

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

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

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers:

Deacon Tony provided me this a while back. The author is unknown.

### ***I AM A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS.***

*We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith.*

*There is much work to be done in this world.*

*Good work.*

*Necessary work.*

*And that's what the Knights do.*

*Every day.*

*Assisting the sick and disabled.*

*Protecting those who can't protect themselves.*

*Whether they are next door or halfway around the world.*

*This is the journey we are on.*

*Our path.*

*We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics.*

*We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values:  
Charity. Unity. Fraternity. Patriotism.*

*We come from many places.*

*And backgrounds.*

*And stages in our lives.*

*But we are all of one faith.*

*A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world.*

*It's one thing to say who you are.*

*It's another to live it.*

*To put your values into action.*

*That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus.*

*That's who we are.*

Richard Milward  
*Grand Knight*



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Timothy McGallian
- 2 – Arul Money
- 2 – David Wood
- 5 – David Zarri
- 12 – Craig Haskins
- 16 – John Wachira
- 24 – Noel Asuncion
- 27 – Sumner Peery

### WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 13 – Le-Chi Hsiang Tsai (Cheng-Feng)
- 17 – Sue Downs (Gary)

### Council Officers / Columbian Year 2021-2022

- Grand Knight .....SK Richard Milward PGK .....925-699-5852
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- Advocate .....*Open*
- Inside Guard .....Patrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
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- 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.



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## SAINT OF THE DAY

- 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest – Memorial
- 4 – St. John Damascene, Priest, Religious & Doctor – Memorial
- 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop – Memorial
- 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor – Memorial
- 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation
- 9 – St. Juan Diego, Hermit – Memorial
- 11 – St. Damasus I, Pope – Memorial
- 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – Feast
- 13 – St. Lucy of Syracuse, Virgin and Martyr – Memorial
- 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor – Memorial
- 21 – St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor – Memorial
- 23 – St. John of Kanty, Priest – Memorial
- 25 – Nativity of the Lord – Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation
- 26 – St. Stephen, the First Martyr – Feast
- 27 – St. John the Apostle and Evangelist – Feast
- 28 – Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Feast
- 29 – St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr – Memorial
- 30 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – Feast
- 31 – St. Sylvester I, Pope – Memorial

## Council Calendar of Events

- December 2 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- December 3 First Friday Dinner, 5:00 PM, Church Patio.
- December 6 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- December 8 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. *(Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.)*
- December 9 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- December 12 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio.
- December 16 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- December 20 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. *Refreshments served at 6:30. We are required to eat outside, so bring a jacket. Rosary at 7:15. Meeting to end no later than 8:30.*
- December 23 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- December 30 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- January 3 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- January 7 First Friday Dinner, 5:00 PM, Church Patio.
- January 9 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio.
- January 17 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall.
- January 29-30 Hospitality Weekend.

### ***In case you missed it – We are now meeting in-person again!***

- ◆ **Council Officers Meeting – Monday, December 6 at 7:30, Parish Ministry Center**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, December 20 at 7:30, Church Hall.**
  - ◇ *Refreshments beginning at 6:30 – Wear a jacket, as we must eat outside.*
  - ◇ *Rosary beginning at 7:15 – Bring your Rosary.*
  - ◇ *We'll conclude the meeting no later than 8:30.*



## 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.

*If you know of a change in the situation of someone for whom we are praying such that they can be removed from our Prayer Intentions list, please contact GK Richard or Worth Recorder Mike McDermott.*

## Prayer Intentions

### Physical Healing

- Father Johnson Abraham
- Brother King Bunyi
- Brother Bob Alford
- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother Noel Asuncion
- Brother David's father Stan, daughter Sarah, brother Hal, aunt MaryAnn
- 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's sister-in-law Alicia E. Banzos
- Brother Jorge Garcia
- Brother Norm Andrews and his wife Dianne
- Brother Tom McEachran
- Brother Bob McEachran
- Brother Richard Reinero
- 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

- Fr. Ricardo Chavez. For all deceased Brother Knights: Brothers SK Dick Wilbur; Ed Chatterton; Ed Lexon; Tom Kisak; Dick Spahl; and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro, Brother Ed Lee's sister Marian, Brother Bob McEachran's wife Tami.
- 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

Walter Hubrig  
– Dec. 1, 1981 (40 yrs)

Ronald Artale  
– Dec. 15, 1987 (34 yrs)

James Stanionis  
– Dec. 7, 1993 (28 yrs)

Michael McDermott  
– Dec. 1, 2010 (11 yrs)

Octavio Padilla  
– Dec. 1, 2010 (11 yrs)

Cheng-Feng Tsai  
– Dec. 1, 2010 (11 yrs)

Peter Mazolewski  
– Dec. 18, 2017 (4 yrs)

## International Free Throw Championship Winner

Caleb Cook, a student at St. Agnes School, was crowned the **International Champion** in the 13-year old boys category of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for 2020-2021.



Caleb had to compete in and win several rounds of competition to become Champion. First, Caleb had to make the most out of 15 free throws in the St. Agnes School competition. After outshooting his classmates, Caleb competed against four other boys representing St. Francis of Assisi, Christ the King, and Queen of All Saints Schools at the District Competition.

After making the most out of 25 free throws, Caleb went on to compete at the Diocesan level where he beat 12 other boys. Then it was on to the California State competition where Caleb again bested his competitors – this time, 16 of them, to become California State Champion.

The Knights of Columbus are now present in 17 countries around the world, however not all competed in the Free Throw Championship. But among those that did, Caleb once again bested them all to become the **International Champion** in the 13-year old boys category of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for 2020-2021.

## November Knight of the Month – John Wright



← Brother John Wright receives his Knight of the Month Award for November 2021. Brother John tackled our first First Friday Dinner in almost two years. Bringing in his secret seasonings (actually they're not secret at all – he's happy to share his recipe), John roasted several tri-tips to perfection. On top of that, he served roasted potatoes, green beans, and sourdough French bread. Needless to say, there was no tri-tip left – it was that good.



## Field Agent's Message

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Hello My Brother Knights,

What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord!

Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. I hope and pray that you and your family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year, I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent.

One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online.

Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!

Howard

# 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