

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"*  
August 2021

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## Grand Knight's Corner

*Just a Reminder – it's official:  
We are now meeting in-person once again!*

- ◆ **Council Officer Meeting – Monday, August 2 at 7:30, Ministry Center.**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, August 16 at 7:30, Church Hall.**  
*Dinner beginning at 6:30 – Come early, eat, and socialize!*

Brothers:

It was a bit like starting over again. Until our regular business meeting two weeks ago on July 19, we hadn't met in person since February 17 last year – 17 months ago! Luckily, it took only a few minutes to remember where things went when setting up for the meeting or how to run a meeting since I'd last done it 11 years ago. Brother Jorge Garcia provided great food to get us going, which allowed us to sit down, talk, and eat, and quickly brought about a sense of normalcy before the meeting even started.

The meeting agenda was a little different than before because the new combined Degree of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity resulted in a change in the wording at the beginning of the meeting. Otherwise, it seemed like old times – because it was.

It will take a while for us to get back to putting on our usual events, like pancake breakfasts, first Friday dinners, and the like. Before that, we have to figure out what we can serve, and how we can serve it. With COVID cases increasing in number, I hope the powers that be don't overreact and shut us down again. Zoom meetings were convenient, but they weren't any fun – and that's why I do this Knights of Columbus thing – to have fun.

I know it may not seem very chivalrous – to do something as important and serious as getting involved in the Knights just because it's fun. But it's because it's fun that I'm still involved as I am after 17 years.

Richard Milward  
*Grand Knight*



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Earl Head
- 7 – Wayne Schafer
- 12 – Arthur Aronson
- 14 – Lawrence Money
- 31 – Ramon Crusit

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Sumner & Veronica Peery – August 13, 1989 (32 yrs)
- Edward & Allison McGuirk – August 15, 1981 (40 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2021-2022

- Grand Knight .....SK Richard Milward PGK .....925-699-5852
- Chaplain .....Fr. Johnson Abraham .....510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand Knight .....SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- Chancellor .....Open
- Warden .....Cheng-Feng Tsai .....925-890-0353
- Recorder.....SK Mike McDermott.....925-676-2384
- Financial Secretary .....Gary Downs.....925-825-4409
- Treasurer .....John Wright.....925-798-5962
- Lecturer .....Deacon Tony Reyes.....925-671-0134
- Advocate .....Open
- Inside Guard .....Patrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside Guard .....Open
- One-Year Trustee .....Open
- Two-Year Trustee .....Bob Rigor.....925-202-6239
- Three-Year Trustee .....SK David Wood PGK .....925-458-0888
- Supreme Field Agent.....SK Howard Tank PGK.....925-315-8732
- District Deputy .....SK David Schwartz PGK .....510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor**, **Advocate**, **Outside Guard**, and **One-Year Trustee** remain open. The only qualification for these positions is that you be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK Richard Milward.



## SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 2 – St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop, or St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
- 4 – St. Jean Vianney (the Curé of Ars), Priest
- 5 – Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 – St. Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs, or St. Cajetan, Priest
- 8 – St. Dominic, Priest
- 9 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), Virgin and Martyr
- 10 – St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- 11 – St. Clare, Virgin
- 12 – St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- 13 – Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- 15 – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 16 – St. Stephen of Hungary
- 19 – St. John Eudes, Priest
- 20 – St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
- 21 – St. Pius X, Pope
- 22 – Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 – St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle
- 25 – St. Louis or St. Joseph of Calasanz, Priest
- 27 – St. Monica
- 28 – St. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 29 – The Beheading of St. John the Baptist, Martyr

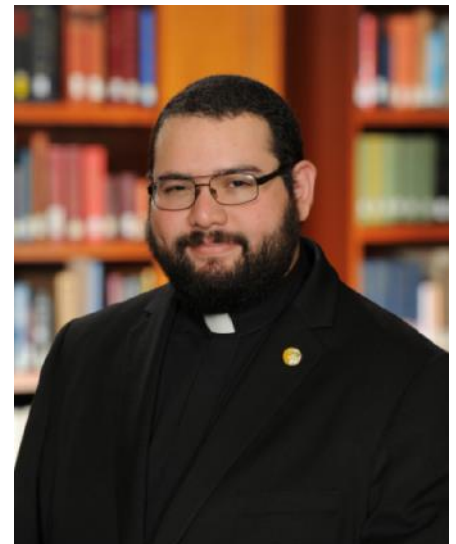
## Council Calendar of Events

- August 2 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- August 4 Officers Installation, 6:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church.  
*Refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM, Installation at 7:30 PM. Wear council shirt and name badge. Family members are welcome to attend.*
- August 5 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- August 12 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- August 16 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall.  
*Dinner will be served at 6:30. Come early and catch up with your Brother Knights.*
- August 19 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- August 26 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.

## Our Seminarian Ramon Urbina to be Ordained a Deacon

Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ will ordain our Council's adopted seminarian Ramon Urbina to the transitional diaconate at 10 AM, August 14 at Mission San Jose in Fremont.

Ramon, who we introduced in the May 2021 issue of *The Pulse*, is a parishioner at Most Holy Rosary Parish Antioch (and a Brother Knight) and a student at St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park. His home parish is his summer assignment.



See [www.catholicvoiceoakland.org](http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org) for details on live-streaming closer to August 14. (We will email information as the date gets closer.)

If you wish to send Brother Ramon a note of congratulations or encouragement, his address is 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



## UPCOMING DEGREES

### New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

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

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

### Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- To be announced.

## 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

Ramon Crusit

– August 4, 1981 (40 yrs)

Jeffrey Aquino

– August 31, 2004 (17 yrs)

Michael Souza

– August 15, 2011 (10 yrs)

Francis Mazzuca

– August 17, 2015 (6 yrs)

Jeff McGallian

– August 11, 2018 (3 yrs)

Oscar Legaspi

– August 19, 2019 (2 yrs)

## Our Insurance Called Grace



*This was originally sent to all St. Agnes parishioners by Fr. Johnson on July 15.*

I was at the grocery store this morning and heard a loud crash and something shattering. Being nosy, I walked towards the sound and saw some people whispering and looking back to the end of the next aisle. When I walked down that aisle, I saw an older lady had hit a shelf and many things had fallen to the ground and broke. She was kneeling on the floor embarrassed, frantically trying to clean up.

I felt so bad for her, and everyone was just standing there staring at her. So I went and knelt beside her and told her not to worry and started helping her pick up the broken pieces. After about a minute, the store manager came and knelt beside us and said, "Leave it, we will clean this up." The lady, totally embarrassed said, "I need to pay for all this first."

The manager smiled, helped her to her feet and said, "No ma'am, we have insurance for this, you do not have to pay anything!"

If you have read this far, I would like for you to give me a minute. Wherever you are, close your eyes, and imagine God doing the same for you!

Collecting the pieces of your broken heart from all the blows life has thrown at you. The bill for your faults, sin and folly has already been paid through the precious blood of Christ. God will heal all your wounds. He wants to gently lift you to your feet again, clean up your mess, and pick up all the broken pieces. He wants to heal you! He wants to take care of your soul!

We can have that same insurance and it's called GRACE!

# 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