



GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Newsletter Dedication:

I am sorry to inform you that our beloved Past Grand Knight, Ruben Ortiz, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on February 12th, 2007. Brother Ruben's 31 years as a Knight served as a model for all. His unselfish dedication and contributions made a lasting impact on our parish and community. With deepest respect and highest esteem for a fallen member of our fraternal community, I humbly dedicate this newsletter to the memory of **Brother Ruben Ortiz**.

Some Highlights:

Honorary Life Member Ceremony on March 1st.

All members of our council should attend the next business meeting on March 1st. The meeting will last from 7:30 to 8:15. It will be followed by a formal ceremony (with robes and scripts) to honor Paul Phelps, Jack Pons, and Dominick Saccullo as Honorary and Honorary Life Members. These three, highly respected brothers earned this distinction based on age and years of continuous service in the Knights of Columbus. The ceremony will start at 8:30 pm. Family members and friends are welcome to attend. There will be a small reception after the ceremony. Dress nice for this meeting and ceremony.

March Schedule is busy.

March is a busy month with a lot of volunteer activity. We have fish fries scheduled for every Friday in Lent. Please pitch in to share this heavy load. To mitigate this extra work, I cancelled the March 11 pancake breakfast. Mark your calendars accordingly.

Special events for April.

Please note the two special activities scheduled for April. Both are associated with the council's 50th anniversary preparations. The first is the spiritual retreat scheduled for April 20 – 22 in Soquel, CA. The second is the Texas Barbeque dinner dance on April 28 in the parish hall. This is our major fund raising event for the 50th anniversary activities.

State of the Council:

Membership:

Membership is our number one priority. Council officers will soon begin planning a spring membership drive. We just received all materials needed to support a large scale recruiting effort at both parishes in the first three weeks of May. 50 or 60 volunteers will be needed; so please be generous with your time and efforts. Remember our goal is:

AT LEAST 50 NEW MEMBERS FOR OUR 50TH YEAR.

Communications:

The Communication Team is now being formed. I have volunteers for most parts, but other members are still needed for some vital pieces of this crucial function. Please contact me if you can add value in public relations, advertising, and fund raising. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Programs:

I appreciate your response to the members' interest survey that we sent out last month. Brother Vaughn Brugman is tabulating about 50 replies in a spreadsheet that will capture everyone's stated areas of interest. We'll soon ask specific brothers to take more active roles in crucial program areas that are currently languishing. I cannot stress strongly enough that the long term health of our council depends on us distributing the work load more evenly. A small group of dedicated men is currently running everything. If we lose one of them, the council and our parish will suffer greatly because no normal individuals can reasonably be expected to shoulder such huge burdens. We simply must share the load so that no one person is indispensable to the council.

Business Practices within the council.

In early February I completed a semi-annual audit of our council. It was a very difficult task that was unduly complicated by the poor financial practices that I talked about in the last newsletter. I am happy to say that, with some hard detective work, we were able to fill many of the holes in our financial records. We also put into place some simple methods to facilitate the proper management of financial activities from now on.

This audit confirmed my suspicions that our membership records are in bad shape. Our 2007 roster contains 157 members. There are problems with at least one third of them. Some new brothers haven't been added. Some dead brothers haven't been removed. Degree status hasn't been updated. The Post Office has rejected several addresses. About 50 brothers are overdue on membership dues; many for more than two years. Some men on this roster no longer wish to be Knights.

We pay taxes and dues to Supreme and State for every member on the roster. This totals over \$2,000 per year. By cleaning up the roster we can avoid deadweight expenses of several hundred dollars that can then be used for more charitable contributions.

This situation is attributable to poor paperwork. Many of the required reports were simply not submitted. Of the reports that were submitted, many were incomplete or sent to the wrong place. We will fix this by rolling up our sleeves and formally updating every single record. However, I need your help to do this. Specifically:

1. If you no longer wish to be a knight, I encourage you to reconsider and remain with us as an inactive, but dues paying member. However, if you insist on leaving, then **you must submit a letter to me formally requesting to withdraw**. I will endorse and forward your letter to Supreme to remove you from the roster. You will be eligible for future re-entry if you wish to come back.
2. Please pay your overdue membership fees or contact the Financial Secretary to discuss your situation. I am fully aware that our records have many errors carried forward from past years. I will waive "past amounts due" for any brother who gives his word that he paid last year. I will help those with financial hardships to pay this year's dues. **So, if you don't like your bill for any reason, pick up the phone, call the Financial Secretary, and make it right.** Next month we will have to begin suspension procedures for members who remain overdue.

Conclusion:

We are working hard to fix some serious problems in our council. I'm happy with the progress that we've made and with the current trend. We are also forging ahead with new initiatives that promise to make our efforts more efficient and your experiences more rewarding. I appreciate your continued support and your generous contributions of time and effort.

God bless you all in this Lenten season.

Tom McCaffrey
Grand Knight



Chaplain Commentary

Dear Brother Knights,

This is the first in a series of Chaplain letters. It is my prayer that the Lord will use this space to inspire and to challenge. I believe that the mission of the Knights has never been more relevant than it is today than any other time in our fraternal history. One of the chief challenges to Catholics in the United States in the nineteenth century was the ignorance and hatred which manifested itself as the “know nothing movement.” One again, we live in an era where the last acceptable discrimination is against Catholics

I think it is important that we return to the vision of our founder, Fr. Michael McGivney. He was a man whose “youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well-being diminished.” (www.frmcgivney.org) The faith grows in age and wisdom, but it must not grow old. It must not lose its vitality. Part of the great challenge which each Knight and their Ladies face today is to defend the faith even though each of us may be fatigued. We must attract men who will grow in faith and wisdom and bring their youthful vigor to work side by side with our more mature brothers.

In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth.

-- Pope John Paul II,
welcoming Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to Rome in October, 2003

Fraternally yours,

Father Bob Mendonça

Chaplain



Calling All Knights and Ladies!!

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Patrick Power Council no. 4588 Jubilee Historical Committee needs your photos, and memoirs!!

Do you have any photos or albums of council 4588 activities or members spanning ANY of our 50 years of service?

We would like to scan your photos for use in our commemorative 50th Jubilee yearbook and CD ROM!

We would also like to collect any stories, memories, or written recollections of our council's history!

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY****To the following March Celebrants**

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| Christopher Accinelli | Raymond Cariello |
| Chuck Harding | Ed Holzwarth |
| Kurt Hornbacher | James Jackson |
| Renato Maranon | Antonio Mariscal |
| Thomas Mills | Dom Nardy |
| Jeff Painter | Paul Phelps Jr. |
| Manuel Ramirez | Dom Saccullo |

Best Wishes for a Joyful Day

Take time out from your busy schedules and spend a *spiritual* weekend with the Lord. Come to the Jubilee Kickoff Retreat on April 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Contact: John Beebe at (925) 443-7868 for registration and all the details.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2006-2007

SMALL & LARGE POT WINNER(S)

Don King won the SMALL POT of \$7.50 at our February business meeting. Congratulations Brother Don! The LARGE POT of \$7.50 was won by Chris Conley, who was not present due to business travel.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Please read in its entirety the minutes of our Council Business Meeting of February 1st, which is printed on page 5 of this newsletter. The publication of our minutes in the newsletter eliminates the reading of the minutes in the following business meeting and, thereby, results in the expeditious approval thereof. Such action contributes to the reduction of the length of our business meeting.

Chancellor's Report

Brothers,

The Honorary Life Member Ceremony will be March 1st at 8:30 PM in the Large Hall. Thanks for those of you who signed up for refreshments.

We have an additional \$100 that the GK provided us with your approval at the last meeting. I will use it to buy Guinness or something appropriate if Tom gives it to me to spend.

If you are a phone tree branch leader and find you can no longer perform your duties please find a replacement and then contact me. We all have things going on and it isn't fair to pass back on this. It isn't fair to the members in your branch if you don't pass messages either. We don't use the phone tree enough for it to be a terrible burden on folks.

I mentioned in the meeting last week that we have scheduled Mass intentions at St. Michael for Edgar Eichhorn and John Rodrigues. Here is the schedule again. Johnny: August 12th at 9:30 AM (Fr. McGivney's Birthday), October 12th 8:00 AM (Columbus Day), March 30th at 8:30 AM (Fr. Power Council Formed), August 14th at 7:00 AM (Fr. McGivney died), and May 16th at 8:30 AM (John's Birthday). Masses at St. Michael for Edgar: August 12th 9:30 AM, October 12th at 8:00 AM, and August 6th at 8:30 AM for Edgar's Birthday.

God Bless
Brian Lucid
Chancellor

Sunday Buffet Breakfast

6AM—12 PM

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| Sept 10, 2006 | April 15, 2007 |
| Oct 15, 2006 | May 13, 2007 |
| Nov 12, 2006 | June 17, 2007 |
| Jan 14, 2007 | |
| Feb 11, 2007 | |

Friday Fish Fry

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| Sept 8, 2006 | April 13, 2007 |
| Oct 13, 2006 | May 11, 2007 |
| Nov 10, 2006 | |
| Dec 8, 2006 | |
| Feb 23, 2007 | |
| March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—2007 | |

Annual Events

Council Dinner & Dance—April 28, 2007

Name badges – Anyone Knight or Knight Lady interested in getting a Knight badge, please contact Manny Figueiredo at 455-0543. The cost is \$6.00 each. If you never received a badge, please advise Manny and it will be free.

Council #4588 February 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Location: St. Michael Small Hall

Present 26

Meeting Called to Order: 7:36 PM by G.K. Tom McCaffrey

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Fr. Bob Mendonca

Roll Call of Officers:

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| Chaplain Fr. Bob Mendonca | (Present) | Fin. Sec. Dom Nardy | (Present) | I. Guard. Ray Miranda | (Present) |
| Grand Knight Tom McCaffrey | (Present) | Treasurer Rob Vavuris | (Present) | O. Guard Michael Valent | (Present) |
| D. Grand Knight Joe Espinosa | (Present) | Lecturer ----- | (N/A) | Trustee (3yr) Chris Conley | (Excused) |
| Chancellor Brian Lucid | (Present) | Advocate Pat Keifer | (Present) | Trustee (2yr) Brian Littrell | (Present) |
| Recorder Chuck Harding | (Present) | Warden Bob Vieira | (Present) | Trustee (1yr) Aaron Wiley | (Present) |

The Minutes of preceding meeting were: included in the newsletter and posted on the web site and were approved

The Grand Knight read applications for membership approved by the Admissions Committee as follows: Kenneth Rief, sponsored by Bro. Lucid - motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Council conferred the 1st Degree on the following: N/A

Grand Knight reported as follows: Newsletter dedicated to Bro. SK Ed Eichhorn. Bus. Practices. Suspension averted. Discussed scheme to keep membership databases synchronized. Discussed financial processes and fix for the process. Event management & reports were discussed. Stressed the need for members to follow the procedures. Reports submitted to Supreme: Overdue audits, form 100's, Special Olympics, Officers chosen, and Squires. Reports Pending: Fraternal activity, semi annual Audit. Coming events from GK slide {make sure it's correct in KN and website}. Communications committee structure. Membership: Organization needed. Proposed Blitz Recruitment drive for early April. Already cleared with Frs. Sacca & Mendonca. Put together team, get materials (order from Supreme) 1st Degree date needed, align with 2nd and 3rd degrees. GOAL: 50 NEW MEMBERS. Draft organizational structure - some elements dictated by Supreme - proposed Hispanic recruitment coordinator. Programs Management: DGK is capturing recent events - files being organized, process being written and saved, Turnover books to be made, Christmas baskets, crab feed, Christmas cards. John Gutierrez doing write ups. Need to fill remaining slots: Programs Director, Council Director, Family Director, Community Director, Committee Chairs. Advisors helping while blitz is being set up. Member Interest surveys are helpful.

The Chaplain reported as follows: Had written a letter to be published in February newsletter but will be pushed off to March issue - subject wsa statements made by Pope John Paul II about Knights. Did not know there was a Chaplains handbook

The Treasurer reported as follows: Total: \$59,632.72 Checking: \$19,869.00 Savings: \$0.00 K. Helping Knights: \$1,036.00 Development Fund: \$380,000.00

The Chancellor reported as follows: mass intentions for Bro. Edgar Eichhorn and Bro John Rodriguez. RSVP - one candidate provided by Bro. John Burkhart - \$500.00 awarded. Bishop Vigneron letter sent by GK.

The following bills were read and referred:

Financial Secretary's report: Total Amount: \$1,083.60, made up of as follows: General Fund: \$0.00 Special, \$0.00

Trustees Report: Bills in order, requested warrants drawn & paid – Motion granted & passed unanimously.

The following committees reported: Council- NTR. Explained that life circumstances have prevented him from fully doing his job. GK answered that someone is already waiting in the wings to take over. Communications: Phone Tree is working. Church. Adoration - 4th Friday adoration ends early - blood donations Youth - Free-throw competition, investiture, Ten Commandments, Apprenticeship, Annual and audit report. 50th Anniversary - 20 ppl attending. went over details of book. Bro. Ed has joined. Fr. Sacca there too & lends support to endeavor.

Unfinished (Old) Business: Stowage of shed & closet - GK ask for \$500.00 from bldg fund for filing cabinets, etc so that the closet can be organized to make it more usable. Could be less depending. Discussion Bro Brian Littrell pointed out the funds required for purchasing the container may be have some left over but GK then pointed out that the container is not a closed issue. Bro Jake offered to donate one 4 drawer one. Motion was seconded - Bro Aaron pointed out that \$500.00 is within the GK discretionary spending limit. Motion carried.

New Business: Sweetheart Dinner - blurb in newsletter. GK asked for \$75.00 to buy flowers & candy for wives, the ones that help with council events. Seconded & carried. Honorary Life member ceremony - Paul Phelps, is big deal, reception, GK. asked for \$100 to help defray costs. Bro. Pat suggested using "Knights Helping Knights" - Bro Brian Littrell made motion for original amount. Seconded and carried. Poor Man's Dinner. \$100 asked by GK for snacks and beverages. Motion made, seconded, and carried. Membership Blitz Information Sessions - GK asked for \$500 for food & beverages. Bro. Manny suggested having a "Dessert Luck" GK responded that these would be guests. Motion made, seconded, and Carried .Bro. Mike V. announced he has the tickets for the Texas BBQ. Parliamentary Rules Suspended for informal discussion; Bro Don King - Pro-life report. January was anniversary of Roe vs Wade - march in Washington DC and San Francisco. Reminded about rosary at St. Michael cemetery last Saturday of month to end abortion. Discussion about sign ordinance- success possible - Council Persons sponsored the measure to be on the agenda about it. Don will be notifying churches about it. FS. requested everyone get their picture taken.

Insurance Agent reported as follows: N/A

District Deputy reported as follows: N/A

Under Good of the Order: GK awarded certificates for past Family of the month for November to Aaron Wiley & Family for work done for the Christmas Basket program. Chaplain Award to Fr. Poon Award to Bro. Brian Lucid for active duty service.

Awards: Knight of the Month for January: Michael Valent Family of the Month for January 2007: Jake & Angel Raposa

Fourth Degree Report: N/A

Chaplain's summation: NA

Drawings: Small Pot was won by Don King (\$7.50) and the Large Pot was won by Chris Conley (\$7.50) who was not present

Closing Prayer was said by: Fr. Bob Mendonca

Adjourned: 8:59 AM

March 2007

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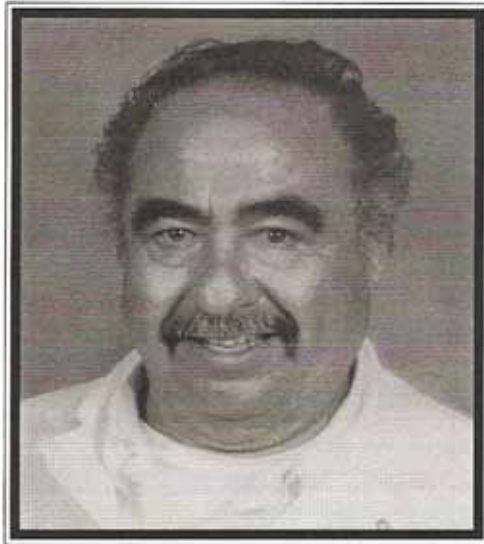
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| | | | | | 1 Business Meeting 7:30PM Small Hall Life Membership Ceremony to follow | 2 Fish Fry Small Hall Eucharistic Adoration | 3 |
| 4 Family Mass St. Michael 8AM | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | 9 Fish Fry Small Hall Eucharistic Adoration | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | | 16 Fish Fry Small Hall Eucharistic Adoration | 17 St. Patrick |
| 18 VA MASS 10:30AM NURSING HOME | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | 23 Fish Fry Small Hall Eucharistic Adoration | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Officers & Plan- ning Meeting 7:30PM Small hall | | 30 Fish Fry Small Hall Eucharistic Adoration | 31 Rosary to End Abortion St. Michael Ceme- tery |

Note that the schedule for Eucharistic Adoration is changed during Lent — it starts at 9 AM and ends at 5:15 PM. It is anticipated that the schedule will return to 8:30 AM – 8:45 PM schedule on April 13. If you don't remember when you are supposed to be there, contact Pat Keifer at 455-6812.

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IN LOVING MEMORY

**RUBEN GUTIERREZ
ORTIZ**



January 14, 1940 • February 12, 2007
Del Rio, Texas • Brentwood, California



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him, shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

Ruben is survived by his devoted wife Rita; his children Rachael, Ruben Jr., and Rosalie Ortiz and Ruben Carpenter; Grandchildren Jimmy, Richard, Rose-Elizabeth, Rhyhanan, and Amanda; great-grandson Braydon; two brothers and five sisters.



SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of my family I want to thank each of you for honoring Ruben by being here today. His life and legacy speaks volumes and I am happy to share his memories with you. I am so thankful to our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for His peaceful assurance that Ruben is in His presence.

And, I am thankful for God's tender care and mercies on Ruben and me during these last few difficult months. Thank you all for your kindnesses, condolences, and acts of love. Ruben and I would have celebrated our 40th anniversary on November 6th. I am so grateful for the blessed years that God gave us to share with each other.

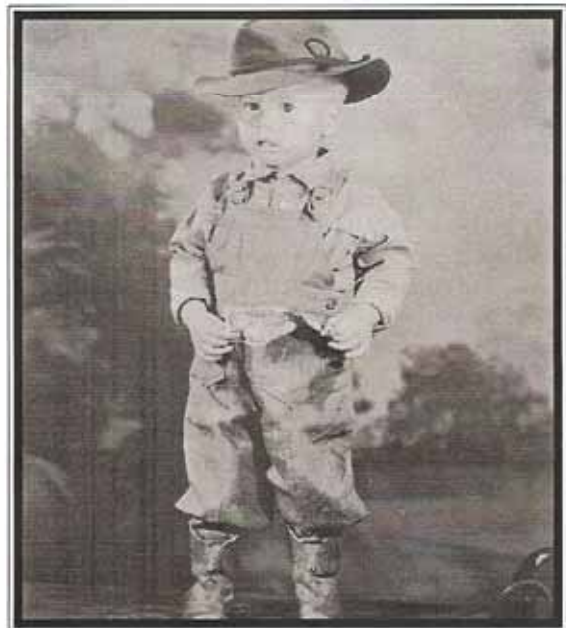
Please continue to keep the family and me in your prayers.

Lovingly, Rita Ortiz

**RUBEN GUTIERREZ
ORTIZ**

Like most human beings, Ruben was a complex and interesting individual. His parents were a huge influence in his life, perhaps instilling the hard drive of incredible work ethics and taught him to keep his word at all costs. He was a man's man who was dedicated to his God and devoted to his family. He loved his wife, children, grand-children, brothers and sisters to the end.

May he rest in peace . . .





K nights of Columbus

Resolution of Condolence

..... **Father Patrick Power**.. Council Number ... **4588**..

In Memory of Brother **Ruben G. Ortiz**.....

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother who departed this life **on the 12th day of February**..... , 20.. **07**.. and

Whereas, By his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic and worthy Knight; therefore, be it

Resolved, That our departed Brother be remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven, Connecticut; be it further









Resolved, That, while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us, and be it further

Resolved, That this testimonial of condolence, duly signed and sealed, be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.

Thomas E. McCaffrey
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Grand Knight
February 15, 2007
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Committee



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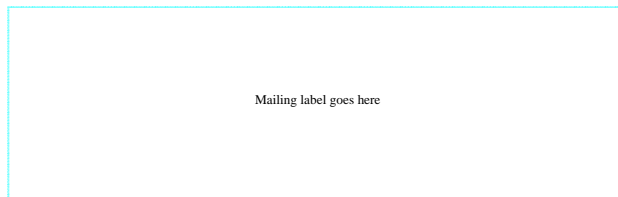
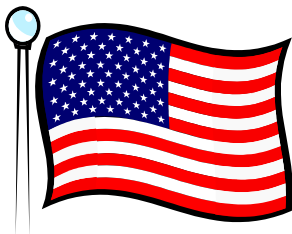


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**NOTICE
BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY, March 1st at 7:30
P.M. IN THE SMALL HALL**

I N GOD WE TRUST.