

Knights of Columbus

ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL NO. 8747

Milpitas, California

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DIVISION III



JULY 2011

GRAND KNIGHT

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CHAPLAIN

REV. LEONARD TRAVERSO

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IMPORTANT CALENDAR EVENTS
SEE THE ENCLOSED CALENDAR - POST IT AND SHARE IT!

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING 2011



In Saint Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians he wrote: "Pray without ceasing." I wondered how it's possible to pray without ceasing, since we must concern ourselves with other things, as well as making a living. Henri Nouwen (priest, author, and teacher) shares a story written by a Russian monk which teaches a way of arriving at unceasing prayer. A Russian peasant went from church to church to listen to sermons but did not find the answer he desired. Finally, he met a holy man who told him that: ceaseless interior prayer is a continual yearning of the human spirit toward God. To succeed in this consoling exercise we must pray often asking God to teach us to pray without ceasing. Then the holy man taught the peasant the Jesus prayer: "**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me.**" While traveling through Russia, the peasant repeated this prayer thousands of times with his lips. He even considered the Jesus prayer to be his companion. And then one day he had the feeling that the prayer by its own action passed from his lips to his heart. He said: it seemed as though my heart in its ordinary beating began to say the words of the prayer at each beat. I gave up saying the prayer with my lips. I simply listened carefully to what my heart was saying. The prayer continues to pray even when I am talking with others or concentrating on manual work. The prayer became the active presence of God's Spirit guiding me through life. Remember Luke 18: 10; how Jesus praised the tax collector praying in the temple. His prayer was simply: "o God, be merciful to me a sinner." Either of these prayers teach us a way to pray without ceasing as Saint Paul urged us to do. And they are humble prayers pleasing to the Lord.

Chaplain,

Rev. Leonard Travers

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Worthy Brother Knights,



I am again grateful to my Brother Knights of St. Elizabeth Council 8747 for your trust in reelecting me Grand Knight of our council for the Columbian year 2011-2012. I would also like to congratulate all of our new and continuing Council Officers on their selections and ask each of you for your support as we embark on this new Columbian year.

As your Grand Knight I have the primary responsibility for the successful conduct of the council and an obligation to inspire mutual cooperation and voluntary service among the officers and members. Our goal this year will be to continue the expansion of our council membership while training our Brothers in the positions

of the Council Officer Chairs and Service Program Directors so they may be afforded the opportunity to step up, take the reign and help shape our council throughout the coming years.

The installation of our Council 8747 Officers for Columbian year 2011-2012 will take place on July 16th in the St. Elizabeth room at 1:00 PM and I would like to personally invite each member of our council to attend this ceremony. Following the procedures we will walk over to Brother Andy Dyson's house for the Annual Barbeque (meat provided, bring a side dish to share) to honor all our council Past Grand Knights at around 2:00 pm. Again, all council members are invited to partake in these celebrations. Please attend so I can meet each one of you personally.

The month of June 2011 was a very busy month for our council. On June 8 we held our Council Members Business Meeting where we prepared for the remaining events of the month and held our Election of Officers. With the exception of one position, the slate of Officers voted in was the same as listed on the Nomination list in the Bulletin. See this month's Council Officer page for the election results. Starting this coming month I will be working with DGK Brother Khai to search out our Special Programs Directors for the new year.

On the weekend of June 11 & 12 our council acknowledged the St Elizabeth Altar Servers at all masses. We awarded recognition certificates and years of service certificates. Altar Server Director, Brenda Wong, provided the list of Alter Server participants and our FS Brother Andy Dyson prepared the certificates. My thanks to all who helped make this event a successful one.

On Sunday June 12 Brother Dick Jones successfully orchestrated the council's annual Blood Drive with the Stanford Hospital. It was set up in the St Christopher room and for four hours approximately 35 volunteers shuffled in and out, with each donating a pint of their blood. Let us all extend our thanks to Brother Dick and to all who participated in making this another successful event.

On June 17 the council hosted the San Jose Chapter of councils Business meeting which included refreshments and dinner. As always, our council Master Chef, Brother Jim Kiehm put together a magnificent meal that included salad, baked ham and dessert. A hearty well done to Brother Jim and his kitchen Brothers, as well as our Brothers who helped serve the meals, man the refreshment bar and cleanup after the meeting.

Saturday June 18 was probably the busiest day of the month for the council as three events transpired.

First at 10:00 am Brother Skip Yenchik and his "Knights for Life" helped open the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at the Milpitas Sports Center. This was a 24 hours event and many of our Brothers solicited

donations and walked the track in support of this year's event. Brother Skip announced that his group came in second in group donations behind the Police and Firemen group of Milpitas. Well done to all who participated in this special event.

The second event of the day, also at 10:00 AM, was Father Loi's thank you celebration for all the St. Elizabeth Volunteers which was held in the St Elizabeth Church parking lot. Our Brothers Andy Dyson & Greg Dessel helped make exquisite sounds for the parishioners with the tunes of our St. Elizabeth Knight Sounds. Well done Brothers and a thank you to all our other Brothers who assisted in other ways during the gala.

The third event for the day was the San Jose Chapter sponsored Third Degree Exemplification which was held at St Lawrence the Martyr Parish in Santa Clara. Brother Andy Dyson and I arrived at 1:30 PM to set up the registration table while the Candidates started arriving at 1:45 PM. Brother Tim Crews was a member of the Third Degree conferring team and readied the Candidates to start the ceremony at about 2:30. This was the first exemplification of the new Third Degree ceremonies in the San Jose area and the new start to finish time was about 1.5 hours. Congratulations to our three new Third Degree members who were able to participate in the exemplification; Deacon John H. Vu, Brother Al John Borjal and Brother Bobby Baliza. Following the ceremony was a 5:00 PM mass at St Lawrence and at 6:00 PM a dinner in the St Lawrence Parish Hall for the participants and their families.

The last event for the month was our Council Family Pot Luck & Recognition Social on the evening of June 22. The turn-out was good considering many of our Brothers and families were out of the area on business or vacations. Father Traverso officiated over the opening Blessing, everyone partook of the excellent food selections, and the Grand Knight presented this quarters recognition awards for Birthdays, Knight of the Month and along with this quarters Family of the Month. I would like to congratulate our Knight of the Year, Brother Greg Dessel and our Family of the Year, the Dick and Cookie Jones Family. Also, congratulation to Brother John McCarron for receiving his Honorary Membership (25 years a member and 65 years young) from the Supreme Office. Our District Deputy, Brother Tim Crews finished up with the results of the recent council election and his words of wisdom for the coming year. Thanks to all who attended and I am looking forward to having larger Social events this new Columbian year.

Lastly I would like to say thank you to our council Brothers who are again assisting the Milpitas Pantry with their food deliveries. They are Brothers Skip Yenchik, Julio Galvan, Ed Kantack, Khai Phan, Andy Dyson & Tim Crews. THANK YOU.

If you would like to share your ideas for the council or committees, have comments, suggestions, complaints or perhaps just need to talk, I can be reached by email

at cnhudson@sbcglobal.net or phone at Home: (408) 941-0433, Cell: (408) 881-3444.

Faternally,
Charlie Hudson, Grand Knight, St. Elizabeth Council #8747

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Soul of Brother J.W. (Buck) Schott

Passed July 3, 2011

Dorris Kantack, wife of Ed.

Chris Galvan, Son of Julio

Brother Michael and Wife Maria Wilhelmi

The Soul of Beth Crews, wife of Brother Tim Crews.

The Soul of Brother Titus Cascaro

Theodore H. Nguyen and Family.

John Patrick C. Hernandez, Son of Brother Noel & Maria Hernandez.

And all those listed in the Church Prayer List.

NOTE: If you have someone you would like to be included in our prayers, call me (Andy Dyson) by the 25th of the month and I will include them in the bulletin.

**FROM THE DESK OF THE
DGK/PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

My Brother Knights;

First of all I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our brothers who had helped me during my first year as your Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director.

As we begin new Columbia Year, we still need a few Program Directors and Chairman. Please look over the list in the newsletter and contact our Grand Knight or myself if you are interested in helping out in one of the open positions.

This month, we have very light schedule:

July 16: Installation of Council Officers and Past Grand Knight BBQ.

We continue to pick up foods at Second Harvest food bank every Tuesday and deliver it to the Milpitas Food Pantry. Thank you SKIP, JULIO, ANDY, TIM, ED & MYSELF for your service and dedication.

Your Faithful DGK & Program Director,
Khai Thanh Phan

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Congratulations to our newest Thire Degree members, Bobby Balizar, Al John Borjal and Decon John H. Vu, who received Third First Degree Exemplification on June 18th.

Congratulation to all those who brought in a new member into our council. We surpassed our Supreme Quota of 8 with 9 new members. We begin our new Columbian Year this month and we start all over again with a Supreme quota of 8 or 9 new members. Ask your Catholic neighbor in Church or in the Parish Community if he would like to become a member of the Knights of Columbus. We do have a Recruitment Team, Admission

Committee and First Degree Team in place. So, all you need to do is get the prospect's name and phone number. Then give me a call at 263-5156. We will schedule the Admissions Committee to visit with him and his family.

Please don't just think about it! Do it!

Andy Dyson, Membership Director

VOCATIONS PRAYER

DEAR LORD JESUS, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING TO FIND THEIR TRUE VOCATION. WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. FROM A PARENT TO A PRIEST, A SISTER TO A SINGLE PERSON, WE KNOW THESE ARE ALL IMPORTANT TO YOU. PLEASE OFFER YOUR GUIDANCE AND LOVE SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WILL FOLLOW THEIR HEARTS AND FIND A VOCATION TO SERVE YOU. HELP US FIND YOUR WAY. AMEN

-Amy Herbkersman, Grade 6, St. Mary, Diocese of Bridgeport

HAI VU, VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN

COMMUNITY NEWS

Here it is.....

Community meetings:

City Council: First and third Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Broadcast on Community Channel 15 and webcast on city website: <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>

Please Note: The City Council has no meetings scheduled for July. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd. Click here: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/_pdfs/_event_cityCouncilMeetingsJuly.pdf

Planning Commission: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Broadcast on the Community Channel 15 and webcast on city website: <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov>.

MUSD School Board: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM. Broadcast on Community Channel 15. MUSD website: <http://www.musd.org>.

Community events:

Wednesday, July 27 - Business After Hours Mixer at Union Bank 11 South Milpitas Blvd., Milpitas 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Chamber Mixer with Great Networking Opportunities! Mix and Mingle with Business Leaders. Bring your Business Cards to Promote your Business or Services. Bring your clients and co-workers. Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing. Members Free, Non-Members \$10. RSVP to the Chamber office at 262-2613 or info@milpitaschamber.com

Wednesday, August 10 - Business After Hours Mixer at Denny's Restaurant 333 S. Abbott Ave., Milpitas 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Chamber Mixer with Great Networking Opportunities! Mix and Mingle with Business Leaders. Bring your Business Cards to Promote your Business or Services. Bring your clients and co-workers. Door Prizes and 50/50 Drawing. Members Free, Non-Members \$10. RSVP to the Chamber office at 262-2613 or info@milpitaschamber.com

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For more information on what's happening in Milpitas? Go to: <http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas> and see THINGS TO DO also www.milpitaspatch.com

There it is!

Frank De Smidt,
Community Director

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT



Well, another year, another number. Wait, we were District 27 last Columbian Year but this Columbian Year we are District 29! As you may recall, the California Jurisdiction went through redistricting last year, and now has 133 Districts, with two of

them added up in the north. So, all the Districts in the San Jose area are renumbered by two.

We also have a new DD joining the ranks this year. Marvin Lewis is taking over the new District 31 for Dr. Jerry Gandara, who is stepping aside for health reasons.

For CY2011-12, this is our line-up.

DD-27 Mario Veloro

2677 Palo Alto
4926 St Sebastian, Sunnyvale
4981 St Francis of Assisi, San Jose
9851 Msgr. John T. Dwyer (inactive)

DD-28 John Pozniak

3436 Our Lady of Fatima, Cupertino
3523 Fr Joseph M Geary, San Jose
5277 St Lawrence, Sunnyvale
10180 Our Lady of Peace, San Jose

DD-29 Tim Crews

4112 St Victor, San Jose
5796 St John, Milpitas
8747 St Elizabeth, Milpitas
8993 St Patrick, Sunnyvale

DD-30 Mike Seixas

879 San Jose
3474 Bishop O'Dowd, San Jose
8133 St Maria Goretti, San Jose
9718 La Trinidad, San Jose

DD-31 Marvin Lewis

2469 Gilroy
6965 John N Neumann, San Jose
8265 Morgan Hill
12853 St Ignatius of Loyola, San Jose

Since we are kicking off the new Columbian Year, all of us look forward to installing the officers of the Councils for the year. Each of will be setting up appoint-

ments with our Councils to accomplish this. Jointly, we will hold a training workshop. All Council officers are invited and the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and Membership Chairman are particularly invited. There is a flyer in circulation through e-mails to all the Councils. Here is the short summary.

Date: July 23

Time: 9 AM – 1 PM

Where: Holy Family Parish

The flyer has more details. Please try your best to be there. We will be distributing the program materials and providing a lot of the information we picked up at the DD Workshop last month.

This will be a year of growth for District 29. We have set up a new Round Table in Alviso at Our Lady Star of the Sea. We may well see three new councils in development this year. I will keep all of you informed on the progress. Vivat Jesus!

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FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Knights of Columbus Climbs 29 Spots on Fortune's List of Top Companies



(NEW HAVEN, Conn.) — The Knights of Columbus has moved up 29 places in Fortune's annual ranking of America's 1000 largest companies this year according to the recently released Fortune list.

Fortune's 2011 list ranks the Knights of Columbus – a fraternal benefit society – at 900 in total revenues. It ranked 929 last year.

The organization also rose 21 spots on the list of most profitable companies, moving to 725 this year, up from 746 in 2010 on Fortune's list.

Last month, the Knights surpassed \$80 billion of life insurance in force – twice the amount of insurance in force slightly more than a decade ago, when CEO Carl Anderson took the helm. The organization also has more than \$17 billion in assets under management.

“There is no more highly rated North American insurer than the Knights of Columbus. We have every confidence in our continued success because we have a fundamentally solid business model, which continues to serve us well,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “Despite the difficult economic conditions in the United States, the Knights of Columbus has maintained its strength, has enjoyed record years of growth, and has improved its standing relative to the insurance industry as a whole. We foresee similar success going forward.”

The Knights of Columbus has enjoyed record growth during the last several years – despite the weak-

ness of the overall economy – and is one of only five life insurers that holds the top rating from both A.M. Best (A++) and Standard and Poor's (AAA).

The Knights of Columbus was established in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, with one of its primary aims to enable members to protect their families with life insurance. Today, the K of C has more than 1.8 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, Philippines and Poland.

One of the most active charitable groups in the United States, Knights of Columbus members last year set records by providing nearly 69 million hours of charitable service and more than \$151 million in donations to charitable causes. Cumulative figures show that, during the past decade, the K of C has donated more than \$1.36 billion to charity, and provided nearly 640 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW OFFICERS FOR COLUMBIAN YEAR 2011 - 2012

OFFICE	MEMBER
Grand Knight	Charles Hudson
Chaplain (Appointed by GK)	Appointed
Deputy Grand Knight	Khai Phan
Chancellor	Julio Galvan
Lecturer (Appointed by GK)	Appointed
Advocate	Guillermo Uribe
Recorder	Dick Jones
Financial Secretary (Appointed by Supreme)	Andy Dyson
Treasurer	Jim Kiehm
Warden	Harrison Tran
Inside Guard	Federico Gomez, III
Outside Guard	Gilles Devictor
1st Year Trustee	Greg Dessel
2nd Year Trustee	Skipper Yenchik
3rd Year Trustee	Joe Byrne



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR

JULY (date), TO:

JULIO GALVAN (01)

HARRISON TRAN (02)

FEDERICO GOMEZ III (07)

JAMES KIEHM (09)

RANDLE REDIC, JR (13)

NOEL HERNANDEZ (14)

RICHARD MIZGORSKI (14)

RAY MAGLALANG (16)

JORGE ARREOLA (17)

GUSMAN MARTINEZ (19)

REV. PAUL WEISBECK (25)

ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION UPDATE

THE ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION AT
 JUNE'S MEETING WAS \$57.00 FOR
RELAY FOR LIFE (CANCER SOCIETY)
 THIS MONTH AT OUR REGULAR
 MEETING WILL BE FOR
COLUMBIAN CHARITIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 8747

2011-2012 OFFICERS

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Grand Knight-----	Charlie Hudson--941-0433
Chaplain-----	Rev. Leonard Traverso-392-9282
Deputy Grand Knight-----	Khai Phan-263-3077
Chancellor-----	Julio Galvan--945-0603
Lecturer-----	Joseph Schaefer-262-7834
Advocate-----	Guillermo Uribe--332-7556
Recorder-----	Dick Jones--263-6218
Financial Secretary-----	Andy Dyson--263-5156
Treasurer-----	Jim Kiehm--Cell-1-925-337-0322
Warden-----	Harrison Tran-956-9988
Inside Guard-----	Federico Gomez, III-476-8104
Outside Guard-----	Gilles Devictor-931-3521
1st Year Trustee-----	Greg Dessel-433-1651
2nd Year Trustee-----	Skipper Yenchik, Sr--946-5958
3rd Year Trustee-----	Joe Byrne--946-3223

SPECIAL PROGRAM'S MEMBERS

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>
Director-----	Khai Phan
Public Relations Chairman-----	Andy Dyson
Church Director-----	Gerry Valdezno-941-0341
Vocations Chairman-----	Hai Vu-719-9005
Community Director-----	Frank DeSmidt--263-3474
Culture of Life Chairman-----	Don Jones--934-7114
Health Services-----	Federico Gomez, III
Council Director-----	Nicholas A Franzino
Family Director-----	Gilles Devictor
Youth Director-----	Guillermo Uribe
Membership Director-----	Andy Dyson
Recruitment Chairman-----	Charlie Hudson
Retention Chairman-----	Charlie Hudson
Insurance Promotion-----	Dion Dangzalan--323-8013
Admissions Chairman-----	Andy Dyson
Memorial Committee-----	Charlie Hudson
Council WebMaster---	Hung B. Nguyen-----933-8791
Columbian Retirement Home Chairman-----	-----Bill Poehlman--262-6609
Bulletin Editor-----	Andy Dyson
Council Fund Raiser Chairman-----	Per Event
PWID Chairman -----	Gwan Ali-Santosa--263-4638
St. Elizabeth Knight Sounds DJ.....	Andy Dyson

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