

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

“You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity”
July 2021

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*First and most importantly – it's official:
We are going to start meeting in-person again this month!*

- ◆ **Council Officer Meeting – Monday, July 12 at 7:30, Ministry Center.**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, July 19 at 7:30, Church Hall.**
(Hopefully, we'll have dinner available at 6:30 – I'll let you know.)

Brothers:

I am honored to serve you, as Grand Knight of St. Agnes Council.

Twelve years ago this month, I became the Grand Knight of Council 13179 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Concord. I had been a Knight less than five years, but I remembered sitting at one of my first council meetings in 2004 and thinking that being Grand Knight looked like fun. In 2006, I was elected to the position of Warden. That was followed by Chancellor, then Deputy Grand Knight, and then Grand Knight in 2009.

It was Fr. McGivney's original design that a Grand Knight would have spent one year as Warden, one year as Chancellor, and one year as Deputy Grand Knight before becoming Grand Knight. That progression, known as "going through the chairs," was designed by Fr. McGivney to ensure that an incoming Grand Knight had had the experience of watching three other men perform the duties of Grand Knight before he wore the Grand Knight's jewel.

My predecessor as Grand Knight of St. Francis of Assisi council was not only involved in planning every activity, he was present at every activity (he was retired). When I took over, I knew there was no way I was going to be able to do what he had done. So, at the council's July 2009 meeting, my first as Grand Knight, I told the council that with a full-time job and four kids at home (one of whom, Ana, was just eight months old at the time – she's now 12 years old), I would be hard pressed to be present at every council activity like my predecessor had been. So, I asked that each member get involved and take part in the council's activities as much as possible – and that they did.

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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Michael McDermott
- 1 – Robert Vetro
- 5 – Mark Baumeister
- 9 – Vincent Cotter
- 10 – Vivek Shatto Antony
- 14 – Daniel Villasenor
- 15 – Stephen Chaney
- 24 – Ronald Hannan
- 27 – Linus Farias
- 31 – Paul Murray

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 16 – Diane Milward (Richard)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Ronald & Christine Artale – July 16, 1977 (44 yrs)
- John & Rosemary Wright – July 26, 1981 (40 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2021-2022

- Grand KnightSK Richard Milward PGK925-699-5852
- ChaplainFr. Johnson Abraham510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand KnightSK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- ChancellorOpen
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
- Recorder.....SK Mike McDermott.....925-676-2384
- Financial SecretaryGary Downs.....925-825-4409
- TreasurerOpen
- LecturerDeacon Tony Reyes.....925-671-0134
- AdvocateOpen
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside GuardOpen
- One-Year TrusteeJohn Wright.....925-798-5962
- Two-Year TrusteeBob Rigor.....925-202-6239
- Three-Year TrusteeSK David Wood PGK925-458-0888
- Supreme Field Agent.....SK Howard Tank PGK.....925-315-8732
- District DeputySK David Schwartz PGK510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor, Treasurer, Advocate, and Outside Guard** 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 – 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

Grand Knight's Corner (Continued from page 1)

Just like I did 12 years ago, I am asking each of you to get involved and take part in the council's activities as much as possible. As we begin to open up again, (I hope) we will be able to begin scheduling our regular council activities – pancake breakfasts, first Friday dinners, crab & tri-tip dinners, and the like. To do so, we will need all hands on deck because we have probably lost some of that institutional memory of how to put on our events, and the more involvement we have from our Brothers, the easier it will be getting the events going again. I think you will also really discover the meaning of Brotherhood and teamwork and realize the satisfaction of working with your Brothers to achieve a common goal.

I thank you in advance for all your input, muscle, and most especially your time. I look forward to serving this Council, our Parish, our community, and all of you and your families in the coming year.

Richard Milward
Grand Knight

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 for details on live-streaming closer to August 14. (We will have more details in the August issue of *The Pulse*.)

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.

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

John Fitzpatrick
– June 18, 1985 (36 yrs)

Neil Cuffy
– July 13, 2016 (5 yrs)

Tom Grewis
– July 23, 2016 (5 yrs)

Alifaga Peapea
– July 11, 2018 (3 yrs)

Arul Money
– July 15, 2019 (2 yrs)

Lawrence Money
– July 15, 2019 (2 yrs)

Council Calendar of Events

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| July 4 | July 4th Picnic/Take Out, Noon-1:30 PM, Cauchi Hall Patio. |
| July 12 | Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center. |
| July 19 | Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. |

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.



St. Agnes Knights of Columbus

4th of July Picnic/Take Out

Cauchi Hall Patio

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Cost: \$8 per meal

Meal consists of your entrée choice of:

Hamburger🇺🇸

Cheeseburger🇺🇸

Hot Dog🇺🇸

Salmon Patty🇺🇸

Includes: chips🇺🇸beverage🇺🇸macaroni salad🇺🇸coleslaw
🇺🇸ice cream and cookie.

A la carte options:

Entrée:	\$5.00
Chips:	\$1.00
Water:	\$1.00
Soda:	\$2.00



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