

# *St. Denis Knights of Columbus*

ST. DENIS COUNCIL 11260

December 2008

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

I trust you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We in Diamond Bar have much to be thankful for since we were spared losing any of our homes due to fires that came very close. Thank God for the Santa Ana winds, which kept the fires at bay, while the great firefighters established a fire retardant barrier. We weren't evacuated, but we did host a friend who was. I pray for those who suffered the loss of their homes.

The Christmas season is just around the corner. Let's try and keep Christ in Christmas during this Blessed time of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Ron and Carole Cox are doing this as evidenced by the countless hours they have spent in the Church courtyard selling Religious Christmas cards. Many of our parishioners have availed themselves of these cards. Carol and I wish each of you and your families a very Blessed Christmas.

The recent fires did impact the success of our Intellectual Disability drive fundraiser. On Saturday, while we were soliciting funds in front of Vons, Albertson's and Ralph's, we could see that the fires were becoming a threat to our city. We cancelled the last shift on Saturday so everyone could watch the developing fires. The following morning, we began collecting funds following the 6:30 and 7:30 Masses. When we learned that a number of neighborhoods were going to be evacuated, we cancelled the rest of the days fund raising functions. Although we had to cancel soliciting funds, we did raise about \$1400.00 for the Marian Homes.

I would like to welcome Adolfo Mijares who joined our ranks on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

I was recently advised by Monsignor Loughnane that I was to be one of five annual Pastoral Award recipients. I was very surprised, appreciative and humbled by being chosen. There are many wonderful parishioners who have been honored in the past and to be soon joining their ranks is very humbling. The good Lord has been very kind to my family and me. Now, having been retired for the past few years, I have been given the opportunity to give back what has been given to me. I thank God every day for

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### **DEGREE CEREMONIES**

First Degree

January 25 at 2pm at St. Felicitas

January 28 at 7pm at Sheperd of Ars

Second Degree

February 18 at 7 pm at Father Maguire

Third Degree

March 20 at 1 pm at Father Maguire

allowing me to be involved in the Knights of Columbus and our parish community. There's no other place I'd rather be! Incidentally, I will soon be selling tickets to this gala. Let me know how many tickets you need!

On November 21st, several of us hosted Monsignor Loughnane at Clergy Night, which was held at St. Phillip the Apostle Catholic Church in Pasadena. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter, which our Council is part of, puts on this event every year. The purpose of this event is to honor our parish priests by treating them to a nice dinner among fellow priests and Brother Knights.

On November 30<sup>th</sup>, our Council, in conjunction with the Women's Council and the Italian Catholic Federation, hosted the annual "Breakfast with Santa" pancake breakfast. Funds were raised in support of the St. Denis Christmas Basket Program for families in need. This year Santa was assisted by Mrs. Claus. Thanks John and Maggie for a job well done. Lots of kids availed themselves of the opportunity to have their pictures taken by Santa's little helper, Bea Yary.



Once again, Brother Raul Galindo is taking prepaid orders for Tamales. He, too, has been sitting in the courtyard taking orders from our parishioners. The last date to order your Christmas tamales is December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks, Raul!

On Saturday evening, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, I had the privilege to be part of the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly Color Corps, which took part in a Flag Retirement ceremony at Dolan Hall at St. John Vianney. Our Color Corps assisted by the local Boy Scout Troop and Veteran of Foreign Wars representatives as we honorably retired many worn United States flags. This is a very somber, moving ceremony. I was glad to be a part of this ceremony.

Brothers, as a reminder, our monthly business meeting is held at Potthoff Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. I encourage all of you to attend these meetings. We need your input! Additionally, every month, Monsignor Loughnane discusses Supreme Bishop Lori's Columbia Magazine article. I ask that you bring your magazine with you. If any Brother is not receiving the Columbia Magazine, please let me know.

Vivat Jesus

Art Herrera,  
Grand Knight

## ***FIELD AGENTS REPORT***

Now that the holidays are approaching, this is a good time to sit down with me and discuss your family's current financial circumstances. . . and your future plans.

Life insurance is truly one of the best gifts a member can buy for himself and for his family. Think about it: what else can you put under the Christmas tree that can

- Guarantee that the mortgage would be paid off when you pass away, and. . .
- Provide a way for you to ensure money is available for your dependents or heirs to attend college, whether you live or die, and. . .
- Ensure your family's financial survival if you, your spouse, or both of you met an untimely death, and. . .
- Provide supplemental income if needed during your lifetime?

Financial hardship IS preventable. By taking some prudent steps now, you can protect your loved ones against the possibility of your death without sacrificing future savings. This is a tough subject at this time of year, but it is something we cannot forget.

Please give me a call at 909-606-0262 or e-mail me at [gerry.cacnio@kofc.org](mailto:gerry.cacnio@kofc.org) so we can help your family.

Marlene, Sam, Elmer, David and I wish you and yours a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Yours in Christ,

Gerry Cacnio  
Field Agent

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

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

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting

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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

January 15 - Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane