



knightly news

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knight's of columbus



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the catholic community of pleasanton

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grand knight's message


Brothers,

The month of November we celebrate All Saints Day. Did you ever wonder how these Saints could live day-in and day-out always doing the right thing? I mean, I'm no Saint, but there are some days no matter how hard I try, it just ain't happening. To help put some perspective on this, I would like to share with you part of a homily by Monsignor Clark titled [They Didn't Start Out As Saints!](#):

"... They slowly and painstakingly evolved into holy men and women, with many starts and stops and numerous temporary reversals. And very often, as many of them have testified in their diaries, they suffered from deep discouragement at their lack of progress and their frequent mistakes. There's a lesson in all this for us who are still struggling along our own roads: Growing up into God's image and likeness takes a long time. It's a lifetime work, and God understands that. After all, he's the one who put us together.

So take heart. Rejoice in the little triumphs as they happen. Each one brings you a step closer to home. Each one brings you a step closer to the embrace of our Father. "

(October 31st, 2009 by [Monsignor](#)

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Rev 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12)

The Monsignor helps us put it into perspective that it is a daily struggle to live in God's word and even the Saints weren't always Saints.

As we head off in to November the Church asks us to remember the souls that went before us. I would particularly ask that you remember Brother Richard Garcia and Brother Angel Naranjo who both passed this year. As members of the Knights of Columbus, a mass will be said for them each day at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn.

And finally, I want to thank all of you for your support over the last 2 months. We have had events every weekend and your participation has been greatly appreciated. I especially want to thank the following event Chairmen: Alan Schulze for his work on the Membership Drive and moving Brothers Knights through the Degrees; Mike Burns for his work on the Parish Census; and Mark Kotch for his work on the Kevin Gourley Drive.

Fraternally,

Ron Hebron

GK 6043

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coming events

05 November	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM; St. Augustine's Hall, RM 5
07 November	Past Grand Knight's Dinner
12 November	Business Meeting; 7:30 PM; St. Augustine's Hall
17 November	Ron Silva Memorial Coat Drive
22 November	Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution; St. Augustine's Hall
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

welcome new Brothers

A special welcome to the new brothers who joined our council at the October Business Meeting's 1st Degree Exemplification:

Bertrand Lewis

David Seeger

Marco Garzon

Mike Garcia

David Frenkenberger

Scott Hamlin

Bob Athenoun

The following brothers moved to the 2nd Degree in the month of October:

Dave Feitas

David Brilliant

Yonson Serrano

Anthony Cravotta II

Mario DaSilva

Bertrand Lewis

The following brother moved to the 3rd Degree in the month of October:

Yonson Serrano

Tim Tuttle

David Brilliant

Anthony Cravotta II

Carlo Vecchiarelli

Frederick Bustos

Mario DaSilva

Please take a moment and congratulate them all when you see them!

food basket deliveries

Thanksgiving-November 22, 2009

Christmas – 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 two above dates! (Both are on Sundays) 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

Phone (925) 846-4205



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DISTRICT DEPUTY #33

Newsletter Input, October 26, 2009

Conference Calls are the Way to Go

In September and October, we tested the waters for district conference calls. Due to the success of the first three calls, we are going to move forward aggressively with this venue for information exchange. We have four additional calls scheduled for late October and early November. The subjects are timely and important for the successful operation of your council programs. We use these calls to teach, to coordinate, and to share lessons learned. It's a great way for council leaders to get on the same page with their counterparts and for your new program directors to learn the ropes. From every angle it's a win-win situation. Please refer to the district website for details on upcoming calls.

Holiday Burnout

After a very busy October, I know it is hard to imagine things getting any harder, but, they do. November, December, and January are historically very difficult periods for councils. Every council does major events like food baskets, crab feeds, spiritual retreats, Christmas Cards, Christmas parties, and more. On top of all this, you must add the stresses that folks always impose upon themselves with travel, final exams, and planning the perfect family holidays.

Smart councils will mitigate and minimize the pain through good advanced planning, careful scheduling, and thoughtful sharing of the load. This is also the time to get all the new Knights involved. Don't fall back on letting the same old guys do all the work. I know that's the easy way because they already know how to do the jobs. But, they will get burned out. It is most definitely in the council's long term interests to make time for bringing the new Knights up to speed. They will surprise you with their talents and your events will be much better for their participation.

Membership Update

I want to personally thank every member of every council for their efforts in the October membership drives. As a district, we got 48 new first-degree Knights, 50 second-degree Knights, and 91 third-degree Knights. These results are nothing short of phenomenal. They are a testament to your dedication and commitment. You should all be proud of this incredible accomplishment.

District 33 Website

Remember to check the new District website. It is updated daily with timely information.

<http://sites.google.com/site/district33org/>

also from the district deputy

Military veterans and active-duty servicemembers will be able to eat for free at any Applebee's across the U.S. on Veterans Day, Wed., Nov. 11, 2009. There will be six entrées from the menu to choose from. Guests will be asked to show one or more of the following as proof of service: a U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, a photograph in uniform, or wearing a uniform in person. For more information about Veterans Day at Applebee's, visit the Applebee's website at www.applebees.com/vetsday. A complete listing of all Applebee's locations is available at www.applebees.com.

ROME RECOGNIZES SERVICE OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS CARL ANDERSON WITH THE LUPA CAPITOLINA

ROME, OCT. 27, 2009 (Zenit.org).- The leader of the U.S.-based Knights of Columbus will be honored by the city of Rome with its Lupa Capitolina award.

Mayor Gianni Alemanno will be on hand Wednesday to present Supreme Knight Carl Anderson with the civic award, which recognizes nearly 90 years of service by the Knights of Columbus in Rome.

In a press statement published ahead of the ceremony, Anderson said he was honored to receive the award on behalf of the Knights of Columbus: "As both the Eternal City and the center of the Catholic Church, Rome has a special place in the hearts of the Knights of Columbus, and we look forward to another 90 years of service in this great city."

In 1920, Pope Benedict XV invited the Knights of Columbus to undertake charitable initiatives in Rome. The Knights began with opening sports facilities for youth, four of which are still running today.

The Knights have undertaken many other projects including restoration projects, paying the cost of satellite uplink for major world satellite telecasts, and sponsoring academic conferences and concerts.

RECENT ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER '09 1ST DEGREE



See the Council Web Site at
www.kofc6043.org for more
photos of our recent activities.

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In Appreciation of Your Support



**Celebrating our 26th Anniversary As
The Pleasanton / Tulancingo Sister City Association**

Cary & J.Q. Parra
Cary & J.Q. Parra Visitation Chair

Alice Pryor
Alice Pryor President

Mark your Calendar for

The Past Grand Knight's Dinner Honoring Mark and Theresa Kotch

Saturday, November 7, 2009, 6:30 PM

**La Vite Ristorante
3037-G, Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588
Corner of Hopyard and Valley in the Hopyard Village Shopping Center**

**Buffet Menu: 3 entrees and a salad
with a cost of approximately \$20/person plus drinks**

**Please sign up today to reserve your seat
Contact Tony Ferlazzo at 925.484.4657**

All knights, wives, and significant others are encouraged to attend



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. Deadline: Jan. 10th. Contact Lou Santero, 925-846-5124

annual silva coat drive

For the past 4 years the Knights from Council #6043 and the family of Bro. Ron Silva have collected coats for the homeless. It started with a memory that Ron's son shared at his funeral about how Ron gave his jacket to a woman that was living in her car. It was so inspiring that I am pleased to announce for the fifth year our council will head the Coat Collection Project. Coats collected at the next few business meeting will be passed out to the homeless in Hayward in memory of PGK Ron Silva.

Our goal is to collect 100 coats to give at least one to each person that attends the weekly Tuesday morning breakfast for the homeless in Hayward. The weekly breakfast is sponsored by All Saint's St. Vincent de Paul Society. We will be delivering the coats the morning of Tuesday November 17th. To help collect the coat or deliver the coats and help with breakfast or For more information please contact Joe Balestreri 413-4885,

jbalestreri@comcast.net

koc council shirts

As cooler weather approaches, I want to remind all that our Council has medium to light weight sweat shirts available, in the blue color similar to our polo shirts with the Council emblem embroidered on the chest. They are great to promote our Council and K of C in our fall and winter projects in the public eye.

We have them in sizes Medium, Large, X Large and XX Large. Size Small can be ordered.

I do not plan to bring the shirts to the Council meetings unless asked to do so, so if you want one please contact me, email or phone (925) 846-8766. I will be happy to bring whatever sizes you would like to choose from. Of course, they are also available at my home. The price is \$20 cash or check payable to **Council #6043, K of C**.

Hal Wilson

Join the 4th degree

Brother Knights,

Join the 4th degree! We are the formal and patriotic order of the Knights. Our Assembly goal between all five councils in the Tri-Valley is to get five members from each council and to win the Color Corps contest for Northern California!

So see your council reps or any of the 4th degree members about how to join and sign up for the exemplification in the first weekend in February.

Thanks,

Joe Revolinsky, Faithful Navigator and 4588 Advocate (510) 286-5024

notes from the newsletter editor

Your comments on the Council website are solicited. Take a look at www.kofc6043.org

If you are receiving a printed copy of this newsletter and can be accessed via email you are missing out! The electronic copy of the Newsletter arrives sooner, is in color and the content is not compressed to fit into the limitations of the printed page. If you want an electronic copy, send your email address to: dompe@pacbell.net

If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions. **Entries older than six months will occasionally be removed.**

Thank you.

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:

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 Burkhardt– Relative of Brother Ellis Schott
Thelma Caguin– Friend 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
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
Jericho Suarez– Nephew of Brother Alfredo Gatchalian
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

Angel Naranjo

Bro. Tom Gleason's **Niece**

Brother Dan Carleton's **Parents**

Brother Bertrand Lewis

Brother George Mirande

Brother Gabe Kralic and his wife Betty as they become adoptive parents

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:

Brother Angel Naranjo

For all who are serving in the military we pray:

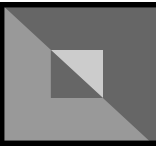
That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

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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