



## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and didn't eat too much! Now, as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, let me wish all of you a wonderful Merry Christmas. Let's insure that we keep "Christ in Christmas."

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, our Council participated in our Parish's Ministry Faire. I am happy to report that four Catholic gentlemen expressed interest in joining our ranks. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, two of the four made their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. On November 28<sup>th</sup>, Diego Calvera made his first Degree. Welcome aboard, Tom Bernsten, Emilio Romero and Diego! Thanks to Tom Meagher and Don Daymon who spent most of the day with me at the Faire. Speaking of Degrees, congratulations to Brother Jonathan Cordero who made his 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

<b><u>2006-2007 Officers</u></b>	
Grand Knight	Art Herrera
Chaplain	Msgr. James Loughnane
Deputy Grand Knight	Raul Galindo
Chancellor	Julio Alvarado
Financial Secretary	Frank Satullo
Treasurer	Ron Cox
Warden	Ed Pechy
Advocate	Alton Martin
Recorder	Wolfgang Shane
Lecturer	John Craine
Inside Guard	John Carlson
Outside Guard	Tom Meagher
Trustees	Al Rodriguez
	Archie Miller
	John Guillory

Our annual fund raising drive in support of the Marian Homes was held the weekend of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We were able to solicit for funds in front of Vons and Ralph's markets on Friday evening and most of the day on Saturday. On Sunday, Monsignor Loughnane, graciously, allowed us to collect donations following each Mass. We were able to collect over \$3200 from all three locations. This was an increase from last year's drive which was approximately \$2400.00. The success of this fundraising effort was directly attributable to the assistance we received for Women's Council members Liz Fan, Toni Werley, Pat Lasko and Henrietta Zalewski. Many members of the Youth Ministry, coordinated by Angie Perez, Director of the Youth Ministry, helped us following all of the Masses. In addition to these wonderful people, the following Knights also participated: Ron Cox, John Carlson, Archie Miller, Al Rodriguez, Tony Cecola, Dave Ruiz, Ed Pechy and Pablo Blasa, who once again drove all the way from San Clemente. On Sunday, other Brothers helped. These include Don Daymon, Alton Martin, Wolfgang Shane, and Julio Alvarado. I hope I've recognized all those who helped. If I failed to give credit to someone who did, please forgive me. I was exhausted by Sunday!

I didn't mention our Financial Secretary, Frank Satullo, Charter Grand Knight, in the above paragraph because I wanted to thank him personally for staying with me throughout the weekend,

<b><u>DEGREE CEREMONIES</u></b>	
First Degree	January 13 at 2 pm at St. Andrew (Pasadena)
	January 23 at 7 pm at Sheperd of Ars
Second Degree	February 20 at 7 pm at Father Maguire
Third Degree	March 30 at 12:45pm at Father Maguire

counting the funds collected and filling in when we had a vacancy in our scheduled posts. He's a little older than me and I had trouble keeping up with him! Thank you Frank for all you do for our Council!

On November 7, 2007, I attended the city of Diamond Bar's Veteran's Day celebration. The City honors those military veterans who live in Diamond Bar. One of our very own Brother Knights, U.S. Navy Signalman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Archie Miller, was one of several veterans recognized by the City in honor of their service to our Country. Ask Archie to show you the beautiful plaque given to him.

Our Council, along with the ICF and Women's Council, sponsored the "Breakfast with Santa" event on November 25<sup>th</sup>. As I was out of town, I've been told that this event was very successful and that over \$800.00 was raised in support of the Christmas food basket/toy distribution at Sacred Heart Parish in Pomona. Thanks to all our Brother Knights who helped.

God Bless

Art Herrera

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

December 14<sup>th</sup>. We will need help setting up the Nativity scene inside our Church. If you can help meet inside the Church after the 8:30 AM Mass (9:30 AM).

December 14<sup>th</sup>. Clergy Night at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Rowland Heights. 6:00 PM  
We have reserved a table of eight. We still have a few seats available. Cost is \$20.00

December 16<sup>th</sup>. Las Posadas. St. Denis Potthoff Hall 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Christmas Food basket and toy distribution Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pomona. Meet at St. Denis on Sunday, December 16 after the 12 PM mass to start loading the trucks.

December 25<sup>th</sup>. Christmas.

Brothers, there are many events taking place between now and Christmas. We need help to staff all of these events. Please get into the Christmas spirit and participate in these events. I will be sending out information of each event which will include manpower needs.

## ***REST IN PEACE***

Brothers, this past year we said goodbye to John Repar, Al Renteria and Past Grand Knight of our Council, Jack Healy. They are now serving our Lord. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

## ***COUNCIL SHIRTS & JACKETS***

If any members are interested in purchasing a Council shirt or jacket, talk to Art Herrera. The cost for the shirt is \$27.00 and the jacket, baseball type, is \$37.00. Please let me know as soon as you can as I already have orders. Send me what you want and also include size. The shirts are 65% polyester and 35% cotton, so they do not shrink. For comparison, GK Art Herrera wears a size large.

## ***FIELD AGENTS REPORT***

### HAPPY AND HOLY HOLIDAYS

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes for a holy and happy holiday season. I imagine you feel the same way about the Christmas season as I do....such a peaceful, happy time.

But just take one moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most precious gift of all....a life insurance plan that will allow them to have, always, the kind of Christmas you want them to have. We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future....for just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy this season of celebration. Please call me for an appointment and we will discuss a gift of security and protection from you to your loved ones.

Bill Lueddemann  
(714) 280-9952

## ***CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS***

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... You are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish some place ... You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness ... You are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death ... You are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder ... You are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

December 14 – Set up Nativity Scene at Church  
December 16 – Los Posadas  
December 16, 17 & 18 – Christmas Basket Program  
December 25 – Happy Birthday Jesus  
January 3 – Officer's Meeting  
January 17 – Business Meeting