

Knights of Columbus

ST. ELIZABETH COUNCIL NO. 8747

Milpitas, California

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DIVISION III



DECEMBER 2010

GRAND KNIGHT

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

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

CHRISTMAS 2010



The shepherds said to one another. Let us go over and see this thing that has come to pass which the lord had made know to us. So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger,

And when they had seen, they understood.

In the Gospel of Luke, shepherds represent the forgotten, those rejected by society, and those who knew the pain of being human. Shepherds represent the poor, the lonely and the unwanted. Mother Teresa reminds us. "Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty." Yet, God chose these despised ones to be the first to hear the "tidings of great joy," as a choir of angels illumined and inspired them with light and music. Once the magnificent scene settled, the shepherds respected the message of the angels.

Let us go now, to see what the Lord has made known to us. Seeing, they knelt down and honored him in the place where they found him. Because the shepherds were simple and humble people, they were open to recognize the Savior, where they found, him, lying in a manger

Now, our King and Savior is found in another most unlikely place, our souls. Come let us adore him, in this most unlikely place. Later, in chapter two, Saint Luke tells how "his mother treasured all these things in her heart". Mary was amazed at all that were happening to her. She also made an attempt to remember and ponder what each of these happenings meant. Just as Mary took time to think about the spiritual meaning of these things, so should we. During the inspirational Christmas Season, we should try to read the Christmas Story several times - giving thanks. The best way to celebrate Christmas is to welcome Christ in our soul and invite him into your heart.

Chaplain,

Rev. Leonard Traverso

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

My Worthy Brother Knights,

As we reach the final month of 2010 I would just like to take a minute to again congratulate our new First degree members for this year, Manuel Roman & Rev Estanislao Mikalonis; our new Second degree members, Bobby Baliza and Randy Redic, Jr.; and our latest Third degree transfer, Rev Loi Huynh.



I would also like to remind our Council Officers of their requirement to attend our monthly meetings unless excused by the Grand Knight. Therefore if you are unable to attend one of our meetings please notify me and let me know that you will be absent that evening. Under the By-Laws of

our council, 3 unauthorized absences could jeopardize your Officers position and cause your removal from that position. I need all my Officers inputs at these meetings so we can shape the councils direction, so please free your calendar and plan to attend the Wednesday meetings.

I would like to personally thank each and every Brother who spent some time on the weekends in November assisting Brother Andy and myself in the councils Keep Christ in Christmas card sale effort. This year we were able to clear a little over \$ 600.00 and learn how to endure the cold & wet elements of November while we greeted our parishioners and shared great camaraderie among our Brothers.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Brothers and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy our upcoming Christmas party and enjoy the many graces that the Lord our God has given us in these years past. And remember the New Years eve party at Brother Andy Dyson's house. Contact him for details.

Our Deputy Grand Knight / Program Director, Brother Khai Phan still needs two Special Programs Directors. We still have an opening for a Council Director and a Youth Director. If you have some free time and would like to investigate one of these positions, please contact myself or Brother Khai. For a complete description of the duties and expectations of this opportunity you can now go to our council website at <http://www.kofc8747.org/> and click on the Surge with Service publication link.

ITEMS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR:

1. Remember that our Officers & General Business meeting will be on Monday evening December 6th starting at 7:00 PM. We are combining both council and both Assembly meetings that night due to the loss of our two regular council meeting nights to December Church functions.

a. December 1 at 7:00 PM will be the Advent reconciliation Service were visiting priests will be available for individual confessions.

b. December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation.

2. December 13 at 7:00 PM is the Council 8747 & Assembly 2246 Family Pot Luck Christmas party. Please bring your family, and your favorite food dish to share. Brothers, remember that this is your party, so please plan to attend and meet our Council families and have a great evening sampling different food dishes & singing Christmas carols.

3. Brother Joe Byrne will be in charge of the Christmas food and gift collection sorting and packaging on December 20 and 21. Please plan to spend some time assisting him starting at 6:30 PM on these evenings.

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 always be reached by email at cnhudson@sbcglobal.net or by phone at Home: (408) 941-0433, / Cell: (408) 881-3444.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Brother Titus Cascaro
The Soul of Gemma Franzino, Brother Nick Franzino's Grandmother

Theodore H. Nguyen and Family.

Beth Crews, wife of Brother Tim Crews.

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,

The month of November was another busy month for our council.

With the help of many of our Brothers, the "Keep Christ in Christmas" card sales, before and after all masses, went very well. This also helps in the parish community, because we are greeters before each mass. Thanks to all who assisted.

On the 22, 23 & 24; with the assistance of many of our Brothers, families & friends, our food collection: sorting, packaging and distribution went well. With these efforts we bring Hope to many families in need in our community. On behalf of Knight of Columbus we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Let us also give our appreciation to six of our Brothers who assist in the food pickup from Second Harvest Food Bank and deliver it to the Milpitas food pantry on Tuesdays: Andy, Tim, Ed, Julio, Skip & myself. If you

have some time on a Tuesday morning to help, please contact Andy Dyson. If, you have a truck, that's even better.

During the month of December: we will have the Officers and General meeting on Monday Dec. 06 instead of the usual meetings on the first and second Wednesday of the month. Monday Dec. 13, we will have Council & Assembly family pot luck & Christmas party in the St. Elizabeth room, please come to celebrate this joyful season with all our Brothers Knights.

Your Faithful DGK & Program Director,
Khai Phan

CULTURE OF LIFE REPORT

By the time you read this, there will have been a celebration, an Evening Prayer for Life (27 Nov), by Bishop McGraw, at the St. Joseph Cathedral downtown while the Pope is celebrating a "Vigil for All Nascent Human Life" in Rome to coincide with the 1st vespers of the First Sunday of Advent. I'll have an earlier notice next year! More info is in the recent Valley Catholic, pg. 4. Also, pgs 1 and 14, discuss another pro-life issue, the death penalty, which had an activity in October. November has been designated, by the USCCB (Catholic Bishops), as Restorative Justice Month.

January brings the counter to the Roe vs. Wade decision (Jan. 22) with the Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Walk in Los Altos (and Pro-Life march in Wash. DC) on Monday, Jan. 24. Our Knights, also, have our Mass of Reparation (or Unborn Child) about this time also. More info next month.

Br. Don Jones,
Culture of Life Chairman
934-7114

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

Congratulations to our newest First Degree Member: Rev. Estanislao Mikalonis, St. Elizabeth Parochial Vicar and our newest transfer Rev. Loi Huynh, St. Elizabeth Pastor.

As you know we always need new members, so each member of our council should 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.

The Time Is Now.
Andy Dyson, Membership Director

VOCATIONS PRAYER
SPIRIT OF NEW LIFE, MAY THESE ADVENT

DAYS AND NIGHTS INCREASE OUR DESIRE FOR THE LORD'S FINAL COMING. ENABLE US TO MAKE THE KINGDOM OF GOD MORE PRESENT AS THE GOSPEL TAKES FLESH IN OUR LIVES. MAY OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ECHO MARY'S "YES" TO THE ANGEL AND CONSIDER BEING MINISTERS OF YOUR WORD AND SACRAMENTS.

AMEN

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> . NOTE: December 21 City Council meeting is canceled.

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> . NOTE: December 22 Planning Commission meeting is canceled.

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

Community events:

23RD ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, 7:00pm at the Milpitas Community Center behind city hall. All are invited. The evening's magic includes holiday music and refreshments. Don't forget to bring your camera for a holiday photo opportunity. For more information, call the City of Milpitas Parks & Recreation Services at (408) 586-3210.

Wednesday, December 08 - Business After Hours Holiday Mixer brought to you by Huntford Printing at 275 Dempsey Rd., Milpitas from 5:00pm - 7:30pm. 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. We ask that you bring a canned good for the Milpitas Food Pantry and/or an unwrapped toy for the Milpitas Firefighters #1699 local Toys for Tots Drive. RSVP to the Chamber office at 262-2613 or email: info@milpitaschamber.com.

Thursday, December 09 - Festival of Trees at Milpitas City Hall Rotunda, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd. from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Holiday Gala & Live Auction hosted by: Milpitas Parks & Recreation Foundation. Beautiful holiday themed trees, sponsored by our esteemed business community will be auctioned to benefit the Foundation's Grant and Scholarship Programs. Hors d'oeuvres and Champagne will be served. Please RSVP by December 1, 2010. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance at: www.milpitasfoundation.org/festival

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

There it is!

Frank De Smidt,
Community Director

FIELD AGENT'S REPORT

Long Term Care Insurance

There are very few people who have not heard or read about long-term care insurance. Just as there are very few people who do not have a "long-term care experience" somewhere in their family — a loved one in a nursing home facility, or a family member being cared for at home because of advancing age or a disability (or both). So, there is no need to spend very many words in this column on the catastrophic effect these events can have on a family, crossing all generations. You already know that.

What you may not know is the urgency of taking action. The ability to buy long-term care (LTC) insurance is based on your health. Putting the decision off, or "waiting until next year," can be problematic. As we have talked about in this space many, many times before, no one will ring a bell for you the night before your health changes. In addition to the required premium commitment increasing every year with your age, you run the increased risk of developing a health issue that can prevent you from buying — not a very good position to be in.

When you make the decision to talk about LTC, come to the Knights of Columbus. In addition to providing life insurance and guaranteed retirement products to our members and their families, we also have a very competitive long-term care product available through our agents. Since entering this market in 2000, nearly 30,000 LTC policies have been sold to K of C members and their wives. While some companies in this line of business have had difficulty, our product continues to perform well with no premium increases on existing policies.

I will help you select the plan that's right for you, and together you will arrive at an affordable premium that offers you the coverage you need. I can show you several different options — facility-only coverage, home care or a combination of both. Our agents are professionally trained to answer your questions — but you have to invite them in. I urge you to not delay. Think only of your own "long term care experience." I don't think you want yourself or your family in that position. And don't worry about the cost. The cost is not the problem; it is the solution to the problem.

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DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Here we are in late November, going into December. Holy Mother Church is starting a new liturgical year with Advent, to be closely followed by Christmas. Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families a most blessed Christmas and New Year.

Recruiting within the Chapter and this District are doing well so far. In this Columbian year District 27 has had a net increase of 10 members. I urge all members to continue recruiting and getting proposed members into the Order by getting them to a First Degree as soon as possible after they sign a Form 100.

The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made a particular point about the importance of First Degrees at the recent State Deputies Meeting November 12-14 in Baltimore. At the business session on Saturday, the Supreme Knight told the State Deputies that Councils will soon be given some flexibility in conducting First Degree Ceremonials.

I am looking into those comments to get more clarification. I am fairly certain that we do not have a problem getting prospective members into the Order in a timely fashion. I have mentioned in other articles that our own Constitution and By-Laws put a 60 day limit on the time to get a new prospect to a First Degree. If anyone is aware of instances taking longer, please let me know so that we can rectify the situation.

I also will mention to each Grand Knight that he and

his wife or his guest is invited to join the Chapter Officers for Christmas dinner at The Villages. The details are in the flyer in the November edition of The Shield.

One other item for which I am preparing is the District Deputy Mid-Year Meeting in Ontario January 8-9, 2011. Please let me know if you have any topics you would like me to raise at the meetings. I am open to suggestions, complaints, or compliments on programs or their execution. If you need more materials to do your job as grand knight, financial secretary, or counsel office, let me know and I can take steps to get it to you. I will be driving down to Ontario early on the morning of Friday, Jan. 7, so please let me know before that so I can get my agenda in order.

I'm keeping it short this month. Beth and I wish all of you the best for the coming Christmas and the happiest of New Years!

Vivat Jesus!
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ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION UPDATE
THE ADVOCATE'S COLLECTION AT
SEPTEMBER'S MEETING WAS \$28.00 FOR
JUAN DIEGO SOCIETY
THIS MONTH AT OUR REGULAR
MEETING WILL BE FOR
RELAY FOR LIFE

Dear Brother Knights, Sir Knights and family,



Your are invited to our annual pot luck and recognition Christmas party. Please join us. Let us come together and celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us come together and greet our old friends and make some new ones. Let us come together to enjoy each others company and each others favorite foods and sing or just listen to some cheery Christmas carols.

We will meet in the St. Elizabeth room at St. Elizabeth Church 7:00 PM Monday, December 13, 2010. Food can be placed in the St. Christopher room.

We will have a list available for you to choose a less fortunate child to give an age appropriate unwrapped new toy. Please drop it off December 20 or 21 between 6:30 and 8:00 PM to Joe Byrne at St. Elizabeth Church, St. Christopher room.

Have a blessed Christmas,
Charles Hudson, Grand Knight
St. Elizabeth Council 8747



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
DECEMBER (date), TO:**

THEODORE NGUYEN (01)

JOEL PAULSEN (05)

REV. ROBERTO GOMEZ (08)

SCOTT REILLY (10)

REV. EDWARD SAMY (10)

THOMAS BEAVIN (12)

ALBERT LUMAS (12)

REV. VICTOR TRAN (12)

TIMOTHY CREWS (13)

WILLIAM POEHLMAN, JR (19)

HOANG VU (19)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 8747

2010-2011 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-----	Jose Martin Uribe--888-5284
Inside Guard-----	Harrison Tran-956-9988
Outside Guard-----	Gerry Valdezno-941-0341
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-----	Dennis Pachucki
Council Director-----	(OPEN)
Family Director-----	Gilles Devictor
Youth Director-----	Federico Gomez-476-8104
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-----	Ed Blake
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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MAY

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JUNE

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