

# **Knightly News**

**April 2020** 



#### Knights Of Columbus Michael J. Costello Council 6043 The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton

### **Grand Knight's Message**

Dear Brothers,

Paraphrasing from Fr. Mark's homily last Sunday: Are you going to accept God's invitation to new life? It's a choice that only you can make... and only if you want to. Keep only the things that matter; lose those that do not.

We are faced with challenging situations living in a COVID-19 world. Unless you were around for the Spanish Flu or Great Depression, no American has experienced the daunting, long-term threat to life & liberty that this virus poses. It eclipses SARS, 9/11, Loma Prieta, etc. What are you going to do about it, Brothers?

The successful crab feed is a distant memory now. And who thought that life would dictate to us what we give up for Lent? Little did I know what life had in store when I wrote this last month:

The month of March will also be busy with the following: donut socials (1st weekend), officers'/Council meetings, degree ceremony, insurance event, St. Patrick's Day dinner, blood drive and Men's Retreat. Please consider helping when you read the Sign Up Genius invitations for some of these. More information will also be conveyed at the business meeting on the 12th. In the new normal that COVID-19 forced us into, all of those events were canceled or postponed. But Council 6043 still supports our Pastor's mission with the FB masses & drive-thru reconciliations. And we have other efforts being planned for execution. We will not succumb to the fear that dissuades us from practicing the best parts of being a Knight: CHARITY & UNITY. Invitations are coming to our online meetings. Watch for the emails. The work we are doing is important and, when we adhere to the shelter-in-place orders and social distancing protocols, safe for ourselves and our community. Respect these rules, and honor them. And most of all, stay safe at home as much as you can. "See" you next Thursday.

Vivat Jesus, GK Jom Sicat

#washyourhands #stayathome #kickcoronavirusa\$\$
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# From the Council Faith Director

#### **God is Faithful!**

"We have an anchor: by His cross we have been saved.

We have a rudder: by His cross we have been redeemed.

We have a hope: by His cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from His redeeming love." <u>#UrbietOrbi</u>. As stated by Pope Francis, March 27, 2020 he also said: "Embracing Christ's Cross means finding the courage to embrace all the hardships of the present time."

Words such as these from true leaders of our time. Like our previous Pope Benedict XVI and Saint John Paul II we have, as a faithful band of brothers, Leaders instilling true wisdom and grace with words that will sustain our lifetime and give us Hope.

As an invitation to humility and trust our Pope quoted Psalm 46. "**God** is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress." "Be still and know that I am **God**!" Who offers Serenity in today's storm.

I am overtaken by the words, works and action that the people of God have accomplished in just 14 days since our current "stay at home mandate." This years lenten journey is just that. A daily journey of hope and trust, but more has been revealed. People miss each others company and crave to see, call and help each other unconditionally. People miss attending Mass as a community. Brave warriors throughout the globe, Praying, reaching out through social media or a simple telephone call. Forgiving one another, Loving their neighbor, Sharing what overstocks that they have, for they have learned to think beyond themselves. Wow, God Is surely Faithful!

You will see a transformation of all of society when this pandemic reaches its conclusion. Mankind will surely change, their Hearts will open, hopefully their souls will shine through the darkness. Pray brothers for all of us. Pray for those who need us. Pray for the strength and wisdom and the Graces that God will produce in us and throughout all of mankind.

Jesus Christ has Risen, He has Risen indeed!

Happy Easter!

Respectfully: Dennis Maurice, Lecturer



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## Coming Events

01/08/15/22/29 April

Gateway Safeway Pickup, SUSPENDED until further notice

02 April Officer's Meeting, 7PM, Freeconferencecall.com

Council Way of the Cross CANCELLED 03 April

05 April Donut Social—CANCELLED

05 April Easter Food Basket Delivery CANCELLED

Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/137237765 05 April

Council Business Meeting 7PM, Webinar 09 April

11/12 April Parking **CANCELLED** 

17 April Red, Blue and Gold Dinner, Blackhawk Country Club CANCELLED

Vocations Dinner CANCELLED 25 April

06/13/20/27 May

Gateway Safeway Pickup, SUSPENDED until further notice

03 May Donut Social—CANCELLED

07 May Officer's Meeting, 7PM, Freeconferencecall.com

Council Business Meeting 7PM, Webinar 14 May

14-16 May State Convention, Virtual

Depending on the California State and Alameda County "Shelter in Place", the Diocese of Oakland, CCoP and KofC Supreme directives, some of the

## Virtual Meeting Attendance Information

The 02 April Officer meeting will be held on Freeconferencecall.com. Here is the access information:

Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6305

Access code: 557592#

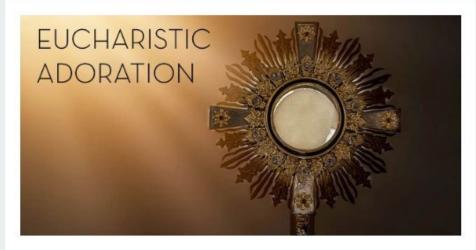
International dial-in numbers: https://fccdl.in/i/idriveajeep

Online meeting ID: idriveajeep

Join the online meeting: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/idriveajeep

For additional assistance connecting to the meeting text "Help" to the Dial-In number above. Message and data rates may apply.

The 09 April Council Business meeting will likely be held on Webinar. Check for access information on the Council website a day or two before then. There might also be an email to the Council Membership with that access information.



#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ as He is present in the consecrated host. Because, as Catholics, we believe that Christ is truly and substantially present in the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament is given the same adoration and devotion that is accorded to Christ.

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching of the same time!"

Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration a St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. This is a great opportunity during these had immes to sit quietly in prayer and meditation ... to clear our mines of a lightly is busyness and be present to Our Lord.

CHURCH

St Friday Every Month

Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831 Last Friday of Each Month (Spanish)

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

#### ST. ELIZABETH SETON CHAPEL

Mondays and Wednesdays 12:45 PM – 6:30 PM

Coordinators: Linda (925) 462-0974

Sharon (925) 462-8625

#### Message from Brother Dominick Pietro

Brothers Knights,

Your help is needed to support the Eucharistic Adoration mission in our parish at St Elizabeth Seton on Monday or Wednesday of each week. The time commitment is small compared to the great benefit of prayer, peace, and love you receive from our Lord, Jesus Christ. If you can not commit to an hour two brothers can split a time slot 30 minutes each. Thanks.



#### KofC Lenten Retreat

Come join us for the Men's Lenten Retreat on March 28th at St Elizabeth Seton, 8 am to 3 pm. **Suspended. Reschedule is TBD** 

Theme of the Retreat is:

"How to become and be a Disciple of Christ."

Per Father Mark:

We hear people talk about becoming disciples or forming disciples all the time. Practically speaking, what does that look like? What should we be working on? How does one become a real disciple, and then how do we tend to being one?

Cost: \$21, at the Council's online store (<a href="https://mkt.com/knights-of-columbus-council-6043">https://mkt.com/knights-of-columbus-council-6043</a>)



#### SUNDAY MASS WEBCAST

#### 10:00 AM EVERY SUNDAY STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK

We will be webcasting Mass on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. You will be able to join us live on our Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityof Pleasanton/. The video will then be stored on our YouTube page and website for later viewing. This will be our first effort at webcasting, and will be pretty rudimentary, but hope you will join us as we continue to journey through Lent.



#### DAILY MASS WEBCAST

#### 12:10 PM MONDAY - FRIDAY STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK

We will be webcasting daily Mass Monday through Friday starting March 25 at 12:10 PM You will be able to join us live on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/CatholicCommunityofPleasa nton/. The video will then be stored on our YouTube page and website for later viewing.

Check the CCoP website and/or the CCoP Facebook page for updated information on coverage of Masses. I am guessing that there will be special coverage for the Triduum.



Parent/Guardian Signature

## KofC Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus Council 6043 has a scholarship program for the children and grandchildren, who are Seniors in High School, of Council members .

The application package is due in before April 30, 2020. The application form is shown below and an electronic copy is included in the email message that sent out the electronic copy of this Newsletter.

Name	e: Address:
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The Ki senior childre	ON 1: PURPOSE  nights of Columbus Council #6043 will be awarding one or more \$1,000 dollar scholarships to area high school rs who plan on attending a college or university following graduation. These scholarships are intended to assist en and family of members of Council 6043 to offset the cost of higher education so that students can work to we their academic and career goals.
	ON 2: CRITERIA  arships will be awarded to students based on the following criteria:  The student must be enrolled in an accredited high school in the Tri-Valley community;  The student must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale;  The student must submit the application and all required documentation by the stated deadline.  Parent or Grandparent must be a current member in good standing with Council 6043
Comp 1. 2.	ON 3: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS & CHECKLIST  leted submissions will contain the following four (4) documents:  A completed Knights of Columbus Council #6043 Application (this form) that is signed and submitted with the required documents (listed below);  In 250 words or less, please explain how this scholarship award will help you achieve your educational and career goals. Specifically, your essay should indicate what college or university you are planning to attend, what you plan to study, and what career path you have chosen.  One letter of recommendation from a teacher or school official (preferably on letterhead) that affirms your character.  A copy of your school transcript that shows your cumulative GPA (an unofficial copy is acceptable).
1.	ON 4: DUE DATE & AWARD DISBURSEMENT  All scholarship materials must be submitted to the Grand Knight and postmarked or timestamped no later than 11:59 PM on April 30, 2020. Hardcopies can be mailed to: K of C #6043  PO Box 454  Pleasanton, CA 94566
3.	All disbursements will be released to recipients after the council receives proof of enrollment. If available, students will be honored at school awards ceremonies as well as at a Knights of Columbus council meeting with his or her parents (or guardians).
Stud	dent Signature Date

Date





About two or three weeks ago we abandoned praying and witnessing to life in front of Planned Parenthood in Walnut Creek and limited ourselves to praying at home. For me, prayer becomes more meaningful when done in private. There are no honking from cars passing by, no people expressing their agreement or disagreement with your position and no talking to distract you from praying. This Saturday marks a close to our current campaign but not without experiencing two saves. One of which actually occurred the day before the beginning of this campaign and the other during it. The following story occurred when we were still able to pray and witness at Planned Parenthood.

On Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>, a woman 8 weeks pregnant and her male friend went to P.P. for their 12:45 PM appointment to schedule her abortion. She already had one child and was concerned about being financially able to handle another one. The driver rolled down his window as the car entered the driveway to speak to one of the volunteers. The woman remained silent. The volunteer spoke a long time, almost 30 minutes. He shared stories of his son and the blessings which came with him and painted a picture of life with a new baby and what joy this might represent to her older child. He found out that she was a believer and told her that it was God's plan in having them meet with him in the driveway. He reminded her that her baby wanted to live. They looked at the brochure together and when she saw a picture of an eight week fetus, she cried. He gave her local resources where she could find support and gave her his phone number, telling her they would throw her a baby shower. She changed her mind and they left smiling.

The volunteer in question is a pastor at a local church. His spirit speaks of joy & hope while waiting for the Holy Spirit to work through him.

Lou Santero, Culture of Life Director



## Council Brothers Directing Traffic for the Drivethru Confession Service on Saturday











## Classified— Brothers Helping Brothers

#### **Photography**

Tracy Seager

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#### **Medical Insurance**

### **Tax Preparation**

Robert Strawn

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## **Plumber**

Tom Cortez

(925) 461-8549





## Classified— Brothers Helping Brothers

#### **Embroidering**

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## **Realtor**

Chris Duarte

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#### **Photo Restore**

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If you wish to advertise in this Newsletter, Please contact the Past Grand Knight, Ted Dudziak.
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## Knight's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee Gathering

# Suspended until further notice

When: Every Monday Morning; 8:00 am

**Where:** Corner Bakery Café 6770 Bernal Ave #450

Pleasanton Gateway Shopping

Center

**Why:** No Agenda—Just Brother Knights

getting together for coffee & con-

versation



#### **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

#### **EMPLOYMENT - CONNECTIONS**

Our focus is on where you are as an individual in your job search and address those issues where you need immediate direction.

Job Search Guidance, Resource Information, Networking, Inspiration and Support in an open and safe environment.

We welcome anyone in need of help with their job search to join us

We meet on the 1st Monday Evening each month at 7 PM - St Elizabeth Seton Church, 4001 Stoneridge Drive (Room B), Pleasanton

Please join us on Linkedin; Group - Employment Connections CCOP mikemachi5600@gmail.com 925-519-5797

### **Notes from the Newsletter Editor**

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If you have submitted an entry to the Prayer Requests on the following page, please review the list to determine if your entry is correct and is still current. Please contact the Newsletter Editor for any corrections, deletions and additions. **Entries older than six months will occasionally be removed.** If you wish to have the prayer request retained, please contact me.

Our Council is located in the Oakland Chapter (oaklandkofc.org), District 43.



# Prayer List

#### For those who are ill we pray that they will find the healing power of God:

Tom Tarvin - Friend of PGK Chuck Berardi **Charlie Barclay-** Friend of PGK Chuck Berardi **Sue Chritensen-** Sister of Brother Paul Martens **Emily Schuchardt** – Daughter of Brother Dan Schuchardt Rene Barthez - Father-in-Law of Brother Dan Schuchardt **Barbara Barthez-** Mother-in-Law of Brother Dan Schuchardt Donna McKenzie - Friend of PGK Paul Unpingco **Brooke smith-** Friend of PGK Paul Unpingco Hildigard Melander - Wife of PGK Dave Melander Frank Jacops - Brother of Brother Mark Jacops Amana Butirr- Friend of Brother William Sroka Mary Grace Gavino - Daughter of Brother Elmer Gavino Jesus Gavino - Father of Brother Elmer Gavino Amanda Butler - Daughter-in-Law of Brother Greg Butler Jeni Bettencourt - Daughter of Brother Jim Carpenter Anne Charfort - In-Law of Brother John Baioccchi Joe Urban – Son of Brother Mike Urban Thomas Gutwald - Brother of Brother Paul Gutwald Luisa Morrisutti- Wife of Paul Morrisutti **Artero Portela-** Friend of PGK Stephen Natale Brad Schocpflin - Son of Brother Derk Burrus Mary & Nicole Burrus-Daughters of Brother Derk Burrus Jennifer Arena-Wife of Brother John Arena **Russell Hartness**- GodSon, Nephew of PGK Dennis Maurice **Nicholas Maurice**- Son of PGK Dennis Maurice Traci Moyot - Daughter of Brother Bill Jorgensen Goy Jin- Relative of Brother Michael Burns **Dewitt John** – Friend of Brother Kevin Ryan **Terrance Ryan** – Brother of Brother Kevin Ryan Larry Cobade- Friend of Brother Richard Fredette Tom Amess- Friend of Brother Richard Fredette Jen Amial- Friend of Brother Richard Fredette Gloria Fredette-Wife of Brother Richard Fredette **Ann Avon** – Friend of Brother Brian Langham **Sheila Pridham** - Sister of Brother Brian Langham **Donald Langham** - Father of Brother Brian Langham Stephanie, Sandra & Chudi Atuegbu – Family of Brother Andy Atuegbu Francis Alnoli – Father-in-Law of Brother Andy Atuegbu **Ezekial Griffen** – Employer of Brother Howard Merrill Done Domingo- Relative of Brother Scott Doruff Marianne Olladd - Relative of Brother Scott Doruff Susan Selna - Wife of Brother Ted Selna **Sue Ann Fjerstad** – Mother of Brother Rob Fjerstad David Massa - Son of Brother Tony Massa Peter Nico- Son of Brother Bill Nico Frank Wolf- Uncle of Brother Bob Wolf Benjamin Wolf- Son of Brother Bob Wolf John Soby - Son for Brother Tony Soby Jeannie Pohorsky - Sister of Brother Michael Schibler Joseph Schibler - Brother of Brother Michael Schibler Bella Gavino- Daughter of Brother Tobby Gavino **George Hegarty Sr.** – Father of Brother George Hegarty **Charlotte Machi** – Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Sr. Jesica Nett- GrandDaughter of Brother Tom Egan **Conchita Sigua** – Mother of Brother Chris Sigua **Herb Cervontes** – Friend of Brother Chris Sigua **Bob Grubbs** – Son of Brother David Grubbs John Deliso- Brother-in-Law of Brother Joe Kenny Kim Kenny- Daughter of Brother Joe Kenny Chris Kenny - Son of Brother Joe Kenny Madison Hebron - Daughter of PGK Ron Hebron John Wellbeloved- Son of Brother David Wellbeloved Chuck Grandon - Son of Brother David Wellbeloved Jim/Helen Wellbeloved - Brother of Brother David Wellbeloved Theresa Fitzpatrick - Mother of Brother Ed Fitzpatrick Melanie Brent- Wife of PGK Jeff Brent Patricia & Tom Hanrahan - Sister and her husband of Brother Joe Gourley

**Shauna Gourley** – Daughter of Brother Joe Gourley **Olivia Negrete** – Wife of Brother Emet Negrete Karen Brady - Daughter of Brother Joe Bonnevolke **Deacon Joe Sicat-** Father of Grand Knight Jom Sicat Sarah Miller- Daughter of Brother Pete Miller Paul Schmidth - Friend of Brother Dom Pietro Kelly Pietro- Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro **Lyssa Pietro** – Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro Ellen & George Fitzgerald – Parents of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Paul Fitzgerald – Brother of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Eddie Fitzgerald - Brother of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Sandy Warren - Wife of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Jack Deckert - Son of Brother Chuck Deckert Marvel Brodnick - Mother of Brother Dean Brodnick Wenkwei Liu- Father of Brother Grant Liu **Ardys Henson-** Mother of Brother Christian Dungo Patricia Guzman - Mother of Brother Robert Strawn Jim Barbaccia - Son of Brother Jack Barbaccia Florence Barbaccia - Wife of Brother Jack Barbaccia Mike Kotch- Son of PGK Mark Kotch Mike Santos - Son of Brother John Santos **Teresa Santero** – Daughter-in-Law of PGK Lou Santero **Geraldine Santero** – Daughter of PGK Lou Santero Ed Santero – Son of PGK Lou Santero Adrienue Wood – Daughter of Brother John Wood Richard Hudak- Friend of PGK Mike Kliment **Billie Rivera-** Friend of PGK Mike Kliment Connie Fross - Friend of PGK Mike Kliment **Travyn Rasiah** – Son of Brother Pravin Rasiah **Benjamin Cruz-** Son of Brother Anthony Cruz **Jennifer Hansen** – Daughter of Brother Ron Hansen Helen Hirashiki-Wife of Brother Mark Worrell Dante Andal - Father of Brother Dennis Andal **Kevin Ngwanyia** – Son of Brother George Ngwanyia Christine Estrada-Wife of Brother Junior Estrada Sandy Mertesdorf - Mother of Son-in-Law of Brother Mike Studendorff **Dave Timmons** – Brother-in-Law of Brother Mike Studendorff Joshua Studendorff - Son of Brother Mike Studendorff Kelli Machi-Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Jr. **Brother Robert Bills Brother Frank Costa** Brother Walter Desouza Brother Frank Fitzgerald **Brother John Gorman Brother Dave Grubbs Brother Howard Merrill** Brother Ted Selna **Brother David Wellbeloved PGK Chuck Berardi PGK Joe Jones & Wife Arlena** 

PGK Mike Machi, Sr.
PGK Dennis Maurice
PGK Days Melander

PGK Dave Melander PGK John Moore Sisters of Monastery of

Sisters of Monastery of Blessed Sacrement Rob Gibbs – Friend of the Council Ray Fosse — A's Announcer, Friend of this Council

For those who are deceased we pray that they will join in the love of God:

Ellyn Kelly- Mother of PGK Ray Kelly Connie Solomon- Friend of PGK Lou Santero

For all who are serving in the military we pray: That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.



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