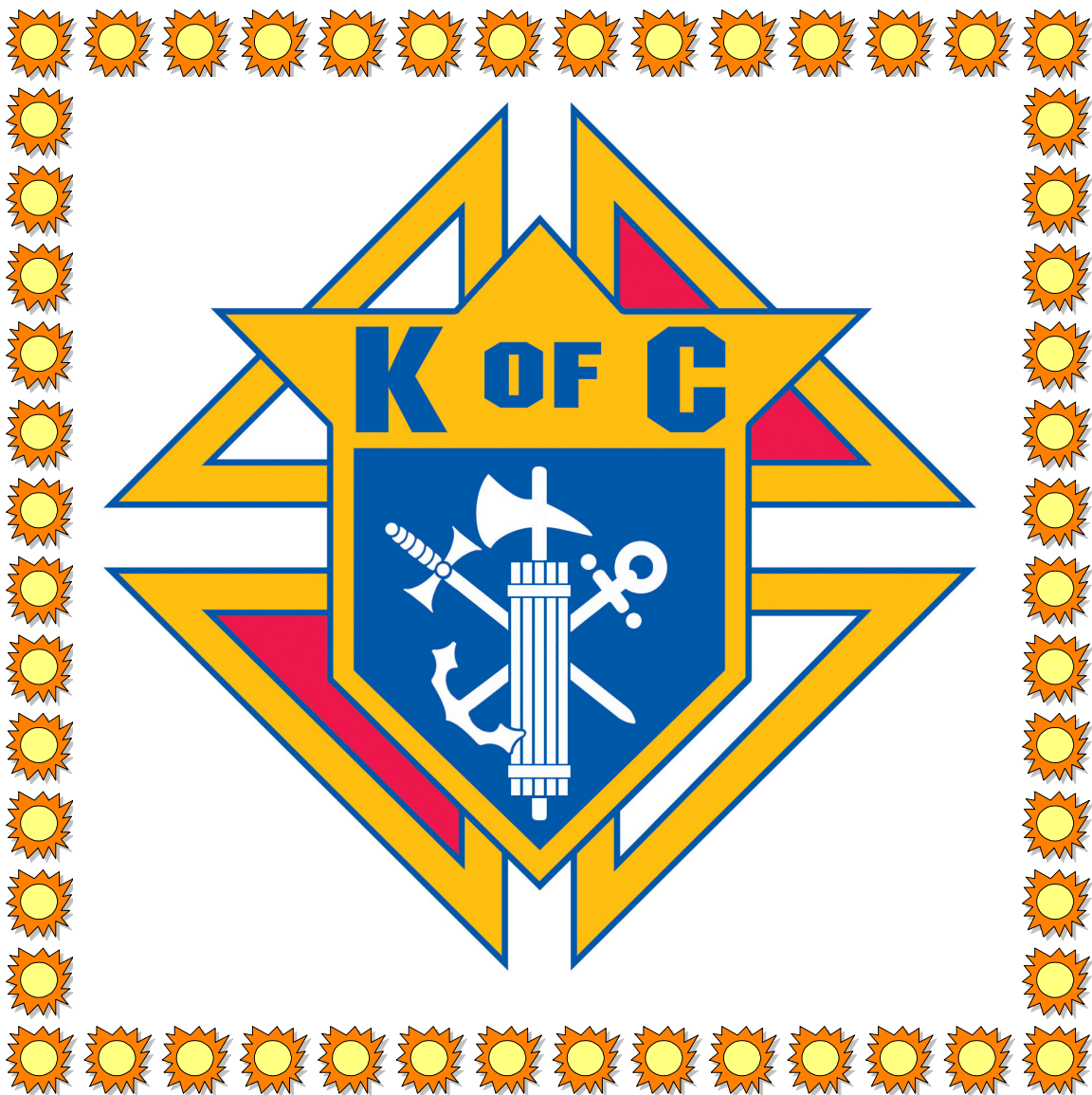


Desert Knights

August 2011

Knights of Columbus
Lancaster Council 2455



Columbian Year 2011-2012
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Grand Knight's Report

Ken Merrill

Dear Brothers,

On July 16th this year's officers were installed by the District Deputy.

The recruitment quota for this year is 30 and it will greatly depend on all members of this council to bring in at least one new brother for us to meet and exceed that quota. I know as a Council we can do it. Do you know at least one person who would be a good candidate; work with them to encourage them to join. The Council will help by talking to people at the Parish BBQ.

As I said the Family Movie Nights will be reduced to one per quarter so we can concentrate on retention and showing the hall to possible candidates and their family. I will need some assistance along with Brother Scott Hayes to have discussion topics for a parent's social night.

We are also looking to hold an Ice Cream Social either the 4th Thursday or last Friday of August. We will be inviting families from Sacred Heart Church to join us for some fun and discussion on the Knights of Columbus.

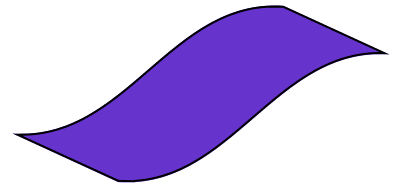
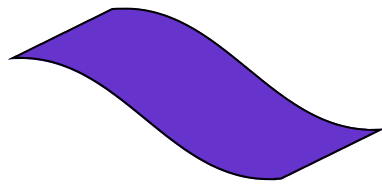
If you are a 3rd Degree Knight it is not late to be thinking about joining the 4th Degree. The ceremony will be held one last time in Oxnard. It is a very nice place and our Color Corp will be trying to win first place in the competition for the third straight year. See a 4th Degree member for an application and details.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Invite a Brother who has not been to a meeting lately to come and join us. .

God Bless,
Ken Merrill
Grand Knight



Chaplain's Report



Father Tom Baker

Greetings brother Knights,

It has been a long preparation process but finally we are seeing construction here at Sacred Heart Church. The work on the parking lot will continue throughout the summer and conclude in October/November. The new priest house will start later in the summer and probably be completed soon after the new year. During this time your prayers and patience will be greatly appreciated as streets will be closed and parking relocated. I never foresaw all the construction terminology I would be learning when I was studying to be a priest. I am learning a lot and stretching in ways I never envisioned. Still, these are very exciting times as we look forward to expansion and development of our parish site.

As practicing Catholics, expansion and development are always an ongoing process in our lives. Although it is summer, these are still important times to expand in our faith and develop in our spiritual lives. We are blessed to live close enough to St. Andrew's Abbey if we need a little spiritual R&R. Summer seems such an appropriate time for such endeavors. R&R from the spiritual life doesn't mean we take time off, but that we have restful, relaxing and reflective times to better our spiritual selves. For you involved in the Knights you are doing great work for which I commend you. But I also challenge you to compliment the work you do with prayer time and spiritual reflection, things more easily entered into by having a place like St. Andrew's nearby.

Blessings to you all as you continue your important work here in the AV. Please pray for me and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life. And I'll see you at the BBQ on August 6.

Fr. Tom



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Tim Loeb

My Brother Knights,

The Sacred Heart Church annual parish BBQ is here again. It is time for the Knights to volunteer their time and get everything set-up to make the BBQ a success. This is the church's biggest fund raiser of the year. The set-up will begin on Monday August the 1st and will continue all week long until the set-up is complete. Food will be served every night, and the squires will be serving a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday the 3rd. On Friday the 5th the council will start to prepare and cook the meet for the BBQ. This will take place at the hall and we need a lot of help to prepare the meat for the BBQ on the 6th. Come on out and have a fun time! The event will start at 5:00pm. After the BBQ is over, volunteers will be needed to help clean up and put the booths away. All the help that this council can give will be appreciated.

I am going to step down as head of recruiting this year. This year's emphasis will be to retain existing members and get members who are inactive, involved in the council again. This council needs to let the voices of its members be heard. We also need to respect each other, even if you don't agree with what is being said. After all, we are all Knights. I would like to thank all the brothers who helped with recruiting and with the degrees this past Columbian year. Remember all of our council business meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Praying the rosary starts at 7:00pm, and the meeting will begin at 7:30pm. If you have not been to a meeting in awhile, stop on by, you are always welcome. If you haven't paid your dues for this year or have been suspended and would like to get back in to being a member, stop by before the meeting and pay your dues. We look forward to having you back.

August dates to remember:

- August 1st – August 5th Set-Up for SHC BBQ
- August 5th Deep Pit BBQ for SHC BBQ
- August 6th SHC 78th Annual Parish BBQ
- August 13th Mount Carmel in the Desert Tea

God Bless,
Tim Loeb
DGK



Pro-Life Director

Vince Interrante



Dear Brother Knights,

Did you ever wonder how those who call themselves Pro-choice, could so easily ignore the evils of abortion in spite of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary? It seems like they have either closed their eyes to what they know is true, or even worse, are too blind to see it. Blessed Theresa of Calcutta referenced this sort of blindness in 1980: "Many people are concerned with the children of India, with the children of Africa, where quite a few die of hunger, and so on. Many people are also concerned about the violence in this great country of the United States. These concerns are very good but often these same people are not concerned with the millions being killed by the deliberate decision of their own mothers, and this is the greatest destroyer of peace today, abortion, which brings people to such blindness." Along these lines, consider the recent article [Where's the Casey Anthony outrage when it comes to abortion?](#) by LifeNews.com. The author wrote that although the outrage over the murder of adorable, two-year-old Casey was justified, and would never downplay it, he couldn't help but to wonder how so many could obsess over this but regularly turn a blind eye to the thousands of unborn babies aborted in our country every day.

I believe that what we see today is simply the offspring of many years of moral decay that really got a boost during the "sexual revolution." In the 1960's, the growing use of the contraceptive pill helped usher in an era of what proponents called "free love." Sexual activity was separated from responsibility for children and pursued simply for pleasure. The result was an increase in premarital sex, divorce, sexually transmitted disease, and out-of-wedlock childbearing. Abortions also increased. With the arrival of the pill, many Catholics believed the Church was about to change their position it had for centuries and bend on birth control. The Vatican convened a commission to study the question but it took eight years to determine its policy. In the interim, the pill quickly became the most popular method of birth control among American women regardless of religion. Today, you don't have to look too closely to see that immorality is not only alive and well, but flourishing.

The internet blog targeted for Catholic faithful called, [New Theological Movement](#), wrote an article about the blindness of the Pharisees that our Lord spoke about. The author explained that their blindness was spiritual, intellectual, and directly opposed to the Holy Spirit's gift of understanding. Going beyond a mere dulling of the intellect, it manifested into hate and utter rejection of spiritual truths. Quoting the great theologian and doctor of our church, St. Thomas Aquinas, they went on to explain that although many mortal sins can lead to spiritual blindness and the loss of understanding, those pertaining to lust leads to them immediately. They conclude that the Pharisees were likely struggling with some sort of sexual perversion. This would explain how profound their blindness was, especially while in the presence of our Lord. When speaking about the words that she heard from our Blessed Mother, Sr Lucia, the Fatima seer who is now being considered for sainthood, confirmed that most souls in hell are there because of sins against chastity. Not that they are the most grievous, but the most common and the least likely to be repented.

Yours in Christ,
Vincent Interrante



Vocations Director

Greg Halamicek

Greetings Brother Knights:

I hope you all have been having a safe and blessed summer. It was nice to take a month off and relax. Now with my internal batteries renewed this month I again turn to the pages of the Columbia Magazine for inspiration. As I have said in past columns, the Columbia is an excellent way to keep up with events around the world that our Brother Knights are involved with. But this month it is not what is between the pages that I direct your attention to, it is the back page. This area is always reserved for a story about how a priest, brother or nun followed the calling of God and took on the vocation of the religious life. In many of these stories it was the encouragement or other types of assistance from the Knights that helped these individuals along the path of discernment toward their vocation. Many of the persons who have shared their stories on the back page all related how a Knight or Council played a major role on the path leading to ordination or the taking of final vows; our own Council has been helping individuals who are attending both Casa de Juan Diego and St. John's Seminary. But even with all these glowing stories there is still a huge shortage of religious in the United States. More to the point we are in crises mode when it comes to the very heart of the Church. The lack of parish priests should be causing every practicing catholic sleepless nights. I know it is hard to grasp this problem when we are so blessed here in the Antelope Valley. At Sacred Heart we have three very dedicated and caring men who bring both Christ's Word and Love to our parish. But just over the hill in the San Fernando Valley there are churches that are sharing priests. Just take a moment to imagine what it would be like if we only had one priest or we are now sharing a priest with another parish. Think of what we may have to limit when it comes to ministries. Where there was a Mass, now we have a Communion service. Suddenly the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is cut way back. Father no longer has the time to visit the school or the ORE classes. This vision should be sending cold chills down the spine of every Knight.

So what do we do? As with all things we take this need before our Heavenly Father. In our daily prayer life we ask God to for more vocations. We also need to encourage our families to pray. To get a better focus we check out a Vocation Chalice. As a side note there should be a waiting list for the Vocation Chalice at the Sacred Heart Rectory. We also need to be ready to encourage those who feel they are hearing God's call to service, even though it may be a whisper. If we don't know what to say point them in the direction of Fathers Tom, Tran or Mike. Believe me they will have the right words.

This year we will have a Vocations booth at the parish BBQ. It will be staffed with members of our parish who are discerning Gods' call in their life. We may even have one or two special guests. There will also be a game called "Are you smarter than a Sacred Heart School 5th Grader". So please stop by.

Of all our duties as Knights the promoting of vocations is one of the most important. Please keep it as one of your highest priorities.

May the Peace and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your families always.

In His Service
Acolyte Greg Halamicek



Knights Wives

*There's no meeting in August
However, our meeting in
September will be on the 12th,
due to the Labor Day Holiday on
the first Monday of the month.*

*Hope to see you all at the
Sacred Heart Annual BBQ
August 6th*

*We pray you've all had a safe and
happy summer.*



August 2011

Knights of Columbus
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Columbus Club 7:30	2 6:00pm Charity 7:00 Officer's	3	4 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 8:00P	5 BBQ Meat for Sacred Heart tomorrow	6 Sacred Heart Annual BBQ @ Sacred Heart
7 Squire's Mrt. 3:00 @ Kesterson Center	8	9	10	11 Rosary 7:00 General Bus. Meeting 7:30	12	13 Mt. Carmel 3rd Annual Ice Tea & Talk 2-5PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Recruitment weekend Sacred Heart	22 6:00AM Cook for St. Vincent	23	24	25 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremonies 7PM @ Hall	26	27
28	29 6:00AM Cook for St. Vincent	30	31			

September Events

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- 1: 4th Degree Assembly
- 5: Labor Day & Family BBQ
- 6: 6:00 Charity Mtg.
- 6:45 Officer's Mtg
- 8: 7:00 Council Rosary
- 7:30 Gen. Business Mtg
- 10: Décor Christi @ Mt. Carmel Retreat Center
- 11: Squire's Mtg.
- 12: 7:00 KC Wives Mtg. 7:30 Columbus Club Mtg
- 16: Squires Dance
- 19&26: Cook for St. Vincent
- 20: Prayer Breakfast @ Cat.
- 22: Social Meeting 7:00

October Events

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- 2: 7am Prayer mass @SHC
- 3: 7:00 KC Wives 7:30 Columbus Club
- 4:6:00 Charity Meeting
- 7:00 Officer's Meeting
- 6: 4th Degree Assembly
- 9&16: Recruitment W/E's
- 13: 7:00 Council Rosary 7:30Gen. Business Mtg.
- 24&31: Cook for St. Vincent
- 27: 1st & 2nd Degrees
- 28: Family Movie Night and "Trunk or Treat" party
- 30: Corporate Communion
- 31: Halloween

Mount Carmel in the Desert
3rd Annual
"Ice Tea & Talk"

Mother Regina Marie, O.C.D.
will talk on
"Simple Steps, Surpassing Peace"

Saturday, August 13th, 2011
1:00 to 4:30PM
at the
Mount Carmel in the Desert
Retreat Center
39501 180th St. East

for information or reservations
call 661-264-5959



Brother Knights With August Birthdays



Congratulations to all Brothers on Their Birthdays!

Angelo Galiano	1st	Edgardo Chavez	13th
Ed Nice	2nd	Chuck Forrest	15th
William Walsh	2nd	Nick Hayes	15th
Larry Elston	4th	Leon Reuter	18th
Michael Grindey	4th	Richard Alvarez	20th
Greg Santiago	4th	Mike Mullich	21st
Robert Jack Iabichella	5th	Jude Aoun	22nd
Carlo Icarro	5th	Armando Ortiz	22nd
Jorge Miranda	6th	Al Solorzano	22nd
Francis Farhar	7th	Don Hatland	24th
Rev. Phil Lianos	7th	Tim Wilmes	25th
Rev. Paul Simick	7th	Mike Kedrowski	26th
Johnrex Fernandez	8th	Pete Lara	26th
Bob Burton	9th	Carlos Perez	27th
David Kimbel	9th	Charles Rutherford	27th
Mark Theologidy	10th	John Crosby	29th
Guy Derosé	11th	Joe Quesada	29th
Ronald Hirtle	11th	John Hart	31st
Paul Landreth	12th	Ramon Ramos	31st
George Malena	12th		

**Sacred Heart Church
78th Annual Parish BBQ**



Saturday, August 6th

**Come join in the fun
and frolic, with great food,
music, games and prizes**

**Festivities start following
the 5:30PM Mass**

Sunshine Committee
pray4knights@gmail.com

Brother Knights, I have been hoping that some of you would take advantage of the e-mail address: pray4knights@gmail.com. This address is for gathering information concerning prayer requests for Knights in need due to illness, hospital stays, special intentions or passing away of a brother. Prayers for family members are most welcome, too.

Most of the time I receive notices passed at General Business Meetings. If I am given a contact telephone number be assured a call will be made on behalf of the KofC. Also, if supplied with an address, a card will be mailed accordingly.

Thanks,
Pete Lara



*Welcome to our new
Knights of Columbus Insurance
Field Agent*



John Fry

John is a member of Council 2455 and has recently become the Antelope Valley's newest Knights of Columbus Insurance Field Agent

He can be reached at 661-714-0367

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For Columbian Year 2011–2012
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1st Year Trustee	Chuck Forrest	949-1361
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