

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*“You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity”*  
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### **Our Council (Finally) Has a New Field Agent!**

***AT LAST! OUR COUNCIL HAS A REAL FIELD AGENT YOU CAN COUNT ON!***

After many years of seemingly invisible Field Agents, we have a real, living, breathing Field Agent who will provide us the service we need.

Allow me to reintroduce Brother and Field Agent Howard Tank. Except for a short detour last year, Brother Howard has been a successful Knights of Columbus Field Agent since 2012. He is a Past Grand Knight of St. Francis of Assisi Council 13179 in Concord and a Former District Deputy.

Brother Howard participated in our recent business meeting on January 18 and promises to continue being involved with our council.

In addition to the current Knights’ products—Life Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance, Disability Income Insurance, and Retirement Annuities—Brother Howard informed us that the Knights may soon be offering mutual funds to members. Stay tuned to Brother Howard’s reports for more information.

In addition, Brother Howard will be contacting council members currently possessing insurance or annuities with the Knights for policy reviews. These reviews will be particularly important, since it has been a long time since many reviewed their policies with a Field Agent.

 **Knights of Columbus.**  
**Howard Tank**  
*Field Agent*  
925-315-8732  
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Ca. Lic#0117393  
**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance**  
**Retirement Annuities • Disability Income Insurance**  
*Protecting Catholic families since 1882.*



# BIRTHDAYS

3 – Robert Rigor

25 – Richard Milward

## 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 .....*Open*
- 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 .....*Open*
- Inside Guard .....Patrick Monahan .....925-864-9867
- Outside Guard .....Wayne Schafer .....925-323-6518
- One-Year Trustee .....*Open*
- Two-Year Trustee .....SK Frank Mazzuca PGK .....925-381-5624
- 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 – Presentation of the Lord
- 3 – St. Blase, Bishop and Martyr  
*or*  
St. Ansgar, Bishop
- 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
- 6 – St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
- 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest  
*or*  
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
- 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin
- 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 – Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop
- 17 – Ash Wednesday
- 17 – Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- 21 – St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 22 – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
- 23 – St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

## Our Sunday Visitor's 2020 Catholics of the Year

In December 2020, Our Sunday Visitor published its list of the Catholics of the Year for 2020. Of this this, Our Sunday Visitor said,

“Despite unprecedented times, there were beacons of light that shone through the darkness — men and women whose witness of faith inspired the Body of Christ. We are pleased to honor them for their selfless service to the Church as Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholics of the Year for 2020.”

- **Blessed Michael J. McGivney and Carl A. Anderson**  
A deep faith and commitment to charity link the Knights of Columbus’ past and present leaders. As the Church gives thanks for the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, so, too, let us give thanks to God for the wonderful example and leadership of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. Both of these distinguished Knights are well-deserving of being named among Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholics of the Year for the indelible mark each made on the Church this past year.
- **Amy Coney Barrett**  
Displaying faith, integrity and grace in the middle of a political storm. She is more than “just a justice”; she is an exceptional person, formed by her faith, and a model for all of us who are called to integrate our faith with our professional and family lives.
- **Parish Priests**  
Caring for the souls of their flocks despite unprecedented challenges. In this most difficult year, priests had to approach so many aspects of their ministry in different ways. Theirs was a monumental challenge, and they responded with tenacity, courage and grace.
- **Gloria Purvis**  
Educating all who would listen on the importance of racial justice. Gloria is not rooted in the acceptance of people and approval of man. She desires only to fulfill the heart of Jesus, and for this reason she continues to enter into the mess of racial reconciliation so that one day we all may be one in Christ, on earth as it is in heaven.
- **Cardinal George Pell**  
Maintaining his strong faith in the face of persecution. Cardinal George Pell had spent 13 months in prison before the High Court of

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## 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](mailto:richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com).

Be sure, also, to tell your friends about the Knights and how easy it is get them started as new members.

### Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, April 17, 2021  
- POSTPONED -  
New date to be announced

## Council Calendar of Events

- February 1 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email sent on January 31.
- February 10 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- February 15 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.

### *Our Sunday Visitor's 2020 Catholics of the Year (Continued from page 3)*

Australia in April unanimously overturned his conviction on a charge of abusing a choir boy two decades before. While in prison, Cardinal Pell composed the following prayer:

“God our Father, give me strength to come through this, and may my suffering be united with your Son Jesus’ redemption for the spread of the Kingdom, the healing of all victims of this scourge of paedophilia, the faith and well-being of our Church, and especially for the wisdom and courage of the bishops, who have to lead us out of the dark shadows into the light of Christ.”

- Pope Francis**  
Showing true leadership — to the Church and the world — during dark days. For his faithful leadership at such a crucial time in the life of the Church — and the world — Pope Francis is more than deserving of being among Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholics of the year.
- Little Sisters of the Poor**  
Courageously fighting for the right to live out their mission of service. Teaching us through their example of what Catholicism should look like — faithfulness to the Church, strength in the Eucharist, and service to family and community — the Little Sisters of the Poor are the best of us as they show us how to love the least among us.



## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Lorenzo Ybe  
– February 10, 2002 (19 yrs)

James Waters  
– February 18, 2002 (19 yrs)

Antonio Reyes  
– February 28, 2005 (16 yrs)

Isaac Farias  
– February 26, 2011 (10 yrs)

## 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 Ed Lee's sister Marian – diagnosed with cancer
- Richard and Anita Wilbur (St. Francis of Assisi)

### Knights Special Intentions

- Special intention for Brother King and for his father's conversion
- Special intention for 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 Ed Chatterton, Ed Lexon, Tom Kisak, Dick Spahl, and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro.
- 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.

# 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