorder

**Mike Hewitt** .....484-2734

warden

**Jeff Tichenor** .....398-2059

master inside guard

**Ernie Santos** .....469-1743

master outside guard

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community director

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church director

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first year trustee

**PGK Mark Kotch** .....426-7144

second year trustee

**PGK Tony Ferlazzo** .....484-4657

third year trustee

**PGK Greg Jones** .....484-3379



## coming events

03 December	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
05 December	Council Christmas Party
06 December	Donut Social; Both Churches, after Morning Masses
10 December	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, Rms 4-5
20 December	Christmas Food Basket Distribution; St. Augustine's Hall
03 January	Donut Social; Both Churches, after Morning Masses
07 January	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
09 January	Blood Drive, 9 AM to 3 PM, St. Augustine's Hall
14 January	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, Rms 4-5
16 January	Annual Crab Feed, St. Augustine's Hall
23 January	Walk for Life, San Francisco

## council christmas party

We are having the Knights of Columbus Council Christmas Party on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009. PKG Mark Kotch has been gracious enough to open up his house for this celebration. This Pot Luck affair will begin at 7 PM and end at ????

So, please RSVP to Brother Mark and ask him what you can bring to share.

Theresa & Mark Kotch

1646 Valley of the Moon Place

Livermore, CA 94550

RSVP to 925.292.5618 or [markkotch@comcast.net](mailto:markkotch@comcast.net)

Looking forward to seeing you at the Party!!!!

## congratulations to new Brother, BOB athenour

New Brother Bob Athenour was honored with this year's Rick Aguiar Social Justice Award!

As reported in the November 1 issue of the Parish Bulletin:

"He founded the Pleasanton-Tulancingo Sister City relationship to promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of Pleasanton and Tulancingo, Mexico. It is now in its 26th year and includes week-long cultural visits to each other's communities. In addition, five students from each city participate in a two-week summer exchange program. Bob is also the moving force and guiding spirit behind the Pleasanton Rotary's Wheelchair Committee. The group has distributed 14 containers for a total of over 3000 wheelchairs to different parts of Mexico and Latin America to individuals whose lives have been liberated by their newfound mobility."



# christmas food basket delivery

**December 20, 2009**



**Dear Brothers,**

**One of our main events, which we have been hosting for over 25 yrs., is the delivery of the St. Vincent DePaul food baskets to the needy in Pleasanton. We need your help on the above date! (On Sunday) We will start at approx. 11:00AM, and working in teams of two, we are usually finished in 2 to 3 hours. Please see it in your hearts to volunteer some time. If you can help, please contact Bro. Frank Costa:**

**E-mail- [feaj2@earthlink.net](mailto:feaj2@earthlink.net)**

**Phone (925) 846-4205**



## a visit by dominican seminarians

The November Business Meeting was suspended to enjoy a visit by Brother Chris, a Dominican Seminarian currently receiving support from our Council. He was joined by Brothers Peter, Greg and Kim who will be receiving our support later this Columbian Year. The Seminarians introduced themselves and related a bit about their training.





## a note from Brother Steven Howard

Hello, Blessings and Greetings from my Computer IN MY APARTMENT!!!!!!

This past weekend has been the most difficult of my life and the most amazing of my life.

The good news is The Sale, Many Donations and Charitable Hearts have put together enough money for me to stay in my place, not only this month, but into the future as well! Between the stress and shame of needing to get out and the feelings of wretched failure to the incredible gratitude, humbling kindness and overwhelming support, I've lived a lifetime this weekend.

My cup truly runneth over!

Due to my unfortunate childhood and being forced to be self-sufficient so young, I tend to separate myself from others and have always felt more comfortable doing for myself; figuring out things on my own. Only once before in my life, did I not have solutions for circumstances confronting me and that is when I found Christ, converted and became Catholic in 1996. Today, I feel like the most blessed Catholic Man in the world.

Without making too much light of things, It was kind of like being a character in "A little House on the Prairie" getting his farm saved or like being Jimmy Stewart in "It's a Wonderful Life." People who have never met me or knew me only in passing, came to my door, bought items from my sale, contributed to collections, made phone calls, organized resources, bestowed gifts and by Sunday, it was like Santa had come down the Chimney, opened a blessing Sack and covered me up to my neck with a huge pile of Love, Care, Kindness & Compassion.

I'm so humbled, it's hard to talk about it in public without exploding into tears and that's why I'm writing this, to thank everyone.

I think a small town environment has a lot to do with it and I think the organization of the Catholic Church and its Resources has a lot to do with it. But I think what Fathers Padraig, Jerry, William, Cezar and all the Priests and Deacons who serve this Parish do best, is inspire a "Super-Charged" Spiritual environment where the people of this parish can respond to Christ's Love and Teachings with a real "Can do" attitude. We are all called to serve God and one another, but I have never seen anything like this before. The CCOP People are truly the ones that provide the infrastructure that keeps this Church more vibrant and responsive than any other I've seen.

Without the Priest's strong leadership inspiring the Community's focus on this "Life of Service" concept, the People would never have responded and this weekend would have never happened.

So thank you one and all for recognizing Christ's Love in me and my situation. I'll try to live up to your example of Charity and Faith as I go forward in my job search and career journey here in Pleasanton.

Thank You and God Bless you one and all.

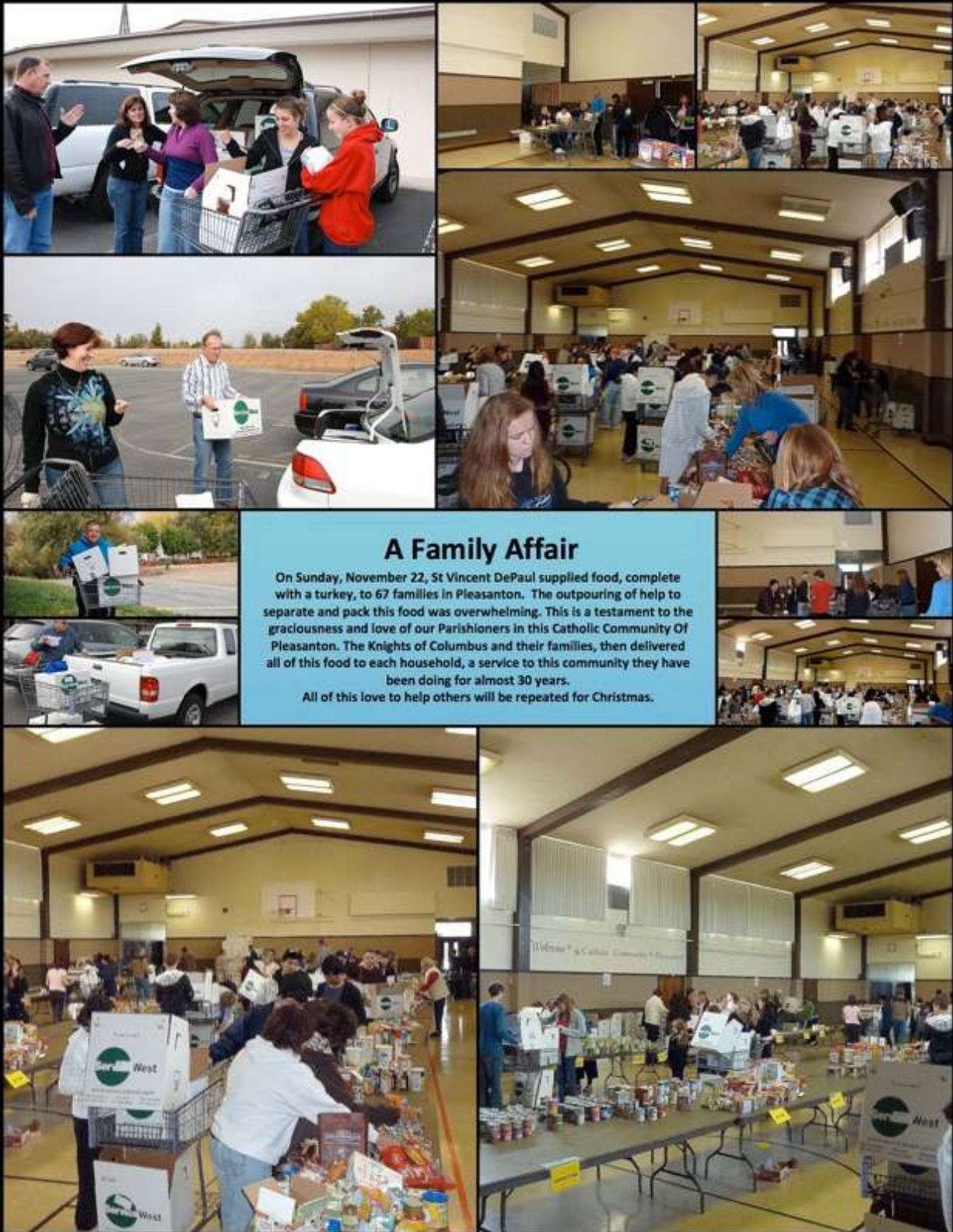


## RECENT ACTIVITIES: past grand knight's dinner





## RECENT ACTIVITIES: thanksgiving food basket distribution





# knights of columbus annual BLOOD DRIVE

**Please mark your calendar, invite your friends, but most important sign up for our Annual Blood Drive.**

**Every single donation will affect, help, and potentially save the life of up to three patients in local community hospitals.**

**Saturday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 \* 9am-3pm, Room 4/5 St Augustine's Faith Formation Hall**

**To sign up simply log on to [www.helpsavealife.org](http://www.helpsavealife.org)**

**Enter your zip code, then enter sponsor code; StAugustines**

**Or Call 1.800.GIVE.LIFE (800.448.3543) Or Mike Machi 925.519-5797**







## sixth annual walk for life

Never has the time been more essential for us to stand together and WALK FOR LIFE!

Never have the stakes been so high... When the culture of death surrounds us and is so pervasive in society!

Never have the lives and rights of the unborn child needed to be defended as much as now! Will you stand with us... Hand in Hand, Shoulder to Shoulder, Heart to Heart, as we walk this journey together? Let us speak for those who cannot speak. Let us walk for those who cannot walk. Let us pray for, fight for, stand up for, the life of every unborn child!

LOCATION:	Justin Herman Plaza, Market St., SF
WHEN:	Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010
TIME:	11:00 AM
DURATION:	2 ½ miles to Marina Greens – usually takes 2 hours
MISC:	Bring a boxed lunch to eat during/while listening to the speeches

If you prefer, buses will be leaving St. Michael's church in Livermore right after their 8:00am Mass.

Cost: \$17, checks payable to KoC Council 6043. Mail to: Lou Santero, 1484 Parkview Ct., Pleasanton, CA 94566. Checks must be received by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Lou Santero, 925-846-5124

### **Volunteer Peace Keeper:**

Any able bodied person that can Walk the 2.5 miles can be a Peace Keeper. We'll also need people to coordinate activities and protect visiting dignitaries. This involves ensuring that the Walkers maintain good conduct and do not engage the protesters verbally. We also coordinate with the SFPD who handle and disturbances. Our job is to observe, coordinate and report.



## hello CRAB LOVERS, BROTHER KNIGHTS, of the TRI valley,

I hope that you had a great Thanksgiving and are preparing for a joyous Christmas. Then comes what you have been looking forward to, the 41st annual Crab Feed at St. Augustine Church run by the Pleasanton Knights of Columbus.

The Crab Feed will be Saturday January 16, 2010. The cost will again be \$35 per person. Doors will open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be from 7:00 to 8:30 PM with the crab being served from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Steak tickets are available.

Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus 6043"

Tickets can be purchased by:

1. Sending a check, a note specifying the number of crab / steak tickets and the preferred seating of either the main hall or the classroom and a self addressed stamped envelop. A phone number and/or an email address on the note would be helpful just in case I have a question.

2. Come by my home and buy your tickets. Please call before coming over to make sure that I am home.

My address is:

4832 Knox Gate Ct.

Pleasanton, CA 94566-4531

My phone number is 925-846-7181

Directions to my home are:

From downtown, go North on Santa Rita Rd past Valley Ave to Mohr Ave. turn Left (West) on Mohr Ave. go about 1/2 mile to a 4 way stop, continue on Mohr to the second Left after the stop sign this is Knox Gate Ct. My house is the third house on the Left.

From 580, go South on Santa Rita Rd past Stoneridge Dr. to Mohr Ave. turn Right (West) on Mohr Ave. go about 1/2 mile to a 4 way stop, continue on Mohr to the second Left after the stop sign this is Knox Gate Ct. My house is the third house on the Left.

The sooner that you buy your tickets, the better chance that you have of getting seats in your preferred hall/room. The last day to buy tickets is January 10, 2010.

### Menu

Crab\*

Pasta

Green Salad

Rolls

\* Prawns will be served if crab is unavailable

\* Steak available upon request when tickets are purchased



No Host Cocktails

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Crab Served

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Dancing

9:00 - 12:00 AM



# prayer list

## Let us pray for our brother knights and their families and friends

### For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

**Choe Madigan**– Friend of Brother Marco Garzon  
**David Cerapa**– Friend of Brother Mark Worrell  
**John Anderson**– Father-in-Law of Brother Mike Burns  
**Anna Shoop**– Wife of Brother Mark Shoop  
**Bob Fredinelli**– Friend of Brother Ron Hansen  
**John Boyer**– Friend of Brother Ron Hansen  
**Margaret Gallagher**– Niece of Brother Fred Bustos  
**Karen Burkhart**– Relative of Brother Ellis Schott  
**Thelma Caguin**– Friend of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian  
**Carol Rafael**– Friend of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian  
**Jericho Suarez**– Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian  
**Tammy Muser's Mother**– Friend of Brother Scott Cumberland  
**Lyssa Pietro**– Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro  
**Susy Cuddy**– Friend of Brother John Rabada  
**Mike Madden**– John Madden's son and Friend of Brother John Rabada  
**Philip Cruz**– Father of Brother Sil Cruz  
**Santos Serrano**– Father of Brother Yonson Serrano  
**Ken & Mei Mei**– Friends of Brother Pete Sugiarto  
**Amy Newton**– Daughter of WGK Mark Kotch  
**Willy Li**– Fraternity Brother of Brother Ernie Santos  
**Ed Culang**– Brother-in-Law of Brother Frank Santos  
**LaRissa, Lidnsay, Tony & Rita**– Friends and mother of Brother Kevin Conway  
**Julie Steeves**– Sister of Brother Tim Tuttle  
**Luele Atuegbu**– Cousin of Brother Andy Atuegbu  
**Robert Moore**– Father of Brother John Moore  
**Al Schulze**– Grandfather of Brother Alan Schulze  
**Paul Richard**– Grandfather of Brother Alan Schulze  
**Dustin Kremer**– Father of Brother Ken Kremer  
**Louise Aboudara**– Friend of Brother Jim Garrido  
**Maria Shinn Bouck**– Sister of Brother Rich Shinn  
**Vito Brino**– Friend of Brothers Mike Catrina & George Mirande  
**Simonette Mirande**– Daughter of Brother George Mirande  
**Carol Christopher**– Aunt of Brother Brian McKeever  
**Nancy Struther**– Friend of Brother Mike Catrina

**John Tiefenthaler**– Friend of PGK Lou Santero  
**Katie Machi**– Granddaughter of PGK Mike Machi  
**Jan Lowery**– Sister of Brother Tim Mullane  
**Lourdes Henson**– Grandmother of Brother Christian Dungo  
**Rashawna Balestreri**– Wife of PGK Joe Balestreri  
**Ronald Deaver**– Brother Of Audrey Costa  
**Carolyn Drugman**– Wife of Livermore's PGK Drugman  
Bro. Tom Gleason's **Niece**  
Brother Dan Carleton's **Parents**  
**Brother Bertrand Lewis**  
**Brother George Mirande**  
**Brother Gabe Kralic**, his wife Betty and their new child  
**Brother John Greene**  
**Brother James Willows**  
**Brother Paul Hill**  
**Brother Steven Howard**  
**PGK Joe Jones**  
**Margret Jones**—Daughter of PKG Joe Jones  
**PGK Bob Young**  
**PGK George Leja**  
**Guadalupe Garcia**– Wife of PGK Rich Garcia  
**Jesse Stansberry**– Past Field Agent  
**Fr. Augustine Joseph's Mother**  
**Rita Wilson**—Sister of Chaplain Fr. Jerry Kennedy  
**Rev. Dan Danielson**– Retired CCOP Pastor  
**Fr. Tony Herrera**– Past Chaplain of this Council  
**Sr. Mary Frances**– Saint Clare's Retreat House

### For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

**Nina Rookem**– Mother-in-Law of Brother Bill Jorgensen

**Kathleen Cameron**– Friend of Brother Bill Jorgense

### For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

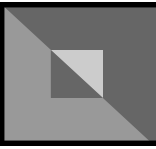
### For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights

For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.

For peace throughout the world. (Especially In The Middle East)



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