



Knightly News

April 2015



Knights Of Columbus
Michael J. Costello Council 6043
The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton
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Grand Knight's Message

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

In February, it was all about the crab. Last month, on Saturday, March 14th, it was all about the beef, bout the beef, corned beef! Another very successful dinner, parish event and "stove event" that our entire parish community enjoyed. The Irish Dancers were fabulous and incredible to watch perform. And the Corned Beef! Superb!! Artfully prepared and cooked to perfection by our very own Brother Michael Hewitt. It was a two day process with prepping and cooking/brazing the day before St. Patrick's Day and then finished off on Saturday along with all the trimmings. Thank you very much Brother Michael and your family for making this event a very memorable and delicious one for all who attended the dinner. And thank you very much to all of our brother Knights who helped with additional food purchase, prep work, set up, decorating, cooking, serving and clean up. Also, thank you Father Paul for the informative and interesting homily on Seamus Genovese and for giving us a wonderful blessing relating to ethnicity. All in all it was a beautiful evening and God willing we will do it again next year. Thanks again!

Also, on Saturday, March 14th, four of our brother Knights attended both the Second and Third Degree ceremonies at St. Ignatius Church in Antioch. Congratulations to brothers Robert Bills, Darren Medeiros, David Wellbeloved and Sy Unpingco. Now you are fully baked and you can hold office! Thank you for taking these steps moving forward and rounding out your experience in fraternal brotherhood. And thank you Brother Jeff Brent and Brother Paul Unpingco for the coaching and then escorting our brothers to Antioch and back. I sincerely appreciate your unwavering dedication and support.

On Thursday evening March, 19th we conducted our second First Degree Exemplification. I must tell you that our First Degree Team did an outstanding job. It was so well done that it made me want to become a First Degree Knight all over again. Just kidding of course, but what struck me, as I listened, was that it wouldn't be a bad idea for all of our Knights to attend one forthcoming. I found it to be refreshing, heartwarming and worthwhile to see and to listen to the profound words during the course of the ceremony. Profound words, emanating from each one of our degree team officers speaking with such passion, eloquence, emotion, humility and piety. Just beautiful! I really enjoyed it. I believe our new Knights were profoundly affected by it all as well. (continued on next page)

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Columbian Year 2014 - 2015

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Two Year Trustee

PGK John Moore519-0744

One Year Trustee

PGK Tim Tuttle484-4341

WGK's Letter, Continued

Speaking of new Knights, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you: Marvin Atienza, Rolando Bantugan, Gabriel Castillo, Jason Jones, Mark Lambros, Phil Medrano, Ignacio Romero-Salas and Joseph Sicat. Welcome! My fervent hope is that you will embrace the tenets of charity, unity and fraternity and enjoy being a Knight of Columbus and that you will all experience a lifetime of fraternal brotherhood with your fellow Knights. God bless each and everyone of you.

On Friday, March 27th we sponsored the Stations of the Cross, just another wonderful and beautiful way to participate in our Lenten journey. Thank you Brother Frank Costa once again for organizing this event for us again this year and for doing so for so many, many years. I know there's a very special place in heaven for brothers like Frank, so dedicated, loving and committed. Thank you so very much!

On Palm Sunday, March 29, we conducted our Easter Food Basket deliveries to those less fortunate in Pleasanton. Charity abounds as I saw 31 Knights and your families deliver food baskets with hams, fresh fruit and chocolate to 66 needy families in our area. I enjoyed seeing all the smiling faces on all the Knights and your kids who helped with this worthwhile cause. It was truly amazing, humbling and heartwarming to see all the effort. And of course, I want to extend a very big and special "Thank you!" to Sir Knight Robert Strawn for chairing and organizing this event once again for us this year. He made the whole thing run so smoothly and made it look easy, but I know better. The reason why it ran so flawlessly is because of Sir Robert's effort behind the scene. There's a lot of work involved and for this, we thank you very much!

On a final note, I want you all to know that I am a new Granddad! Our new grandson, Marco, is 3 weeks old now, handsome like his granddad. And I am happy to report that mother, father, grandson, granddad and grandma are all doing just fine. Thank you all for the many, many congratulations and best wishes I received over the past several weeks. We sincerely appreciate it very much. It is a wonderful blessing! Thank you Lord Jesus!

My brothers, wishing you and your families a blessed, joyous and wonderful Easter Season. God bless you all! Amen? Yes! AMEN!!!

Stephen

Notes from the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

The 21st Annual **Red, Blue & Gold Banquet** honors the Tri-Valley 1st Responders (Police, Fire, EMTS) who keep the Tri-Valley neighborhoods safe and secure. The event returns to the Blackhawk Museum on April 24, 2015 from 5:30pm to 10pm. Tickets are \$55 per person, which covers dinner and a tour of the museum - spouses are welcome! Your food choices are Prime Rib, Salmon, or Vegetarian Wellington. We currently have 10 members of our council attending (3 bringing their wives or significant other). A cut off will be imposed shortly, so please contact DGK Paul Unpingco at 925-989-1283 to order your tickets a.s.a.p.

Here's a link to an article from the Catholic Voice, recapping last year's event:
<http://www.catholicvoiceoakland.org/2014/05-05/inthisissue18.htm>

Coming events

02 April	Holy Thursday Parking Lot Patrol; SES
03 April	Good Friday Parking Lot Patrol; SES
04 April	Easter Vigil Parking Lot Patrol, Holy Fire, Reception; SES
08 April	Officer's Meeting, 7PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 17
09 April	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
12 April	Donut Social; Both Churches; AM Masses
15 April	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Rectory Conf. Room
03 May	Donut Social; Both Churches; AM Masses
07 May	Officer's Meeting, 7PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
09 May	Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Social; St. Augustine's Hall
14 May	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
20 May	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Rectory Conf. Room

NOTE CHANGE to the date and room location for the April Officer's Meeting
NOTE CHANGE to the date for April's Donut Socials

April Report from The Worthy Chancellor

March 14th, the same day as our successful Saint Patrick's Day dinner, St. Ignatius in Antioch held second and third Degree exemplification.

Welcome to our new third degree knights UNITY and FRATERNITY

ROBERT BILLS

DARREN MEDERIOS

SEGUNDO UNIPINGCO

DAVID WELLBELOVED

The fourth degree of PATRIOTISM awaits.

March 19th we had a successful 1st Degree with 8 new first-degree Knights for our Council

MARVIN ATIENZA

ROLANDO BANTUGAN

GABRIEL CASTILLO

JASON JONES

MARK LAMBROS

PHIL MEDRANO

IGNACIO ROMERO-SALAS

JOSEPH SICAT

In addition we had a reactivation of a third degree knight.

FRANCIS FITZGERLD

Let us welcome our new council members. If you know these Knights invite them to come along with you to our next council meeting. Help them to become familiar with the benefits of joining the Knights.

Easter Blessings to all

SK Jeff Brent

Recent Activities

St Patrick's Day Dinner—14 March 2015



See the Council Web Site at
www.kofc6043.org for more
photos of our recent activities.

Recent Activities

Brother Bill Sroka— 5K Dash and Plunge—14 March 2015



Welcome to our New Brothers First Degree Exemplification—19 March 2015

Marvin Atienza

Rolando Bantugan

Gabriel Castillo

Jason Jones

Mark Lambros

Phil Medrano

Ignacio Romero-Salas

Joseph Sicut

Welcome to Transfer, Brother Francis Fitzgerald

Brothers Advance to the Third Degree



David Wellbeloved, Segundo Unpingco, Darren Medeiros and Robert Bills

LIVERMORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH ANNUAL

Ribs - Chili - Cars Brews & Blues

The HOTTEST Competition in Town!

Featuring the Charles Wheal Blues Band
& some Awesome Craft Beers

FREE Admission to the Public - *Everyone Welcome!*

Proceeds To Benefit Knights of Columbus
Charity Sponsorships



- ◆ Rib Cookoff, Chili Cookoff & Classic Car Competition
- ◆ Ribs, Chili, Pulled Pork, Tri-Tip, Burgers, Chili/Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine, Water and Soda for sale
- ◆ Boutiques & Kid Fun
- ◆ Cash Raffle - \$500 1st Prize, \$300 2nd, \$200 3rd \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets
- ◆ DJ Music 10AM- 2PM; Charles Wheal Blues Band 2PM - 4PM

For additional information or to sign up as a competitor contact: bacrating@gmail.com

Saturday May 9, 2015
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monsignor Adams Field
263 Church St, Livermore
Adjacent to St. Michael School
between 2nd & 3rd St



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

A Note from Charles "Chuck" Bellavia, DD R39, FDD, PGK President, Oakland Diocese Chapter

Worthy Brothers,

As discussed at the Chapter meeting, Bishop Barbara has made a request of his Knights. His Excellency's letter is attached. [See opposite page, editor]

Bishop Barber wants to honor the Year of the Consecrated Life with two events for Religious Sisters. The first is this Saturday February 7th at 5:30 P.M. The second is August 22 at 10:00 a.m. The first event will be a Mass followed by wine and appetizers. The second event will be a Mass for Jubilee Sisters followed by a brunch.

Past Chapter President TW Starkweather has been invaluable as he works on this. While we focused on the two events, a Brother who wishes to remain anonymous stepped forward and offered to match any donations dollar for dollar to \$20,000 for a fund to pay for these events and expand beyond it to aid Sisters. This money would be used totally separate from the money budgeted in the Capital Campaign. If every Council donated \$500 to this fund, we would obtain all the matching funds. Some Councils can donate more and will be able to make up for Councils with limited funds.

We have already had donations over \$2,000 from word of mouth. If an individual wants to donate tax deductible dollars, they can write a check to Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland and in the memo line write KofC Consecrated Life Fund. Send the check to our Treasurer or me (4166 Sonia Street, Livermore, CA 94559), so we can keep track of the matching funds. Council checks can be sent in the same manner. You may request funds from non-Knights and they are also eligible for matching.

You have been extraordinary in your donations for vocations this Columbian Year. \$15,000 was raised at the Bishop's Vocation Dinner and the RSVP fund will be over \$30,000. With this \$40,000, the Chapter Councils will have donated over \$85,000 for vocations.

Brothers, Bishop Barber is a Knight. He appreciates the Knights. At the Walk for Life, he stated Bishops from all over California approached him asking how they could conduct a Vocation Dinner like he had. He told them, "My Knights did it, just ask your Knights". I cannot think of a greater complement to each of you.

Please take action at your Council and District meetings, publicize this in your newsletters and bulletins.

Vivat Jesus

December 22, 2014

Sir Timothy W. Starkweather, PCP, FDD, PFN, PGK
State Retention Chairman
Knights of Columbus
100 Circle E. Ranch
San Ramon, California 94583

Sir Timothy Starkweather,

It was a pleasure seeing you last week for our discussion on the Divine Mercy apostolate. Thank you for supporting this powerful devotion in our diocese.

I'm writing to ask a favor. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 "The Year of Consecrated Life". This applies particularly to our Religious Sisters, who often serve silently and devotedly. Many of them are now elderly and living in retirement. We formed a small committee to make a plan to observe the Year of Consecrated Life, and came up with the idea to have two special Masses in the Cathedral. One evening Mass on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to honor all religious (men and women). The other a **morning Mass on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Jubilarians**. I'd like to have a reception after the evening Mass (refreshments) and a brunch for the nuns following the Jubilarian Mass. Do you think the Knights of Columbus could help us by sponsoring the reception and/or the brunch? (Many of the older nuns do not go out at night, hence the idea to have both a mid-day and evening event).

I have never forgotten how the Knights helped us by sponsoring a bar-b-que picnic lunch here at the Cathedral to welcome me as bishop and pastor. You men are incredible! It was a wonderful occasion.

May God bless your Christmas celebration!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Special Olympics 2015 World Games Update

Brothers,

You may recall that during previous meetings it was announced that the Special Olympics 2015 World Games were taking place in the LA area in late July/early August and the California Knights of Columbus were supplying support.

Please visit the website at:

<http://www.californiaknights.org/specialolympics.htm>

for information on those efforts, including a video.



Military Peer Support Group

Mission: This is a mutual self-help non-denominational group for military veterans. The intent is to provide a safe and sterile environment where we can openly discuss the difficulties of coping with the thoughts and feelings associated with past combat operations; along with the difficulties associated with life outside the military back at home by providing emotional, psychological and moral support for each other (we are not associated with any government entity or other veterans' organization).

Dates / Times:

Currently we meet the third Wednesday of every month

Time - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location – St. Augustine, Rectory Conference room

For more information please contact:

Dominick Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or pietr11@comcast.net

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Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works at the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members. And more members equals more charity.

We know that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to get more men to join. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights have increased visibility speaking or presenting during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember that we have a duty to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join and to bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. What if the only reason he hasn't joined is because no one has asked him yet?

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often a "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members become Knights simply to be able to buy coverage to protect their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community, and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.



JEFFREY CARVALHO

2012 MEMBER OF THE MILLION DOLLAR ROUND TABLE

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Knight's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee Gathering

- ⇒ When: Every Monday Morning; 8:00 AM
- ⇒ Where: Sweet & Savory
5690 Stoneridge Drive—Cross Street, Gibraltar
- ⇒ Why: No Agenda—Just Brother Knights getting together for coffee & conversation

EMPLOYMENT – Knights helping Knights

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

Should you need Job Search guidance, resource information, networking direction, or motivation support in your search for employment we are here to help!

Linkedin Group - [Employment Connections CCOP](#)

Mike_Machi@yahoo.com

Notes from the Newsletter Editor

If you are receiving a printed copy of this newsletter and can be accessed via email you are missing out! The electronic copy of the Newsletter arrives sooner, is in color and the content is not compressed to fit into the limitations of the printed page. If you want an electronic copy, send your email address to: dompe@pacbell.net

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 39.](#)

Prayer List

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

Sue Fallon– Friend of Brother Dennis Roberts
Peggy Jones– Wife of Brother Dave Jones
Anges Mahodis– Mother-in-Law of Brother Dan Hughes
Barbara Hughes– Wife of Brother Dan Hughes
Joan Frankenberger– Sister-in-Law of Brother Dave Frankenberger
Judy Osborne– Friend of Brother Jim Carpenter
Jeni Bettencourt– Daughter of Brother Jim Carpenter
Emily Schuchardt– Daughter of Brother Dan Schuchardt
Dan Schuchardt– Father of Brother Dan Schuchardt, Extended Family of Brother Richard Fredette
Verna Garibaldi– Friend of Brother Richard Fredette
Fraqnk Woo– Friend of Brother Richard Fredette
Karla Gonzalez– Friend of Brother Michael Schibler
Jaime Sigua– Father of Brother Chris Sigua
Phillip Dompe– Grandson of Brother Bob Dompe
Brian Mortenson– Son of Brother Dennis Mortenson
Karen Mortenson– Wife of Brother Dennis Mortenson
Mike Fulford– Friend of Brother Chuck Deckert
Diana Bonnano– Friend of Brother Chuck Deckert
Dean DeRanieri– Brother-in-Law of Brother Bill Rinetti
Jennifer Robinson– Friend of Brother Mike Clauser
Barbara Carvalho– Mother of Field Agent Jeff Carvalho, Grandmother of Brother Ernie Carvalho
Lily Williams– Granddaughter to friend of Brother Gene Dove
Henry F. Dove– Brother Knight & Father of Brother Gene Dove
Ronnie Dove– Uncle of Brother Gene Dove
Stewart McMullen– Friend of Brother David Lamont
Clar Hohlmdahl– Friend of Brother Laird Malley
Ralph Ruocco– Brother of Brother Lou Ruocco
Pat Bellavia– Wife of DD Chuck Bellavia
Paul Maurice– Father of Brother Dennis Maurice
Frances Vallucci– Friend of Brother Mike Burns
Elizabeth Burns– Mother of Brother Mike Burns
Michael McGillivray– Brother of Brother Dan McGillivray
Marvel Brodnick– Mother of Brother Dean Brodnick
William Langenhuizen– Father of Brother Bob Lange
Wenkwei Liu– Father of Brother Grant Liu
Kathy Seits– Mother of Brother Timothy Seits
Mary Beth Brown– Sister of Brother Bill Beston
Lucy Wiest– Grandaughter of Brother Robert Federighi's Friend
Julie Young– Daughter of Brother Robert Federighi
Hilery Weinbert– Friend of Brother Robert Federighi
Kaithlen Opfelrion– Friend of Brother William Sroka
Jennifer Thomas– Friend of Brother William Sroka
Judi Welbeved– Friend of Brother William Sroka
Liz Sroka– Sister of Brother William Sroka
Ardys Henson– Mother of Brother Christian Dungo
Jessica Nett– Daughter of Brother Tom Egan
Keith Nett– Grandson of Brother Tom Egan
Lynne Crittendon– Sister of Brother Tom Smith
Domenic Natale– Brother of GK Stephen Natale
Ellyn Kelly– Mother of PGK Ray Kelly
Doug Hewitt– Father of Brother Michael Hewitt
Bob Murphy– Friend of Brother Michael Hewitt
Patricia Guzman– Mother of Brother Robert Strawn

David Strawn– Brother of Brother Robert Strawn
Veronica Garcia– Sister of Brother Javier Garcia
Shannon D'Cruz– Son of Brother Savio D'Cruz
Art Maggio– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Dino Pecoraro– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Tohnu Pecararo– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Jim Barbaccia– Son of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Florence Barbaccia– Wife of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Mike Kotch– Son of PGK Mark Kotch
Bill Martin– Son of Brother Michael Martin
Frederick Martin– Father of Brother Michael Martin
Mike Santos– Son of Brother John Santos
Newton & Sieczko Family– Brother Paul Unpinco
RSegundo Unpingco– Father of Brother Paul Unpingco
Jonathan Jacops– Son of Brother Mark Jacops
Frank Jacops– Brother of Brother Mark Jacops
Phillip Reilly– Son of PGK Joe Reilly
Teresa Santero– Mother of PGK Lou Santero
Adrienue Wood– Daughter of Brother John Wood
Helen Kliment– Mother of PGK Mike Kliment
Chris Kliment– Son of PGK Mike Kliment
Kym McFate– Mother-in-Law of PGK Joseph Balestreri
RaShawna Balestreri– Wife of PGK Joseph Balestreri
Nina Balestreri– Daughter of PGK Joe Balestreri
Travyn Rasiah– Son of Brother Pravin Rasiah
Benjamin Cruz– Son of Brother Anthony Cruz
Ted McBurney– Friend of Brother Ron Hansen
Jennifer Hansen– Daughter of Brother Ron Hansen
Judy Weld– Sister of Brother Ron Hansen
John Hansen– Brother of Brother Ron Hansen
Pat Stack– Close friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Boyd Fortrel– Friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Wife of Brother Knight, Claire Tryor Loring Brown– Friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Helen Hirashiki– Wife of Brother Mark Worrell
Marie Andal– Mother of Brother Dennis Andal
Kevin Ngwanyia– Son of Brother George Ngwanyia
Christine Estrada– Wife of Brother Junior Estrada
Pedrito A. Estrada– Father of Brother Junior Estrada
Margret Jones– Daughter of PKG Joe Jones
Joshua Studendorff– Son of Brother Mike Studendorff
Dorothy McDonald– Grandmother of PGK Tim Tuttle
Julie Steeves– Sister of PGK Tim Tuttle
Kelli Machi– Wife of PGK Mike Machi, sr
Clement Yu– CCoP Parishioner, for Brother John Rabada
Brother Chris Conley
Brother Mike Yocham
Brother Ron Johnson
Brother Rich Goddu
Brother Paul Unpingco
PGK John Moore
PGK Joe Jones
PGK George Leja
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:

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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