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Grand Knight's Message

Brothers,

As I sat at the Chapter meeting, I had a chance to reflect on what our Chapter Chaplain said. He said that Faith is Love. Sometimes we get caught up in the idea that we must just teach children the knowledge of Catholicism, about the facts that are deemed important. Sometimes we forget to teach them about the faith side of the house. About the things we cannot touch or the things we cannot prove by scientific method. About the Faith or Love we have for each other.

My wife Laurie likes to say that faith is caught not taught. Through our works, let's spread the Faith.

Fraternally,
Rick Kania
Grand Knight

[Message on Membership](#)

My Brothers in Christ,

Faith, Charity and Growth: As leaders of your Chapters, Districts and Councils, you were selected to make our works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism stronger in California; together, we are writing the pages of history for future generations.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus can be the "Experience of a Lifetime." I want to stress that we must invite every eligible Catholic man and his family to share in that experience. Whenever our Councils sponsor blood drives, youth sports teams, raise funds or volunteer for Special Olympics and other programs such as for people with intellectual disabilities (MR), or hold a family picnic; they are sharing the "Experience of a Lifetime." Our Councils do that over and over again as they work to meet the needs of their communities. Building on this foundation of service to Church and community is our challenge.

The best way to ensure the continuation of our legacy is to increase our ranks. We constantly need new energy and fresh ideas. We must constantly expand our reach. To grow in membership we must personally ask each eligible Catholic man to join the Order. We must ask him and his family to help us meet the challenge of our times.

The recruiting field is wide open and currently only 3.2 percent of eligible Catholics in California are members of the Order. Our goal of 3,000 new members for the 2006-2007 fraternal year is extremely possible. To accomplish this we need to strive to have a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish – whether it is establishing new councils or developing Round Tables. Each and every pastor in California must be secure in the knowledge that he can turn to the Knights for whatever help he needs. To meet those needs we must rely on good solid committed Catholic gentlemen to join us and carry our work forward. We will find those men in the parishes, and if they can see that we are actively celebrating faith, family and fraternity, they will be eager to join.

Message from the Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson

The following is a reprint of the letter that Carl A. Anderson sent to all Knights of Columbus Councils.

CARL A. ANDERSON
SUPREME KNIGHT

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October 2006

Worthy Grand Knight:

On November 7, Americans will go to the polls to select those who will represent us at every level of government. We Knights have always taken seriously our civic responsibility to participate in the election process, and to encourage others to do so as well. And, as the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has declared, "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; participation in the political process is a moral obligation...Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power."

In this spirit, and in solidarity with our bishops and priests, I ask that you make sure that you cast your vote in November, and encourage your family and friends to vote, too. In addition, as Grand Knight, I ask that you organize an "Election Day Turnout" initiative designed to ensure that your members, fellow parishioners and others in your community are all able to get to the polls on November 7. Many people, especially the elderly or handicapped, are not able to drive themselves to the polls, and need our help in getting there.

Appoint an "Election Day Turnout" coordinator for your council, who will be responsible for organizing and coordinating transportation efforts on election day, and will serve as your council's main contact person. Next, promote the need for volunteers for the day among your council members, and try to ensure coverage during the entire time polls are open in your community.

Please promote this effort at your next meeting, in your council newsletter, through e-mail lists and in parish bulletins. Ask your pastor to make an announcement from the pulpit about your Election Day Turnout project during Masses on the weekend before election day.

Your efforts can make a big difference in voter turnout this year, and I want to thank you in advance for your work in this regard. Get out the vote!

Fraternally,



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

District Deputy District #108 Report

Brothers of District 108

The opportunity to vote is a cherished right we enjoy. On Election Day, November 7, exercise your right by voting. Before you vote, read the literature to learn as much as possible about the candidates and propositions. Be sure to read who endorses each proposition. Proposition 85 is very important to the KofC. That proposition calls for parental notification of underage women seeking abortions.

Thank you very much to all who took part in the MR Drive in October. Few activities cast the KofC in such a good light. This annual event demonstrates the first two principles of our Order: charity and patriotism. The money you collected will do wonderful things for needy people.

As Thanksgiving approaches, be thankful for whatever blessings you have and pray that those less fortunate will have happier times in the future.

Some notes from the previous Chapter Meeting:

Recognition:

Special recognition was rendered for SK John Moore and Past State Deputy and Deacon Fred Pelletier, who died during August.

Christmas Cards:

If you order Christmas cards through the

State Chairman, Vince Giracello, he will send them to you by UPS. This will cost your Council. If you order them through Chapter Chairman Gene Garibay, he'll pick them up for you and you can arrange to pick them up from him.

Proposition 85:

This is the proposition that will require a young woman (under 18) to receive parental notification before she gets an abortion. However, to pass, the proposition needs a 2/3 majority, not a simple majority. We need to mobilize the Knights and their friends and family to vote "yes" for this. Keep your eyes open for any State Council press releases and letters addressing this. You should push this at your October and November meetings.

We (District 108) have two Councils that are in the positive range for membership this year (7902, 11094). One is minus 4. The others are net 0. Every Council should shoot for net 0 at a minimum. Don't drop Knights unless the Knight is hopelessly delinquent.

Scheduling Council Events:

Experience has shown that participation in Council activities is minimal on Monday nights during football season. (For example, the 9/11 rosary in San Marcos). The Super Bowl will be Sunday February 4. You should avoid scheduling anything that will conflict with these nights.

Fraternally

Tom Kinney, DD 108

Insurance Agent Report

A SMALL SACRIFICE TODAY

What is a widow? She is the same woman who was a wife. She used to be a mother, and now she's a dad and a mother. She used to be a homemaker, and now she's that and a handyman too. She used to have an income to count on. It was enough money to pay bills, with some left over for family treats and occasionally a luxury. Now she has to make do with one-third enough money to manage the household.

What has she done to deserve all this? Not a thing. She's really a great person.

Her only fault was marrying a man who died too soon. All her money troubles could have been avoided by listening the life insurance philosophy of "a small sacrifice today to avoid a tremendous sacrifice tomorrow." Someone always pays the premiums on life insurance. Either the husband or father pay for them while he's alive or his widow and children pay for them later. How much of your income can you set aside today to care for your family tomorrow?

Call me today! I want to hear from you.

Ron Nowak

Committee Chairman

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Special Event – Children’s Hospital “Breakfast with Santa”

The Knights of Columbus have volunteered to assist the Tierrasanta Unit of Children’s Hospital Auxiliary in their "Breakfast with Santa" fundraiser to be held at Ascension Parish on Saturday December 2nd, 2006. They will be serving breakfast to children and families and need kitchen help to prepare food, cook, and otherwise assist. So if you know your way around a kitchen, especially the church kitchen, and can volunteer a few hours of your time please contact Ross Bouman at 858-278-2361. Volunteers are needed from 7:30 A.M to

approximately 11:00 A.M. The Knights are neither funding this event nor reaping any financial rewards but will be recognized for their service in various publications including the Tierra Times and the Children’s Hospital Newsletter. Any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Brother *Ross Bouman*

Message from Membership Director

Why Join the Knights of Columbus?

Imagine being part of an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving to others and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church. Being a Knight is more

than camaraderie; it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your local Catholic Church, while enhancing your own faith; it is about protecting and enhancing your family life. Our numbers have grown by 4 so far this Columbian year. The newest to join our ranks is Wayne Sonniksen and Kevin Boyle. If you see them, congratulate them. Let’s keep up the good work.

Congratulations to Brother Rich & Maria Roldan

Congratulations to Brother Rich Roldan and his wife Maria on their new addition to the family.

Larissa Roldan was born on Aug. 19th, weighing in at 6 lbs 13 oz. and 19 inches long.

Are you Active?

Are you an active member,
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
that your name is on the list?

Do you take an active part
to help the group along?
Or are you satisfied to be
the kind who “just belongs”?

There’s quite a bit of work
involved;
It means success is done!
But it cannot be accomplished
without help from everyone.

So attend the meetings cheerfully
help with all your heart?
Don’t be just a member,
TAKE AN ACTIVE PART!



Scholarship Chairman Report

Dear Brothers,

We had a great success at our Summer Barbecue for the Knights Scholarship Fund. The food was the best and everyone seemed to have a good time, I know I did. Lets see if we can get some more of those tender steaks so everyone has a chance to buy some for the home barbecue. I want to thank everyone who helped with this years Barbecue, and also everyone who attended.

at the next Council meeting on October 5th. These members will select who will be receiving next years Scholarships from all the applications turned in.

Thanks again for everyone's help

Jim Canzoneri
Scholarship Chairman

We will be selecting five people for the 2007 Scholarship Committee

Special Event – 25th Annual Past Grand Knight's Dinner

The 25th Anniversary Past Grand Knight's Dinner will be held on Friday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 pm at The Butcher Shop in Kearny Mesa.

Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm and the Dinner/Program is scheduled to start about 7:00 pm.

The dinner menu will consist of Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, Fresh Vegetables, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, California Salad, Vegetable Salad, Chinese Chicken Salad and Rolls and Butter. The dessert menu will be an assortment of cakes, pies and mousses.

Price of the tickets will be \$40 each. Please contact me by phone or email to the council's email address to let me know you would like to attend.

Since this is our 25th anniversary, we would like to see as many brothers there as possible. I understand that \$40 may be a little expensive. If you would like to attend, but cannot spend that much money, let me know. We have a couple of anonymous donators of tickets and we would like all to attend that is possible. Where there is a will, there is a way and together, we will work it out.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and at the Past Grand Knight's Dinner.

Fraternally,
Rick Kania
Grand Knight

Refer to our online calendar for the most up-to-date information on events and activities of our council.
<http://calendar.yahoo.com/kofc7902>

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 2006	December 2006
02 Nov. – 7:30 pm Council Meeting 05 Nov. – 8:00 am Corporate Communion Mass at Ascension Parish 10 Nov. – 6:30 pm 25 th Anniversary Past Grand Knights Dinner at The Butcher Shop in Kearny Mesa 12 Nov. – 8am – 12pm Pancake Breakfast at Ascension 16 Nov. – 7:30 pm Officer's Mtg. at Ascension Parish 23 Nov. – Thanksgiving Day	02 Dec. – 7:30 am Children's Hospital "Breakfast with Santa" at Ascension Parish 07 Dec. – 7:30 pm Council Meeting 10 Dec. – 8am – 12pm Pancake Breakfast 21 Dec. – 7:30 pm Officer's Mtg.
	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">November Birthday's</p> 04 Nov. – Fr. Chuck Fuld 05 Nov. – Charlie Watson 11 Nov. – Chuck Rhoades 13 Nov. – Tiny Sluka 15 Nov. – Bob Olson 16 Nov. – Tony Rodrigues 17 Nov. – Steve Goff 19 Nov. – Pat McNamara </div>

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In Service to One.

In Service to All.

Good of the Order

Please keep the following Brothers and their families in your prayers:

Dustin Butcher
David Hickey
Jose Otero, Jr.
Charlie Watson

And for the Servicemen and Servicewomen around the world in harm's way and for those Servicemen and Servicewomen that have

made the ultimate sacrifice, protecting us with the fight over there so we won't have to have the fight over here.

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers, please contact the Grand Knight.

About Our Council...

Knights of Columbus, Ascension Council 7902 was founded November 1981. The Council, named for the Parish, works closely with the Parish providing funds and manpower for various activities and projects. The Knights were instrumental in creating the Fiesta, initially a fundraising event for the downpayment of the building of the Church,

now an Annual Parish and Community Event. Other activities range from the monthly Pancake breakfast, to community activities such as a Semi-Annual Blood Drive, Annual Parish Summer BBQ and Annual New Year's Eve Gala. The Knights are here to help and support the Parish in any way necessary.

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C. J. Jackson, Past Grand Knight