

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"*  
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## Grand Knight's Corner

### *A LOOK BEHIND AND AHEAD*

First, I would like to thank each and every one of you for re-electing me as Grand Knight for another year. We have done a lot over the past Columbian year and we will be doing even more in this coming year.

As a benchmark, we are scored against all the other councils on a number of different levels:

There is an award called the Father McGivney Award. This award sets the goal for a certain number of new life insurance policies and annuity products for each council. Our goal this year was three and, in spite of a number of losses, we met that goal.

There is an award called the Columbian Award. This award sets the goal of a certain number of program events and support systems. We far surpassed this one.

Finally, there is the Founders Award, which we earn for growing our council. This year we did 120% of goal.

As a result of surpassing all these goals and achieving those three awards, we as a council earned the coveted Star Council Award. The award winners will be announced later this month, but I verified with our District Deputy, our current Field Agent, and the Supreme Council that we have successfully earned the Star Council Award. CONGRATULATIONS!

Now, on to the coming Columbian year. We will be earning the Star Council Award again this year. We will be running a wheelchair campaign to the support the needy. Once again, this year we will be involved in the West Coast Walk for Life. We will be conducting a clothing drive and a food drive. We will be getting more of the school families involved in church events and we will be reaching out to grow our Parish. When you decide which of these campaigns you want to be involved in, please let me know.

This month we have a 4th of July BBQ and the First Friday dinner. The rest of the month, we will be supporting the 500th anniversary of the Christianization of the Philippines and the renovation of the Chapel's votive candle holder. In addition, we will be working together to get the rest of the year lined up.

Thank you & Vivat Jesus!  
SK Frank Mazzuca  
*Grand Knight*





## BIRTHDAYS

### July:

- 1 – Michael McDermott
- 1 – Robert Vetro
- 5 – Mark Baumeister

## WIFE'S BIRTHDAYS

- 18 – Lynda Conlow

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Ron & Christine Artale  
– July 16 (41 years)
- John & Rosemary Wright  
– July 26 (37 years)

## Council Officers

Grand Knight.....	SK Frank Mazzuca.....	925-381-5624
Chaplain.....	Fr. Johnson Abraham.....	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight.....	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Chancellor.....	SK Jorge Garcia.....	925-676-3750
Warden.....	Tex Alimpolos.....	925-687-3798
Recorder.....	SK Mike McDermott.....	925-676-2384
Financial Secretary.....	Gary Gowns.....	925-825-4409
Treasurer.....	SK David Wood PGK.....	925-458-0888
Lecturers.....	Dcn Bill Drobick.....	925-689-0838
	Dcn Tony Reyes.....	925-671-0134
Advocate.....	Cheng-Feng Tsai.....	925-890-0353
Inside Guard.....	Open	
Outside Guard.....	SK Jeff Aquino PGK.....	925-356-2474
One-Year Trustee.....	SK Richard Milward FDD PGK.....	925-699-5852
Two-Year Trustee.....	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Three-Year Trustee.....	SK Earl Koski.....	925-676-0739
Supreme Field Agent.....	Open	
District Deputy.....	SK David Schwartz PGK.....	510-325-7810

## Council Directors

Program Director.....	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Church Director.....	Open	
Community Director.....	Open	
Culture of Life Director....	Open	
Family Director.....	Open	
Youth Director.....	Open	



## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Neil Cuffy

– July 13, 2016 (2 yrs)

Tom Grewis

– July 23, 2016 (2 yrs)

Christian Warrell

– July 21, 2011 (7 yrs)

Deacon William Drobick

– July 30, 2009 (9 yrs)

## Supreme Chaplain's Message

Most of us are familiar with a saying attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: “Preach always, and when necessary, use words.” Some, including those who have studied St. Francis’ life and writings, doubt he actually said that.

This doesn’t mean that the saying is wrong. After all, one of the most effective ways to spread the faith is to live the faith with integrity and joy whether we are in public or in private. But good example, important as it is, is not enough. Words are almost always necessary.

We tell ourselves that if we lead good lives we’ve done our part to support the Church and its mission. No need to engage in discussions about religion, which can sometimes be heated. No need to challenge those who no longer practice the faith, including members of our own immediate family.

We may experience ridicule and rejection when trying to share the Gospel. But let’s not forget two things. First, the Lord promised he’d never leave us (cf. Mt 28:20). In the power of the Holy Spirit, he walks with us and empowers us. Second, in spite of the hard veneer of our culture, people are desperately searching for meaning and trying to make sense of their lives. Let us be confident that the Lord and the Gospel have something critically important to say to such people. He really does want us to be his messengers of hope and joy. For in becoming one of us and in dying to save us from our sins, the Son of God has shown us the ultimate meaning and destiny of our lives.

Maybe we hesitate to speak of our faith to others because we feel unprepared. We’d rather leave spreading the Gospel “to the experts” — that is, to priests and religious. The fact is, though, we all have to do our part. We need to equip ourselves for the work of spreading the Gospel. We don’t need a theology degree, but we do need to pray every day, read Scripture prayerfully, take part in the Mass attentively, go to confession regularly, and know and love our faith more deeply. As we speak about the faith, our deeds have to match our words; it’s no good to speak about the faith and not to live it. And if we are living the faith, we should be willing to speak of it.

The Knights of Columbus offers us a head start with tremendous resources for growing in prayer, our understanding of the faith, and charity. It also offers us a fraternal atmosphere, which encourages us to both live our faith and bear witness to it — one of the principal reasons why Fr. McGivney founded the Knights. Aided by his example and prayers, may we bear witness to Jesus in both word and deed!

Vivat Jesus!

Archbishop William E. Lori

*Supreme Chaplain*



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### July:

- 2 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 3 – 7:00 PM – St. Vincent de Paul
- 3 – 7:00 PM – Baptism Prep Class
- 4 – 12:00 PM – Knights of Columbus BBQ
- 7 – 9:00 PM – Work Party
- 8 – Pancake Breakfast after 9 and 11 AM Masses
- 9 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 10 – 7:00 PM – Baptism Prep Class
- 11 – 10:30 AM – Rosary Makers
- 14 – 7:45 AM – St. Vincent de Paul Retreat
- 14 – 6:00 PM – Retrouvaille
- 16 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 17 – 7:00 PM – Buildings & Grounds
- 18 – 7:00 PM – St. Vincent de Paul
- 19 – 6:00 PM – ICF Meeting
- 21 – 9:00 AM – Work Party
- 23 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 23 – 7:00 PM – Parish Council
- 26 – 7:00 PM – Stewardship
- 26 – 7:00 PM – Divine Mercy Cenacle I
- 30 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group

## Program Director's Message

### *GIVING AND NOT COUNTING THE COST*

First and foremost, we are called the Knights serving in the Knights of Columbus. A perfect knight that is spotless or sinless does not exist. We were called to be His soldiers despite sinfulness and brokenness. We heeded the call and acted on it in our different capacities. And we do it for God and his people, which happen to be our fellow parishioners at St. Agnes. Serving without asking for anything in return and not for one's gain is the mantra that we all should live. It was also the mantra of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus whose feast we celebrate every July 31st.

Before he became an important figure in the Counter-Reformation in the 16th century, St. Ignatius was a soldier. Life in the battlefield is filled with excitement, but also veiled with pride. Inigo, as he was affectionately called, won numerous battles with his soldiers. Never mind about thinking the people who were injured or perished. Never mind about the lives destroyed. What mattered most about him was his own gain: victory.

One fateful day, a cannonball hit his leg during a battle in which his unit eventually lost. No amount of remedy could regain Inigo's ability to walk normally again. But that incident became a turning point for his conversion and transcendence. While recuperating from his injuries, he read the lives of the saints and the life of Christ. He reflected on their lives and re-examined the life that he had lived. For his final duty as a soldier, Inigo surrendered himself to God at His altar and vowed to live a life serving God and spreading the faith to His people without "... giving nor counting the cost."

Service without giving up our personal gains is ineffective. If we put our own motives as our reason in serving at our Council, then we only serve ourselves. We are not really serving God or His people, to the point of not giving our best for them. Service will only be half-baked or half-meant. As a Knight, we must strip ourselves of our personal desires. Like St. Ignatius in his final duty, we must surrender ourselves to God at His altar and vow to serve Him and His people.

We and countless of soon-to-be-called Knights are responding to a lifelong call of service. Different sectors in our Parish are asking for our service and we do our very best in responding to their needs. Let us continue "... to give and not to count the cost" for the greater Glory of God.

Vivat Jesus!

King Bunyi

*Deputy Grand Knight & Council Program Director*



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Brother Ed Chatterton
- Brother Joaquin Campos
- Brother Neal Campanelli
- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother Earl Koski
- Brother Earl's mother-in-law Muriel Gordon
- Brother David Wood's father Stan
- Brother Tom Kisak
- Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Brother John Wright's brother Larry
- Brother Ed Burgess PGK (6038)
- Brother Mike Souza's sister Judy
- Brother Gary Downs' sister-in-law Julie
- Brother Neil Cuffy
- Brother David Wood's brother Hal
- Brother Mel Recacho
- For peace in war torn regions of the world
- For Christians and others suffering persecution
- For all in military service

## District Deputy's Message

Worthy Brother Knights of St. Agnes Council:

Welcome to a new Columbian Year! As your District Deputy for the new District 46 (comprised of the four Concord Councils) and Oakland Diocese Chapter Secretary, I welcome you. Wishing the Council has another prosperous year, in which you meet your membership, insurance, and activity goals.

Remember that every Brother is a recruiter. If you see a man in church who attends Mass regularly, ask him, "Hey are you a Knight?" If he is not, then ask him, "Have you ever considered it?" Then tell him about all of opportunities you have had by being a Knight. Let your enjoyment and success "rub off" on the new potential brother. If you are positive about your experience, he will be too. Like a cold, it is contagious, but in a good way!

I'm looking forward to seeing you at your next council meeting on July 16th. Let's have a great new year!

Thank you & Vivat Jesus!

SK David Schwartz CS PGK PFN

*District Deputy*





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## UPCOMING DEGREES

### 1st (Admissions) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: [www.koc15344stagnes.org](http://www.koc15344stagnes.org).

### 2nd (Formation) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: [www.koc15344stagnes.org](http://www.koc15344stagnes.org).

### 3rd (Knighthood) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: [www.koc15344stagnes.org](http://www.koc15344stagnes.org).

## Council Calendar of Events

July 2	Council Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, Ministry Center.
July 4	Independence Day BBQ, 12:00 Noon.
July 6	No First Friday Dinner - due to 4th of July BBQ.
July 7	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
July 8	Pancake Breakfast after 9 AM and 11 AM Masses.
July 11	Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. Dinner served at 6:30 PM, followed by Rosary at 7:00 PM.*
July 14	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
July 16	Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. Snacks served at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned by 8:30 PM.
July 21	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
July 28	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
August 3	First Friday Dinner – Tri-tip, 5:30 PM, Church Hall.
August 4	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
August 6	Council Officers Meeting, 7:00 PM, Ministry Center.
August 8	Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. Dinner served at 6:30 PM, followed by Rosary at 7:00 PM.*
August 11	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
August 12	Pancake Breakfast after 9 AM and 11 AM Masses.
August 18	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
August 20	Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. Snacks served at 6:30 PM. Meeting adjourned by 8:30 PM.
August 25	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.

\* Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.



## ASSEMBLY NEWS

The **Concord Fourth of July Parade** will be held on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. The Todos Santos Assembly 2286 Color Corps will lead our Assembly's parade contingent, followed by Assembly members and their families, who will be handing out 1,200 American flags to parade viewers along the way. Every flag will have the words "One Nation Under God" on the flag's pole. The Queen of All Saints Council (13195) will prepare a lunch for all Knights and their families after the parade in the Parish Hall. All Knights (whether 4th Degree or not) and their families are invited to participate in the parade. Meet at the Queen of All Saints parking lot at 9:00 AM.

Please plan to attend the **Installation of Assembly Officers and New Sir Knights Dinner** on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant. Installation will begin at 5:00 PM and the New Sir Knights Dinner will begin with cocktails and appetizers at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30 PM.

## Introducing Faith in Action — A New Model for a New Age

**Faith in Action**, the new umbrella program covering all Supreme Council-recommended programs, arrives on July 1 to bring a new focus on faith, family, community, and life to councils worldwide. It replaces the *Surge With Service* program, which began in 1971. The new program takes its inspiration from the Domestic Church program, which focuses on creating dynamic parish-based councils. As such, spiritual renewal is at the center of the new model, especially the renewal of family, council, and parish life.

**Faith in Action** is divided into four categories of programs: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. These categories were chosen because they represent our four main priorities as an Order: The primary goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the Catholic **faith**. We also emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal **family** plays in modern society. Additionally, a critical part of our mission as Knights is to spread a spirit of charity and service throughout our **community**. Finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to "be committed to the defense of **life** in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II).



A council may develop and conduct any program that makes a difference in their parish or community. However, the Supreme Council does recommend 32 programs — eight for each of the four categories.

To earn the *Columbian Award* (the program part of the *Star Council Award*), a council must earn a total of 16 program credits and complete these four programs: Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands, and Novena for Life. A council earns one credit for each program it conducts, except for featured programs, which earn two points each. Featured programs include the following eight:

### FAITH

- Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP)

### COMMUNITY

- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity

### FAMILY

- Food for Families

### LIFE

- Marches for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program





## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

St. Agnes School closed out its year-long 50th anniversary celebration with an ice cream social on June 4. The social featured hamburgers with french fries prepared and served by many St. Agnes Knights, including – among others: John Wright, Wayne Schafer, PGK Carlos Garcia, John Wachira, Gary Downs, GK Frank Mazzuca, Patrick Monahan, Tom Grewis, Ed Lee, and Michael McDermott.



### St. Agnes School Ice Cream Social



Lending a hand at the grill are (l-r): Gary Downs, Wayne Schafer, Patrick Monahan, and Tom Grewis.



How many Knights does it take to make french fries? It takes at least (l-r): John Wachira, John Wright, Wayne Schafer, and PGK Carlos Garcia.



Just a small portion of the St. Agnes School families that enjoyed food, games, and – of course – ice cream.