

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

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

October is Respect Life Month, and to mark that occasion I want to encourage all Knights to take advantage of three excellent pro-life webinars brought to us by the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

The three webinars will cover the medical, legal, and ethical aspects of defending life and human dignity.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made; Prenatal Development Through the Stages presented by Kristin Collier MD, FACP on Tuesday, October 5 at 12:30 pm PT. Kristin will walk us through fetal development and address some of the gaps of information and knowledge found.

Demystifying California Abortion Law: What is Legal? presented by Catherine Short, Esq, on Tuesday, October 12 at 12:30 pm PT. Catherine will walk us through what is legal in the United States, but with a focus on California. We will learn what is really legal and what is not.

The Ethics of Abortions: Misconceptions and Challenges presented by Melissa Moschella on Tuesday, October 19 at 12:30 pm PT. Melissa will address the moral reasonings around abortion and address misconceptions and challenges

For more information or to register, click on the image below, scan the QR code, or visit <https://sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars/>.

Richard Milward
Grand Knight





BIRTHDAYS

- 6 – Andrew Wood
- 7 – Ernest Ameral
- 7 – Keith Ferrara
- 25 – J Benavente
- 25 – Jeff McGallian

WIVES' BIRTHDAYS

- 10 – Mary Garcia (Carlos)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Richard & Diane Milward – October 20, 1990 (31 yrs)
- Arthur & Mary O'Keefe – October 23, 1982 (39 yrs)

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2021-2022

- Grand KnightSK Richard Milward PGK925-699-5852
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- Outside GuardOpen
- One-Year TrusteeOpen
- 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 – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- 2 – Guardian Angels
- 4 – St. Francis of Assisi
- 5 – Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- 6 – St. Bruno, Priest or Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9 – St. Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs or St. John Leonardi, Priest
- 11 – St. John XXIII, Pope
- 14 – St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- 15 – St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor
- 16 – St. Hedwig, Religious or St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist
- 19 – Sts. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, Priests and Martyrs; and their Companions, Martyrs
- 20 – St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- 22 – St. John Paul II, Pope
- 23 – St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- 24 – St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Council Calendar of Events

- October 4 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- October 7 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- October 10 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio.
- October 11 Columbus Day Holiday.
- October 13 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.)*
- October 14 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- October 18 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall. *Dinner served at 6:30. Rosary at 7:10. We will end the business meeting no later than 8:30.*
- October 21 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- October 23-24 Hospitality Weekend, following Saturday 5 PM Mass and all Sunday morning Masses. *Help needed with serving. Please stop by and help after Mass.*
- October 28 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- November 1 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- November 5 First Friday Dinner, 5:30 PM, Church Patio.
- November 14 Pancake Breakfast, after 9 and 11 AM Masses, Church Patio. *Weather permitting.*
- November 15 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall.
- November 20 Admirals Ball, 5 PM, Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill.

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

- ◆ **Council Officers Meeting – Monday, October 4 at 7:30 in the Parish Ministry Center**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, October 18 at 7:30 in the Church Hall.**
 - ◆ *Dinner beginning at 6:30 – Come early, eat, and socialize.*
 - ◆ *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

Robert Vetro
– October 6, 1965 (56 yrs)

Vincent Cotter
– October 1, 1988 (33 yrs)

Richard Milward
– October 6, 2004 (17 yrs)

David Wood
– October 26, 2004 (17 yrs)

Paul Murray
– October 1, 2011 (10 yrs)

Gary Downs
– October 8, 2011 (10 yrs)

Daniel Villasenor
– October 8, 2011 (10 yrs)

Johnson Abraham
– October 13, 2011 (10 yrs)

Keith Ferrara
– October 17, 2011 (10 yrs)

Timothy McGallian
– October 15, 2012 (9 yrs)

John Wright
– October 15, 2012 (9 yrs)

Ernest Ameral
– October 15, 2016 (5 yrs)

Andrew Wood
– October 15, 2016 (5 yrs)

Virgilio Acma
– October 17, 2016 (5 yrs)

Noel Asuncion
– October 17, 2016 (5 yrs)

Joseph Moniz
– October 17, 2016 (5 yrs)

Arthur Aronson
– October 21, 2019 (2 yrs)

Craig Haskins
– October 21, 2019 (2 yrs)

Philip Sunglao
– October 21, 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."

One of the fraternal benefits of membership in the Fourth Degree is the time-honored traditions of the Memorial Chalice.

When a Fourth Degree member in good standing passes away, a chalice is donated in his memory to the religious order or organization of his choosing. The beautiful Chalice Ceremony is conducted as part of the deceased Sir Knight's wake or funeral vigil. The chalice, engraved with the Sir Knight's name, is presented to the family, used in the memorial Mass, and then delivered to the recipient by representatives of the assembly, according to the Sir Knight's wishes.

As might be expected, the chalices are not inexpensive and a number of Worthy Sir Knights of the Todos Santos Assembly have passed away in the last year, which has depleted the Assembly's supply of chalices and the chalice fund.

To replenish this fund and raise money for other events that the Assembly has pledged to support, there will be a raffle to be drawn at the Admirals Ball.

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 are being 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 when you receive them.

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



Parish Reopens and Brothers are Honored

- ↓ Carolyn Monahan, Brother Pat Monahan, and Brother Cheng-Feng Tsai ready the goodies for hospitality after Mass on Saturday, August 28.



On the weekend of August 28-29, St. Agnes conducted its official reopening – returning to all indoor Masses at the normal times after 17 months of Masses held outdoors, then occasionally indoors, live streamed in our homes, but with communion distributed at church.

One of the biggest reopening changes was the responsibility given to the Knights to carry out many of the activities of the parish’s gathering ministry, such as hospitality after Mass. So it fell to the Knights to provide refreshments after all Masses that weekend. Judging by the overwhelmingly positive reaction we got to providing goodies as simple as cheese, crackers, wine, donuts, and coffee, it seems our community was ready to return to “normal” and really appreciated our efforts.

- ↓ Brother Mike McDermott is presented his certificate as Knight of the Month for August 2021 for his work on the Parish’s reopening weekend.



Then, at our September 20 business meeting, we honored two brothers:

Brother **Mike McDermott** was recognized as **Knight of the Month** for August 2021 because of his leadership as co-chair of the Parish Council that coordinated the August 28-29 parish reopening weekend. Brother Mike, who is also our council’s Recorder, worked for months planning and organizing the many activities occurring before, during, and after reopening weekend and the dozens of parishioners who helped make it all happen.

- ↓ Brother Jim Stanionis is presented his Honorary Life Membership card and certificate.



Brother **Jim Stanionis** was presented his **Honorary Life Membership** card and accompanying certificate. Once a Knight reaches the age of 70 and has served the Order faithfully for 25 years, he is accorded the honor of Honorary Life Membership, which includes many benefits – the best of which may be that he no longer needs to pay dues. Brother Jim completed his 1st Degree on December 7, 1993 (28 years ago this December), and reached the distinguished age of 70 this past May.

Congratulations to both Brothers Mike and Jim and thanks to all the Brothers who helped out with the parish’s reopening activities.

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