

# *St. Denis Knights of Columbus*

ST. DENIS COUNCIL 11260

June 2009

## **GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE**

This is my last article as your Grand Knight. I turn over the reins to John Carlson as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. John will do an outstanding job. I ask that you give him support as you have given me your support. These past three years as Grand Knight have flown by. The old adage of "Time flies when you're having fun" is true. As I've said many times, I thank our late Brother Lou Noble for introducing me to the Knights of Columbus. I have enjoyed the comradeship with all my Brothers, as well as our support and involvement with our Chaplin Monsignor Jim, Father Potthoff, Father Sebastian, Father Dennis, and the other ministries and organizations at St. Denis. I am very grateful to Monsignor Jim for his guidance and direction and his discussions of Supreme Bishop Lori's Columbia magazine article at our monthly meetings. In addition I have had the opportunity to meet Knights from various parishes in and around the San Gabriel Valley. I have found that these Knights are all Catholic gentlemen helping their parishes as we do at St. Denis. I am proud to be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member of the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly Color Corps team. Through the color corps team callouts, I have had the opportunity to meet Cardinal Mahoney, a 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knight, and most of the Bishops in the L.A. Archdiocese.

<u>2007-2008 Officers</u>	
Grand Knight	Art Hererra
Chaplain	Msgr. James Loughnane
Deputy Grand Knight	John Carlson
Chancellor	Raul Galindo
Financial Secretary	Frank Satullo
Treasurer	Ron Cox
Warden	Tom Meagher
Advocate	Alton Martin
Recorder	Wolfgang Shane
Lecturer	John Craine
Inside Guard	Julio Alvarado
Outside Guard	Jess Carbajal
Trustees	Al Rodriguez Archie Miller John Guillory

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we had our Annual Mass and Luncheon. We had 27 of our Brother Knights and their families in attendance. Attendees dined on a meal prepared by Casa Alvarez from Rowland Heights. State Warden Ray Warriner was our guest speaker. For the first time we had the color corps lead Monsignor Jim inside the church. This added to our celebration.

The color corps also assisted with Father Potthoff's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest. Unfortunately, I was out of the state and missed the event. By the way, Father Potthoff has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 45 years!

On May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended the California State Convention in San Diego. It was nice being a part of this convention where about 1200 knights gathered to elect state officers for the next Columbian year. Our new State Deputy will be Vincent A. Pacis who resides in the San Francisco area. For the last several years, the State Deputy is chosen from either the northern or southern part of the state, alternating each year.

### DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree

June 25 at 7 pm at St. Joseph's

Second Degree

To Be Announced

Third Degree

June 7 at 1 pm at Father Maguire

Speaking of elections, our Councils election for the next Columbian year officers took place at our business meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Brother Wolfgang Shane for conducting the election. Those elected are:

Grand Knight	John Carlson
Deputy Grand Knight	Tom Meagher
Chancellor	Raul Galindo
Recorder	Archie Miller
Treasurer	Ron Cox
Advocate	Alton Martin
Warden	Jess Carbajal
Inside Guard	Adolfo Mijares
Outside Guard	Emilio Romero
Trustee (1 yr)	Al Rodriguez
Trustee (2 yr)	John Guillory
Trustee (3yr)	Frank Satullo

Congratulations to all those who volunteered to serve as officers. A special thanks to Frank Satullo, who has served as Financial Secretary for the past 5 years. He and our Treasurer, Ron Cox, have consistently kept the financial records for our Council in order. Brother Frank has passed the FS torch to me. He is my training officer and I am his trainee!

Our semi-annual Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 AM. Thanks to Brother Ron Cox and his wife Carole for the countless hours spent gathering names of donors. There is always a shortage of blood, so if you can spare a little, please donate.

The Relay for Life of Diamond Bar takes place at Lorbeer Middle School, 501 S. Diamond Bar Blvd., on Saturday, June 13. The event takes place over a 24 hour time period, starting at 9:00 AM concluding at 9:00 AM on Sunday morning. I am walking for the St. Denis team. The name is "St. Denis Choir Community." You can register at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Basically, this is a relay to celebrate the lives of those who have lost their battle with cancer. This is not a race. Everyone walks at their own pace. Hope to see you there.

As you know, our 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members belong to the Father Felix J. Penna Assembly. I am honored to have been elected as Faithful Navigator for the upcoming Columbian year. I encourage our 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members to attain their 4th Degree on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Further information to follow.

Art Herrera,  
Grand Knight

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BROTHER KNIGHTS**

Tom Berntsen	6-06	Ron Cox	6-18
Raul Diaz	6-08	Tom Ortiz	6-20
Paul Branks	6-23	Dante Aguilos	6-28

# **FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**A few final words from your Financial Secretary, Frank Satullo.**

At the end of June I am resigning from the above position and it has been a wonderful five years as your Financial Secretary. I appreciate all the cooperation I have received over the years. I know that you will give the same cooperation to Art Herrera as he takes over these duties. I would like to share with you some experiences that I had on my trip to Nashville the last part of May. While there we saw two shows that we clearly enjoyed. They were at the Chaffin's Barn Dinner Theatre And the Nashville Nite Live Show. I have two items I would like to share with you. The first is an article that was wrote By Janis Chaffin that was in the program for the play that we seen. I thought it was very appropriate for us in times that we are experiencing now in our country. That article is recreated below. The other is a DVD that I bought starring Steve Hall/Shotgun Red and the Shotgun Red Band. He was the Headliner at the other show mentioned above. It was a very hilarious show. The DVD is of previous shows he has performed with his own band on the General Jackson Showboat. I would to share this at the next Family Night we have. Again thank you for making time as Financial Secretary enjoyable.

## **Janie's Corner**

**Growing Weeds in the Garden of Life...**I love to garden. I believe we must carefully plan solitude. We do not take the spiritual life seriously if we do not set aside some time to be with and to listen to God. My time with God is in His garden.

My Grandmother taught me that a garden takes daily care because the weeds grow twice as fast as the vegetables and flowers. The biggest problem is telling the difference between the flowers and weeds.

My Uncle Johnny was a "city boy" when he married my Aunt Jean. The first year they had a garden. While my Aunt Jean was working one Saturday, Uncle Johnny was going to surprise her and weed the garden. He pulled up all the corn –it looked just like "Johnson grass," when it first appeared. Knowing what is a weed is like making the right choices in life.

I was very hurt a few weeks ago when the media and some politicians called Americans who protested for what they believed were terrorists and many other awful names. The Department of Homeland Security does not even call terrorists – terrorists anymore, they are now called "man-made disasters." Over the past years, persons in our country illegally, with no respect for our laws (since they know they are here illegally) have protested on our American streets, waving their national flags and destroying American flags, with the media holding them up as something special instead of a "weed" in America. We become like the people we associate with; a beautiful garden can be destroyed by one weed if it is left to grow. There is a restraint we can enjoy when we are pushed to defend our faith or to take our case for truth and righteousness to the country courthouse. For even if we do no earn temporary victory in our efforts today, we know that our ultimate victory is coming and assured in another world.

You have ears, you have eyes, you have time, you have television, you have all kinds of ways to get all kinds of information into your head, but only one way to control it. The biggest battle I face as a Christian is taking place each day, right between my ears. More than just on Sunday morning, you need to a face-to-face connection with a few close

Christian friends who can help you to continue to be the person you want to be, but also seek out somebody who will help to continue that commitment.

The issue is priorities – having a deliberate framework in place to help you make good decisions, and avoid lazy distractions. When you know who you are, and you know where you are going, you can live for God like you mean it and get rid of the weeds in your life that take over who are and what you want to accomplish in life.

You are not going to get everything you want out of life, but God has promised to make sure you get everything you need. This is something that you can learn to be content with. How much time and energy could we save if we were happy with what we already have? The temptations, choices, and struggles in life are like the weeds in a garden. If we were given all we wanted here, our hearts would settle for this world, rather than the next.

“People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of being selfish or of having ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, they may cheat you; be forthright anyway. What you spent years building, they may destroy overnight; build it anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous and scorn; be joyous anyway. The good you do today, they will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it will never be enough; give the world the best you have got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.” Remember, like a garden full of weeds, you are a work in progress, just like the rest of us. You are not yet the person you want to be, but you are moving away from the one you were – the first step in a long, joyful journey and we are just getting a good start.

Happy Mother’s Day to all Mothers, Step-Mothers, and Mom’s to so many...We love you all.

Please! Please! Pray for our men in the military, here and abroad, and for our leaders...Remember you are in-charge – it is a Government of the people. God Bless you today and everyday....Love, Janie.

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Officers meeting, Potthoff Hall 7:30 PM

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Blood Drive, Potthoff Hall 8:00 AM

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Relay for life. Begins 9:00 AM

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Flag Day. Fly the flag!

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Business Meeting, Potthoff Hall 7:30 PM. Bring your Columbia Magazine

June 21 – Happy Fathers Day!

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## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Knights of Columbus Blood Drive  
June 4<sup>th</sup> – Officer's Meeting (at Art Herrera's House)  
June 18<sup>th</sup> - Business Meeting with Msgr. Loughnane  
May 21<sup>st</sup> – Father's Day