

# Desert Knights

May 2011

Knights of Columbus  
Lancaster Council 2455



Columbian Year 2010-2011  
Council 2455 Website:  
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# Grand Knight's Report

**Tony Lizama**

Dear Brother Knights,

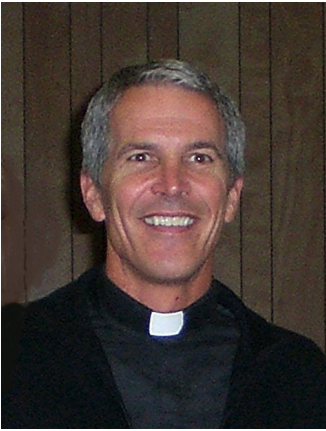
Now that Lent is past and all the fish fries and other activities of the council are accomplished, I would like to take this opportunity and give all my brothers a heartfelt "Thank You". You and your families have done a lot, it makes me really proud to be a member of Council #2455. As far as I can see, our fish fries still attract alot of parishioners, friends and families from the surrounding areas all the way to Rosamond and Leona Valley. I was talking to a family and said that they could have gone to either of the other parishes closer to them, but they chose our council because of the friendly atmosphere. I hope that we maintain our fish fry traditions and keep our extended families and flourish.

The meetings in the next couple of months are going to be real important for the council. This month we nominate candidates to fill the open slots for the incoming administration, for Columbian year 2011-2012. Then next month, we vote on the nominated candidates and they assume their new positions at the business meeting in July.

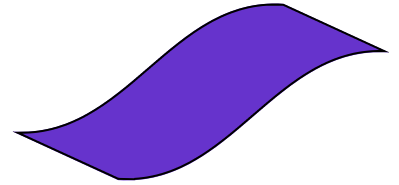
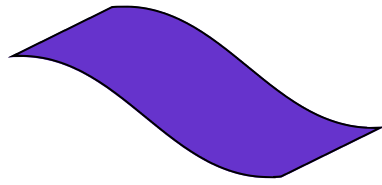
The Columbus Club will also have their nominations and elections at the same time as the council. So attend the meetings vote, and see the officers who will be leading you into the new Columbian Year.

This month, don't forget to honor Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Corporate Communion Sunday and Memorial Day.

Your brother in Christ,  
Tony Lizama, GK



# Chaplain's Report



**Father Tom Baker**

“Whenever I think of the Knights of Columbus, I am reminded with joy of a rich heritage of faith, fraternity and service, and of a shining example of Catholic laity involved in the mission of the Church. And therefore ... I encourage you to carry on the worthy traditions which are yours, even as St. Paul says, ‘to make greater progress’ (1 Thes. 4:1), seeking to be ever more attentive to the word of God and completely disposed to carry out God’s will.” John Paul II -- Message to 101<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention, Columbus, Ohio, July 21, 1983.

Brother Knights,

These words from John Paul II perfectly express what I have discovered through you, the Knights of Columbus Council 2455. As we enter the season of Easter and new life, I thank you for the resurrection and new life you bring to so many by your service and charity. I am sure that Fr. McGivney would be proud of the ways you live the faith here in the Antelope Valley. I am proud and find it an honor to be your brother Knight and priest chaplain. May the words of John Paul and the apostle Paul encourage you to “make even greater progress” as you continue your journey of faith and fraternity. May these days of Easter bring you and your loved ones newness of life. Easter blessings.

Fr. Tom



# Deputy Grand Knight's Report

**Tim Loeb**

My Brother Knights,

May is the month when the council has officer nominations for the up coming Columbian year. To be an officer of the council, you have to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree member. I encourage any brother who would like to be an officer of the council to run for a position. Any brother can run for any position that is voted on by council members. It is time that this council starts moving forward again, so let's get new brothers in as officers! The elections will be held at the June business meeting, so the sign up time is now. Remember, this council needs people like you to run it and keep it going strong.

May 26<sup>th</sup> will be the last 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ceremonies of Columbian year 2010—2011. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be a recruitment weekend and I cannot do this by myself. I'm asking for help from brother Knights and their spouses. I feel that if parishioners see a Knight with his spouse and see that the Knights are family orientated, they might be more willing to join. Whatever Mass you attend that weekend, I ask that you and your spouse tell others how great the Knights of Columbus are!

May dates to remember:

- May 8<sup>th</sup> -Mothers Day
- May 12<sup>th</sup> -Business Meetings and Nominations
- May 20<sup>th</sup> -Squires Dance 7-11pm
- May 26<sup>th</sup> -1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Degrees 7pm
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Movie Night
- May 29<sup>th</sup> -Corporate Communion
- May 29<sup>th</sup> -Squires Meeting and Elections
- May 30<sup>th</sup> -Memorial Day

God Bless,  
Tim Loeb  
DGK



# Worthy Chancellor's Report

Ken Merrill

My Brothers,

The Ascension of Jesus Christ will be here before we know it. That is when Jesus Christ repaved the way to heaven by ascending up to sit on the right hand of his father. And then he will send the Holy Spirit down to be with us.

May is a time for Council Officer nominations. There is also time in the month to pay our respects to the Men & Women in the Armed Force and to those who served our Great Country in the Armed Forces. Look to Lancaster High School junior history class. They will be paying tribute with the annual Pride of the Nation day on Armed Force Day. Check it out the tickets do not cost that much and the event would make any veteran proud that he/she served our country.

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are not just words, but a way of life for all Knights of Columbus. Others may come close to it but we have the real thing. Spread the word get more men to join the Knights and get more brothers to come back.

May Jesus Christ be with you,  
Ken Merrill



# Pro-Life Director



**Vince Interrante**



Dear Brother Knights,

For the last few days, I have researched articles and on-line videos showing young children and teenagers speaking out courageously for pro-life. The purity of their words and actions suggests that God is guiding them. I will focus on this subject for the May, June, and July letters.

World renown pro-life leader, Fr. Frank Pavone, once wrote that today's youth understand the pro-life message better than many adults. That, unaccustomed to the complexities that years of experience brings, young people have the ability to frame certain questions with a simple and direct clarity. A good example can be seen in the YouTube video, [Pro-Life To End Abortion](#), by seven year old, P. MacDonald. In his own words: " Pro-Life To End Abortion. 2,700 babies die from abortion every day in America. People take their babies to an abortion clinic and have their babies killed when their Moms are pregnant. I am pro-life and my Mommy and Daddy are trying to end abortion. You should help them end abortion. Your babies need you. Don't kill your babies, you should love them. They can't feed themselves or anything like that. If you can't take care of them, give them to people who can take care of them. There are lots of people who would adopt your baby. I am seven and I am pro-life."

As one might expect from young pro-life advocates, many of the videos I saw showed a great deal of vitality, zeal, and emotion. The four minute YouTube video titled, [Zachary's Thoughts On Abortion](#), is certainly one of these. Since it was uploaded eight months ago, it has been seen by over 12,000 viewers. Zachary, who is eight years old, was filmed while talking about abortion with friends and family members. In the comments section below the video, two of the family members said Zachary was unaware that he was being filmed and that everyone present were crying by the end of his talk. In Zachary's own words in the midst of some background laughter: "Just think, a face of a child never faced you, never been alive, never knew what it was suppose to do. Also, it's in a vacuum and it's so sad. And what is even more sad, is that you were with those children and you were born and he was not. It is a holy temple of God that you destroyed. So you're destroying a human life. A loving life. One that never even got to know a person. It only knew things that could hurt. Think about that. (Wipes tears from his eyes) It probably never met anything. But more then that, it destroyed you, because you are basically what you destroy. God wouldn't do that to you. He wouldn't throw you out. He would hold you and cuddle you like a big teddy bear. He never even got to breathe, to get into his diapers or do any of those things." (Crying, Zachary puts his head on the table)

In Colorado Springs, Colorado, there lives a 12 year old named Zack Goodman who is a pro-life extraordinaire. Two years ago, Zack found a way to start a Life March in his hometown because he couldn't travel to see the one on the West coast. Collaborating with the local clergy, Zack did most of the coordination and planning, and even designed the logo and prepared the Bishop's presentation. He is also credited for having the march coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, civil rights, and for equating abortion as the basic rights issue. Zack earned the Squire of the Body of Christ. Only 26 worldwide have achieved this distinction and he is the youngest.

Yours in Christ,  
Vince Interrante



# Vocations Director

Greg Halamicek

Greetings Brother Knights,

Here we are in the month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. As a thought, try to find time during your day to pray the Rosary, it is a wonderful way to honor our Heavenly Queen and many good things happen when the rosary is prayed.

Also during the week of the 15th we will be promoting and praying for vocations; in fact the entire deanery that Sacred Heart church belongs to will be joining us in this effort to encourage more individuals to listen to the still small voice of God, calling them to his service. During the Masses on Sunday May 15th we will have guest speakers who will talk about their vocation, and how God has been working in their lives. Please remember that we have young men, who over the last several years have been discerning a vocation in the priesthood. Please keep them in prayer, and all those who are earnestly seeking to do God's will.

As you know our Knights of Columbus year runs from July to June. We are coming to the end of this Colombian Year. This means that it will be time to vote for new officers. As you have been hearing in the meetings there is a real effort to get our new members involved. There are officer positions that a new member might want to consider running for. In fact there will be a time when a call will go out asking those who would like to be considered for one of the offices to submit their names. So if you are interested talk to one of the current officers about the up coming elections and where you might serve.

Until next month may God's Grace and Peace be on all of you and your families,

In His Service,

Acolyte Greg Halamicek



# *Knights Wives*



Next Meeting: Monday May 2nd, 7:00PM  
West room of the KofC Hall—Ave. M

After we play Bingo (remember a \$5 prize), we will have some dessert provided by Lillian — Thank You!!

Also, the desserts at the Fish Fry were as delicious as ever and very much appreciated.  
Thanks to all who brought them.

On a serious note — Our dear friend Madeline Moakley, died on April 2nd.  
Thanks for the memories and may you rest in peace.

Please plan ahead by looking at the next two months' calendars. We will participate in several events.





# May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Squire's Mtg. 3:00 Kesterson Ctr. <b>Officer Nominations for 2011-2012 Columbian Year</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 KC Wives Mtg. Columbus Club 7:30	<b>3</b> 7:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart PM Meetings: 6:00 Charity 7:00 Officer's	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 8:00P	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Mother's Day	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Rosary 7:00 General Bus. Meeting 7:30 <b>Nominations for 2011-2012 Council Officers</b>	<b>13</b> <b>14</b> <b>State Convention</b>	
<b>15</b> Recruitment weekend	<b>17</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Squire's Dance 7-11:00	<b>21</b> Armed Forces Day
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00AM Cook for	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremonies	<b>27</b> Family Movie Night	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Corporate Communion 8:00 AM Mass @ SHC Followed by "Parents Day" Breakfast @ Hall	<b>30</b> Memorial Day 6:00AM Cook for St. Vincent	<b>NO BBQ Planned</b>				

Squires' Meeting after breakfast and Election of Officers

NO BBQ Planned

## June Events Look Ahead

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- 2: 4th Degree Assembly
- 5: Recruitment Weekend
- 6: 7:00 KC Wives 7:30 Columbus Club
- 7: 7AM Mass @ Sacred Heart for various intentions of Brother Knights
- 7:6:00 Charity Meeting 7:00 Officer's Meeting
- 9: 7:00 Council Rosary 7:30Gen. Business Mtg. Council & Columbus Club Officer Elections
- 13: Paraclete Golf Tournament
- 16: Clergy Appreciation 6PM
- 19: Father's Day
- 20&27: Cook for St. Vincent
- 23: 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremonies
- 24: Family Movie Night

## July Events Look Ahead

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- 1: Sacred Heart Feast Day & Dinner
- 2: Officer Installation & Dinner
- 3: 7AM Mass at Sacred Heart for prayers
- 5: Charity & Officer's Mtg
- 7: 4th Degree Assembly
- 11: 7:00 KC Wives Mtg. & 7:30 Columbus Club
- 14: 7:00 Council Rosary 7:30 Gen. Business Mtg
- 18&25: Cook for St. Vincent
- 28: Social Meeting 7:00
- 29: Family Movie Night
- 31: Corporate Communion & "Parents Day" Breakfast in Hall after 8-9:30 masses

# REFLECTIONS OF OUR FAITH

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES 2010-11  
(presented by Fr. Tom)

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month 7:30pm Kesterson Center

~~October 5 Nature God's Voice (St. Francis)~~

~~November 9 Death to Life Making Sense of tragedies~~

~~December 7 Leap of Faith (Mary as a model)~~

~~January 4 New Year Mini Retreat~~

~~February 1 Fortified in the Lord~~

~~March 1 Coming Out of the Dark – Lenten Journey~~

~~April 5 Open Your Eyes – Man Born Blind~~

May 3 Live Out Loud – Evangelization

**Last One !**  
Don't miss it



# Brother Knights With May Birthdays



**Congratulations to all Brothers on Their Birthdays!**

Victor Flores	01st	Robert J. DeLyser	19th
Frank Grado	01st	Robert B. Harris	19th
Dennis Saenz	01st	James A. Lucero	20th
Charles Hardy	02nd	Donald T. Bucio	21st
Alan Steinke	04th	Robert J. Kosel	22nd
John J. Rosas	06th	Cesar Temoche	23rd
Matthew R. Anderson	07th	Matthew J. Joseph	24th
Rev. Joseph Velinkar	07th	Paul O. Romero	25th
Richard D. McGuire	09th	Laszio Szeles	25th
John W. Anson	11th	William G. Daoust	26th
Michael E. Haley	11th	Christopher P. Mondok	27th
Kevin S. Marolla	11th	Rev. Augustine J. Flood	29th
Reese J.O. Steen	13th	George M. Barber	30th
Andrew J. Talluto	13th	Philip Lopez	30th
Deacon Dale Reynolds	14th	Rev. Michael Ohanete	31st
Craig R. Urmanski	14th	Jose M. Sobalvarro	31st
David J. Budrecki	15th		

# **Columbian Year 2011–2012 Council Officer Nominations are this month.**

**It's important that you participate in the  
Officer selection process.  
Please attend the General Business  
Meeting this month and next.**

**These men work hard and give generously  
of their time and talent to represent you  
and your interests in Council proceedings,  
please come do your part.**



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These Brothers have volunteered to give of their time and talent to make entry and advancement in the Knights of Columbus memorable. We owe them our thanks and gratitude. If you would like to join them, contact Eric Ufonde at 661-718-1838.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE CEREMONIAL TEAM – COUNCIL 2455**

<b>GRAND KNIGHT:</b> Tom O'Brien	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Ernie Bingham
<b>DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT:</b> Richard Alvarez	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Jerry Padgett
<b>CHANCELLOR:</b> Greg Halamicek	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Jude Aoun
<b>WARDEN:</b> Dennis Lodovici	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Guy Derosé
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY:</b> David Adams	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Tim Loebis
<b>INSIDE GUARD:</b> Ken Merrill	<b>ALTERNATE:</b>
<b>GUARDS:</b> Dennis Duffy/Pat Halamicek	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Eric Ufonde
<b>AIDES TO WARDEN:</b> Chuck Forrest/Felix Aquino	<b>ALTERNATE:</b>
<b>BANNER BEARER:</b> Tony Moreno	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Tony Miranta
<b>MUSIC:</b> Bobby Iabichella	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Poncho Gonzales

**2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE CEREMONIAL TEAM – COUNCIL 2455**

<b>DISTRICT DEPUTY:</b> Vic Pesce	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Vince Calderon
<b>GRAND KNIGHT:</b> Eric Ufonde	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Tom O'Brien
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<b>WARDEN:</b> Dennis Lodovici	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Guy Derosé
<b>FINANCIAL SECRETARY:</b> David Adams	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Tim Loebis
<b>CROSS BEARER:</b> Tony Lizama	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Carlos Cortes
<b>INSIDE GUARD:</b> Ken Merrill	<b>ALTERNATE:</b>
<b>HONOR GUARDS:</b> Pat Halamicek/Don Hatland	<b>ALTERNATE:</b> Dennis Duffy
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**Council 2455 Officers & Activity Heads  
For Columbian Year 2010–2011  
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Grand Knight	Tony Lizama	949-9092
Chaplain	Reverend Tom Baker	942-7122
Deputy Grand Knight	Tim Loeb	266-4406
Chancellor	Ken Merrill	943-6105
Warden	Bob Iabichella	904-1528
Recorder	Mike Looper	948-5509
Treasurer	Bob Parnett	945-5387
Financial Secretary	Dennis Lodovici, PGK	265-1994
Advocate	Tom Lynch, PGK	948-1504
Inside Guards	Patrick Halamicek	949-9125
	Mark Merten	341-6467
Outside Guards	Tim Buckley	272-1955
	Tony Miranta	
3rd Year Trustee	Tim Meza, PGK	729-6069
2nd Year Trustee	Chuck Forrest	949-1361
1st Year Trustee	Jerry Padgett, PGK, FDD	492-5473
Lecturer	Jeff Johnson	722-6836
Charity Committee Head	Tim Meza, PGK	729-6069
Columbus Club President	Todd Yaroslaski	946-8800
Columbian Squires Director	Robert Johnson	212-0638
Sunshine Committee	Pete Lara	948-6322
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Pro-Life Director	Vince Interrante	723-8599
Pro-Life Co-Director	Dennis Duffy	(818) 613-1795
Church Director	Deacon Ron Routolo	942-4205
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Hall Information & Rentals	Tom O'Brien, PGK	341-4056
Vocations Director	Gregory Halamicek	949-9125
Degree Team Director	Eric Ufondu	718-1838
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