

# The Pulse



St. Agnes Council 15344  
Knights of Columbus

*"You will be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity"*  
September 2021

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## Grand Knight's Corner

Brothers:

The Grand Reopening of St. Agnes Parish this past weekend was a huge success, due in large part, to the efforts of our council's members.

Several Brothers volunteered their time for many activities in preparation for last weekend, including moving chairs back into the church on August 20, cleaning the church and grounds on August 21, and providing refreshments on two different occasions – to those cleaning the church and grounds and parishioners who attended the three Masses last weekend.

Brother Mike McDermott co-chaired the Parish's Reopening Core Team. Working alongside his co-chair Diana Pascual, Brother Mike began organizing the reopening months ago to make this past weekend a special time in the Parish's history. The level of detail and coordination – Parish mailers, family packets, prayer request stickers, hospitality, Parish clean-up day – took a lot of his time, effort, and talent. It shows that Brother Mike is more than just the guy who takes the minutes of our business meetings. Thank you, Brother Mike.

Finally, Father (and Brother Knight) Johnson, provided the vision to make the event – themed "Come Back Home to Jesus" – significant and meaningful. According to Brother Mike, Father Johnson exemplified "faith-filled leadership, patience, and flexibility" throughout this process. Thank you, Father.

Richard Milward  
*Grand Knight*

***Don't' Forget – We are now meeting in-person again!***

- ◆ **Council Officer Meeting – Monday, September 13 (not the 6<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30, Ministry Center**
- ◆ **Business Meeting – Monday, September 20 at 7:30, Church Hall.**
  - ◇ *Dinner beginning at 6:30 – Come early, eat, and socialize.*
  - ◇ *Rosary beginning at 7:10 – Bring your Rosary.*



# BIRTHDAYS

- 12 – Gary Downs
- 13 – Thomas Farias
- 19 – Thomas O Sullivan
- 20 – Kevin Keeler
- 23 – Juan Fernandez
- 23 – John Wright
- 28 – Eutiquio "Tex" Alimpos

## Council Officers / Columbian Year 2021-2022

Grand Knight .....	SK Richard Milward PGK .....	925-699-5852
Chaplain .....	Fr. Johnson Abraham .....	510-557-9845
Deputy Grand Knight .....	SK Carlos Garcia PGK.....	925-680-2814
Chancellor .....	<i>Open</i>	
Warden .....	Cheng-Feng Tsai .....	925-890-0353
Recorder.....	SK Mike McDermott.....	925-676-2384
Financial Secretary .....	Gary Downs.....	925-825-4409
Treasurer .....	John Wright.....	925-798-5962
Lecturer .....	Deacon Tony Reyes.....	925-671-0134
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Inside Guard .....	Patrick Monahan.....	925-864-9867
Outside Guard .....	<i>Open</i>	
One-Year Trustee .....	<i>Open</i>	
Two-Year Trustee .....	Bob Rigor.....	925-202-6239
Three-Year Trustee .....	SK David Wood PGK .....	925-458-0888
Supreme Field Agent.....	SK Howard Tank PGK.....	925-315-8732
District Deputy .....	SK David Schwartz PGK .....	510-325-7810

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.



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## 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

## Council Calendar of Events

- September 2 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- September 9 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- September 13 Council Officers Meeting, 7:30 PM, Ministry Center.
- September 16 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- September 17 Parish Social Event, 5:30-7:30 PM, Church Patio.  
*Knights needed to help set-up, serve, and clean-up.*
- September 20 Council Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Church Hall.  
*Dinner will be served at 6:30. Come early and catch up with your Brother Knights. We'll begin a Rosary at 7:10, so bring your Rosary.*
- September 23 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.
- September 30 Knights Adoration Hour, 5 PM, Chapel.

## The Columbiettes are Recruiting

The Columbiettes are the women's auxiliary to the Knights of Columbus. They support our churches, the Knights, our youth, families, charities, and all the events that the Catholic Church supports. They are very religious women who work hard all year as a sisterhood of support.



On Sunday, September 12, 2021, the Columbiettes of Queen of All Saints Parish are holding a meeting to sign up new candidates.

If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, you need be only a practicing Catholic over the age of 18. It does not matter what parish you are a member of. You are invited to join them at 6 p.m. in the QAS Church Hall at 2390 Grant St., Concord.

For more information, visit the QAS Columbiettes website: <https://qascolumbiettes.wixsite.com/oursite> or visit the National Council's website: [www.columbiettes.com](http://www.columbiettes.com).



## 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.

## Prayer Intentions

### Physical Healing

- Brother Ron Artale and his son
- Brother Octavio Padilla
- Brother David's father Stan, his daughter Sarah, his brother Hal
- 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 asking for prayers for his sister in law Alicia E. Banzos
- Brother Jorge Garcia
- Brother Norm Andrews and his wife Dianne
- Brother Tom McEachran (recovering from a stroke)
- 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

- For all deceased Brother Knights: Brothers SK Dick Wilbur, father-in-law of Brother Richard Milward; Ed Chatterton; Ed Lexon; Tom Kisak; Dick Spahl; and Owen Murray (QAS). For Jean Vetro, widow of Brother Bob Vetro and Brother Ed Lee's sister Marian.
- 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

Hugh McManus  
– Sept 18, 1990 (31 yrs)

Robert Rigor  
– Sept 20, 1994 (27 yrs)

Ronald Hannan  
– Sept 5, 1995 (26 yrs)

Mark Baumeister  
– Sept 21, 2009 (12 yrs)

Vivek Shatto Antony  
– Sept 20, 2020 (1 yr)

### Our Seminarian Ramon Urbina is Ordained a Deacon

Bishop Michael C. Barber ordained our Council's adopted seminarian Ramon Urbina to the transitional diaconate on August 14 at Old Mission San Jose in Fremont.

In his homily, Bishop Barber explained that the ordinations of transitional deacons are traditionally conducted at the Mission and the subsequent ordinations to the priesthood are conducted at the Cathedral. This tradition signifies the old and the new, the ancient and the modern, proof of the church's continuation through time.

During the Rite of Ordination, Bishop Barber performed the Election of the Candidate. The Election concluded with Bishop Barber saying the words:

*...Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ, we choose Ramon, our brother, for the Order of the Diaconate.*

To which the assembled guests were to reply:

*Thanks be to God.*

According to the program, the guests' response was to be followed by "Reverent applause." The actual response was more like the applause one would expect at a graduation ceremony (including the whoops and whistles), which caused Bishop Barber to smile and Ramon to turn towards the guests and meekly attempt to quiet his fans.

We look forward to Brother Deacon Ramon's ordination to the priesthood in the spring of 2022.

If you wish to send Brother Deacon Ramon a note of congratulations or encouragement, his address is 320 Middlefield Rd, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

↓ Deacon Ramon Urbina following his ordination.



# 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