

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"
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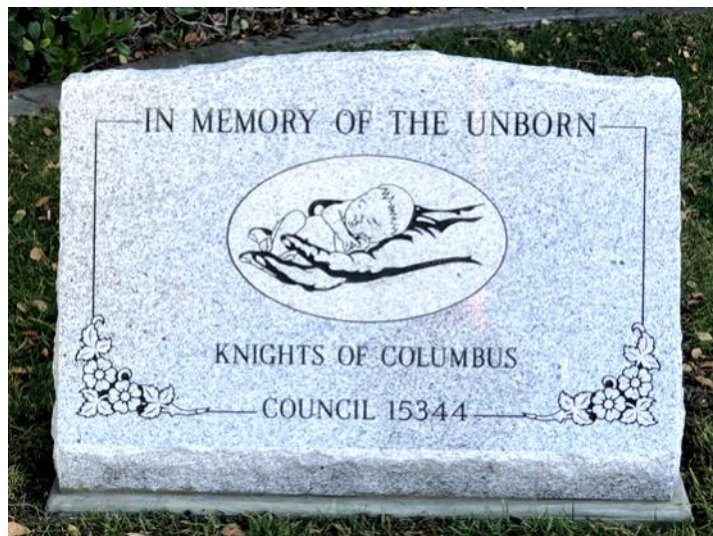
Memorial for the Unborn Placed Near St. Mary Statue

You may not have even noticed, since it's a place many of us drive by on our way to Mass, looking for a place to park. But the next time you drive by the statue of St. Mary across from the Ministry Center, take a look. It's not easy to see, but it's there. And soon, it will be surrounded by memorial bricks.

The Memorial for the Unborn, a Council project initiated by PGK Carlos Garcia, was placed on February 7.

It's been a long time coming. Between inspiration, design, council member approval, funding, ordering, fabrication, delivery and installation, it's taken almost 18 months. Even a broken-down crane delayed delivery several weeks. But it's finally here and in place, and ready to be viewed.

There is still time to order a memorial brick of your own. But do so quickly to be included in the first order to be placed. Bricks are \$50 each and there is no limit to how many you can order. Just complete the order form on page 8 of the newsletter and send it to Brother Gary Downs with your check right away.



← Delivered and placed near the statue of St. Mary, the Council's Memorial to the Unborn will soon be surrounded by bricks carrying the memorial intentions of St. Agnes Parishioners.



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Patrick Monahan
- 12 – Mario Soto
- 20 – Walter Hubrig
- 22 – Gerald Waters

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Allison McGuirk (Ed)
- 2 – Christine Wood (David)
- 23 – Rose Wright (John)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2019-2020

Grand Knight	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Chaplain	Fr. Johnson Abraham	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight	<i>Open</i>	
Chancellor	<i>Open</i>	
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	SK David Wood PGK	925-458-0888
Inside Guard	Patrick Monahan.....	925-864-9867
Outside Guard	Wayne Schafer	925-323-6518
One-Year Trustee	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Two-Year Trustee	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Three-Year Trustee	SK Frank Mazzuca PGK.....	925-381-5624
Supreme General Agent...	SK Carlos Gutierrez.....	415-517-7560
District Deputy	SK David Schwartz PGK	510-325-7810

The positions of Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor remain open.
 The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK King Bunyi.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Physical healing:

- Bro. Ron Artale (heart surgery) and his son
- Bro. Paul Murray (surgery)
- Bro. Ed Chatterton
- Bro. Joaquin Campos
- Bro. Neal Campanelli
- Bro. Octavio Padilla
- Bro. Tom Kisak
- Bro. Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Bro. John Wright's brother Larry
- Bro. Claire Tryon and Brother Ed Burgess (St. Bonaventure)
- Bro. Gary's sister in-law Julie
- Bro. Neil Cuffy
- Deacon Jim Pearce
- Bro. David's daughter Sarah, his father Stan, his brother Hal (car accident), and Aunt Marianne (spine surgery)
- Zachary Puntty, son of Bro. Mike of QAS (car accident)
- Bro. Carlos Gutierrez mother in law
- Bro. Daniel Barrington (hospice)
- Bro. Tex's sister in law Alicia E. Banzos
- Bro. Jorge Garcia
- Bro. Norm Andrews
- Bro. Tom McEachran (stroke)
- Bro. Ed Lee's sister Marian (cancer)

Special Intentions of:

- Bro. King and for his father's conversion
- Bro. Walt Hubrig
- Inmates at Martinez Detention Facility
- Patricia Viscay

Officer Nominations for 2020-2021 – Are You In?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING A COUNCIL OFFICER?

Believe it or not – It is time to fill our slate of officers for the 2020-2021 Columbian Year and some positions are yet to be filled.

If you are a Third Degree Knight and have ever thought about how you could better serve your Council by taking on a more significant role, then consider becoming a Council officer.

There are several officer positions that require little effort outside of Council meetings and some, obviously, are more involved. If you are going to be at the meeting anyway, why not increase your involvement?

Even if you have never considered serving as a Council officer or feel you are not yet ready, you can still be of help. Do you know a Brother who you think would fit perfectly into one of the officer's roles? If you do, contact a member of the Nominating Committee: PGK Frank Mazzuca, PGK Carlos Garcia, PGK David Wood, or PGK Richard Milward and let them know.

Officer elections will take place at the June business meeting and nominations are open now. Each officer position is described below. Take a look. You may see something you like.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Council is led by the Grand Knight and assisted directly by the Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Warden. These four officer positions are sometimes referred to collectively as "the chairs." Ideally, by the time the Grand Knight is installed as Grand Knight, he has already served as Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, and Warden before that. The progression through the four chairs serves to train the Grand Knight.

There is no set term of office for council officers (except for the Financial Secretary and Trustees). In the past, officers typically served one year in each position. More recently, however, two consecutive one-year terms of office have become more common as men (especially Grand Knights) find that it takes them a year to really learn their jobs.

Continue reading on page 5 about the duties and responsibilities of each Council office.

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UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Admission (1st) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Formation (2nd) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Knighthood (3rd) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- None scheduled – Watch for email announcements or check council calendar: www.koc15344stagnes.org

Council Calendar of Events

March 2	Council Officers Meeting, 7 PM, Ministry Center.
March 5	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
March 6	Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Church Hall.
March 7	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
March 8	Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Hall.
March 11	Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. Dinner served at 6:30 PM, followed by Rosary at 7 PM.*
March 12	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
March 13	Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Church Hall.
March 14	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
March 16	Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Parish Hall. Dinner served at 6:30 PM, followed by Rosary at 7:15 PM.
March 19	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
March 20	Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Church Hall.
March 21	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
March 26	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
March 27	Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Church Hall.
March 28	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
April 2	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
April 3	(Final) Lenten Fish Fry, 5:30 to 6:30 PM, Church Hall.
April 4	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
April 6	Council Officers Meeting, 7 PM, Ministry Center.
April 8	Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. Dinner served at 6:30 PM, followed by Rosary at 7 PM.*

* Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Richard Duckart
– Mar 14, 1963 (57 yrs)

John Ouimet
– Mar 5, 1968 (52 yrs)

Michael Marshall
– Mar 16, 1980 (40 yrs)

John Neudecker
– Mar 3, 1981 (39 yrs)

Gerald Waters
– Mar 1, 1982 (38 yrs)

Peter De Paschalis
– Mar 1, 1989 (31 yrs)

Richard Peters
– Mar 16, 1993 (27 yrs)

Patrick Monahan
– Mar 9, 2006 (14 yrs)

Carlos Garcia
– Mar 5, 2008 (12 yrs)

Arthur O'Keefe
– Mar 17, 2014 (6 yrs)

Jorge Garcia
– Mar 23, 2016 (4 yrs)

John Wachira
– Mar 6, 2016 (4 yrs)

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers (Continued from page 3)

GRAND KNIGHT

- Presides over all council meetings
- Appoints program and membership directors
- Appoints committees as needed
- Countersigns orders for payment and checks
- Ensures the submission of all paperwork required by the Supreme and State Councils
- Maintains working relationships with the council's Chaplain, District Deputy, Field Agent and General Agent, as well as with other local service organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.)
- Has a working knowledge of the kofc.org website, Officers Online and Member Management

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT

- Assists the Grand Knight with operation of the council
- Presides at council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight
- Commonly also serves as the council's Program Director overseeing the council's program directors and activities
- Is recommended to serve on the council's retention committee
- Has a working knowledge of the Knights of Columbus website, Officers Online and Member Management
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

CHANCELLOR

- 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
- Is recommended to serve as the chairman of the Admission Committee
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

WARDEN

- Supervises and maintains all council property
- Arranges the council chambers for meetings and degree exemplifications
- Oversees Inside and Outside Guards
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

RECORDER

- Responsible for keeping and maintaining a true and permanent record of all actions of the council, using a Recorder's Minute Book
- Maintains all correspondence of the council
- Reads the bills entered into the minutes for discussion
- Performs such other duties as the Grand Knight may direct

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SAINT OF THE DAY

March

- 3 – St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- 4 – St. Casimir
- 6 – Ash Wednesday
- 7 – Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- 8 – St. John of God, Religious
- 9 – St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop
- 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor
- 19 – St. Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23 – St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

Duties and Responsibilities of Council Officers (Continued from page 5)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY (APPOINTED)

- Is appointed by the Supreme Knight for a three-year term
- Collects dues from members through billing notices
- Initiates retention measures to prevent members from being suspended for nonpayment of dues
- Ensures that the council's membership records, including email addresses, are kept updated
- Files reports and membership transactions with Supreme Council
- Performs such other duties as the Grand Knight may direct

TREASURER

- Handles council funds
- Receives money from the Financial Secretary and deposits it in the proper council accounts
- Maintains all the council's checking and savings accounts
- Is responsible for paying all council expenses, including assessments from the Supreme Council
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

LECTURER (APPOINTED)

- Is appointed annually by the Grand Knight
- Is responsible for providing suitable educational and entertainment programs under the "Good of the Order" section of council meetings
- Stays abreast of developments within the council's charitable, membership and social programs
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

ADVOCATE

- 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
- Has access to Officers Online and Officers Desk Reference
- Seeks legal assistance from the state advocate as needed
- Performs other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

INSIDE/OUTSIDE GUARDS

- Attends council chamber doors, checks for current membership cards
- Perform other such duties as the Grand Knight may direct

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THREE TRUSTEES OTHER THAN GK)

- Consists of the Grand Knight and three other members, who are elected by the council's membership for terms of 3 years, 2 years and 1 year
- 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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14



Doors open 6:00 PM Dinner served 7:00 PM

St. Agnes Church Hall 🍀 3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord 94519

Menu:

Homemade Corned Beef and Cabbage (*of course*)

Potatoes and Carrots

Irish Soda Bread

Salad

Dessert

Wine, Beer, Soda and Water for Purchase

Tickets \$25

(\$5 for children 12 and under)

Available at the Welcome Table after all Masses
and in the Parish Office (Mon-Thurs).

🍀 *Sorry, no tickets at the door. Last day for tickets sales is March 10* 🍀

You can make this dinner a wonderful event by offering baskets or items for the Raffle Table. Please drop these off at the Church office.

Call Lynda Conlow 925-899-1911, Tim McGallian 925-408-5349,
or the Church office for more information.

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

WE ARE GROWING AGAIN!

A career with the Knights of Columbus is unlike any other opportunity you will come across. It allows you to lead a life of service to your community, to the Church, to Catholic families and business in your area, while providing for your own.

Knights of Columbus Advisors serve an exclusive territory of Catholic families. Our advisors present viable financial and insurance solutions providing exclusive access to our portfolio of products.

The Knights of Columbus has earned numerous accolades including an A+, Superior rating from A.M. Best and designation as a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute five years in a row.

Benefits of Being and Advisor with the Knights of Columbus:

- Match your Faith with your career goals
- Professional level income opportunity
- Set your own work schedule and activities
- Non-contributory Pension Plan
- Life, Health and Disability Benefits
- 401(k) and ROTH 401(k)
- Performance Incentives and Award Trips

Why Join Our Team?

Our Agency strives to provide excellence in life planning giving the best to our clients. Our processes have been proven to provide trust with our clients, repeat business and success for our team. Our Agency training is one of the most intense in the industry, providing high income potential quickly. We are seeking individuals that will work well within our group. If that individual is you, then we need to talk.

If you are interested in applying, please call our main office on (925) 289-0064.

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