

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"
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The Supreme Knight's Message on the Coronavirus

Dear Brother Knight,

As the world confronts the COVID-19 pandemic, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the actions and responses taken by the Knights of Columbus.

The coronavirus disease is not the first pandemic the Knights of Columbus has faced. In the late nineteenth century, and again in 1918, the Knights remained strong and active despite such situations. And together, we will do so again this time.

We know that this period will be difficult in various ways for everyone, and we want to assure you that the Knights of Columbus is fully committed to you and your family, and has taken the steps necessary to continue our important work on your behalf – from protecting the faith and financial stability of members' families, to helping members put their faith into action by providing important charitable service within their communities.

Although to our knowledge, no staff at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or Museum in New Haven or at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., have tested positive for COVID-19, we have implemented remote operations for most staff, allowing our business processes, customer service and fraternal support to continue their important work uninterrupted, while simultaneously protecting the health of our employees and reducing the risk of community spread of this illness, which is often facilitated by having large groups of people in close proximity to one another.

Furthermore, our sustainable investment strategy means that our exposure to current stock market volatility is limited, and we remain extremely strong financially. With that strength, and the strength that comes from committed employees, we remain positioned and ready to serve our brother Knights. Of course, our agents and our customer service team also remain available to help you with any insurance or related financial needs that you may have. As we implement new systems to serve you and respond to a higher volume of inquiries than usual

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BIRTHDAYS

- 7 – Octavio Padilla
- 13 – Timothy Hadley
- 15 – Elvis Castelino
- 15 – James Shafi
- 25 – Cheng-Feng Tsai

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 18 – Sally Chavez (Gil - RIP)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2019-2020

Grand Knight	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Chaplain	Fr. Johnson Abraham	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>Open</i>	
Chancellor	<i>Open</i>	
Warden	Cheng-Feng Tsai	925-890-0353
Recorder	SK Mike McDermott.....	925-676-2384
Financial Secretary	Gary Downs.....	925-825-4409
Treasurer	SK Richard Milward PGK	925-699-5852
Lecturer	Deacon Tony Reyes	925-671-0134
Advocate	SK David Wood PGK	925-458-0888
Inside Guard	Patrick Monahan.....	925-864-9867
Outside Guard	Wayne Schafer	925-323-6518
One-Year Trustee	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Two-Year Trustee	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Three-Year Trustee	SK Frank Mazzuca PGK.....	925-381-5624
Supreme Field Agent.....	Brian Montone	510-689-6998
District Deputy	SK David Schwartz PGK	510-325-7810

The positions of Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor remain open.
 The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK King Bunyi.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Physical healing:

- Bro. Ron Artale (heart surgery) and his son
- Bro. Paul Murray (surgery)
- Bro. Ed Chatterton
- Bro. Joaquin Campos
- Bro. Neal Campanelli
- Bro. Octavio Padilla
- Bro. Tom Kisak
- Bro. Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Bro. John Wright's brother Larry
- Bro. Claire Tryon and Brother Ed Burgess (St. Bonaventure)
- Bro. Gary's sister in-law Julie
- Bro. Neil Cuffy
- Deacon Jim Pearce
- Bro. David's daughter Sarah, his father Stan, his brother Hal (car accident), and Aunt Marianne (spine surgery)
- Zachary Puntty, son of Bro. Mike of QAS (car accident)
- Bro. Carlos Gutierrez mother in law
- Bro. Daniel Barrington (hospice)
- Bro. Tex's sister in law Alicia E. Banzos
- Bro. Jorge Garcia
- Bro. Norm Andrews
- Bro. Tom McEachran (stroke)
- Bro. Ed Lee's sister Marian (cancer)

Special Intentions of:

- Bro. King and for his father's conversion
- Bro. Walt Hubrig
- Inmates at Martinez Detention Facility
- Patricia Viscay

Officer Nominations for 2020-2021 – Are You In?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A COUNCIL OFFICER?

Believe it or not – It is time to fill our slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year and some positions are yet to be filled.

If you are a Third Degree Knight and have ever thought about how you could better serve your Council by taking on a more significant role, then consider becoming a Council officer.

There are several officer positions that require little effort outside of Council meetings and some, obviously, are more involved. If you are going to be at the meeting anyway, why not increase your involvement?

Even if you have never considered serving as a Council officer or feel you are not yet ready, you can still be of help. Do you know a Brother who you think would fit perfectly into one of the officer's roles? If you do, contact a member of the Nominating Committee: PGK Frank Mazzuca, PGK Carlos Garcia, PGK David Wood, or PGK Richard Milward and let them know.

Officer elections will take place at the June business meeting and nominations are open now. Each officer position is described below. Take a look. You may see something you like.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Council is led by the Grand Knight and assisted directly by the Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Warden. These four officer positions are sometimes referred to collectively as "the chairs." Ideally, by the time the Grand Knight is installed as Grand Knight, he has already served as Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Warden before that. The progression through the four chairs serves to train the Grand Knight.

There is no set term of office for council officers (except for the Financial Secretary and Trustees). In the past, officers typically served one year in each position. More recently, however, two consecutive one-year terms of office have become more common as men (especially Grand Knights) find that it takes them a year to really learn their jobs.

Continue reading on page 5 about the duties and responsibilities of each Council office.

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UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Admission (1st) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Formation (2nd) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Knighthood (3rd) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, April 18, 2020
 = 6:00pm at St. Agnes Church,
 Elk Grove.

POSTPONED TO LATER DATE

Council Calendar of Events

- **NOTE: FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, ALL KNIGHTS MEETINGS AND EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED/POSTPONED.**
- **ACCORDING TO THE STATE DEPUTY, THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION, MAY 14 - 16 IN SACRAMENTO, WILL TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED, WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT THE CURRENT PANDEMIC WILL HAVE PASSED AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE ORDERS WILL HAVE BEEN LIFTED BY THEN.**



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Farias

– April 2, 2014 (6 yrs)

Stephen Chaney

– April 17, 2017 (3 yrs)

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers (Continued from page 3)

GRAND KNIGHT

- Presides over all council meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Maintains working relationships with the council's Chaplain, District Deputy, Field Agent and General Agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.)
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

- Assists the Grand Knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight
- Commonly also serves as the council's Program Director overseeing the council's program directors and activities
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

CHANCELLOR

- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties
- Entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Commonly also serves as the council's Membership Director
- Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

WARDEN

- Supervises and maintains all council property
- Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees Inside and Outside Guards
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

RECORDER

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book
- Maintains all correspondence of the council
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
- Performs such other duties as the Grand Knight may direct

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SAINT OF THE DAY

- 2 – St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- 4 – St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 5 – St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
- 7 – St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest
- 11 – St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
- 13 – St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
- 21 – St. Anselm of Canterbury, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 23 – St. George, Martyr; or St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
- 24 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist
- 28 – St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; or St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
- 29 – St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- 30 – St. Pius V, Pope

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers (Continued from page 5)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (APPOINTED)

- Is appointed by the Supreme Knight for a three-year term
- Collects dues from members through billing notices
- Initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues
- Ensures that the council's membership records, including email addresses, are kept updated
- Files reports and membership transactions with Supreme Council
- Performs such other duties as the Grand Knight may direct

TREASURER

- Handles council funds
- Receives money from the Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Maintains all the council's checking and savings accounts
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

LECTURER (APPOINTED)

- Is appointed annually by the Grand Knight
- Is responsible for providing suitable educational and entertainment programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings
- Stays abreast of developments within the council's charitable, membership and social programs
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

ADVOCATE

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings
- Knows council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws
- Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

INSIDE/OUTSIDE GUARDS

- Attends council chamber doors, checks for current membership cards
- Perform other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THREE TRUSTEES OTHER THAN GK)

- Consists of the Grand Knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of 3 years, 2 years and 1 year
- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies



Charity Refuses KofC Bike Donations

A Canadian bicycling charity broke a long-standing partnership with a local Knights of Columbus council and rejected their donations of bikes over the Knight's "anti-LGBTQ+" beliefs, The B.C. Catholic reported.

"I'm sad that religious intolerance seems to be getting in the way of getting bikes to poor people," said Graham Darling, spokesman for the local Knights council.

The PEDAL Society, a non-profit that recycles and refurbishes used bicycles, told Darling that the organization would no longer accept bikes donated by the Knights because the group is "anti-LGBTQ+."

The Knights had been donating bicycles to the Society since 2006, and Darling said that "no issues have ever arisen" before.

Darling told The B.C. Catholic that "(t)he first principle of the Knights is charity, and I'm sure that's been a priority for the PEDAL Society. It's a shame when people with moral differences elsewhere can't still work together in a common cause."

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during this period, it is possible that wait and turnaround times may increase.

In addition to what we are doing at the Supreme Council headquarters, many brother Knights have asked how they can help in their own communities. We suggest the following:

1. During this period, we urge every member and his family to pray the Supreme Council's novena based on the prayer of Pope Francis (see pg. 8 or [video prayer](#)), as well as a [prayer](#) being promoted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.
2. Help keep yourself, your families and your communities safe by cancelling all "in person" Knights of Columbus meetings and activities at the local or state level until otherwise indicated. This disease spreads when groups of people gather, so it is important that we avoid activities that could spread this illness. Councils should pursue online and/or teleconferencing options for meetings, fundraising, etc. until the danger has passed. The Supreme Council will be providing additional information on such options shortly.
3. Leave no Knight – or neighbor – behind. If members of your council – or community – are elderly or have underlying medical conditions, please ensure that they have enough food. If you or others in your council have food to spare, offer to drop something off on their doorstep or to shop online for them.
4. Give blood. Many communities are facing blood shortages. Those not being recommended to isolate themselves due to illness, age or underlying conditions should consider giving blood. National blood drives were pioneered by the Knights of Columbus in the 1930s, and this lifesaving activity remains an important aspect of our charitable work today.

As we move through this pandemic together, you can rest assured that the Knights of Columbus will be there for you. We will provide regular updates in the days ahead, and we will remain joined with you in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.

May God bless you, and keep you and your loved ones healthy and safe.

Fraternally,

Carl Anderson

Supreme Knight

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falconi.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

WE ARE GROWING AGAIN!

A career with the Knights of Columbus is unlike any other opportunity you will come across. It allows you to lead a life of service to your community, to the Church, to Catholic families and business in your area, while providing for your own.

Knights of Columbus Advisors serve an exclusive territory of Catholic families. Our advisors present viable financial and insurance solutions providing exclusive access to our portfolio of products.

The Knights of Columbus has earned numerous accolades including an A+, Superior rating from A.M. Best and designation as a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute five years in a row.

Benefits of Being and Advisor with the Knights of Columbus:

- Match your Faith with your career goals
- Professional level income opportunity
- Set your own work schedule and activities
- Non-contributory Pension Plan
- Life, Health and Disability Benefits
- 401(k) and ROTH 401(k)
- Performance Incentives and Award Trips

Why Join Our Team?

Our Agency strives to provide excellence in life planning giving the best to our clients. Our processes have been proven to provide trust with our clients, repeat business and success for our team. Our Agency training is one of the most intense in the industry, providing high income potential quickly. We are seeking individuals that will work well within our group. If that individual is you, then we need to talk.

If you are interested in applying, please call our main office on (925) 289-0064.

Financial Advice Founded in Faith



Knights of Columbus
INSURANCE
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY... St. Agnes Parish Memorial Brick Order Form



Dear Parishioners,

St. Agnes Parish Catholic Community and St. Agnes Council 15344 of the Knights of Columbus are pleased to offer you and your family the opportunity to purchase engraved memorial bricks to be placed in front of the Parish's new **Memorial to the Unborn**, which will be located next to the statue of Mary.

The **Memorial for the Unborn** will become an important part of our Parish's history and a lasting tribute for loved ones and the engraved memorial bricks are a special way to honor your children, grandchildren, parents, special friends, as well as memorialize your loved ones.

The cost of each 4"x 8" brick is just \$50 and includes your personalized message of up to three lines engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology, ensuring long-lasting strength and durability in the engraving. Ordering is three easy steps...

STEP 1: Create the message for your brick:

- ◆ You may use any combination of lower and UPPER case letters.
- ◆ Bricks may contain up to three lines of 20 characters per line.
- ◆ Character count includes all letters, numbers, punctuation, and spaces.
- ◆ The example below has a total of 19 characters (15 letters, 1 punctuation mark, and 3 spaces.)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Example -	T	h	e		R	.		S	m	i	t	h		F	a	m	i	l	y	
Please print clearly	Line 1 -																			
	Line 2 -																			
	Line 3 -																			

STEP 2: Fill-in your information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

STEP 3: Mail this form and your check:

Please make your check (\$50 per brick*) payable to **Knights of Columbus Council 15344** and mail with this order form to:
Gary Downs, 1756 Bishop Dr., Concord, CA 94521-2022. (*Each brick requires a separate order form.)

- ◆ We will submit all brick orders for engraving at one time once we have received orders for 100 bricks.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For questions contact: Carlos Garcia, 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net