

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

“You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity”
July 2020

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Knights Assist with Pentecost Communion Service

On Pentecost Sunday, St. Agnes Knights of Columbus assisted Fr. Johnson in the first inside communion service held at St. Agnes in ten weeks. Due to limitations on the number of people allowed inside the Church, Knights helped by organizing groups of ten, sanitizing hands, and providing direction. Knights assisted this way through the end of June.



↑ Parishioners line up outside to be admitted ten at-a-time.

Brother Carlos on hand sanitizer duty. ↓



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Michael McDermott
- 1 – Robert Vetro
- 5 – Mark Baumeister
- 9 – Vincent Cotter
- 10 – Edward Chatterton
- 14 – Daniel Villasenor
- 15 – Stephen Chaney
- 24 – Ronald Hannan
- 26 – Richard Spahl
- 27 – Linus Farias
- 31 – Paul Murray

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 16 – Diane Milward
(Richard)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Ronald & Christine Artale –
July 16, 1977 (43 yrs)
- John & Rosemary Wright –
July 26, 1981 (39 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

- Grand KnightSK David Wood PGK925-458-0888
- ChaplainFr. Johnson Abraham510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand KnightSK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- ChancellorOpen
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
- RecorderSK Mike McDermott925-676-2384
- Financial SecretaryGary Downs925-825-4409
- TreasurerSK Richard Milward PGK925-699-5852
- LecturerDeacon Tony Reyes925-671-0134
- AdvocateOpen
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan925-864-9867
- Outside GuardWayne Schafer925-323-6518
- One-Year TrusteeOpen
- Two-Year TrusteeSK Frank Mazzuca PGK925-381-5624
- Three-Year TrusteeJohn Wright925-798-5962
- Supreme Field AgentBrian Montone510-689-6998
- District DeputySK David Schwartz PGK510-325-7810



SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – Saint Junipero Serra
- 3 – Saint Thomas the Apostle
- 5 – Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal
- 6 – Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
- 9 – Saint Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs
- 11 – Saint Benedict, Abbot
- 13 – Saint Henry
- 14 – Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- 15 – Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
- 16 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 18 – Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- 20 – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
- 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor
- 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene
- 23 – Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious
- 24 – Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest, Hermit
- 25 – Saint James, Apostle
- 26 – Saints Joachim and Anne
- 29 – Saint Martha
- 30 – Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor
- 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Chaplain's Message

An individual is recognized by society as a doctor or teacher, a plumber or electrician when a person has taken and passed the necessary courses of study, successfully completed required internships and training programs, and been certified by various boards and licensing agencies.. In fact, members of those professions receive documentation to prove their status and level of training.

When it comes to becoming a Christian just the opposite takes place. Most of us were made Christians when we were just infants or small children. We might say we were licensed and certified as Christians without any course of study or preparation, without any understanding of what it means to be a Christian.

We gradually became aware of that “newness of life” as we grew in our faith by hearing the Word of God, by celebrating the liturgy, and by participating in programs of religious education.

We slowly begin to appreciate that through baptism we had become adopted children of God; that the Son of God had freed us from the power of sin and death; that the Holy Spirit is within us, empowering us to continue the work of the Lord; and that we are part of the Church, the living Body of Christ. As that happens, we begin to understand the effects and obligations of baptism. In other words, living the Christian life means becoming what we are.

Living as a Christian means, as Jesus tells us, loving Him more than father or mother, son or daughter. While that might sound harsh, it is not if we realize those following Christ should be striving to love others just as He did.

Living as a baptized Christian means taking up our cross. It means being a faithful Christian no matter the sacrifice we have to make, sometimes even our life.

Living as a Christian means welcoming and caring for those who preach the Gospel and minister in the name of Jesus. We have an Old Testament example of such hospitality in our First Reading in which a woman provides food and shelter to Elisha as he delivers God's message.

Unlike other professions where the degree and status come at the end of study and preparation, in His love, God makes us Christians first. Then we gradually come to realize what we are and how we are to live.

Professionals display diplomas and certificates proclaiming what they have become. Perhaps as Christians we should have a copy of our baptismal certificate displayed in our home. That document could remind us to make certain that our words and actions match what we are. We are “certified Christians!”

Fr. Johnson Abraham
Chaplain



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.

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 11, 2020
 – POSTPONED –
 New date to be announced

Council Calendar of Events

- July 2 Online voting (via Flocknote) on Columbian Year 2020-2021 budget closes.
- July 4 Drive-Thru BBQ, Noon (more details coming soon).
- July 6 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom.
- July 20 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom.

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Deacon William Drobick
– July 30, 2009 (11 yrs)

Tom Grewis
– July 23, 2016 (4 yrs)

Neil Cuffy
– July 13, 2016 (4 yrs)

Alifaga (Paul) Peapea
– July 11, 2018 (2 yrs)

Arul Money
– July 15, 2019 (1 yr)

Isidore Money
– July 15, 2019 (1 yr)

Officers for Columbian Year 2020-2021

The following Brothers were elected unanimously to be Council officers for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year via online voting that ended June 15.

Note that a few positions remain open. The job descriptions for those positions are provided, should you be interested. Contact Brother David Wood for more information.

Congratulations, Brothers!

GRAND KNIGHT – DAVID WOOD, PGK

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT – CARLOS GARCIA, PGK

CHANCELLOR – OPEN

WARDEN – CHENG-FENG TSAI

RECORDER – MIKE McDERMOTT

TREASURER – RICHARD MILWARD, PGK

ADVOCATE – OPEN

INSIDE GUARD – PATRICK MONAHAN

OUTSIDE GUARD – WAYNE SCHAFFER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 3-YEAR: JOHN WRIGHT

2-YEAR: FRANK MAZZUCA, PGK

1-YEAR: OPEN

- Supervises all financial procedures of the council and conducts the semiannual audits
- Ensures that proper protocol and procedures are followed by the council for the payment of monies

CHANCELLOR – RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assists the Grand Knight and Deputy Grand Knight with their duties
- Entrusted with strengthening the members' interest in council activities
- Commonly also serves as the council's Membership Director

ADVOCATE – RESPONSIBILITIES

- Acts as parliamentarian for the council
- Has a working knowledge of Method of Conducting Council Meetings
- Knows council's bylaws and the Order's Charter, Constitution and Laws

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY... St. Agnes Parish 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 to the Unborn*, which will be located next to the statue of Mary.

The *Memorial for the Unborn* will 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 contain 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 will submit all brick orders for engraving at one time once we have received orders for 100 bricks.
- ◆ We will use your phone/email only for keeping you informed of progress or if we have questions.

For questions contact: Carlos Garcia, 925-250-8969 or cmgarcia@astound.net