



# St. Denis Knights of Columbus

ST. DENIS CHAPTER 11260

December 2006

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

Brother's I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends and that you did not gain too much weight.

We are now in December, getting ready for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Hopefully, we can stay focused on the significance of this event. It is very sad that many public entities, corporations and businesses refrain from using the term "Christmas."

Thanks to Ron and Carol Cox, who spent countless hours, sitting in the church courtyard, in support of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" religious Christmas card program. They received many appreciative comments from parishioners who had not been able to purchase religious cards through local vendors.

November was a very busy month for our Council. We conducted a very successful campaign in support of the Marian Homes who maintain residential homes for those with intellectual disabilities. With the help our brother Knight's, members of the St. Denis Youth Group and the Women's Council, we were able to raise \$2467.24. The store director's for Albertson's and Ralph's supported our fundraising efforts by allowing us to solicit funds from their customers. Special thanks to Monsignor Loughnane, who allowed us to have a Marian Homes representative speak after each Mass.

Speaking of Monsignor Loughnane, several of our Knight's had the pleasure of having dinner with him at the San Gabriel Valley Chapter's Clergy Appreciation dinner held at St. John Vianney, on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Our Council assisted the Italian Catholic Federation's "Breakfast with Santa" pancake breakfast on Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup>. Rumor has it that one of our Knights was seen moonlighting as a portly fellow dressed in red. Great job, John!

We will be busy again in December. Our Council will participate in our Parish's Ministry Fair on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be our major recruiting effort. If you know of a practicing Catholic gentlemen, who may be interested in becoming a member of our Council, please bring him by our recruiting tent.

Once again, our Council will be selling Tamales this year. Brother Raul Galindo will be taking orders for Tamales between the hours of 8 AM and 12 noon, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and

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the 10<sup>th</sup>. Ordered Tamales will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 8 AM and 12 noon.

The Father Felix J. Penna Assembly will be providing a spaghetti and chicken lunch to 360+ military veterans who are at the Veteran's hospital in Westwood. This will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Everyone in our Council is invited to participate. Some of us will be assisting. If you are interested, call me for further details.

Our Council will be assisting Christian Services and the Women's Council with the annual Christmas basket program at Sacred Heart church in Pomona. The dates will be the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> of December. We will be helping distribute food and toys to over 400 needy people. If you can help on any of the three days, please let me know.

On January 20, 2007, our Council will celebrate its 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration will begin with Mass, followed by lunch provided by our Council. This will be a family celebration. Further information will be provided at a later date. PLEASE save the date.

To all of our members, there is no business meeting in December because it is so close to Christmas. We will have a Family Night on December 9 at Potthoff Hall. To our Officers, the next Officers meeting will take place on December 7<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Knights house. I promise to provide a meal (5 courses). It will start at 7:30 PM.

I would like to wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Grand Knight Art Herrera

## ***ST. DENIS KNIGHTS WEB SITE***

The St. Denis Knights are in the process of establishing their web presence. Although the web site is still in the early stages of development, many changes are expected in the next few weeks. A few of the changes will include creating the remaining pages, publishing our calendar, and posting photographs. In time, the web site should evolve into a useful communications tool.

Soon we will have our own domain name. For now, the current development status can be viewed at [www.mcardenas.com/StDenisKnights](http://www.mcardenas.com/StDenisKnights). Please forward information requests for inclusion to the web site to Martin Cardenas ([jmartincardenas@msn.com](mailto:jmartincardenas@msn.com)). All requests will be carefully considered before being ignored.

Somewhat related to the website is the recent establishment of our centralized email list. This email list should greatly enhance our email communication. By sending an email to the single address of [knights11260@googlegroups.com](mailto:knights11260@googlegroups.com), everyone that is on the list will receive a copy. Please note that this email list is strictly for conducting business for the Knights of Columbus and as such, items of a personal, political, or commercial nature should not be posted.

If you would like to be added to the list, please forward your name and email address to Martin Cardenas at the email address listed above. Julio Alvarado and Frank Satullo are also able to administer the list.

## ***INSURANCE AGENT MESSAGE***

Are you thinking about certificates of deposit (CD's) or similar investments. A life insurance policy is probably better! That's right...a life insurance policy.

Single Premium Life from the Knights of Columbus offers you all of the best features of CD's or municipal bonds plus the benefits of life insurance. With Single Premium life you create an immediate estate that is paid to your beneficiary tax-free should you die. Your money accumulates on a tax-deferred basis, and earns dividends that are not subject to tax. You also have the right to take loans against your accumulated values subject to current tax regulations. All this without market risk...and for only one single payment! I'd like to talk with you about Single Premium Life and other plans available from your Order. Call me today for an appointment.

Bill Lueddemann (714) 280-9952

## ***FAMILY NIGHT***

Our next Family Night will be on December 9 after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday. This is our traditional Christmas Family Night. We will be doing several things.

The first and most important is that we will be collecting toys for the Christmas Basket Program. Every year the Knights help out the Christmas basket program by providing money, toys and manpower to distribute the food and gifts. The way this program works is that people sign up for assistance and a determination is made if they qualify. If they qualify, they will be given food for Christmas as well as clothes and toys for children.

The Knights function in this event is to help with the logistics and to provide financial support. The logistics part of this program begins on December 17. We will be helping move the toys and food and clothes to Pomona. **WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET FOR THIS.** The next day, all the items will be boxed and sorted. Then, on December 19, the Knights will assist by giving all the items that we collected to needy people. This involves moving the boxes to cars or shopping carts so that they can be taken home. **WE WILL NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET FOR THIS ALSO.**

The financial support we provide is through a donation and by collecting toys on the December Family Night. This year we are asking that you bring at least one unwrapped for the Christmas Basket Program to our December Family Night.

The second part of the Family Night is to have a get-together before Christmas. This year we will have Santa come to hand out presents to the kids. If you want Santa to give a present to your child, bring a wrapped present for Santa to hand out. This is very important. If you do not bring a gift for your child, Santa may not have one for your child. So if you want Santa to give a present to your child, bring a wrapped gifts so he can do that.

Our Family Night will be a modified potluck dinner. The Knights will be providing a turkey and we ask that everybody else bring side dishes. If your last name begins with A through J, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with K through P, please

bring a salad. If your last name begins with Q through Z, please bring a dessert. We will be calling you to get an accurate number so we know how much Turkey to make.

## **FINANCIAL SECRETARY MESSAGE**

As we approach the season of giving, I would like to remind you that you will be receiving an invoice for your yearly dues this month. The best gift to your council would be prompt payment of these dues to avoid the additional billing of dues. It would also alleviate my work in collection of dues.

Our Grand Knight Art Herrera has also asked me to include a book of tickets for Rancho San Antonio. The cost of these tickets is \$10, but our council keeps \$3 of the \$10, so it helps our council when you purchase the tickets. If you need more tickets please contact Art on (909) 861-7651. Please return stubs with monies when you pay your dues. In regard to Rancho San Antonio, I wrote an article in a May 1995 newsletter when I was Grand Knight. It is attached in this newsletter and explains what this facility is all about. It is an annual event that we as Knights sponsor please consider helping the boys with your contribution.

On November 29<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege of performing the Deputy Grand Knight position for the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree team as we welcomed two new members to our council. They are Joe Goebel and Tom Meagher, please make them welcome when you meet them.

May God Bless You

Frank Satullo

## **RANCHO SAN ANTONIO FUNDRAISER**

*(The following article was written in May 1995 by then Grand Knight Frank Satullo)*

Mary Ann and I traveled to Chatsworth on April 29th to attend Rancho San Antonio's 47th Annual Barbecue sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. We were impressed with the facility and the dedication of the much council that were involved. We took a tour of the facility provided by the staff and the boys at Rancho. Our tour guide was Brian, 17 years old, who was placed there 4 months ago by the courts. He told us that he was from a dysfunctional family which led him to Rancho. The tour took in all the buildings needed to run a facility of this magnitude. Rancho takes care of a 100 plus boys from the ages of 12 thru 18.

The boys stay for one year, provided they adapt to this structured environment. They are put into an Intake building, where they are evaluated and indoctrinated about Rancho. If they are accepted then they are moved into regular dormitories that house 20 boys. These dormitories have a living area, 2 rooms with 10 sleeping areas each, a large bathroom and small kitchenette.

They are required to be in bed by 9: 30 p.m. and are limited to what they may have for their personal entertainment. Everything is usually shared among the boys. They are

required to attend religious services depending on their faith. Rancho provides these services even though this a catholic facility, no one is turned down. The boys eat their meals in a separate building which has about 5 dining areas. They attend schools adjacent to the facility.

The boys can volunteer to do many of the functions required to run this facility. By doing this they can be advanced to a higher level of standard, where they are allowed more privileges. They are taught how to cook and run the dining areas. At the print shop they are taught to do all of Rancho's printing. The boys are also taught the maintenance of buildings and grounds.

As Brian continued the tour, he told us how the program helped him and his plans after his year is finished. He stated that Rancho has an extended outreach program that enables a boy to continue his education, work and still live at Rancho. There is a separate large building that houses boys over 18. They are able to stay there for a period of 10 years but they must contribute 20% of their earnings, and must follow the roles and regulations for that particular segment, which are a little more relaxed.

This tour brought back to me my childhood that was spent in a catholic orphanage in Cleveland, and the tough love and discipline provided by the Sisters of Parmadale, and the foundation they gave me to build on.

At the end of the tour, we saw a video on Rancho and their program to teach the boys to overcome their fears so they can conquer anything.

BE ACTIVE and enjoy your Brother Knights.

## ***WE NEED YOU***

### **The following is a calendar of our events in December and when we need help.**

December 9 – Family Night after the 5:30PM Mass. We need everyone. Everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the Christmas Basket Program.

December 17 – Christmas Basket Program at 2:30PM. We will need any available able-bodied person. We will meet at the Priest's garage behind Potthoff Hall to move all the donations to Sacred Heart in Pomona. They are saying that they don't need any trucks, but if you have one, bring it just in case.

December 18 – Christmas Basket Program at 8:00AM until done. We will need any available able-bodied person. We will meet Sacred Heart in Pomona to box up the donations for distribution for the next day. If you have a dolly or hand truck, bring it just in case.

December 19 – Christmas Basket Program at 8:00AM until done. We will need any available able-bodied person. We will meet Sacred Heart in Pomona to distribute the Christmas Baskets. If you have a dolly or hand truck, bring it.