

ST. AGNES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15344



The Pulse

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"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY" GRAND KNIGHT CORNER

My Brother Knights,

All the New Year's Resolutions are in Process. Personally, I have gone back to the Gym and eaten right consistently. As an organization we met or exceeded all our objectives last year which means we have raised the bar this year. Already this year (Columbian Year) we met our Recruiting goal, now we must reach our Insurance and our service goals. Of course, there are hurdles in the way of our reaching our Star Council Goals for Service and Insurance. We will do what we can and surrender to the powers that be for the things we can't control.

This past month we had our end of season Crab Feed and the San Francisco Walk for Life. The Crab feed had over 130 people in attendance. This was one of the most successful Crab Feeds St. Agnes has ever seen. I had breakfast with a past Grand Knight from St. Raymond's in Dublin and when I told him we were getting 120 coming to our Crab Feed he commented that his Crab Feed spans two evenings and gets 300 people each time, so we have a ways to go. With the Walk for Life we had a group getting together around 9am and taking the Bart into the City to start the parade/Walk at 10 am. If you are interested in going to the Walk for Life, Let me know.

To increase the involvement in our church events we need to increase the number of people involved in the church community. We need to increase the number of people coming to church. To do this, we need to have larger meeting places. If you are looking for things to pray for, please pray for benefactors to support the beginning of a Multipurpose Building.

Thank You
Frank Mazzuca
Grand Knight, St Agnes Council #15344
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Vivat Jesus,



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BIRTHDAYS

February:

Feb 3 Bob Rigor
Feb 25 Richard Milward

Wives Birthdays

If your wife's Birthday is in Nov let us know so we can update the database

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If your Wedding Anniversary is this month then please send me the date so I can add it to your personal information.

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Reflecting on questions about the dignity of life can lead us to God's goodness and love

Excerpt from the COLUMBIA Magazine

THE SPIRIT of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., is extraordinary. It is not only peaceful but also full of hope and joy. It is forward-looking as it seeks to create a culture of life and love. And while it draws people of all ages, the crowd tends to be young, including many millennials and young families. Standing in the crowd, you feel as though you're at a version of World Youth Day — filled with the conviction that human life is God's precious gift and that each person, from the moment of conception, is endowed by the Creator with inviolable dignity and, indeed, "a right to life."

When I attend the March for Life each January, I invariably catch a cold, but it's worth it. I come home with a renewed determination to resist what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture" and to foster genuine love and respect for human life, especially when it is defenseless.

I often ask myself what draws so many people to this event. What makes them travel great distances, spend sleepless nights on buses, and stand for hours on cold, soggy ground? Is it merely a political movement, or is it something more? The answer, I think, is that the Lord is at work in the minds and hearts of these good people and many more like them. The word for it has to be "conversion" — the Lord is converting minds and hearts to the Gospel of Life. And I would further offer that this process of conversion takes place within us on three levels — intellectual, moral and religious.

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http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2018-01-lori-chaplain.html



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY'S

Issac Farias 6 yrs

Deachn Tony Reyes 12 yrs

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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2018

- Feb 2 First Friday Fish Fry-5:30 church hall
- Feb 5 Officers Meeting 7:00 pm Ministry Center
- Feb 9 District 49 Free Throw Contest - 6:30 pm
- Feb 10 La Morita Mexican Dinner 6pm @ St. Bonaventure
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday Masses 8am, 9am & 7:30pm
- Feb 16 Lenten Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Feb 19 Business Meeting 6:30 dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- Feb 21 Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm church hall
- Feb 23 Lenten Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Feb 28 Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm church hall

March 2018

- Mar 2 Lenten Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Mar 5 Officers Meeting 7:00 pm Ministry Center
- Mar 7 Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm church hall
- Mar 9 Lenten Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Mar 14 Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm church hall
- Mar 16 Lenten Friday Fish Fry - 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Mar 19 Business Meeting 6:30 dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- Mar 21 Lenten Soup Meal 6:00 pm church hall
- Mar 23 Lenten Friday Fish Fry 5:30 hall, SoC* 7 pm
- Mar 28 Lenten Seder Meal 6:00 pm church hall
- Mar 29 Holy Thursday Service 7:30 pm
- Mar 30 Good Friday (No Fish Fry) Service 7:30 pm

*Stations of the Cross (SoC)

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OFFICERS

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3rd Yr. Carlos Garcia

"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY"

40 CANS FOR LENT PROGRAM



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



"If you can't feed one hundred people, feed just one." - Mother Teresa

During the Lenten Season the St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Council will conduct a "40 cans for Lent program" within the school and parish. The goal of this program is for each parish family and each school family to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. This is a positive way of doing something during Lent. *This program was particularly inspired by Christ's 40 days of fasting in the desert.*



Hunger knows no season. As the economy sputters along many people are going hungry. Fortunately, through our Food for Families program, the Knights of Columbus is in a position to help. The food collected will go to Share (the food pantry) to help those in our community needing assistance. We will have collection receptacles at each of the church exits beginning with Saturday February 17th throughout the Lenten Season. There will be collection receptacles in the Church, Parish Office and in each classroom beginning February 14th and continuing throughout the Lenten Season.

Thank you for your participation in this program. It will make a positive impact in our community and give you the opportunity during Lent to make a difference. In prior years we collected over 2,100 lbs of food which was donated to the Food Pantry. This saved the Food Pantry over \$2,000 since they didn't have to purchase as much food during Lenten Season! Let's try and increase that total this year!

If you have any questions please contact: David Wood - david@koc15344stagnes.org or Cheng-Feng Tsai - ctsai151@gmail.com

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ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Because Ash Wednesday is the second Wednesday this month the Assembly Meetings is being moved from the 14th to the 21st!

The Assembly Meetings will go back to the 2nd Wednesday of each month in March. The meetings are held in the Pope John Paul II room at St Francis of Assisi Church 860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA.

*Rosary for the Innocents
Every Saturday morning -
Queen of Heaven -
Lafayette 10:00 a.m.*

All are welcome.

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TODOS SANTOS CORNER



4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
SATURDAY APRIL 21, 2018
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SACRAMENTO
2001 POINT WEST WAY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815
MORE INFORMATION TO COME.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING YOUR 4TH DEGREE
PLEASE SEE BROTHER DAVID OR BROTHER CARLOS
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A FORM 4.

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PRAY FOR BROTHERS

- Brother Earl Koski
- Brother Ed Chatterton
- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother Earl Koski's mother in law, Muriel Gordon
- Brother David's father Stan
- Brother David's brother Hal
- Brother Tom Kisak
- Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Brother John Wright's brother Larry
- Brother Gary's sister in-law Julie
- Brother Ed Burgess PGK #6038
- Brother Mike Souza's Sister Judy
- Brother Joaquin Compos
- Brother Neal Campanelli

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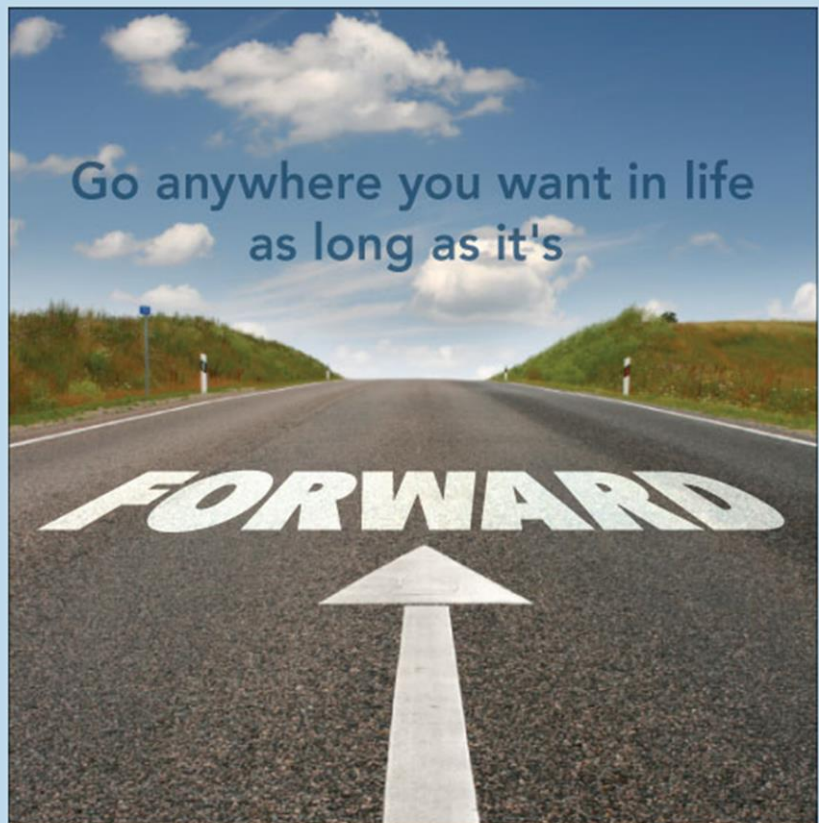
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*An Inspirational
Message for
a Great Day!*



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as long as it's

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LENTEN MESSAGE

Lent, it seems, has been given a bad name. For example, following a friend's two-year recovery from a serious surgery, he said to me, "This whole thing has been a long Lent."

There's no doubt about it; Lent has somber overtones. It is, after all, a period of penitence, a time for coming to terms with our sins. This is not easy, especially since we tend to avoid thinking about our sins, or try to hide them, or make excuses for them.

Through this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has given us all an opportunity to rehabilitate Lent. He's helping us think about it not as a time of misery but as a time of mercy. God does not play our game of sanitizing or making excuses for our sins but
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"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY" 40 CANS FOR LENT PROGRAM



During the Lenten season, the St. Agnes Knight of Columbus will be hosting Fish Fry dinners each Friday. Please come out early and enjoy a fish dinner before you attend the Stations of the Cross program held in the church at 7pm.

The Fish Fry Menu:

Fried Fish (2 pieces)

Along with French Fries, Salad, Coleslaw

Beverage – Soda, Water are available for additional cost.

Cost \$7, kids 3 and under are Free.

Dates:

Friday February 16th 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday February 23rd 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday March 2nd 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday March 9th 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday March 16th 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday March 23rd 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

Friday March 30th 5:30-6:30 Church Hall

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LENTEN MESSAGE

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comes to meet us with his merciful love.

"When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of his mercy," writes Pope Francis (Misericordiae Vultus, 3). "Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive."

Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William E.
Lori 2/1/2016

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2016-02-lori-chaplain.html

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JACK KAVANAGH PAST GRAND KNIGHT CONCORD COUNCIL

Memorial Celebration

In Memory Of



Jack Kavanagh

Born to life: May 9, 1934

Born to eternal life: January 2, 2018

We Have Loved Him in Life. Let our Prayers Accompany Him on His Journey into Eternal Life.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
January 8, 2018

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SUCCESSFUL CRAB DINNER

I would like to thank all the Brothers who were able to help make our Crab and Tri-Tip dinner a huge success!

I would also like to thank the members of the St. Agnes Confrimandi who helped up setup Saturday morning! (Angeline, Eryssa, Joshua, Isabella, Kim, Tori, Derick)

I also would like to thank the Concord High School Key Club for once again being our Servers for the dinner they did a great job!

"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY" PHOTOS FROM CRAB & TRI-TIP DINNER



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CRAB DINNER

We had over 130 dinner guests and served 400 lbs. of wonderful crab to a happy and enthusiastic group of parishioners!

The raffle was a HUGE success bringing in over \$1,100 in ticket sales! Yes Lynda's "Wing Span" was a hit!

*This was the first year where we had two crab dinners in the same season and it looks like our parishioners were not only welcoming to this but supported us like never before, increasing the total **amount** of income for the dinners. We will be able to donate to our Parish over \$2,300 from this dinner, combined with the October dinner our total from the Dinners will be over \$4,400!*

Thank all of you again for your hard work and support!

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PHOTOS FROM CRAB & TRI-TIP DINNER



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STATEMENT OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus applauds the administration and Congress for the actions they have taken in support of protecting the lives of the most vulnerable - the unborn - and for their public witness at the March for Life. The speeches by the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House and other elected leaders underscore an important commitment to helping save the lives of the youngest Americans. Majorities of Americans who identify as Republicans, Democrats and Independents all want to see limits on abortion. The fact that both Congress and the the administration are crafting policies that reflect this consensus is encouraging and welcome. The bipartisan passage today of the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Act in the House is an important step in this regard and we urge the Senate to act quickly to take up and pass this bill.

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"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY" SAN FRANCISCO'S WITNESS TO LIFE

by Gibbons Cooney

The annual Walk for Life West Coast thrives
— and heals — in a hostile environment

The first Walk for Life West Coast astonished organizers by drawing more than 7,000 participants Jan. 22, 2005. In the past 12 years, the event has grown steadily to well over 50,000 participants.

"Many of us responded to the call to fearlessly proclaim the dignity of each person, especially the most innocent," said Ralph DeSimone, who was among the organizers in 2004 and is a past grand knight of St. Mary's Council 14156 in Walnut Creek. "We knew that having a safe, well-organized walk in San Francisco would be an opportunity to show others that there are many people of all ages and backgrounds who sincerely value life."

Although people of all ages, races and creeds attend, what is most striking is the exuberant presence of great numbers of young people. The event has generated pilgrimages, Holy Hours, special Masses and youth conferences, becoming one of the most faith-filled weekends of the year for the area's Catholics.

"The growth of the Walk is a dream come true," said Eva Muntean, the Walk's lead organizer, adding that the event has faced strong opposition from San Francisco's political and media establishments — opposition that has continued yearly. The result of the censorship and under-reporting is the gridlock that catches the uninformed public unawares. As another of the event's organizers, Dolores Meehan, memorably quipped, "You can avoid the truth, but you can't avoid the traffic!"

Organizers have always sought for the Walk to be an occasion for healing, with a message of hope and love pouring onto the streets of San Francisco. The motto is "Abortion Hurts Women," and the event begins with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign — testimonies by those affected by abortion.

Lisa Hamrick, a co-founder of the Walk for Life, didn't know what to expect when a woman suddenly approached her during a recent year's event.

"She came and stood right in front of me," Hamrick recalled, "looked me squarely in the eyes, and said these words which I will never forget: 'I was your opposition! For the first time this year, I am walking with you!'"

For Muntean, a moment that stands out is the start of the first Walk for Life in 2005, turning the corner out of the plaza and facing a mob of hateful protestors. "For a half-second, I was terrified," she said. "Lifting up my foot for the next step I wondered, do I stop or go on? But I, and we, took that step. We took that step, we didn't stop, and we aren't done yet!"

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/san-francisco-witness-to-life.html>)

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We also want to thank the individual Knights and their families who served as marshals for the March for Life and who participated in it and in other pro-life events. We are so very proud that thousands of Knights of Columbus have volunteered to help the March for Life over these many years and have also helped organize Marches for Life all across North America — at the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco, in Mexico City, and in the Canadian capital of Ottawa. We can find a better way than abortion. We can give hope to every woman and every child. Today, we see thousands of helping hands ready to make this hope a reality and we know there are millions more willing to give. Together we can bring change. Together we can build a new culture of life in our hearts, in our homes and in our laws.

(<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/releases/kofc-statement-march-for-life.html>)

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PHOTOS WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST SAN FRANCISCO

