

Desert Knights

September 2011

**Knights of Columbus
Lancaster Council 2455**



Columbian Year 2011-2012
Council 2455 Website:
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Grand Knight's Report

Ken Merrill

Dear Brothers,

Thank you to all the Brothers who assisted in any way with the Knights part in the Parish BBQ. Pulling together we can accomplish a lot.

Going into September, we have already had a degree. The Council has a goal of 33 new members this Columbian Year. There are still nine months left to Columbian year 2011-2012, so work your prospects. You have until December if you want them to make their 3rd in January, the only 3rd Degree in the local area this Columbian Year.

Where have all the Brothers from this Council gone? We must try harder to get them back. This Columbian Year we have a total of 505 members and the Financial Secretary is looking to drop 45. Looks like a decline to me. Let's bring back some of those Brothers and grow strong again.

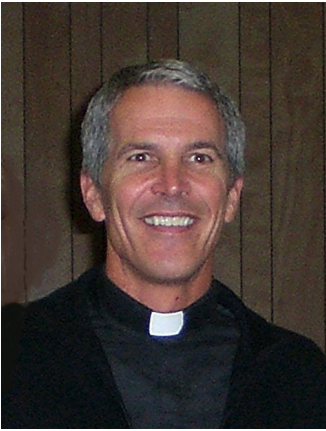
Monday Night Football is back but only for the first Monday of the month starting in October. September's game(s) are on the 12th which is the second Monday. Come join us and bring a friend. The game will be on the big screen and the double header could be exciting.

There is also the prayer breakfast at the Cathedral in LA on the 20th. If you have never been to one you might want to consider going. The only draw back is that the bus leaves at 3:30 a.m. See Charlie Yaroslaski for reservations and more information.

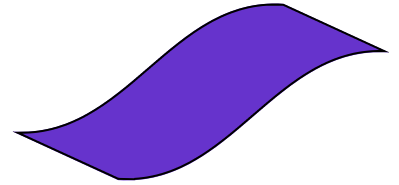
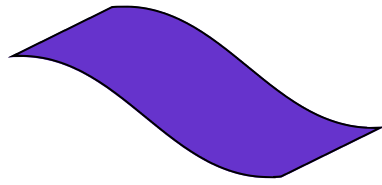
If you are a 3rd Degree Knight it is not late to be thinking about joining the 4th Degree. The ceremony will be held one last time in Oxnard. It is a very nice place and our Color Corp will be trying to win first place in the competition for the third straight year. See a 4th Degree member for an application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

Hope to see you at the next meeting and 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 my brother Knights,

I recall 10 years ago being in East LA and preparing for an early morning bike ride, when a friend from Arizona called and told me to turn on the television. Like so many, the planes crashing into the New York buildings seemed like a movie, make-believe, it just couldn't be real. But it was real. How sad it is when violence is used to make a point. How sad it is whenever violence gets the better of us. And particularly sad are those whose lives are lost because they were in the path of the violence.

I just began reading the book entitled, "Left to Tell" by Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Again, it saddens me so much to see how low humans can go in hurting others. Most of Immaculee's family was in the path of violence and lost their lives, yet hers is a remarkable story of faith and forgiveness.

Please, as September 11th approaches, remember the events, pray for an end to all violence and live in a manner worthy of your calling. Imitation is one of the loudest forms of flattery, and we can flatter God by imitating Jesus' non-violent spirit. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:9-10).

It's not easy to make peace and it's not easy being persecuted for righteousness, but those who follow the easy path don't have the heavenly reward. Be strong and courageous. Follow the master peace-maker, Jesus Christ our Lord. And may the souls of all the departed, especially those who lost their lives 10 years ago on September 11th, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Tom



Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Tim Loeb

My Brother Knights,

I was blessed to be raised by two great parents who did everything they could to give all of us what we needed. Most of the time, they struggled just to give my twelve siblings and I the bare essentials. They did however give us a lot of attention and love despite the tight finances. The Knights of Columbus are similar in many ways. We proudly give charitable donations to all who request it. However, like when I was younger, finances get tight. One time I remember I wanted to go to the movies and asked dad for \$10, but he only had \$5, and I was happy just to get that much! The Knights are similar in this way: we know at times some need more than is given, but we do all we can. I remember being grateful when I was able to go do something because I knew my parents had to work for that money. It is the same way for the Knights and its charity donations. Many put in quite a lot of time and sweat to earn the money that is raised each month. I find it very rewarding to be part of this organization that continues to work hard to bring in funds to help meet the needs of so many. Please keep in mind that the Knights are giving all that they have to help everyone they can out. Another life lesson I learned from my parents, one that was taught to each of the thirteen of us, was when someone gave something to us, no matter how small or large, we needed to remember our "thank you".

September Dates to Remember:

- September 10th -Décor Christi Mt. Carmel Retreat Center
- September 16th -Squires Dance
- September 20th -Prayer Breakfast at the Cathedral

God Bless,
Tim Loeb
DGK



Pro-Life Director

Vince Interrante



Dear Brother Knights,

In the closing remarks of the May 2010 pro-life letter, I questioned to what degree the Supreme Court judges ideological, cultural, and political affiliations, influenced their decision over *Roe v. Wade*, and how much can be owed to the presidents and political parties who elected them into office. From what I have witnessed and researched since, educating ourselves on this subject is not only worth considering, it is vital...especially for devout Catholics who are sincere in being true to their faith and upholding their life values.

Before our last presidential election, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called us to rally on the side of life and to make it a priority consideration. In his own words: *"Respect for and protection of all human life, including the most vulnerable among us, is not just a value among others, it is the standard by which we measure all other values. For this reason, while many other issues must be considered in any election, the pro-life issue must take first place"*. Evidently, not enough of us were listening and we are now seeing the tragic consequences. An article by LifeNews.com has revealed a compilation of bill signings, speeches, appointments and other actions that President Obama has engaged in that have promoted abortion, all in spite of his promise that he would strive to reduce them. You can read it at the following web page: <http://www.lifenews.com/2010/11/07/obamaabortionrecord/>

Perhaps the most damaging assault waged against pro-life by the present administration was the nomination of numerous highly liberal judges, including the renomination of those who were rejected by the last administration because of their radical views. A number of them have already drawn strong opposition from the pro-life community. One judge in particular, who is closely aligned with the ACLU of Northern California and other left-wing groups, believes the Constitution to be a "living document." He was quoted as saying that he believes in the pro-abortion notion of a changing Constitution that can for example, allow for unlimited abortion rights. He also associates himself with the Supreme Court judges who invented the unlimited right to abortion throughout pregnancy in the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* cases.

Throughout our country, activist judges have declared themselves the power over state legislatures, schools boards, and city and county councils. Prayer in public places, personal privacy, and marriage laws are now under siege from federal courts. Also on their list is the all out assault on the unborn. Two hundred years ago, Thomas Jefferson saw a great potential for the judiciary to overstep and abuse its powers. He wrote: *"The great object of my fear is the federal judiciary. That body, like gravity, acting with noiseless and unalarming advance, is gaining ground step by step. Let the eye of vigilance never be closed."* The federal courts were designed to be a modest check upon the executive and legislative branches of government and to adjudicate disputes among the states, never to become what we are seeing today. Lord, Supreme Judge over all, bring us men of faith who will guide us back on the right path to true charity and justice, where the elderly, the infirm, and the unborn will never be cast aside.

Yours in Christ,
Vincent Interrante



Knights Wives

Dear Lady Knights,

Thank you for coming to the Officer's installation in July. It was very interesting. And the kitchen crew, boy were they great.

Also a big thank you from the Carmelite Sisters for those who attended their tea & talk in August. Hope you gave a workout to those waiters.

Ladies don't forget we start again on Monday September 12, 7:00PM. Bring a \$5.00 gift for BINGO.

Dionna Fry will be bringing the dessert.

God Bless,
Margaret Merrill



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 4th Degree Assembly Meeting 8:00P	2	3
4	5 Labor Day No Council BBQ	6 6:00pm Charity 7:00 Officer's	7	8 Rosary 7:00 General Bus. Meeting 7:30	9 Squire's Back to School Dance 7-11	10 Carmelite's Décor Christi Artesian Sale Mt. Carmel 9AM-5PM
11 Squire's Mtg. Kesterson Center	12 7:00 Wives Mtg. 7:30 Columbus Club	13	14	15	16	17
		Monday Night Football- only one night this month				
18	19 6:00AM Cook for St. Vincent	20 Prayer Breakfast At Cathedral	21	22 Social Mtg. 7PM	23	24
25	26 6:00AM Cook for St. Vincent	27	28	29	30 No Family Movie Night	

October Events

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| 2: 7am Prayer mass @SHC and Squire's Mtg @3 in Kesterson Center | 13: 7:00 Council Rosary 7:30Gen. Business Mtg. |
| 3: 7:00 KC Wives 7:30 Columbus Club | 24&31: Cook for St. Vincent |
| 4: 6:00 Charity Meeting 7:00 Officer's Meeting | 27: 1st Degree Ceremony |
| 6: 4th Degree Assembly | 28: Family Movie Night and "Trunk or Treat" party |
| | 30: Corporate Communion |
| | 31: Halloween |

November Events

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| 1: 7AM prayer mass @ Sacred Heart | 10: 7:00 Rosary 7:30 Gen. Business Mtg |
| 3: 4 Degree Assembly Mtg. | 17: Memorial Mass & Dinner @ KC Hall |
| 4: Squire's Fall Dance | 21&28: 6:00AM cook for Saint Vincent DePaul |
| 5: 4th Degree Ceremony Oxnard, CA | 23: Poker Night |
| 6: Daylight Savings Ends | 24: Thanksgiving |
| 7: 7:00 KC Wives Mtg. 7:30 Columbus Club Mtg | 25: NO Family Movie Night |

Catholic Daughters of The Americas
Court Our Lady of the Desert #1629

In Appreciation for July 17, 2011
Breakfast at Sacred Heart Church

Our thanks and appreciation to the Lancaster Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast that was enjoyed by so many people - the compliments were so plentiful that morning and are still continuing - and also for the kitchen crew who cleaned up and took out the trash.

Because of your financial generosity our net profit of \$1,920 was the best we have ever had!!! Catholic Daughters were able to give Sacred Heart School and Paraclete High School \$960 each -- only because of you.

Thank you to Council 2455 Knights of Columbus cooks, Charity Committee and members for your support.

May God bless you and your families,

Barbara Ballman, Chairman
Jean Box, Co-Chair

As an added "Thanks", the Catholic Daughters have arranged for a mass to be said for the Lancaster Knights on September 26th, at Sacred Heart Church, 5:30PM



Brother Knights With September Birthdays



Congratulations to all Brothers on Their Birthdays!

Frank Michelizzi	1st	Patrick McLain	14th
Steve Lara	2nd	Louis Kovacs	15th
Robert Wetxel	2nd	Mark Velasco	15th
Alex Aguilar	3rd	Jeffrey Moultrie	17th
James Brousseau	3rd	Rev. Dominic Shang	18th
James Caron	3rd	Franklin Walker	19th
Mike Garcia	3rd	Rev. Thomas Cook	20th
Jeff Kleinberg	3rd	Alexander Ratkowski	20th
James Haggard	4th	Catalino Banez Jr.	21st
Geoffrey Johnson	6th	Epifanio Casuncad	21st
Edmund Plelech	6th	Raymond Klucz	21st
Francisco Ordorico	7th	Ronald Dreiling Jr.	23rd
Jeffrey Valdez	9th	Glen Harbison	23rd
Timothy Walsh	9th	Arthur Whitehead	23rd
Floyd Serene	10th	Edwin Fernandez	25th
Andrew Lynch	11th	Vincent Kelly	25th
Lee Alvarez	12th	Javier Meza	25th
Daniel Gore	12th	James Wayne	25th
Michael Buckley	13th	Kenneth Moeller	26th
Albert Landa	13th	Roy Nordblom	27th
Steve Roell	13th	David Cambria	29th
Gregory Halamicek	14th	Phillip Rogers	29th
Fernando Lira	14th	John Grindey	30th



“Decor Christi”
September 10th, 2011
9:00AM—5:00PM
at
Mount Carmel in the Desert

*It will be a day devoted to the beauty
of Christ as expressed by the fine
craftsmanship of a number of true
artists in Southern California.*

*All the goods will be hand made by
local artists.*

*For more information, call
661-264-5959*

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

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 Ufondu at 661-718-1838.

1ST DEGREE CEREMONIAL TEAM – COUNCIL 2455

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

2ND DEGREE CEREMONIAL TEAM – COUNCIL 2455

DISTRICT DEPUTY: Vic Pesce	ALTERNATE: Vince Calderon
GRAND KNIGHT: Eric Ufondu	ALTERNATE: Tom O'Brien
CHANCELLOR: Greg Halamicek	ALTERNATE: Jude
WARDEN: Dennis Lodovici	ALTERNATE: Guy Derosé
FINANCIAL SECRETARY: David Adams	ALTERNATE: Tim Loebis
CROSS BEARER: Tony Lizama	ALTERNATE: Carlos
INSIDE GUARD: Ken Merrill	ALTERNATE:
HONOR GUARDS: Pat Halamicek/Don Hatland	ALTERNATE: Dennis Duffy
AIDS TO WARDEN: Chuck Forrest/Felix Aquino	ALTERNATE: Dennis Duffy
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**Council 2455 Officers, Committee & Activity Heads
For Columbian Year 2011–2012
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	Tony Miranta	
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	Doug Paterson	943-7132
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