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EDITOR'S NOTE

Our Brother, Sir Knight Earl Koski, passed away last September 20, 2018 after a battle with cancer. He joined the Knights of Columbus on February 11, 2003 and became a Fourth Degree 'Sir Knight' in April 2018, just five months prior to his passing. Brother Earl had a long association with the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission.

One of the honors of membership in the Fourth Degree is the Order's Chalice Program. The Chalice Program is a beautiful and lasting way to pay tribute to a Sir Knight who has passed away. Through the Chalice Program, a deceased Sir Knight is memorialized when his Assembly presents a chalice to a priest, bishop, or church in the name of the deceased Brother.

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← Donna Walton of the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission presents Fr. Jesse with a chalice honoring SK Earl Koski in Tijuana, BC, during the group's recent trip to build homes in Tijuana.



BIRTHDAYS

May

- 2 – Jeffrey Aquino
- 7 – Jorge Garcia
- 8 – Ronald Artale
- 14 – Francis Mazzuca
- 15 – Carlos Garcia
- 17 – John Fitzpatrick
- 20 – Johnson Abraham
- 21 – Peter De Paschalis
- 29 – John Ouimet
- 29 – Pete Mazolewski
- 29 – Joseph Moniz

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 20 – Diana Farias (Linus)

Council Officers

Grand Knight	SK Frank Mazzuca.....	925-381-5624
Chaplain	Fr. Johnson Abraham	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
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Recorder.....	SK Mike McDermott.....	925-676-2384
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Two-Year Trustee.....	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Three-Year Trustee	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Supreme Field Agent.....	SK Francisco Fernandez PGK.....	650-243-8831
District Deputy	SK David Schwartz PGK	510-325-7810

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Program Director	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Faith Director	Fr. Johnson Abraham	510-557-9845
Community Director	SK King Bunyi.....	510-427-3596
Family Director.....	Wayne Schafer	925-323-6518
Life Director.....	Linus Farias.....	510-423-3705
Membership Director.....	SK Jeff Aquino PGK.....	925-356-2474

If you would like to assist with one of the program areas above, contact the program area director or GK Frank Mazzuca.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

- Brother Ed Chatterton
- Brother Joaquin Campos
- Brother Neal Campanelli (State Council)
- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother David Wood's father Stan, daughter Sarah, and brother Hal
- Brother Tom Kisak
- Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson
- Brother John Wright's brother Larry
- Brothers Claire Tryon and Ed Burgess (Council 6038)
- Brother Gary Down's sister-in-law Julie
- Brother Neil Cuffy
- Deacon Jim Pearce
- Brother Joel Manana special intention
- Health concern for brother Bob McEachran
- Brother Mike's daughter-in-law Josie who is expecting a baby in December, and back surgery in February
- For Zachary Punty (son of brother Mike Punty of QAS) who was seriously injured in a car accident
- Brother Carlos Gutierrez's mother-in-law
- Special intention for Brother King and for his father's conversion
- Brother Daniel Barrington is in Hospice
- Brother Tex asking for Prayers for his sister-in-law Alicia E. Banzos

Supreme Chaplain's Message

THE FULLNESS OF MERCY – OUR NEED FOR REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS IS CONFIRMED, NOT NEGATED, BY CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH

Many years ago, I asked a pastor to host a diocesan celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in his parish. His answer was disappointing. Even though this devotion is endorsed by the Church and was avidly promoted by St. John Paul II, he thought that it contrasted with the joy of the Resurrection. "Begging for mercy, going to confession — all those penitential things belong to Lent," he said. "At our parish, Easter is a time for rejoicing!"

I sometimes ponder that priest's response, which was based on a faulty, and all-too common, understanding of the Easter mystery. It is as if our need to do penance, seek forgiveness, and ask for mercy vanishes in the twinkling of an eye at the end of Holy Week. With the dawn of Easter, we might think, comes the unconditional love of the Savior, a love that affirms us without challenging us, a love that makes few if any demands on the way we live our lives.

Such a misunderstanding can surface even in the lives of very faithful Catholics who take the discipline of Lent very seriously. For example, a person may have fasted during Lent, but come Easter Sunday and beyond, life becomes a smorgasbord of self-indulgence. Another may have given up gossip, but come Easter Monday, the dirt is dished. In other words, Easter is seen as a time for rejoicing that our Lenten penance is over, signaling a return to business as usual. I don't think that's what the Church has in mind for the Easter season.

Paying close attention to the liturgy itself, we see a different picture. Scripture, liturgy and doctrine hold together as one dynamic movement the incarnate Lord's suffering, death, resurrection and exaltation in heaven. These events in Christ's life are known as the paschal mystery; the word "paschal" or "Pasch" refers to the Lord's passage from death to life. Jesus, the sinless Lamb of God, took upon himself the sins of humanity. He then made the passage from death, a death that epitomized our sinful condition, to the glory of the resurrection. In his merciful love, he triumphed over sin and death and opened the way of mercy for the whole of humanity.

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Enrico Kevin "King" Bunyi
– May 4, 2015 (4 yrs)

William Van Hattem
– May 6, 2006 (13 yrs)

David Zarri
– May 1, 2003 (16 yrs)

Edward Chatterton
– May 9, 1978 (41 yrs)

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The Chalice Program offers great comfort to the family members of a deceased Sir Knight that a chalice presented for use in offering the holy sacrifice of the Mass has been given in the name of their loved one.

Last week at Mass in Tijuana, Mexico, Donna Walton of the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission group presented Brother Earl's chalice & paten to Fr. Jesse. During the presentation, Donna shared Earl's long participation with the Mexico group. Fr. Jesse said that the chalice was a wonderful memorial for Earl because he will be remembered every time the chalice is used at Mass. It was a very special and moving memorial.

Our council continues to keep brother Earl, his family, and all of our deceased brother Knights and their families in our prayers.

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Easter does not presume that we sinful human beings no longer need God's mercy, but rather that in the crucified and risen Lord, divine mercy is abundantly available. The Lord loves us with a love stronger than sin and death! He has made possible our exodus from the death of sin to the new life of grace and, ultimately, to the fullness of life in heaven. This is why we rejoice even as we continue to seek his mercy.

The Lord has won the victory by his cross and resurrection, and the question confronting each of us is whether or not we will participate in this victory. In other words, will we allow the Lord in his grace and goodness to engage our freedom? Will we allow the Lord's victory to be applied to our sinfulness, to wound our hearts with love, to reach our inmost soul where the darkness of sin still lurks? Or will we remain disengaged in the face of such tremendous love and allow our own love to remain superficial?

On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel relates how the risen Lord appeared before the Apostles and gave them the power to forgive sins. There is no better day to go to confession. On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed in common. What a wonderful way to

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UPCOMING DEGREES

1st (Admission) Degree:

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

2nd (Formation) Degree:

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

3rd (Knighthood) Degree:

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

4th (Patriotic) Degree:

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

Council Calendar of Events

May 2	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel
May 3	First Friday Dinner, 5:30 PM, Church Hall.
May 4	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
May 6	Council Officers Meeting, 7 PM, Ministry Center.
May 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.*
May 9	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
May 11	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
May 12	Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Hall.
May 16	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
May 17-18	California State Convention, San Diego.
May 18	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
May 20	Council Business Meeting, 6:30 PM dinner, 7:30 PM meeting, Church Hall.
May 23	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
May 25	Rosary for the Innocents, 10 AM, Queen of Heaven Cemetery – Lafayette.
May 26	6th Annual Spring Car Show & Blessing, 10 AM, School Parking Lot.
May 30	Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.

* Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.



SAINT OF THE DAY

- 1 – St. Joseph the Worker
- 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor
- 3 – Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- 10 – St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, Priest
- 12 – Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs or St. Pancras, Martyr
- 13 – Our Lady of Fatima
- 14 – St. Matthias the Apostle
- 15 – St. Isidore
- 18 – St. John I, Pope and Martyr
- 20 – St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
- 21 – St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Martyr and Companions, Martyrs
- 22 – St. Rita of Cascia
- 25 – St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor; or St. Gregory VII, Pope, Religious or St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin
- 26 – St. Philip Neri, Priest
- 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
- 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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express our need for the Lord's mercy! Divine Mercy Sunday also includes eucharistic adoration and Benediction. What a beautiful opportunity to allow the risen Lord, truly and substantially present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, to gaze upon us with the look of love, the look of mercy!

This Easter season, may we know the fullness of joy because we experience the fullness of mercy.

Archbishop William E. Lori

Supreme Chaplain

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