

The Shield

San Jose Chapter - Knights of Columbus

August 2009

Dedicated to Confraternity of Christian Doctrine for Children with Special Needs



“In nomine eius vinces”



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Brothers,
As Knights, our first principle is Charity. Charity is the driving force behind all we do. Whether it's working on the MR drive, helping an older brother attend meetings, or working with our pastors on the projects we need done at the parish, Charity is the motive behind all of our acts in this great fraternity. Charity, powered by God's love, is how we as Knights make the world a better place.

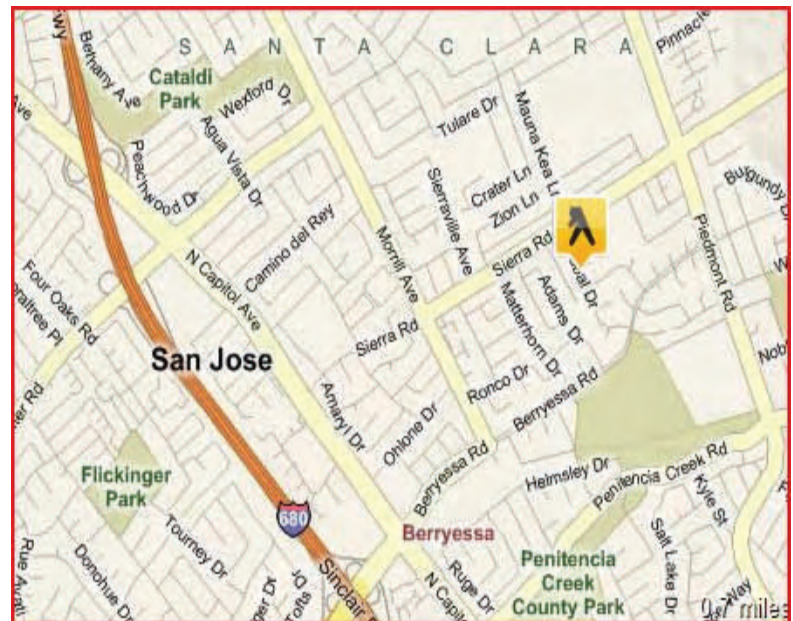
I was very fortunate recently to be able to represent you, the members of the Chapter, in an act of Charity. As you may know, the Christopher Fund was established in 1992 as a partnership between the Supreme Council and the various State Councils. Each State Council contributes the money donated to the Fund by the members in the state. Supreme matches those funds (up to \$5 per member), and manages the Fund. Each year, each state receives the interest earned on their share of the fund, to use for charitable purposes. The California State Council gives each diocesan ordinary an equal share of the money they receive, to use for his charitable causes, with a suggestion that it be used to support vocations in the diocese. On August 17, Chapter Vice President Ralph Manfredo, Chapter Vocations Chairman Mike McKenzie, and I presented a check of over \$1,000 from the Christopher Fund on your and the State Council's behalf to Msgr. Francis Cilia, Vicar General of the Diocese of San Jose, and Father John Poncini, Vocations Director of the Diocese and our new Chapter Chaplain. Encourage your members to donate to the Christopher Fund, and each council, assembly, and circle in the Chapter should support at least one seminarian, novice, or postulant through Supreme's RSVP program.

In his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, Pope Benedict XVI says, “Love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God,

DON'T FORGET

The next Chapter meeting is
Friday July 24, 2009
St. Victor # 4112
St. Victor Church Hall
3108 Sierra Rd.
San Jose, CA 95132
Grand Knight – Charles P. Guillo, Jr
(408) 729-8392

Please call the GK to let him know number coming from your Council



is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful.” We are called to charity, as Jesus himself commands us in Mark 22:39, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Remember the lesson we learned in the First Degree, that charity is not just gifts of money. Volunteering our time and talent to good causes is perhaps more valuable than a monetary contribution. Bring to your councils opportunities for your members to give of their time and energy, by organizing a Wheelchair Sunday at your parish, or working with Catholic Charities.

One way to help our neighbor is to introduce him to the Knights of Columbus. Our brotherhood helps make men

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

better husbands, better fathers, better Catholics, better men, and it would be uncharitable for us to keep it to ourselves. Our fraternal benefits, including insurance, scholarships, annuities, and more, can best be explained to new members by our Supreme Representatives. Please include your council's Supreme Rep in all of your recruiting activities and exemplifications.

Our first principle is charity. It is the foundation of all we do.

Fraternally,
John V. Pozniak
Chapter President

**SEE CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE ON CHECK PRESENTATION
TO DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE**



Photo courtesy of Melissa A. Tamayo

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT by John Pozniak

Brothers,

The following dates should be kept in mind for the chapter officers in the upcoming Columbian year.
Aug 16, 2009 (Sun) - 11:00 AM, St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish, San Jose/St. Francis Bi-Chapter Installation

Oct 16-18, 2009 - MR Drive Weekend

Oct 24, 2009 (Sat) - St. Victor's Parish, 4th Degree Admirals' Ball

Oct 30, 2009 (Fri) - St. Victor's Parish, Clergy Night

Jan 7-10, 2010 - Ontario, DD Mid Term Meeting

Jan 22, 2010 (Fri) - 7:00 (?), St. Justin Parish, Mass for the Unborn

Jan 23, 2010 (Sat) - 6:00 PM, St. Lawrence Parish, Crab Feed

Feb 5-7, 2010 - DoubleTree Rohnert Park, 4th Degree Exemplification

Mar 5-7, 2010 - Los Altos Jesuit Retreat Center, California State Retreat

Mar 20, 2010 (Sat) - Fresno, State Basketball Freethrow Championship

Apr 9-11, 2010 - Sacramento, 4th Degree Exemplification

May 8, 2010 (Sat) - San Francisco, St. Francis/San Jose Bi-Chapter Testimonial

May 18 - 23, 2010 - DoubleTree San Jose, California State Convention

Jun 24-27, 2010 - Ontario, DD Orientation Meeting

Other dates will come out as we move forward this year.

Thanks,
John Pozniak

2009/2010 Chapter Dinner Meeting Hosts

August 28	St. Victor Council
September 25	St. Francis of Assisi (Council Hall, Imperial Ave)
October	No Meeting (Clergy Night at St. Victor)
November 20	TBD
December	No Meeting
January 29	St. Peter the Apostle (St. John the Baptist Parish)
February 26	Our Lady of Peace Council
March 26	John N. Neumann Council
April 23	TBD
May 28 Bishop	O'Dowd Council (Santa Maria Hall)
June 18	St. Elizabeth Council

My Brother Knights,

This is my first Shield article since I became an officer of the San Jose Chapter. As Vice President, I am the Chapter Programs Chairman. I am also the Chapter Membership, Recruiting, Round Table, and New Council Development Chairman. On top of that, I am also the State Coordinator for Northern California Round Table Development. By the way, I only accepted the the Round Table Committeeman position, I refused the Chapter assignment when I was asked and I did not find out I was assigned that position until just before the DD Orientation Meeting the end of June. Recently, I took on the enormous task of being Brother Bill Glover's assistant for the MR Drive this year due to his incapacitation. For any interested, Bill is now out of the hospital and in a convalescent home recuperating. There is no way I could ever attempt to fill Bill's shoes, as he does so much that no one knows about. Bill is an outstanding example for all Knights to try to emulate. I have a few things I want to cover in the article, so here goes.

The first topic I want to cover is recruiting. I remember when I was a Grand Knight, I would complain about the scheduled Membership Blitzes. I remember saying that we have no control over events at our parishes, and in my Council's case we supported multiple Parishes. Finally, the State has realized that we need to set our own schedules and now we can. I sent all Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies of record a Membership Drive Scheduling Form. Each Grand Knight was asked to fill out the form with three or four scheduled recruiting drives and turn them in to your District Deputy. DDs were to forward me copies so I can put them into the schedule. I covered all this in the DD Workshop in July. So far, I only have six schedules, one only showing one recruiting drive, out of nineteen Councils. All DDs and Grand Knights received a letter from Vince Pacis, State Deputy, informing you all that filling out these forms was mandatory. I made the recommendation that this form be one of the reports required for a Council to achieve Star Council Status. This is a simple task and should only take you fifteen minutes. Please show your support for this new idea and fill out the form.

The second topic I want to cover is the Officers and Delegates Form. Every Council needs to fill out this form and get it to Tom Schulte, Chapter Secretary, so that your Council officers and delegates are registered with the Chapter. That is how you will receive your Shield and other important information from the Chapter. Also, only Councils that have filled out the Form and submitted it to the Chapter will be allowed to vote. Remember, each Council has three delegates and three alternate delegates.

Last but not least, is the MR Drive. As of August 20th, I only have five Councils who have ordered Tootsie Rolls and only two Councils that have filled out the Council Chairman Form. My Brothers, this is unbelievable and unacceptable. There is only one Council who has never participated in the MR Drive because they are a new Council, but they filled out both a Chairman Form and ordered Tootsie Rolls. What is your excuse? I will be sending in the Tootsie Roll order Friday, August 28th, so you still have time to order your candy. Remember, the Tootsie Roll company WILL NOT accept orders of 17 or less cases unless combined with other orders; and there will be no shipping charges for orders of 33 or more cases. All orders will be shipped to my address. We have a total of 49 cases ordered so far. I need your order no later than Thursday, August 27th. Remember also, the the candy has a shelf life of two years. I will bring all candy orders to the Chapter meeting immediately following my receipt of the candy for pick-up. I WILL NOT make any other deliveries. Also, remember to include your requirement for cans and hats with your order.

Vivat Jesus!



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Degree Schedules and Information

1st. Degree Ceremonials:

Council	Cand/Degree Time	Point of Contact	Date	Degree Location
3473 Bishop O'Dowd	7:00/7:30 pm .....	.....	.....	.....
6965 John N. Neumann	3:00/3:30 PM ...	Tom Schulte 629-5750 .....	.....	St. Julies Hall, 366 St. Julies Dr, San Jose
		.....Tom Connolly 629-9411		
8265 Morgan Hill	6:30/7:00 pm ...	Frank S. Maxwell .....	.....	17400 Peak Ave, Morgan Hill
8747 St. Elizabeth	6:30/7:00 pm ...	Andy Dyson.....	October 10, 2009 ...	St. Elizabeth, 750 Sequoia Dr, Milpitas
10180 Our Lady of Peace .	7:00/7;30 pm ...	Carlos Balgos .....	.....	Our Lady of Peace Hall

2nd Degree Ceremonials:

3473 Bishop O'Dowd	6:30/7:00 pm ...	Tad Olszewski 506-5098	2211 Shamrock Dr. Campbell
10180 Our Lady of Peace .	7:00/7:30 pm ...	Carlos Balgos	Our Lady of Peace Hall

3rd Degree Ceremonial:

DD #26	1:30/2:00	Fred Clegg 748-1266	St. Lawrence Parish 1971 St. Lawrence Dr, Santa Clara
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