

ST. AGNES KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15344



The Pulse

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"YOU WILL BE BROTHERS: OUR VOCATION TO FRATERNITY" GRAND KNIGHT CORNER

My Brother Knights,

Hello and Welcome to the Third month of the Columbian year. Activity continues to increase and our involvement in the Church Activities has expanded. My Commitment to the council is to double our size and or scope. To that end we have 5 new prospects who are lined up to earn the First Degree. We will be discussing using the Video version of the training to increase the results.

In 1666 Brother Lawrence wrote a story called Practicing the Presence of God. Even though he wrote this over 500 years ago, I can't tell you how applicable it is to me in my daily life. The Story tells of how he got in trouble for not praying enough as a cloistered brother. In his defense, he explained that he prays constantly. He prays while working playing cooking etc. In my experience, Praying is my talking to God, being quiet and listening is God's answers to me. God answers all my Prayers... YES, NO or Not Yet... I hate not yet.

So far this month we have had a very successful Fish Fry and an ultra-successful merging of our help at the Fil Am LUAU.

This Week we have the 50th Anniversary of the school and we just had the Monthly Hospitality weekend. These are what one would call Target Rich environments. Brother Jorge has a Cap to show that he recruited 5 new Brothers. In place of the knight's ceremonial hat, and the Barret, I want all of us to have one of those caps next year at this time. The Hospitality week and the 50th Anniversary are two more TARGET RICH ENVIRONMENTS. We have the opportunity to help the church\School and to meet new people. As a matter of fact, For the Anniversary we will be partnered up with DADs from the school to set up, Clean up and recruit (Is there any doubt that our God has a sense of humor).

We are a Family First Organization. For that reason, Next month's First Friday Fish Fry will be the second Friday. This will give us time to spend with our families over the Labor Day weekend. This will be the last time for the Families to get together before school starts. The Following week we will be promoting an opportunity for them to get out of the house and be served at our Fish Fry.

We will be uniting with the Outreach committee this coming month to create an even more exciting opportunity for involvement.

Vivat Jesus,
Frank Mazzuca



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BIRTHDAYS

August:

9/2 Gary Downs
9/13 Tom Farias
9/19 Thomas O'Sullivan
9/20 Kevin Keeler
9/22 Bill Drobick
9/23 Juan Fernandez
9/23 John Wright
9/28 Tex Alimpos

Wives Birthdays

If your wife's Birthday is in Sept let us know so we can update the database

WEDDING ANNIVERSARYS

If your Wedding Anniversary is this month then please send me the date so I can add it to your personal information.

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America the Beautiful

July 3, 2017 – Lincoln, NE

by Lara Milward

While you walk, you can spend a lot of time with a single person, and you get to talking about some pretty fascinating things. Once I started talking with a fellow walker about the meaning and definition of beauty. We tend to think of beauty as something that is visually pleasing, but we realized that beauty is that which draws our mind to God or draws us closer to God, because everything of God is beautiful. Pope Emeritus Benedict defines real beauty as "the Truth itself," and God is all truth. In light of this, I'd like to share with you some of the beautiful things we have experienced thus far while walking across the country.

There's more than one way that beauty can manifest itself. Some of these things are beautiful to see or hear, and others are acts of kindness or even events or times in which we find ourselves close to God. All of them made us praise God for His loveliness and brought us closer to Him and his beauty in their own way.

- The grace given to us through daily Mass and through the prayers of others.
- The humility we experience as others entrust us, of all people, with their prayer intentions.
- The sound and sight of wind through the fields we pass by.
- Two butterflies flying around each other in front of us of while we walked early one morning.
- Far away from cities and lights, the innumerable stars like diamond dust scattered onto the navy blue sky.
- My team members. They're inspiring and fabulous.
- The hymns we sing together sometimes before morning and evening prayer.
- The sunrise and cool air in the middle of June as we offer it up for the babies.
- The occasional bad pun we see on billboards for local businesses.

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MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY'S

Edward Mc Guirk 27 yrs.

Hugh Mc Manus 27yrs.

Thomas Kisak 26 yrs.

Ronald Hannan 22 yrs.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2017

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| Sept 5 | Officers Meeting Ministry Center 7pm |
| Sept 8 | Friday Dinner, 5:30 Parish Hall |
| Sept 10 | Blue Mass St. Francis Assisi 11:30 – Assembly event |
| Sept 13 | Assembly Meeting St. Francis of Assisi 6:30 |
| Sept 18 | Business Meeting Parish Hall, Dinner 6:30pm, Rosary 7pm, meeting 7:30pm |
| Sept 30 | German Dinner 6:00pm Knights man bar |

October 2017

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| Oct 6 | NO First Friday Dinner |
| Oct 14 | Crab and Tri-Tip Dinner, Get your tickets! |
| Oct 21 | CYO Welcome Back BBQ and Knights FTC |
| Oct 22 | Friends and Family Mass 10:45 Mass |

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UP COMING DEGREES

1st Degree

Sept 14,
6:15pm – 7:30pm
St Catherine of Sienna
Martinez, CA

2nd Degree

None Scheduled at time of
publication

3rd Degree

None Scheduled at time of
publication

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INSURANCE CORNER WITH
SUPREME GENERAL AGENT CARLOS GUTIERREZ

How Much Will You Need for Retirement?

Social Security alone is unlikely to provide sufficient income for your retirement, unless you plan a fairly meager existence. To retire comfortably, one rule of thumb suggests that you will want 70-80% of your pre-retirement income to maintain your current lifestyle.

How can I calculate the amount of savings I'll need?

First: Write down your family's current yearly income and multiply it by 80%.

Second: Determine your monthly Social Security benefit and multiply it by 12 (to convert it to a yearly amount), and then subtract that from the first step. Don't forget to add your spouse's benefit if you are married. You can find your estimated Social Security benefit at <https://www.ssa.gov/retire/estimator.html>.

Third: Take the amount you determined above and divide it by .04.* This will reveal the suggested amount you need at retirement.

Fourth: Compare this savings amount to your current savings. Are you on track to meet your suggested amount or do you need to make contribution adjustments?

(Continue at: <http://ebriefme.org/Response/HtmlTemplateLongVersion.aspx?d=817&r=Ep88o2Xfb0C7w58rDCSicw>)

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It's not necessarily what we do that
makes us different but why we do it--
Knights of Columbus.



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OFFICERS

Grand Knight:

Frank Mazzuca

Chaplain:

Fr. Johnson Abraham

Deputy Grand Knight:

King Bunyi

Financial Secretary:

Gary Downs

Treasurer:

David Wood

Recording Secretary:

Mike McDermott

Advocate:

Richard Milward

Chancellor:

Jorge Garcia

Warden:

Tex Alimpos

Inside Guard:

Cheng-Feng Tsai

Outside Guard:

Jeffery Aquino

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1st Yr. Earl Koski

2nd Yr. Sumner Perry

3rd Yr. Carlos Garcia

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THE SHACK

MINI RETREAT BY DEACON BILL

Has been moved to Lent...

We will have a special mini retreat presented by our Brother – Deacon Bill. Date and time still need to be determined and once they are set we will pass it on to you.

Movie Trailer <https://youtu.be/CL0yUbSS5Eg>

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SAVE THE DATE

Council Calendar

*9/5 Officers meeting in
Ministry Center 7pm*

*9/8 Friday Dinner
5:30 Church Hall*

*9/18 Business meeting
Church Hall
Light meal 6:30pm
Rosary 7pm
Business Meeting to
start immediately after
Rosary.*

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SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2017!

FRESH CRAB AND TRI-TIP DINNER!

First Crab Dinner of the Season!



Please come and enjoy a fun evening with your fellow Brother Knights and families along with our Parish Community. This is our main fundraiser for the year to support our charitable works in our Parish and community.

We can use all the support we can from assisting in selling tickets, setup, dinner prep, cooking and cleanup. If you are not able to help with working the dinner, then please try to support the dinner by attending the dinner or if you can't make it how about contributing a raffle gift.

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ASSEMBLY EVENTS

Sept 9 Rosary for the Unborn, 10 am

Sept 10 Blue Mass St. Francis Assisi 11:30am

Nov 11: Veteran's & Christmas Dinner Zio Fraedo's Restaurant

Assembly Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Pope John Paul II room at St Francis of Assisi Church

860 Oak Grove Road, Concord, CA.

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TODOS SANTOS CORNER



St. Francis of Assisi and the Knights of Columbus



BlueGoldSilverRed



September 10th, 2017

Blessing at the 11:30 AM Mass

Awards Ceremony and lunch following Mass

In honor of the men and women who serve our communities as public safety professionals and as first responders, members of the Concord Police Department, Clayton Police Department, Martinez Police Department, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, California Highway Patrol, and Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department have been invited to attend the 11:30 AM Mass on Sunday June 12th for a blessing with a lunch and awards ceremony in the gym following Mass



All are welcome

Please join us in recognizing these men and women who put their lives on the line for our protection.

St. Francis of Assisi Church
860 Oak Grove Road. Concord. CA

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FAMILY & FRIENDS MASS

Next Friends and
Family Mass will be on
October 22, 10:45 Mass

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America the Beautiful- Continued

- The families and hosts who give all of themselves and what they have to give us a home for the weekend.
- A trio of gourds in a store window that were painted to look like swans.
- The vivid pink and orange masterpiece of a Nebraska sunset, followed by throngs of fireflies in the warm air and fireworks on the horizon.
- Shards of the morning sky reflected in the rainwater collected in rumble strips on the roadside.
- Praying with the local community at daily Mass.
- A bed at the end of a long day.
- Puns!
- The daisy we got for the RV to brighten it up, and the walking shirt we made for this plant so that it could be a part of our team.
- Singing loudly before and after we walk to motivate us and to celebrate.
- The acts of service within our group. For example, when someone gets up and joyfully washes the dishes after meals, or when we make each other drink water, and when we choose to spend time with each other even when we really want to take a nap.
- The car window between us and a swarm of mosquitos.
- When our local Australian touched snow for the first time.
- The Coloradan cliffs and mountains.
- The many inside jokes that are a definite sign of the familial nature of this group.
- The suit and eyepatch we made for a Happy Meal toy. There was no reason not to, so we did.
- The pains and inconveniences we are blessed with every day that we give to God in love.
- The afternoon full moon over a lonely highway through the Nevada desert.
- A giant American flag flapping majestically on a cool breezy day.
- The car honks and even the occasional train honks that initially startle us but give us a boost for walking.
- The view of the Bay Area from atop Mt. Tamalpais.
- The sound of eggs being whisked for omelets.
- Our team banding together each day to pray for others, and the knowledge and trust that others are praying for us.

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PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Council has
Thursdays 5pm-6pm for
and hour of Adoration
Feel free to come during
that hour.

If you are interested in
signing up of another
time contact Brother
Sumner Perry

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America the Beautiful- Continued

- Our team banding together each day to pray for others, and the knowledge and trust that others are praying for us.
 - The small but infinitely kind things that strangers do for us. Just one example, and one that meant a lot to me was when I tripped and bashed my knee while going up church steps, right in front of a couple going inside for Mass. The lady did not hesitate to offer me a Band Aid and make sure I was OK.
- God is so good to us and he gives us so many beautiful things that make us happy to be alive every day.

~Lara

Central Walk '17



Lara is 18 and is the third of four children of Brother Richard Milward. She just started attending DVC and has been home schooled since the 7th grade. She's not sure what she wants to study, so she's starting with a variety of classes, including human biology, political science, and physics. An area of interest is biology with a possible career as a physician's assistant. She's been to Tijuana four times with the La Morita mission and for the last two years, she's assisted with the St Agnes confirmation class. Her hobbies reflect the fact that she likes to work with her hands -- cooking (especially pizza -- she made pizzas at Dominos for a year before leaving on the walk), origami, and decorating wooden boxes. She learned about the Crossroads Walk last winter, applied to go, was accepted, and then asked us if she could go. To learn more about Crossroad, their website is: <https://www.crossroadswalk.org/>

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PARISH EMAIL

Did you receive an email from Fr. Johnson? The communications committee has been working diligently on finding a suitable notification system for the Parish to use. our parish is now supported by an emailing and text messaging service called "Flocknote".

Over the coming weeks, our communications committee will be publishing more information about Flocknote in the Sunday bulletin so parishioners not yet on our list will have an opportunity to sign up and stay informed. (If you want more information about Flocknote terms and conditions of service, click on this link: <http://flocknote.com/terms> .)

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KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH

By 2017 Rev. Thomas B. Iwanowski

My children give me an argument every time I tell them to get ready for church. My teenager refuses to take part in the Confirmation program. My daughter in college tells me she is not religious just spiritual. My adult children will not join us for Mass when we visit, not even at Christmas. My married son and his wife have not said a word about baptizing their baby.

Comments like those are often made by frustrated parents who have tried to pass on their faith to their sons and daughters. They made sure their children received the sacraments, went to Catholic school or enrolled in religious education classes, and learned their prayers and the beliefs of the Church.

Such parents are confused, disappointed, and saddened when their children drift away from the Church. Those children know their faith. They might even say they agree with the statement that Peter makes about Jesus in this Sunday Gospel. (Matthew 16:13-20). "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." They might even accept Jesus' response, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" as a justification for the papacy.

But as parents discover, having children who know their faith does not always result in children who live their faith.

Knowing and acting are two different things. Of course, that is the case in other areas of life. For example, we know that proper nutrition, exercise, avoiding stress, and getting enough sleep lead to better health. But knowing those things does not mean we do those things.

We are far more influenced in our lives by the people we know than by the things we learn. Relationships motivate us more than knowledge. That is also true when it comes to faith.

Peter and the other disciples were brought to faith by their encounter with Jesus and their relationship with him. Jesus did not give religion lessons. Instead he spent time with people. He allowed people to get to know him and knowing him changed them.

Peter went from being a fisherman to a disciple not because of the facts he learned but because he had a personal relationship with Jesus. The relationship came first, information came later.

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PRAY FOR BROTHERS

- *Brother Ed Chatterton*
- *Brother George Conlow*
- *Brother Ron Artale and his son*
- *Brother Octavio Padilla*
- *Brother Earl Koski's mother in law, Muriel Gordon*
- *Brother David's father Stan*
- *Brother David's brother Hal*
- *Brother David's aunt Maryann*
- *Brother Tom Kisak*
- *Brother Ray Doorack's son and grandson*
- *Brother John Wright's brother Larry*
- *Brother Gary's sister in-law Julie*
- *Brother Ed Burgess PGK #6038*
- *Brother Mike Souza's Sister Judy*
- *Brother Joaquin Compos*
- *Brother Neal Campanelli*

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If children are to remain practicing Catholics, if any of us are to remain strong in our faith, we need to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We need to know him as our Savior and Lord and as our brother and friend.

Such a personal relationship with Jesus begins and grows in the same way as any other relationship. Personal relationships require an ongoing investment of time and effort.

An investment in a relationship with Jesus requires time for conversation. That demands setting aside time each day for prayer. It means speaking with the Lord. It requires time to listen to his thoughts and ideas. That involves opening ourselves to what Jesus is saying in the Scriptures. It means reading and reflecting on God's Word.

It requires setting aside time to share a meal. That means making certain we gather at the Table of the Lord each Sunday. It means "Sunday dinner" with Jesus. It requires time to watch his interactions with other people. That demands being part of the Christian community where he touches hearts and changes lives. It means being part of a parish, part of the Church.

It requires making the effort to help him. That means assisting the poor, the sick, the suffering in whom Jesus can be found. It means transforming good words into good actions.

If family members and friends are drifting away from their Catholic faith, more than likely the cause is not a lack of information, but the lack of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday Sept. 9 2017

On Saturday, September 9, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 50 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time

Saturday, September 9 10:00AM

Location

Rachel Weeping Memorial
Queen of Heaven Cemetery
Lafayette, CA 94549

Special Details

Queen of Heaven Cemetery
1965 Reliz Valley Road, Lafayette CA

The rosary is prayed EVERY Saturday; join us any Saturday at 10AM at the Rachel Weeping statue.

Local Contact

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
and Ca Right to Life Ed Fund

925-944-5351 info@calright2life.org

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For more information on this event, visit AbortionMemorials.com



Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner
(Fresh Alaskan Dungeness Crab)

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, October 14, 2017
St. Agnes Church Hall
3966 Chestnut, Concord, CA
No-host Cocktails at 6 pm
Dinner served at 7 pm
Price is \$50 each

Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses 10/1, 10/7-10/8

Tickets will also be available in the Ministry Center 10/1 – 10/10

Or by contacting:

Sumner Peery (510) 376-0326, email: speery@astound.net
David Wood (925) 207-0270, email: david@koc15344stagnes.org

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

Tickets will not be sold after October 10, 2017

Checks to be made out to "Knights of Columbus #15344"

Menu:

Hors d'oeuvre, Sliced Bread, Salad, Pasta, Tri-tip and Dungeness Crab!

Children (4-12) \$5 No "CRAB" dinner

Children (under 3) No Charge

Portions of the profit from this dinner will help benefit:

St. Agnes Parish, support Seminarians, Share food pantry, the Diocesan Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign and other local charities.