

The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344
Knights of Columbus

“You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity”
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AUGUST 10, 2020 LETTER FROM FATHER JOHNSON

St. Agnes Family,

The greatest weapon that God has given us is Prayer. Christians overcame every suffering with the power of prayer. The church has always faced persecution and suffering. The first four centuries the church faced political persecutions. The church also had to face famine, pandemics, natural calamities, wars, scandals, and schisms through the centuries. And the church overcame all of those with prayer and faithfulness to God.

Now we face this pandemic – Covid-19. It has caused much suffering to individuals, families, communities, and nations. How are we handling it as Christians?

“Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.” As wise people we know we have very little control over this situation. So instead of becoming upset and angry, how can we, Christians, make it an opportunity to grow?

In the face of this pandemic, our churches are closed, we can no longer easily gather as a community to worship, celebrate sacraments, share our ministries, and reach out to one another. Even though our churches are closed, God is close to us in our hearts and homes. I noticed that many more people participate in the Holy Mass from home; thanks to the internet and TV stations.

St. Paul reminds us: “Do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at

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BIRTHDAYS

- 12 – Gary Downs
- 13 – Thomas Farias
- 19 – Thomas O Sullivan
- 20 – Kevin Keeler
- 22 – William Drobick
- 23 – John Wright
- 23 – Juan Fernandez
- 28 – Eutiquio (Tex) Alimpolos

Council Officers / Columbian Year 2020-2021

- Grand KnightSK David Wood PGK925-458-0888
- ChaplainFr. Johnson Abraham510-557-9845
- Deputy Grand KnightSK Carlos Garcia PGK.....925-680-2814
- Chancellor*Open*
- WardenCheng-Feng Tsai925-890-0353
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- Advocate*Open*
- Inside GuardPatrick Monahan.....925-864-9867
- Outside GuardWayne Schafer925-323-6518
- One-Year Trustee*Open*
- Two-Year TrusteeSK Frank Mazzuca PGK925-381-5624
- Three-Year TrusteeJohn Wright.....925-798-5962
- Supreme Field Agent.....Carlos Gutierrez415-517-7560
- District DeputySK David Schwartz PGK510-325-7810

The positions of **Chancellor, Advocate, and Trustee** remain open.
 The only qualification for these positions is that you must be a Third-Degree Knight. For more information, contact GK David Wood.



SAINT OF THE DAY

- 3 – St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor
- 5 – St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- 8 – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 – St. Peter Claver, Priest
- 12 – Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
- 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 – Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian. Bishop, Martyrs
- 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor
- 19 – St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
- 20 – Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
- 21 – St. Matthew the Evangelist, Apostle, Evangelist
- 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest
- 26 – Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs—
- 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- 28 – St. Wenceslaus, Martyr or Sts. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- 30 – St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor

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what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal”. 2.Cor. 4:16-18.

For us Christians, this moment of suffering can be a golden opportunity. We have learned many important lessons: even when churches are locked, priests are not available, sacraments cannot be celebrated... still we can keep our faith in our hearts and homes!

These days of being locked down need to be seen as a time of testing for our faith, much like the people of Israel experienced in the desert. It is a time of pruning so a greater harvest can be realized. God is preparing us for a new springtime of spiritual growth as individuals and as a parish family. Can we look past our pain and see God lovingly holding our hand and leading us toward heaven? Can we conquer our fear and reach out to others who need to hear this precious message?

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which comes upon you to prove you, as though something strange were happening to you. Therefore, let those who suffer according to God’s will do right and entrust their souls to a faithful Creator.” (1Pet.4:12-19)

God is giving us an opportunity to grow in holiness. We may not get another opportunity like this in our lifetime. So, let us make maximum use of it! Let’s devote ourselves to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let us become a solid rock of faith for our family and community. We are the light of the world... it is time for us Christians to shine!

I am sure we will overcome this virus sooner or later. The church has survived and has been renewed again and again. We will return to normal life and prosperity because we believe that our God is in charge and He desires our best. But we should look back to these days as days of blessings when we had spiritual growth. All our suffering now will be glorified by the Love of God then.

We should be able to say with St. Paul “We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in

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UPCOMING DEGREES

New Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity

- The new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that you can advance to the Third Degree any time of the day or night, 24/7, at your convenience.

To participate in the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, you will need an invitation. To receive an invitation, contact Brother Richard Milward at 925-699-5852 or richard.milward.pgk@gmail.com.

Be sure, also, to tell your friends about the Knights and how easy it is get them started as new members.

Patriotic (4th) Degree:

- Saturday, April 11, 2021

- POSTPONED -
New date to be announced

Council Calendar of Events

- September 7 Labor Day Drive-Thru BBQ, Noon-1:30 PM. Knights needed to assist with food preparation, cooking, clean-up and general help. Contact GK David Wood for more information. *See page 5 for additional information.*
- September 7 Council Officers Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.
- September 9 Todos Santos Assembly Meeting, online.
- September 21 Council Business Meeting, 8 PM, online via Zoom – see link in email to be sent in days before meeting.

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our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.” 2 Cor. 4:8-10.

“Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God.” (Rom 8: 35, 37-39).

Not even Covid-19 can separate us from the love of God.

So let us live in Hope and continue to believe in God’s providential Love!!!!

Fr. Johnson Abraham
Chaplain



MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

Mark Baumeister
– September 21, 2009
(11 yrs)

Ronald Hannan
– September 5, 1995
(25 yrs)

Robert Rigor
– September 20, 1994
(26 yrs)

Hugh McManus
– September 18, 1990
(30 yrs)

St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Labor Day Drive-Thru BBQ

OUR 4TH OF JULY DRIVE-THRU BBQ WAS SUCH GREAT SUCCESS THAT WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN ON LABOR DAY!!!

Drive through service will be provided from Noon-1:30PM. Stay in your car for ordering and delivery outside the church kitchen. Price per plate is just \$7, which includes chips, soft drink, and condiments.

MENU CHOICES:



Hamburger



Cheeseburger



Hot Dog



Two Fish Tacos



KEEP CALM AND EAT BARBEQUE

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