

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"
November 2021

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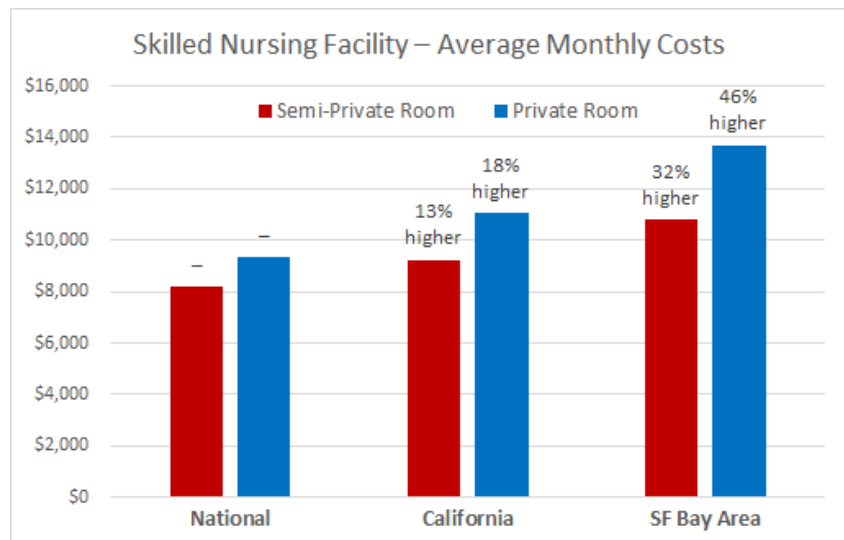
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Brothers:

November is National Long-Term Care (LTC) Awareness Month. The following information is provided to help you better understand LTC and how to pay for it, if you should need it (which is very likely – read on).

- About 70% of people over the age of 65 will need some kind of LTC services during their lifetime.
- They will need those LTC services for an average of 3 years.
- 78% of adults who are getting LTC services at home rely solely on family and friends for their assistance.
- Over 90% of family caregivers had to alter their work schedule permanently due to caring for their loved one.
- In the San Francisco Bay Area, a private room in a skilled nursing facility averages almost \$14,000 per month. For a one-bedroom apartment in an assisted living facility, the average cost is over \$6,500 per month. The following charts compare average costs for the U.S., California, and the San Francisco Bay Area. The percent difference from the national average shown atop each column.



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BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Edward McGuirk
- 10 – Hugh McManus
- 12 – Robert Bove
- 17 – Enrico Kevin Bunyi
- 25 – Tom Grewis
- 28 – Virgilio Acma
- 29 – Edward Lee

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 8 – Christine Artale (Ronald)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Carlos & Mary Garcia –
November 14, 1982
(39 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
- Chancellor*Open*
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
- Recorder.....SK Mike McDermott.....925-676-2384
- Financial SecretaryGary Downs.....925-825-4409
- TreasurerJohn Wright.....925-798-5962
- LecturerDeacon Tony Reyes.....925-671-0134
- Advocate*Open*
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside Guard*Open*
- One-Year Trustee*Open*
- 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**, **Advocate**, **Outside Guard**, and **One-Year Trustee** 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 – All Saints
- 2 – All Souls Day
- 3 – St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- 9 – Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10 – St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor
- 11 – St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
- 12 – St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- 13 – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- 15 – St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor
- 16 – St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin
- 17 – St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- 18 – Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 – St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- 23 – St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot
- 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and his Companions, Martyrs
- 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- 30 – St. Andrew the Apostle

Council Calendar of Events

- November 1 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- November 4 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- November 5 First Friday Dinner, 5:30 PM, Church Patio.
- November 10 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. John Paul II Room, St. Francis of Assisi Church. *(Fourth Degree Knights only may participate in this event.)*
- November 11 Veterans Day Holiday. 
- November 11 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- November 14 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio *(Weather permitting)*.
- November 15 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. *Refreshments served at 6:30. We are required to eat outside, so bring a jacket. Rosary at 7:10. We will end the business meeting no later than 8:30.*
- November 18 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- November 20 Admirals Ball, 5 PM, Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill.
- November 25 Thanksgiving Holiday. 
- November 25 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- November 27-28 Hospitality Weekend, following Saturday 5 PM Mass and all Sunday morning Masses. *(Weather permitting)*
- December 6 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- December 12 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio. *(Weather permitting)*.
- December 20 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall.

In case you missed it – We are now meeting in-person again!

- ◆ **Council Officers Meeting – Monday, November 1 at 7:30, Parish Ministry Center**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, November 15 at 7:30, Church Hall.**
 - ◇ *Refreshments beginning at 6:30 – Wear a jacket, as we must eat outside.*
 - ◇ *Rosary beginning at 7:10 – Bring your Rosary.*
 - ◇ *We'll conclude the meeting no later than 8:30.*



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.

If you know of a change in the situation of someone for whom we are praying such that they can be removed from our Prayer Intentions list, please contact GK Richard or Worth Recorder Mike McDermott.

Prayer Intentions

Physical Healing

- Father Johnson Abraham
- Brother King Bunyi
- Brother Bob Alford
- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother Noel Asuncion
- Brother David's father Stan, daughter Sarah, brother Hal, aunt MaryAnn
- 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's sister-in-law Alicia E. Banzos
- Brother Jorge Garcia
- Brother Norm Andrews and his wife Dianne
- Brother Tom McEachran
- Brother Bob McEachran
- Brother Richard Reinero
- 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

- Fr. Ricardo Chavez. For all deceased Brother Knights: Brothers SK Dick Wilbur; Ed Chatterton; Ed Lexon; Tom Kisak; Dick Spahl; and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro, Brother Ed Lee's sister Marian, Brother Bob McEachran's wife Tami.
- 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.



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

J Benavente
– Nov. 9, 1995 (26 yrs)

Robert Bove
– Nov. 7, 2000 (21 yrs)

Sumner Peery
– Nov. 7, 2000 (21 yrs)

Linus Farias
– Nov. 19, 2012 (9 yrs)

Timothy Hadley
– Nov. 22, 2014 (7 yrs)

Edward Lee
– Nov. 20, 2017 (4 yrs)

Thomas McEachran
– Nov. 20, 2017 (4 yrs)

Wayne Schafer
– Nov. 20, 2017 (4 yrs)

Ronald Connolly
– Nov. 18, 2019 (2 yrs)

Todos Santos Assembly Admirals Ball – November 20

On Saturday, November 20, the Todos Santos Fourth Degree Assembly will hold its annual Admirals Ball, which honors our military veterans and Christmas. It is the Assembly's biggest event of the year and **all members** of the Knights of Columbus (whether Fourth Degree or not) and their spouses are invited to gather for an evening of camaraderie, entertainment, and dancing.

There will be a live band, featuring our own Brother John Wright on bass, and guest speaker Patrick Kimes, a 30-year police officer, who will be speaking on "Policing in California in 2021."

There will be a raffle to be drawn at the Admirals Ball to support the Assembly's Chalice Fund. The grand prize is a one-week stay at a beautiful 3-bedroom, 2-bath vacation retreat on the Oregon coast, with an incredible ocean view, hiking, recreation, fishing, and water sports nearby. Other prizes include \$500 gift cards, a \$150 gift certificate to Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill, and over 20 different gift baskets (each with a value between \$50 – \$125).

Seven raffle tickets were mailed to every Knight in Concord, Martinez, and Bay Point. The raffle tickets are \$10 each, 4 tickets for \$30, or all 7 for \$50. Please support the Assembly by purchasing your raffle tickets.

For more information regarding the Admirals Ball or the raffle, contact Brother Robert Ripley: 925-827-9717 or ripleys4@astound.net.

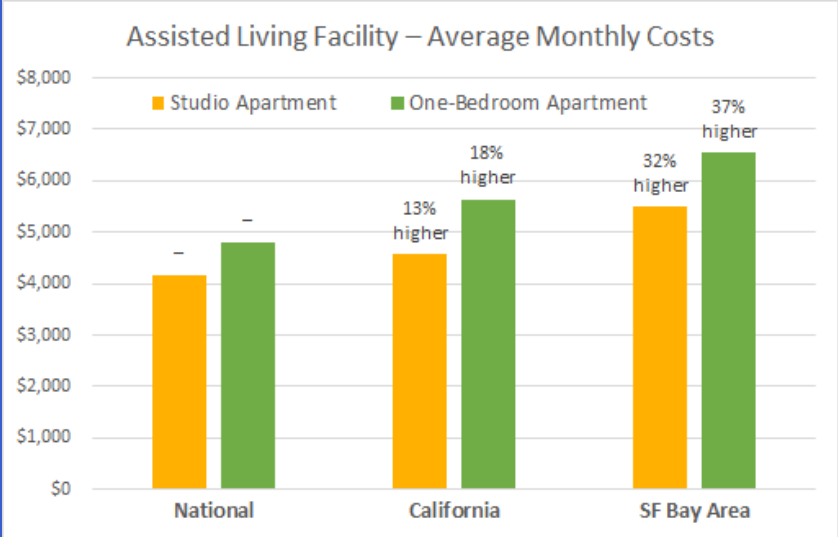
October Knight of the Month – PGK David Wood



← Past Grand Knight David Wood receives his Knight of the Month Award for October 2021. Brother David was instrumental in bringing back our monthly pancake breakfasts after a 20-month hiatus due to COVID restrictions. Even the fact that parishioners had to eat their breakfasts outdoors and many Knights had to be stationed outdoors to serve coffee and juice was not enough to throw off Brother David's planning and execution.



Grand Knight's Corner (Continued from page 1)



- Traditional medical insurance programs and government medical insurance programs don't usually provide enough help – Medicare only pays for LTC services for a maximum of 100 days, with a co-pay after the 20th day, and only if certain criteria are met. Medicaid will pay for LTC, but only if your income is below a certain level (you are basically indigent), and you meet strict state requirements.
- Knights of Columbus LTC Insurance policies establish a pool of money (Lifetime Benefit), which is determined by a number of options that you

choose from (see below). That pool of money is then available for you to use to cover qualified long-term care expenses. When the pool of money is exhausted, your long-term care policy ends.

What options do I have?

- Coverage Type
 - * Comprehensive – Covers expenses at home or in a skilled nursing facility.
 - * Facility-Only – Covers expenses in skilled nursing or assisted living facility.
- Benefit Period
 - * 3-Year – A lifetime benefit to cover 3 years of LTC expenses.
 - * 5-Year – A lifetime benefit to cover 5 years of LTC expenses.
 - * 10-Year – A lifetime benefit to cover 10 years of LTC expenses.
- Daily Benefit
 - * You establish the daily benefit amount that the policy provides, based on your budget and your projected need. Your daily benefit amount, combined with your benefit period, will determine your maximum lifetime benefit, all of which will affect your premium.
- Elimination Period
 - * The elimination period serves as your deductible or out-of-pocket amount. You can select a 30-, 90-, or 180-day lifetime elimination period, after which time your benefits will begin to be paid.

Contact our Field Agent, Howard Tank, for more information.

Richard Milward
Grand Knight

Disclaimer: I do not currently possess a valid California life and health insurance license. Therefore, you should consult our council's Field Agent, Howard Tank, for more information regarding the Knights of Columbus LTC Insurance products.

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