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A Message From Our Grand Knight

Worthy Brother Knights,

As Christmas approaches us, I want to thank those of you who have given so much of yourselves for those in need. Our Council has accomplished much this Columbian Year, for which I am most proud and grateful. This selfless giving reminds me of the ultimate sacrifice our Lord, Jesus Christ made for our salvation. During the Advent season, it is especially important to remember the phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season" because without the birth of our Lord and Savior, we would not enjoy the hope of eternal life.

This time of year has always been my favorite because things seem to settle down at work, I get more time to see family and friends, and the season is so festive. Brother Knights, while you enjoy time with your families this holiday season, please take the time to help them remember the true reason for the Advent season. I pray that each of you have a blessed and joyous Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

Faternally,

Jim Acerra, Grand Knight
San Diego Mother Council 1349

December Birthdays

Steve McPhillips	12-02
Thomas Schmidt.....	12-02
Zac Dooley	12-05

Mike Frawley	12-05
Alejandro Santos	12-06
Paul Corbett.....	12-08
Brian Lehtinen	12-11
David Pitts	12-11
David M. Gill	12-13
Myron Lyon.....	12-14
Joe Abrutz.....	12-14
Rev. J. Noel Thompson	12-16
Fred Estevane	12-08
Rick Babauta	12-19
John Millar	12-22
Francis Stites.....	12-25
Shawn Daly	12-27
Thomas Dlugolecki.....	12-27
Clifton Gibson	12-27
Tom Connors	12-29
Melvin Ochs.....	12-29

Knight of the Month

December's Knight of the Month is our Worthy Warden, Br. Tom Schmidt. Br. Tom's selection is for his diligent efforts in cleaning up St. John the Evangelist Church's hall landscaping. He completed the work of four Brother Knights with the help of his assistant (whom he paid out of his pocket) to satisfy Father Dillard's request for assistance from the Council. In addition, Br. Tom and his wife Megan represented Council 1349 and the San

Diego Diocese Chapter of the Knights of Columbus on the Mother Goose Parade's float as St. Joseph and St. Mary. The Grand Knight extends congratulations Br. Tom for a job well done and will present him with a Knight of the Month certificate at the Council's next business meeting.

Advent Season Reflections from Our Worthy Chaplain

Socrates a great philosopher once

said, an unexamined life is not worth living. Advent is a time we retreat so that we can examine our relationship with God, families, friends and our communities. Let this time not pass us by, we are called to be proactive and to make the best out of this joyful season. If you earnestly want to have a grace filled Christmas, you must strive to make the best out of the Advent season. Here is a quiz for you. You are sleeping peacefully and deeply and then you find yourself dreaming. A big tiger is chasing you and while trying to run away, you see a lion coming toward you. Suddenly, you find yourself surrounded by ferocious animals. How can you escape? The answer is: "Wake up". By waking up one enters a whole new world of reality, different from that of the dream world. What was a huge problem in the dream state becomes a non-issue in the waking state.

Advent is a time for waking up from our spiritual dreams to face the realities of our Christian calling and challenges. All the great themes of Advent come together in the liturgy of the first Sunday of Advent: longing for God, preparation for Christmas, being ready to greet Christ when he comes again. But the theme that dominates the season of Advent is the second coming of Christ. It is certain that Christ will come again; several passages in the Bible remind us of this reality. We also say in our creed, "He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead." However, the time is known to nobody except God (Mark 13: 33-37). Since we do not know the date and time, our best approach should be "constant vigilance." Pending the second coming of Christ, we should try to live in the moment and stay connected with God in prayers and good deeds. We should try to put an end to idle speculations regarding the date of the Last Day. Let us open our eyes in faith to see God present and

active in our life and in the world. We should have a sense of hope as we face the challenges of life. Let us open our hearts and our houses to the Lord who comes to us daily in the form of the needy person. This is the best way to prepare to welcome the Lord when he comes again.

I wish you and your families a grace filled and spirit rejuvenating season of Advent and a wonderful Christmas celebration.

Rev. Lawrence Agi, Worthy Chaplain San Diego Mother Council 1349

District Deputy's Podium

Brothers...As we are in the Advent Season, this is a wonderful time to reflect on your faith journey and your family traditions. In the Trevino family, we always create a new Advent Wreath and say a prayer every night while lighting the candle. This is a great time to reflect on why we are celebrating this CHRISTmas Season. The Trevino family also celebrates the Christmas Season with a long-standing family tradition. We all gather together Christmas Eve at my mother's house and have our Christmas Eve Dinner of Tamales, Rice and Beans (and yes, they are freshly made Tamales, handmade the week before by the family). After Dinner, we all go to the 10:00 PM Mass at the Immaculata at USD. If you have not gone to this service, I highly recommend you attend this year. Usually Bishop Brom is the celebrant and it is always a beautiful service well attended by the Knights of Columbus.

God Bless you and your families. May you all have a Blessed Christmas!

Vivat Jesus,

Rene Trevino, PGK, PFN
District Deputy, District 133
California Knights of Columbus



Sadness Falls Upon Council 1349

On Sunday, December 4, Brother Jeff Ostrowski's mother passed away at the age of 91. Jeff's mother was an avid supporter of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, and Council 1349. Our hearts and prayers go out to the Council's Worthy Treasurer during this time of profound sadness.

Remembering Dec. 7th

Vic Miranda, Pearl Harbor Survivor celebrating the day aboard the USS Midway 12-7-2011



Being interviewed by Fox News (celebrity status)



Ringing the bell for each survivor who passed away this past year (16)

Merry Christmas from Council 1349

May all of our members find peace and joy this holy Christmas season. It has been a difficult year but let us take time now to pray to God and give thanks for what we have.



Santa and his helpers at the St. Vincent School Christmas party on Thursday December 1, 2011. GK Jim Acerra aka Santa is in the red and white hat.

Pray For Our Brothers in the Military

John Morris USMC
GySgt David Kile USMC
Aaron Ramert USMC
Michael Frawley USCG
Alexander Goodno USMC
Patrick Connelly, USN
Henry Taimanglo, USN
Ed Munoz
Roman Caruso

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012**

*To All Knights
and their Families
From
Council 1349*

December

2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 St. Joseph's Christmas Dinner (Spanish)	3 St. Joseph's Christmas Dinner (English)
4 Columbus Club Maintenance Mtg. 7pm	5	6 1ST Degree St. Luke El Cajon 6:30 pm	7	8 1ST Degree KofC hall Escondido 7 PM	9 2nd Degree St. Pius X Chula Vista • 6:30pm	10 St. Joseph's Membership Drive After Mases
11 St. Joseph's Membership Drive After Mases	12	13 1ST Degree Holy Trinity El Cajon 7:00 pm St. Joseph's KofC Info Night 7pm	14 Columbus Club Board Meeting Start 6:30 pm Business Meeting Columbus Hall Start 7:30pm	15 USO Gift Giving Tree Downtown Center 3-9 PM	16	17
18	19	20 2nd Degree Our Lady of Grace El Cajon 7:00 pm	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

January

2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2	3 1ST Degree Guardian Angles Santee 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Columbus Club Board Meeting Start 6:30 pm Business Meeting Columbus Hall Start 7:30pm	12 1ST Degree KofC hall Escondido 7 PM	13	14
15 3RD Degree OLOPH Lakeside 12:30pm	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 1ST Degree St. Charles San Diego 6:30 pm	26	27 Chapter Meeting TBA 7:30PM	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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Pray For Sick Brothers

Please remember in your prayers our sick brothers; Art George, Victor Ortega, Vince Giracello, Wilmer Wolf, and Matt Rifant's wife Tracy, Michael Galasso, Mrs. Mary Brunhozol, Br. Nick Pomo, Vic Miranda, , Tom & Betty Connors.

Remember our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased brothers: Fr. Minmaugh, Pastor at Saint Vincent's Church. Al Telli, Tom Hoang, Rick Conception, John G. Moore, John Dowling, Eugene Thiele, William Shine, Fred Mattry, Michael Wogan, Bernie Robinson, Francis Sick, Al Koenig Victor Ortega

Jr., Bobby Ortega, Richard Nicholas Martin, Bob Benz, John Matschinnegg, Robert Lawrence, Billy Roland, John, and Rita Wolf mother of Brother Wilmer Wolf, Alan Hardtarfer Frank Feely, Larry Kowerski, PGK Frank Schmeitz. DD Richard Ridenour, Tom Schustra, Frank Zwinski, Goody Infantado

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Nick Pomo (619) 238-0244

Happy and Holy Holidays!

I would like to extend to you my sincere best wishes or a holy and happy Christmas season. I imagine you feel the same way about Christmas as I do - such a peaceful, happy time.

But just take one moment to ask yourself what your family's Christmas would be like if you weren't here. This year, why not give them the most

precious gift of all - a life insurance plan that will allow them to have, always, the kind of Christmas you want them to have.

We have plans that will guarantee income for your family's future- just a few dollars a month.

Enjoy the season of Celebration Please call me for an appointment today.

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**Knights of Columbus Council #1349
Business Meeting Minutes 11/09/2011
Columbus Club**

Start of Meeting:

Meeting called to order by GK Jim Acerra at 7:30 PM.

Opening Prayer

Opening prayer led by Fr. Lawrence Agi, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers read:

Officers Attending:

GK	Jim Acerra	Present	DGK	Tom Davis	Present
Chancellor	Danny Francisco	Present	Recorder	T.J. McAvin	Present
Treasurer	Jeff Ostrowski	Excused	Advocate	Jim Smyth	Present
Warden	Tom Schmidt	Excused	Lecturer	Andy Calles	Absent
Inside Guard	Gary Hern	Excused	Outside Guard	Flavio Rivera	Absent
3 year Trustee	Rick Babauta	Present	2 year Trustee	Steve McPhillips	Excused
1 year Trustee	Justin Wille	Excused			
Financial Secretary	Ron Sheehan	Excused	Insurance Agent	Joe Flores	Excused
District Deputy	Rene Trivino	Excused			

Last month's minutes approved as amended with the Moynihan account information.

Membership Committee

1. Reading of Admissions (Transfers into the Council) Reactivation of Richard Laws.
2. Reading of Applications (New members FORM 100's)
3. Vote/Approval of New Member
4. Membership drives update. St. Joseph Cathedral 1535 Third Ave, San Diego is scheduled for December 10th and 11th. Tuesday December 13th is the informational.

Grand Knight Report

1. Welcome to our Council's newest Brother Knight, Br. Dennis Dalton who participated in his 1st Degree Exemplification ceremony in late October. Br. Dennis is not present this evening, but when you see him, please welcome him to our Council.
2. I would like to thank the Council's Brother Knights for their hard work during the month of October. The Council supported the following events:
 - a. Membership drives and corporate mass for St. John the Evangelist on October 1 & 2
 - b. Attended the wake and rosary service, and provided a eulogy for Br. Goody Infantado on October 7 at Featheringill Mortuary.
 - c. Membership drives and corporate mass for St. Vincent de Paul on October 15 & 16. This included the information night on October 18.
 - d. The Council's Youth Soccer Challenge on October 8 at FLEASWTRACENPAC athletic fields, which was coordinated by our Worthy Chancellor, Br. Danie Francisco.
 - e. The St. John the Evangelist church picnic on October 9.
 - f. The Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Drive on October 22 and 23, which netted over \$1200 for charity.
 - g. Immaculata Ministry Fair on October 9. Representing the Knights of Columbus and Council 1349 was Br. Jack Mierzwa, PGK
 - h. St. Joseph's Ministry Fair on October 23. Representing the Knights of Columbus and Council 1349 were Bros. Nick Pomo and Vic Resendez.
 - i. Services and Club Fair at St. Augustine High School on October 27. Representing the Knights of Columbus and Council 1349 were Bros. Fred Hall, Danie Francisco, and Br. Jim Smyth.
3. Knight of the Month November is the Knights of Br. T.J. McAvin for his outstanding participation in all Council events for the month of October and loaned a hand to Santa Sophia during their own ID Drive fundraising efforts. Br. T.J. was an inspiration, especially since he is a member of Balboa Assembly and participated in numerous Color Corps callouts without sacrificing participation in the Council's events.
4. Our 1 Year Trustee, Br. Justin Wille, PGK and his wife Brooke welcomed their new baby girl, Kate on October 16 at 2:09PM. She weighed 9lbs 1oz and measured almost 22 inches. Please congratulate him when you see him.
5. Past State Deputy Frank Nigro's wife, Ann, passed away and was buried on October 27.
6. Issue badge to Br. George Nunez and Br. Frank Terzoli
7. Issue Fr. Lawrence Supreme's Chaplain Materials
8. Worthy Chancellor to fill out Youth Leader form
9. Issue Br. Justin Wille, PGK the Programs Director info booklet
10. Sadly, our Worthy Lecturer has missed every meeting since his appointment as the Council's Lecturer. I have made the decision to temporarily vacate the post and appoint another Knight as an Interim Lecturer. Brother Rich Portugal, would you please accept appointment as our Council's Worthy Lecturer? (Br. Rich agreed to serve as the Council's Worthy Lecturer)
11. Our call tree is in a serious state of disrepair, and Bros. Rick Babauta and Bill Brunhoezl are working to repair the call tree by December's business meeting. The call tree is a valuable tool in getting Brother Knight participation for Council activities.
12. Br. Vic Miranda has submitted his resignation as Columbus Club Treasurer due to health reasons. This is an important position and we need a volunteer to replace Br. Vic, whose long service with the Council is appreciated immensely.

Chaplin's Report

None

District Deputy's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

None

Financial Secretary Report

(Council report from Supreme.)

Oct. 1 to Nov. 1, 2011

	Start		Changes		End
Associate Members	156	New Members (Assoc.)	0	Associate Members	155
Insured Members	63	Transfer Out (Assoc.)	0	Insured Members	64
Inactive Members	13	Member Death (Assoc.)	0	Inactive Members	13
Total Members	232	Reapplication	0	Total Members	232
		Assoc. to Ins	1		
		Ins to Assoc.	0		

Trustees Report:

None

Reading of Bills and Communications

Bill from RSVP for Badges.

DGK Report:

1. Food Bank at St. Didacus is woefully low on food. Request food drive to benefit St. Didacus' food bank. (Br. Ed Gamez indicated through the chair that St. John's food bank is in need too, and he requested that the food drive donations be split between the two parish food banks. Council voted to approve the split)

Service Program Report & Standing Committees Report:

a) Service Programs Chairman (Br. Justin Wille) No report, Excused.
b) Retention and Recruitment (Bros. Fred Hall & Rick Babauta) c) Church and Vocations (Br. Steve McPhillips) a Status of Corporate Masses in conjunction with membership drives? St Vincent De Paul 10:30 AM Sunday Mass b. Corporate mass at St. John the Evangelist, 10:30am on October 2nd. d) Council (Br. Nick Pomo) No report e) Pro-Life (Br. Gary Hern) Nov. 6, 2011 to send info via E-mail f) Family (Br. Tom Schmidt) No report
1. Family food drive in support of parish food banks
g) Community (Br. Rick Resendez) h) Insurance Promotion (Br. Fred Hall) No report i) Youth Programs (Br. Danie Francisco) 1. Soccer Challenge (October 8 at FLEASWTRACENPAC) j) Health Services (Br. T.J. McAvin) Contacted Blood Bank. k) Public Relations (Br. Jim Acerra) No report

Old Business:

1. November 8, the State Deputy has scheduled training in San Diego for Grand Knights, DGK's and membership charimen.
2. September 28, through November 6, 40-day campaigns of prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach is being held in 301 cities all across the United States. Please contact Br. Gary Hern, our Pro-Life Programs Director, to coordinate Council activities in support of this important initiative.
3. Status of Landscaping revitalization at St. John's Hall was completed by solely Br. Tom and his assistant
4. 6. The Christmas Card Drive coming up in December, we need to support Br. Zac Dooley for this evolution.

New Business:

1. ID Drive We have the required 501 (3) (c) paperwork for both Noah Homes and St Madeline Sophie Center. Vote on the distribution of ID Drive charity funds. A vote was held to split the ID Drive funds between Noah Homes and St. Madeleine Sophie Center – approved.
2. Supreme has ruled that multiple degrees may not be taken on the same day. Because of this new ruling, St Charles has ceased to hold their 2nd Degree Exemplification ceremonies. at St. Charles. They still have a qualified 2nd degree team and are willing to put on a 2nd degree, but they need a place to perform it. They are looking for another date and location to resume the 2nd Degree Exemplification ceremonies and Chapter has reached out to us to see if we are willing and able to support this. They would like a place to hold a 2nd degree on a Thursday night.
3. On November 12, there is an event at the Club. Our regular Duty Club Manager is Gary Hern is unavailable to work the event because of his daughter's wedding. We need a volunteer to cover that event in Br. Gary's absence.
4. On November 21, San Diego Chapter in coordination with the USO is calling for volunteers at Lindberg Field to issue goody bags to service personnel heading home for the Thanksgiving holiday. No regalia or tuxedos are required, just show up with your KofC badges, hats, and shirts. If you need a shirt, please see the Grand Knight after the meeting.
5. The Council will be participating in the USO's Gift Giving Tree event this year where toys are given to low-income service member parents and are wrapped for Christmas Day. The event is scheduled for December 16 and 17. Competition among volunteer organizations for this privilege to serve was fierce, but Council 1349 won out for its outstanding short-notice support with the Charity Spaghetti Dinner earlier this year. We need volunteers to help with this event, and since it is a social event, family members are invited and encouraged to participate too. This event conflicts with St. Vincent de Paul's parish Christmas Party at their hall on the 17th.

4th Degree Report:

St. Vincent call out for pancake breakfast

Insurance Agents Report:

None

Prayers for Vocations (GK Jim Acerra)

1. Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers for the Sick or Distressed:

1. Prayerful celebration for the birth of Kate Wille.

For the Good of the Order:

Our Father was said to close out the meeting.

Submitted by Br. T.J. McAvin, recorder