

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

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St. Agnes Council Nets Two State Free-Throw Winners!

Not only did St. Agnes Council have two competitors advance to the state finals of the Free-Throw Contest this year – they both won their divisions for the entire state! Congratulations to:

★ **Mia Zingmark** ...1st Place – 9-year old girls ★

★ **Caleb Cook** 1st Place – 13-year old boys ★



The winners of each council's competition – in divisions by sex and age – were determined by the number of successful free-throws they made. The council winners' free-throw numbers were compared to other council winners at the District level (there are four councils in our District). District winners then competed at the Chapter level (there are 13 Districts in the Oakland Diocese Chapter). Finally, Chapter winners competed at the state level (there 13 Chapters in the state).

As such, Mia and Caleb had to better a lot of kids their age before they came out on top.

Congratulations Mia and Caleb!



BIRTHDAYS

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

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

Grand Knight	SK David Wood PGK	925-458-0888
Chaplain	Fr. Johnson Abraham	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
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	<i>Open</i>	
Inside Guard.....	Patrick Monahan.....	925-864-9867
Outside Guard.....	Wayne Schafer	925-323-6518
One-Year Trustee	<i>Open</i>	
Two-Year Trustee.....	<i>Open</i>	
Three-Year Trustee	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Supreme Field Agent.....	SK Howard Tank PGK.....	925-315-8732
District Deputy	SK David Schwartz PGK	510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor, Advocate, and Trustee** remain open.
 The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK David Wood.



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

St. Joseph: Pope Francis' Man of the Year

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Holy Year in his honor.

On December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Father issued the apostolic letter *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, calling on the Church to follow Joseph's powerful example of quiet obedience, courage and tenderness and to pray to him for the "grace of graces: our conversion."

As part of the Year of St. Joseph, which extends through December 8, 2021, the Church has granted plenary indulgences for a variety of prayers and devotions related to the saint, especially on his feast days, including the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19.



↑ A statue of the Holy Family stands beside San Francisco de Asís Church, a historic adobe mission church in Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph — the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence — an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."



UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that you can advance to the Third Degree any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

To participate in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, you will need an invitation. To receive an invitation, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com.

Forward this newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights, and let them know that through June 30 they can **become a member for free** online using promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** at kofc.org/join.

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- To be announced.

Council Calendar of Events

- April 5 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom.
- April 14 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- April 19 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom.

Prayer Intentions

Physical Healing

- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother David's father Stan, his daughter Sarah, his brother Hal
- Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Brother John Wright's brother Larry
- Brother Ed Burgess (St. Bonaventure)
- Brother Gary's sister in-law Julie
- Brother Neil Cuffy
- Deacon Jim Pearce
- Brother Tex asking for prayers for his sister in law Alicia E. Banzos
- Brother Jorge Garcia
- Brother Norm Andrews and his wife Dianne
- Brother Tom McEachran (recovering from a stroke)
- Brother Richard's mother-in-law Anita Wilbur (St. Francis of Assisi)
- Brother Howard Tank's sister Heidi Drugas, a nurse in Fresno.

Knights Special Intentions

- Brother King and for his father's conversion
- Brother Walt Hubrig
- Inmates at the Martinez Detention Facility

Other Special Intentions

- For peace in war torn regions of the world; for Christians and others suffering persecution; for victims of all-natural disasters and terrorist acts; for the safety of all those enslaved and all refugees; for an end to Covid-19; for all protests to be peaceful
- Safety in military service and for first responders: All men and women in uniform serving our country, local and state first responders, including brother Bob's son Andrew serving in the Army.

Special Life Events and Thanksgiving

- For all deceased Brother Knights: Brothers SK Dick Wilbur, father-in-law of Brother Richard Milward; Ed Chatterton; Ed Lexon; Tom Kisak; Dick Spahl; and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro and Brother Ed Lee's sister Marian.
- Our Parish, Diocese and Universal Church: Prayers for Pope Francis, our Bishop Michael Barber, our Priests, Religious, our Pastor Father Johnson, and for all Seminarians, for Deacons Tony and Sumner.



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Thomas Farias

– April 2, 2014 (7 yrs)

Stephen Chaney

– April 17, 2017 (4 yrs)

Charles O'Connor

– April 16, 2020 (1 yrs)

40 Cans for Lent to be a *Uncanny* Success

A Knights of Columbus charity program that connects traditional Lenten alms-giving with the nutritional needs of poor families in the Concord area has been a huge success this spring for our council.

The spark plug behind our council's "40 Cans for Lent" effort for the last couple of years is the council's Warden, Cheng-Feng Tsai. Brother Cheng-Feng, along with his son, Yo-Lin, and daughter, Sho-Li, can frequently be seen after Mass on Sundays during Lent collecting the food left by Parishioners and by school families during the week. They repeatedly fill their wagon – brimming with cans, boxes, and jars – and unload it into their car, to be delivered to the SHARE Food Pantry.

Since Ash Wednesday, Brother Cheng-Feng and his children have collected a total of 2,600 lbs. of food (1,576 lbs. from the Parish and 1,024 lbs. from the school). And since they still have one last collection from the school on Holy Thursday, that could take to total collection over 3,000 lbs.



← Brother Cheng-Feng, along with his son, Yo-lin, and daughter, Sho-Li, collected thousands of pounds of food from Parishioners and St. Agnes School to benefit the SHARE Food Pantry this Lent.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY...St. Agnes Paris 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 for the Unborn**, which is located next to the statue of Mary.

The **Memorial for the Unborn** has already 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 include 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 may wait to obtain a sufficiently large number of brick orders before submitting the orders to the manufacturer.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For more information contact Carlos Garcia at 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net