

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

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THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

Brothers:

This past month's meeting was one of the most effective meetings this year. In addition to having great food and drink, we covered a lot of important topics. If you were not there, I suggest you come to next month's meeting. District Deputy SK David Schwartz and Field Agent SK Ed Dantes confirmed that next month it will be official that we earned the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award, the Founders Award, and the Star Council Award. We are one of the only Councils in the entire assembly that earned all four awards. What this means to you is that during the last Columbian Year (that ended June 30) we were one of the most supportive, efficient, and productive Councils in all Northern California. The good news is we are getting a lot of exposure from Supreme. The bad news is that more is expected from us.

In the wider view, we have events that we will be involved in on a national level including the West Coast Walk for Life, Wheel Chair Weekend, and Food and Clothes Drives. We will be getting more involved in our community, our School and Parish, and our Country.

In the narrower view, we have several things that need to be handled now. District Warden SK Mike Souza and DGK SK King Bunyi are researching how to get the votive candle system repaired. If you have any experience repairing electronics, please get in contact with them. We are also gearing up for the next four First Friday Dinners. Brother Tom Grewis stepped up to run the August Dinner. We are still in need of a leader for each of the next three dinners (9/7, 10/5, and 12/7). The Crab Feed is also fast approaching and we will need help, so step up and call me.

Finally, the installation of new council officers was a big success. We have our new officers in place and we are well on the way to surpassing last year's achievements. We are a force for good in our community, our church, and our country. St. Pope John Paul II referred to the Knights as the "Strong right arm of the Church." Pope Francis met with Carl Anderson last month and it was confirmed, once again, that the Knights of Columbus has been a leader — by providing more than \$185 million and more than 75 million hours of volunteer service to charity during the last fraternal year.

Just remember the adage: ***Think Globally, Act Locally.***

Thank you & Vivat Jesus!
SK Frank Mazzuca
Grand Knight





BIRTHDAYS

August:

- 1 – Thomas Kisak
- 3 – Earl Head
- 31 – Ramon Crusit

WIFE'S BIRTHDAYS

- 6 – Kathie Koski

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Sumner & Veronica Peery
– August 13 (29 years)
- Ed & Allison McGuirk
– August 15 (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.....	SK Carlos Gutierrez.....	415-517-7560
District Deputy.....	SK David Schwartz PGK.....	510-325-7810

Council Directors

Membership Director.....	Open	
Program Director.....	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Faith Program Chair.....	Open	} To learn more about becoming a council program chair, contact GK Frank Mazzuca, frankmazzucakofc@gmail.com
Community Prog Chair.....	Open	
Life Program Chair.....	Open	
Family Program Chair.....	Open	



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Jeffrey Aquino
– August 31, 2004 (14 yrs)

Ramon Crusit
– August 4, 1981 (37 yrs)

Frank Mazzuca
– August 17, 2015 (3 yrs)

THE KNIGHT BEHIND THE NAMETAG

We're all frequently reminded to wear our name badges and council shirts, especially before Parish or council events. Have you ever thought how the benefit of wearing our badges go far beyond these events? When you wear your name badge at a church event, parishioners can immediately identify you. They see a trusted person who can answer questions or lend a helping hand. Fellow members see a friend and Brother Knight. Fr. Johnson sees a Knight who might serve as an usher, a greeter, or a Eucharistic minister. A young father sitting in the pew near you sees a person he can ask about joining the Order. Your name badge brands you. It tells everyone you encounter that you are a man of faith, a man of character, a man willing to lend a hand. In short, it tells everyone that you are a Knight of Columbus.

Chaplain's Message

The new *Faith In Action* program model (about which we reported in the July 2018 issue of *The Pulse*) began July 1 and will replace the previous Surge With Service program, which has been in place since in 1971. Faith In Action takes its inspiration from the Building the Domestic Church initiative, and it greatly emphasizes the faith and spirituality of all Knights of Columbus.

In addition to the updated program model, there is also an exciting new initiative starting in July: It's called the "Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain." Each month, Archbishop Lori will choose a few lines from scripture from an upcoming Sunday liturgy and offer a brief reflection on the verses chosen. Then, he will call on all Knights of Columbus to live out a particular spiritual challenge related to those verses.

The challenge allows Knights to put faith into action in their councils, homes, parishes, and communities. It will help unite Knights from around the world, as they come to appreciate that their brother Knights globally are responding to the same challenge. The Monthly Challenge will be published each month in *Knightline* and *Columbia* magazine.

The devotion, faith, and unity that the Archbishop's challenge brings can inspire our brother Knights. I ask that you pray for this new initiative and thank you in advance for participating in this important effort.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

Supreme Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development



PARISH ACTIVITIES

August:

- 1 – 10:30 AM – Rosary Makers
- 3 – 5:30 PM – First Friday Dinner
- 6 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 7 – 7:00 PM – St. Vincent de Paul
- 7 – 7:00 PM – Baptism Prep Class
- 8 – 10:30 AM – Rosary Makers
- 11 – 10:30 AM – Anointing Mass
- 11 – 6:00 PM – Retrouvaille
- 13 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 14 – 7:00 PM – Baptism Prep Class
- 15 – 8:00 AM & 7:30 PM – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / Holy Day of Obligation
- 15 – 6:00 PM – PACE Mtg
- 16 – 6:00 PM – ICF Mtg
- 18-19 – Hospitality & Fair Trade after all Masses
- 20 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 21 – 7:00 PM – Buildings & Grounds
- 22 – 7:00 PM – St. Vincent de Paul
- 23 – 6:30 PM – Back-to-School Night
- 23 – 6:30 PM – Young Adult Ministry
- 23 – 7:00 PM – Stewardship Meeting
- 23 – Divine Mercy Cenacle
- 27 – 6:30 PM – Altar Server Movie Night
- 27 – 6:30 PM – Centering Prayer Group
- 27 – 7:00 PM – Parish Council
- 28 – 11:00 AM – STARS Luncheon

Program Director's Message

BEING IN AN IMPROV

Two years ago, I had an opportunity to watch an improvisation play or “improv” in Los Angeles. The actors act out an outcome in a given situation. Improv is always funny. Everyone in the audience, including me, couldn’t stop laughing at every skit.

There are no central actors in an improv. Every cast member contributes, making every skit, every show funny to their audience. The elements of improv are the same with service to our Council. There is no dominating individual to get credit or receive recognition. We all do our fair share to contribute towards the good of the organization and those we serve.

Improv cannot be successful if only one actor does all the acts or if many actors are unwilling to contribute to a skit. The same situation also applies to our service. We all contribute to creating an impact on the people we serve – our Parish, our Parishioners, and our community. Regardless of our contribution is big or small, we are providing our services with coherence and consistency.

Improv actors didn’t become a member of their repertoire overnight. They made personal sacrifices to hone their craft. Likewise, for us in our Council, we came from different backgrounds with numerous skills. We banded together to use what we have in giving service. In offering service, we also make sacrifices because, in the end, many will benefit from our service.

When you have a chance to watch an improv, think of the similarities of its elements and the elements of our service in our Council. Suffice it to say that we all coexist in an improv.

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:

At the last meeting on July 16th, my DW Mike Souza and I installed your Council Officers for the 2018-19 Columbian Year. As I pointed out in the script I read: "Your Council will be judged upon its actions." Those words sound harsh, but their meaning is plain: *Make sure that each year your Council keeps up the good record of acting in the teachings of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.* If you keep those core values in mind and act for the "Good of the Order," you will have no issues with any judgements made by any entity.

Your GK, Frank Mazzuca, set out a goal of achieving "Double-Star" status for this year. The best way to start to achieve that goal is by bringing new Brothers into our Order, because your Grand Knight's goal requires bringing in twice as many new members to the Council than its quota. Every Sunday that you go to Mass (you do go every Sunday?!), look at the men who are around. Talk to them. Ask them, "Are you a Knight?" And if they say, "No, I don't have time" or some other throw-away answer, just tell them about your experience. Tell them about how you did not have time either, but now you can't imagine NOT being a Knight. Then pull out your phone and go to KofC.org/JoinUs and have them fill out the form right on your phone, designating St Agnes Council. The new Brother will be directed to the Council and you can then get them to take the Admissions degree. (See related story "Introducing Online Membership – Streamlining the Membership Process" on page 9.) Every new Brother you recruit strengthens our Order!

Have a great month & Vivat Jesus!
SK David Schwartz CS PGK PFN
District Deputy



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Contact me today to learn more:

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UPCOMING DEGREES

1st (Admissions) Degree:

- Saturday, August 18
– Most Holy Rosary Church, Antioch.
Registration 9:30 AM.
Exemplification 10:00 AM.

2nd (Formation) Degree:

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

3rd (Knighthood) Degree:

- Saturday, August 11
– St. Ignatius of Antioch.
Registration 9:00-10:00 AM.
Exemplification 10:30 AM.
Limited to 30 candidates.
Candidates MUST pre-register by Aug 18.

4th (Patriotic) Degree:

- Saturday, September 8
– Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Brentwood.
Registration 10:30 AM.
Exemplification 1:30 PM.
Mass 5:00 PM.
Installation of Oakland Diocese Chapter Officers 6:00 PM.
Banquet 7:30 PM.

Council Calendar of Events

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.
September 1	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
September 7	First Friday Dinner – Tri-tip, 5:30 PM, Church Hall.
September 8	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
September 8	4th (Patriotic) Degree, <i>see sidebar at left for details</i> .
September 9	Pancake Breakfast after 9 AM and 11 AM Masses.
September 12	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.*
September 15	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
September 22	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
September 29	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.

* Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.



Todos Santos Assembly Officers Installation & New Sir Knights Banquet 2018 - 2019



TODOS SANTOS ASSEMBLY 2286
Northern District of the 4th Degree
Master SK TW Starkweather Presiding
Assisted by SK Tim Fukuda, Senior Marshal
Honoree: Sir Knight George Conlow

You are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Officers Ceremony
& New Sir Knights Banquet
Of the Todos Santos Assembly 2286
Columbian Year 2018 - 2019

On Saturday Evening August 4th, 2018

To be held at Zio Fraedo's Restaurant
611 Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill, California 94523

- 4:00p - Color Corps Certification
- 5:00p - Installation of Officers Ceremony
- 6:00p - Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
- 6:30p - ✠ Invocation - Reverend Father Neal Clemens, Faithful Friar
- 6:45p - Dinner Banquet

RSVP Online TSA2286.org by 25th July 2018 • CC Cmdr SK James Smithwick 925-895-2793
Banquet Dinner \$35.00 per Person • Choice of NY Steak, Salmon, Chicken

Attire:

4th Degree Sir Knights - Tux & Social Baldric or New Uniform
Council Members - Coat & Tie
Ladies - Banquet Dress

Faithful Navigator
Faithful Captain
Faithful Admiral
Faithful Pilot
Faithful Comptroller
Faithful Purser
Faithful Scribe

SK Michael D Souza
SK Steve Hagarty
SK James Francis
SK Jacob Vattathil
SK David Woods
SK David Schwartz, PFN
SK Thomas Storelli

Faithful Friar
Faithful Inner Sentinel
Faithful Outer Sentinel
Faithful 1 Year Trustee
Faithful 2 Year Trustee
Faithful 3 Year Trustee

SK Rev Fr Neal Clemens
SK Michael McKay
SK Don Medeiros
SK James Smithwick, PFN
SK Edward Canilao, PFN
SK Alonso Davis



Introducing Online Membership — Streamlining the Membership Process

Since July 1, eligible Catholic men in the United States and Canada can now join the Knights of Columbus online, in a simple, streamlined process that takes just five minutes.

The Supreme Council has conducted numerous listening sessions and surveys with both members and non-members over the last few years. Among the many findings was a strong indication that the Supreme Council should develop a new, online way to recruit potential members and form those men for committed, lifelong membership in the Knights of Columbus.

This new fraternal program seeks to help the Order maintain sustainable long-term membership growth by providing the opportunity for membership throughout the modern man's life cycle. This streamlined alternative helps acclimate men to the Order. Once a man has joined online, we will then work to incorporate him into a council and get him fully integrated with its activities.

What Online Membership Does

This initiative is an important step for our Order, and presents a tremendous opportunity for membership growth and engagement. The initiative allows for:

- **A Faster Way to Join** – One of the most common objections to joining the Knights of Columbus is “I don't have time.” Through Online Membership, a join process that can take as many as two months now takes five minutes.
- **A Digital Experience** – This initiative provides a new membership experience that is tailored to younger men and busier men who may not yet be ready for council-based membership. This low-pressure, low-commitment, and digital experience meets men where they are, helps to form them as Catholic men, and enables us to bring more men into the fold.
- **An Amplified Message** – The Online Membership initiative is backed by a substantial marketing campaign that will find and work to convert prospective members.

What Online Membership Does Not Do

- **Does not** change requirements for membership. Membership in the Knights of Columbus remains open to practical Catholic men.
- **Does not** eliminate degrees. Men who join online are non-degreed members. Once they are ready to convert to a local council, they are required to take the first degree.
- **Does not** eliminate councils. The goal of online membership is to form men for committed, lifelong, and council-based membership in the Knights of Columbus. In fact, Online Membership creates a pool of recruits for local councils to engage with.
- **Does not** eliminate dues. Online Members are required to pay \$30 annual dues.
- **Does not** create a new class or type of member. Online Members are members of the Knights of Columbus. They are non-degreed members, and they do not belong to local councils, but they are not provisional or partial members.

The process is simple – the candidate visits KofC.org/JoinUs, completes the online form and pays his dues. The council at his local Parish is then notified so it can begin incorporating him into its activities.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

On July 4, the council hosted the Parish 4th of July BBQ. We served over 120 meals and refreshments to hungry and thirsty parishioners and provided an community-building opportunity for us all. The great weather was a perfect complement to the ice cream graciously provided by Brother Linus Farias.

We hosted yet another successful pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 8. PGK David Wood also received rave reviews for his pancakes from a parishioner who came back for thirds. Our next pancake breakfast is August 12 – grab an apron, come on in, and have some fun before the secret gets out and we have too many Knights in the kitchen.

Prior to our business meeting on July 16, District Deputy David Schwartz, assisted by District Warden Mike Souza, installed the council's officers for the 2018-2019 Columbian Year. See page 2 for a list of this year's council officers. Congratulations to all the new officers!

July 4 BBQ, Pancake Breakfast, and Installation of Officers



They say good help is hard to find – unless you've found these guys. (Yes, that is a complement.) (l-r): Wayne, Tex, Ed, Cheng-Feng, & Mike.



Everyone's a critic. Grill masters Gary (l) and Carlos (r) point out to Richard the deficiencies in his burger flipping technique during the 4th of July BBQ.



The council's happy new officers for CY 18-19 following their installation.