



THE KNIGHT TIMES

Blessed Junipero Serra Council 9498 - District 114

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A Message From Our Grand Night

Welcome to the grand inaugural issue of The Knight Times! I'd like to thank our council's Newsletter Editor in Chief Br. Ken Torok for his hard work in creating the newsletter. Br. Torok will continue to refine the format and serve as Editor in Chief, so if

I started this council per the direct request of Mnsr. Richard Duncanson. Many people thought that the formation of a Mission council wasn't feasible, but with God's divine assistance we have managed to create a group that I expect to thrive for decades to come. I am pleased to announce that we have been very successful in growing our membership since our inception in September 2010. We started out with a handful of men and have grown our ranks to approx. 35 men, and we are just getting started! With our upcoming events and the increased community awareness, we expect to increase our membership dramatically and we need everyone Knight's help.

Currently, our progress includes having opened a checking account, secured a Federal Tax I.D. number, held our first event which was a successful Oktoberfest, attended an Officers' Financial Training session, secured recognition from the California State Chapter, have completed a substantial majority of the requirements to be recognized by Supreme Council,

and have scheduled our next set of fundraising events which are the Fish Fry Dinners taking place every Friday during Lent. Also, we have calendared our first monthly Knights Group Mass for the 9:00am mass on February 20, 2011 and are selling donuts after to interact with parishioners and recruit new members.

We also have a polo shirt distributor who we are working with to have nice shirts made up for our members. If you haven't already placed an order, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Michael Richter at mrichter2@san.rr.com.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each and everyone of our Knights of Columbus for your time, support and dedication to our Mission de Alcala parish community. You are each cherished members and every ounce of your effort helps to strengthen our council and grow our fraternal group. I look forward to serving our parish with each of you and welcome the opportunity to act as our council's Grand Knight.

Your humble servant and brother in Christ,

Br. Kevin Murphy

Knight Of The Month

The April 2011 Knight of the Month for our Council 9498 is Brother Jerry Montag. Jerry has been instrumental in the setup and execution of the Lenten Fish Fry dinners.

As a new knight, Jerry eagerly volunteered to help with council activities and events! His excellent work and positive attitude greatly affected the success of our Fish Fry's. A certificate will be given to Brother Jerry in recognition of his time and dedication to service to the council. Grand Knight Kevin Murphy personally thanks Br. Jerry, on behalf of the entire council, for all of his hard work and continued service.

New 1st & 2nd Degree Knights

On November 24th, 2010 a 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremony was held at Saint Charles Catholic Church in San Diego. Four brother Knights were dubbed 1st & 2nd knights degree (See photo below for names and ranks).



New 1st & 2nd degree knights: Chrison Sarmiento, Macario Sarmiento, Michael Le Duc, and Edward Mracek.



Michael Le Duc, Christopher Mracek (Advocate), and Edward Mracek.

New 3rd & 4th Degree Knights

Recently on January 30th, 2011 a 3rd Degree Ceremony was held at the Columbus Club in San Diego. Six brother knights (Bremam Agyemang, Kevin Brown, Ivan Montoya, Edward Mracek, David Rowley and Phillippe Sebrechts) are now 3rd degree knights, and the council would like to congratulate them on attaining full Knighthood! As 3rd Degree Knights, these gentlemen are now eligible to be serve as council officers.



David Rowley, Phillippe Sebrechts, Bremam Agyemang, Ivan Montoya, Edward Mracek, and Kevin Brown.

A special congratulations to brothers Michael Richter and Christopher Mracek who were recently bestowed the title of 4th degree knights on February 5th, 2011 in Ontario, CA. Fourth Degree Knighthood is an additional rank in our organization, and is the patriotic arm of our Catholic community.



Michael Richter and Christopher Mracek

Council 9498 Meetings

We are changing our Officers' Meeting location beginning in March. Officers' Meetings will be held in the Deacons' Room on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Please make it if you are an Officer or feel free to drop-in if you are a regular member and have the desire to attend. Our business meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month in the La Sala room from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

Thanks to all the knights who have participate in the Lenten Fish Fry dinners. It has been a tremendous success so far. Here are the guest results for the first five weeks:

Week 1:	60+
Week 2:	90+
Week 3:	60+
Week 4:	80+
Week 5:	50+

This Friday is our last Fish Fry and we want to make it a hit. We strongly encourage all knights to come participate. We can always use volunteers to assist with the operation. If your time is limited, at least show up for the dinner itself and bring family and friends. The more the merrier. Dinners will include fish, potatoes, coleslaw, salad, and ice cream sundaes! Setup begins at 4:30pm and dinner starts at 6:30pm. If you would like more information, please contact Br. Kevin Murphy. We look forward to seeing you.

Easter Sunday Parking Patrol

Easter Sunday is just around the corner and the Knights of Columbus have been assigned the duty to manage the parking situation at the Mission.

We need volunteers to assist with this task. Please contact Grand Knight Kevin Murphy if you are able to help for any of the Masses.

Monthly Knights Group Mass

Our first Group Mass was very successful. The Mass was held on February 20th at the St. Francis Chapel at 9:00am and seven Knights attended. All proceeds from donut sales were donated to the Nazareth tuition assistance program.

Thank you to Deputy Grand Knight Michael Richter for volunteering to purchase the donuts, Council Advocate and Membership Coordinator Chris Mracek for volunteering to serve donuts, and everyone else who showed up and participated! We all need to make an effort to attend mass and enjoy the spiritual outing.

Due to our Lenten Fish Frys, the Knights' Group Mass will be put on hold until after Easter. Once scheduled, the newsletter will keep you posted of the next Group Mass. Please make an effort to attend. Our presence at Mass will assist increasing community awareness of our organization and provide an opportunity to recruit new members.

San Diego Chapter Info

Kamal Alsawaf became the 53rd President of the San Diego Chapter in July of 2010.

The Knights of Columbus San Diego Chapter is named after the Greater San Diego area that it serves. The Chapter covers all the Councils, 4th Degree Assemblies and Squires in the Diocese of San Diego.

The Chapter serves as a medium for Councils and Assemblies to discuss their various programs. It offers a source of support to member Councils and Assemblies. It is a place to coordinate the various exemplifications and events and it serves as a forum for District Deputies, Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators to discuss their particular needs and accomplishments.

See the Chapters website at <http://www.sdkofc.com>

Historical Corner

Blessed Junipero Serra was born in Petra, Mallorca, Spain and baptized at the village church of San Pedro on Nov 24, 1713. (Note: a replica of the baptismal font from San Pedro is located in the baptismal nave of the Mission SD church). His birth name was Miguel Jose Serra.

A sickly youth, he, nonetheless, aspired to be a Franciscan Monk like the Padres in his home village. He took his vows as a Franciscan in 1731 and requested the name Junipero, in honor of one of the original followers of Francis of Assisi. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1737. He quickly advanced in the collegiate community and became a Lector of Philosophy, receiving his Doctorate in 1742 at Lullian University in Mallorca.

Filled with apostolic zeal, he longed to become a missionary and after many attempts, received permission from his superiors. Along with 19 other Franciscans, he set sail for the Americas, departing Cadiz, Spain in 1749. [more to follow in subsequent monthly newsletters].

Message From Our Field Agent

In these troubled economic times, please know that the Knights of Columbus is and Insurance Company that is a pillar of Financial Strength. For the 18th consecutive year, the KofC has garnered the highest ratings of both Standard and Poors and A.M.Best. We have Surplus Funds in excess of \$1.7 Billion, with Assets of over \$14 Billion.

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APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 Fish Fry @ 6:30pm La Sala	2
3	4	5 Officer's Meeting Deacons' Room @ 7:00pm	6	7	8 Fish Fry @ 6:30pm La Sala	9
10	11	12 Business Meeting La Sala - 7:00pm	13	14	15 Fish Fry @ 6:30pm La Sala	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Easter Sunday Parking Patrol	25	26	27 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremony @ 8:30pm St. Charles	28	29	30

MAY 2011

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1	2	3 Officer's Meeting Deacons' Room @ 7:00pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Business Meeting La Sala - 7:00pm	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 SD Chapter Meeting 7:30pm @ K of C Hall 525 West Valley Parkway Escondido, 92025	21
22	23	24	25 1st & 2nd Degree Ceremony @ 8:30pm St. Charles	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Knights Of Columbus #9498
Business Meeting Minutes 12-14-2010
Mission San Diego de Alcala La Sala

In Attendance: (Worthy): Grand Knight Kevin Murphy (4th Degree), Financial Secretary Brian Carr (Third Degree), Treasurer Tom Parry (Third Degree), Advocate/Membership Chair Christopher Mracek (4th Degree), Chester Gannett (Third Degree), new Third Degree member Kevin Brown, First Degree member Daniel Collins, and new Transfer Third Degree Member Raul Lamas.

Excused: Deputy Grand Knight Michael Richter, Lecturer Kenneth Torok and Chancellor Ronald Burtley

Also in attendance our own Monseignor Richard Duncanson (4th Degree) who has blessed and ordained our new Council.

Opening Prayer: led by Monseignor Duncanson

Pledge of Allegiance: ushered in by our Worthy Treasurer Tom Parry

Grand Knight Kevin Murphy:
assigned Advocate Christopher Mracek to account for minutes of meeting in place of Danny Ramos (absent/excused)

Christopher Mracek: as Membership Chair -
excused fellow Sir Knight Ronald Burtley (Council Chaplain and co-Membership Chair) for family illness and family matters.

Brought new Form 100 and accompanying \$36 membership fees for new 3rd Degree and Council #9498 full member: Tomas Jimenez. Tomas was sponsored by our own Deacon Bill Vasquez and is now a full (paid current) member of The Order.

Raul Lamas - filled out transfer Form 100 to join our own Council #9498. He attended school at the Mission and became a full member (3rd Degree) back in June 2010 as a part of Council #1349.

Both Form #100's were given to our Worthy Financial Secretary Brian Carr to process with Supreme to build our Roster.

Also of note, our new 3rd Degree Ivan Montoya has moved away to Austin Texas and will locate a local K of C Chapter there. For the record his new Texas cell phone number there is 512-586-1880

Tom Parry (Treasurer):

Deposit of \$800
Checking Account Balance reflects \$819 as of meeting date of 3/8/2011

Food - Social Aspect (pending Fish Frys, with inaugural slated for 3/11/2011 after Stations of the Cross +)

Kevin Murphy (Grand Knight):

Mentioned pending Fish Fry as our Knights Focal Point

Brian Carr (Worthy Financial Secretary):

3rd notice to be sent in regards to 2011 new membership dues though no rush as to not discourage new members from participation et cetera.

Bil came from Supreme Council which needs to be addressed

Membership Cards are in for future members/membership drives; were distributed to Membership Chair Christopher Mracek who will in turn relay to co-membership chair SK Ron Burtley

Kevin Murphy (Grand Knight):

Went on to address that DGK Michael Richter has ordered our Knights Polo Shirts for future Corporate Communion and Mission Knights events; Badges should be and will be ordered for ALL new Council #9498 Members to make them feel more a part of the group.

Talked about Monthly Masses: First "Corporate Communion" held on 2/20 was a hit as many were attendance, we had the support of the Parish and our reputation continues to build while being of service as is the Modus Operandi of the Knights Of Columbus.

Fish Fry for 3/11 was next on the Talking Points: Kevin to handle food list copied and observed by Fish Fry "Dress Rehearsal" observed by Council #1349 Event held at Saint Vincents back on 2/25. Kids from the local school will help out and also Lisa Worthington (wife of Worthy Max Worthington) will also support - "always good to have a woman in the kitchen"

Stressed that invites should be made to make sure that all Council members are aware of Fish Fry/Knights Lenten schedule

Salad, Fish (Tilapia) and Potatoes is the menu with \$10 a meal the going rate for our Event.
We are expecting 20-25 people ***We actually had a "Full House" which easily eclipsed this estimate :)

Vote for Fish Fry for the Good of the Order:

\$200 vote motion to approve Council assets to cover Fish Fry (Capital Goods)

Chester Gannett with secondary motion - unanimously approved by remained respective Council in attendance

Kevin went on to mention Founders Day (held March 29th) as traditional Membership Day for the Knights of Columbus. With our planned schedule though we will have plenty of opportunities to leverage new membership into our Council without having a formal membership drive to coincide with our founder Michael J. McGivney's Founders Day.

Also mentioned was the Relic of Saint Mary coming to some San Diego Catholic Parishes. St. John's in Hillcrest (Park and Polk) in particular.

Brian Carr (FS): mentioned new membership and those who have paid so far for 2011 (about half our active Roster)

Kevin Murphy (GK):

then mentioned Founders Plaque was discussed back with Worthy DD Fred Hall back at Saint Vincent's on 2/25. The "Old 9498" memorabilia and "1349" stuff should yield to our New "Council #9498" with a Founders Plaque to display at the Mission. Certain areas to display were then volley around by the group such as the California Room and Saint Francis Chapel.

Next subject introduced by Grand Knight was the Officers Selection Committee. With the Columbian Year ending in June 2011, our own Worthy Deputy Grand Knight Michael Richter is slated to be our next Grand Knight. Kevin selected Christopher Mracek (Advocate and Membership Chair) to spearhead this committee and work closely with Michael for next year's selections with Christopher stepping into Michael's proverbial shoes as the next Deputy Grand Knight for Council #9498. April - the selections should be tapped; May - the votes should be cast to confirm; June - the change of the guard and ceremony for the next Columbian Year. Members should be encouraged to become Officers at any level for the Life of the Council.

New Talking Point was Easter Parking:

Chester Gannett and Chris Mracek have agreed to contact members to make this happen.

Kevin Murphy (Grand Knight) "For The Good of the Order":

- 1) Shirts
- 2) Fish Fry (try to meet at 430 to get it off the ground in a timely fashion)
- 3) Setups for Fish Fry
- 4) Doorman is needed (Max was the guy after all to collect the \$\$\$)
- 5) Food Services
- 6) Kevin then passed out Lenten "Black Books" courtesy of Flo Murphy (Happy 80th Birthday!)

Meeting was then adjourned with Prayer and Blessings for the pending Fish Fry and for our new Council