



Knightly News

December 2013

Knights Of Columbus

Michael J. Costello Council 6043
The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton
www.kofc6043.org

Grand Knight's Message



Merry Christmas Worthy Brothers & Families,

"For I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me; I was naked and you gave me clothing; I was sick and you took care of me; I was in prison and you visited me" - Matthew 25:35-36

Just within the last month, our Council membership has distributed Thanksgiving food baskets to the needy (hungry and you gave me food); welcomed Fr. Paul as our Chaplain (our Council was thirsty for his spiritual leadership); opened the door to 20 new Brothers (welcomed in 20 strangers); assisted with the Ron Silva coat distribution (provided clothing to the homeless); coordinated the blood drive (sick and you took care of me); will be hosting Breakfast with Santa (from where toys will be given to Santa Rita inmates for their families).

No other passage defines and emulates the many unconditional charitable offerings that our Council members get involved in. How profound that our charitable activities so closely mirrors one of the greatest Bible passages.

Not to be overlooked, our Order is also closely aligned with our Parish Mission Statement, "To know Christ better (being disciples of Christ, we are seen as Christ for others), live as He calls as to live (as Christians & followers of Christ and representatives of our Order, we are called to be Christ for others), and make Him better known (spreading our faith through the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales). More than ever before, I thank Jesus for calling me to be a Knight of Columbus and a servant to His Church.

I've attended a lot of Knights of Columbus meetings in the past 5+ years that I've been a faithful member but to me, our November Council meeting was by far the best spiritually filled. Fr. Paul and Fr. Leonard honored us by attending our gathering and together they challenged our Council to forge a new chapter direction. Fr. Paul covered several evangelistic topics and how they relate to our parish life, how future parishioners demographics will be guided and how the Knights will play an integral part in the spirituality formation. As men of faith and men of action, our Council eagerly awaits the parish direction in shepherding future generations. We look forward to having Fr. Paul (and the rest of the priests) join us again at our next Council meeting (December 12).

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Officers

Columbian Year 2013 - 2014

Grand Knight

Mario daSilva.....828-6006

Chaplain

Fr. Paul Minnihan, Pastor...846-4489

Deputy Grand Knight/Program Dir.

Stephen Natale.....462-4483

Chancellor/Membership Director

Paul Unpingco.....462-2263

Treasurer

Mark Worrell426-5375

Financial Secretary

PGK Joe Balestreri484-5368

Advocate

PGK Brad Schieferstein.....846-7181

Recorder

Dave Frankenger. 846-8561

Warden

Chris Sigua461-2340

Inside Guard

John Rabada846-4280

Outside Guard

Gene Dove493-0683

Field Agent

Jeffrey Carvalho.....510-754-1057

Lector

PGK Mike Machi, Sr......462-9765

Newsletter Editor

Bob Dompe.....583-5191

Web Master

PGK Frank Costa846-4205

Culture of Life Director

PGK Lou Santero.....846-5124

Council Director

Michael Egbujor230-8034

Communications Director

Junior Estrada.....560-6346

Youth Director

Open

Church Director

Open

Three Year Trustee

PGK John Moore519-0744

Two Year Trustee

PGK Tim Tuttle.....484-4341

One Year Trustee

PGK Mike Kliment.....426-1551

WGK's Letter, Continued

It was also very nice to welcome many of our recent new members to the monthly meeting. I encourage these and the balance of our new members to attend as many of the monthly meetings as possible. Also at this meeting, our Worthy Field Agent, Jeffrey Carvalho, presented our Council with a beautiful plaque. This award was as a result of our membership attendance at the Insurance (K)night Out event in October.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge and thank our Council for bestowing upon me the Council Choice award. I am deeply humbled by the Memberships trust in me and pledge to continue guiding our Council to conduct unconditional worthy activities for the greater benefit of our Council, Church and Community. I would also like to thank PGK Joe Balestreri, Chancellor Paul Unpingco and our worthy newsletter editor Brother Bob Dompe for taking on the monumental task of updating our membership information in the KofC Supreme website.

October's busy Council events easily prepared us for all the November Thanksgiving activities. PGK Chuck Berardi and his wife Marcia chaired the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' card sales. For the first time in our Council's history, our Order hosted this event over 2 separate weekends. On both occasions, Brother Chuck & Marcia drove back and forth between both parishes Sunday morning masses to cover the sales tables. Numerous Brother Knights also helped spread the 'reason for the season' message.

The 9th annual Ron Silva coat distribution took place at the Presbyterian Church in downtown Hayward. As usual, Nancy Silva (wife of PGK Ron Silva in whose memorial this event is named after), daughter (Melissa) and grand-daughter (Rebecca) arrived with a truck full of 300+ coats. Their collection efforts seem to get more and greater results each year. PGK Joe Balestreri (and his entire family) again helped coordinate our efforts. Eight brothers, two of them serving at this event for the first time, helped distribute coats, gloves, socks & pants to the homeless after they were served breakfast. It's truly a heartfelt feeling to witness the thankful faces as they receive their coats & other garments to help keep them warm in the upcoming winter months.

"Jesus said, whenever you do this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you do it for me" - Matthews 25:40

PGK Lou Santero, Brother Robert Federighi and I represented our Council at the Oakland Diocese Chapter meeting at St. Clement Church/Hayward where elections for two key positions were recently held. Happy to report that our Worthy District Deputy, SK Chuck Bellavia, was elected to the Chapter's Vice President's post but as he earlier agreed, Brother Chuck will continue to be our District Deputy. Our Council congratulations Br. Chuck on this new assignment.

Brother Robert Strawn and PGK Frank Costa excellently orchestrated our annual Thanksgiving Food basket deliveries. Within a little over an hour and with the outstanding assistance from 28 members (including 11 new Brother Knights), over 250 boxes of food were carted out of STA's hall and sent to be delivered to 73 needy local homes. What a sight it was to see our members and their families in action and to later hear wonderful heartfelt comments from their delivery receptions.

As we enter the great Advent season, let's all take time to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Christ child, and recall memories of God's wonderful movement in our lives. The spiritual journey toward Christmas is a seasonal focus of Thanksgiving, sharing & renewal as we are open to the grace of the Holy Spirit when we gather around and break bread on our family tables. Along these lines, let's all also have faith and send prayers to the people of the Philippines as they recover from the death toll from one of the strongest typhoons & devastating disaster on record.

May the upcoming Christmas season be one of great joy, hope and peace for all your family members.

Merry Christmas, Mario

The Worthy Grand Knight's **KUDOS KORNER**

November 2013 Kudos Korner Award Winners:

Certificate of Appreciation:

- Br. Tom Egan - Parish Census Captain
- Br. Savio d'Cruz - Parish Census Captain
- Br. Dennis Roberts - Parish Census Captain
- Br. Leonard Rodricks - Parish Census Captain

Knight of the Month:

- Br. Steve O'Hare - New Member, Parish Census & Tootsie Roll Distribution

Family of the Month:

- Br. Mike Machi - Blood Drive Chairman & Son's First Degree Leadership

Coming events

01 December	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
03 December	Cancer Support Group, 7:30 PM, SES Rm A
05 December	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
08 December	Breakfast with Santa, St. Augustine's Hall
12 December	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
14 December	Council Christmas Party, Br. Michael Hewitt's Home
18 December	Military Peer Support Group, 7:00 PM, SES Room A
05 January	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
07 January	Cancer Support Group, 7:30 PM, SES Rm A
09 January	Officer's Meeting, 6:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
09 January	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
15 January	Military Peer Support Group, 7:00 PM, SES Room A
18 January	Crab Feed / Silent Auction; St. Augustine's Hall
25 January	Walk for Life; San Francisco

Knights Cancer Support Group Meeting

The K of C Men's Cancer Support Group is open to all Knights seeking support in dealing with Prostate Cancer.

Several Brothers who are now Cancer survivors share their own story to offer support in your journey. We do NOT offer Medical advice. We simply share our own experience and offer a safe and confidential setting for discussion, prayer, and support. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at SES Conference Room A - 7:30-8:30pm. Please note that the December 3rd meeting will take place at SES Conference Room B- to accommodate the needs of Br. Mark Sullivan and the Music Ministry.



Knights of Columbus



Breakfast with Santa

Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting

"Breakfast with Santa"

*What a Wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit and spend
time with your church and family.*

Sunday December 8, 2013

St. Augustine Hall

Breakfast Served 9:00am to 12:00pm

Pictures with Santa: 9:30 am to 1:00pm

Kid Craft Tables

*Please help spread joy and the spirit of the season by
bringing a new unwrapped toy to donate to*

The Santa Rita Jail Ministry

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT

HELP THE EARTH AND SUPPORT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PROGRAMS



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



Computers

| Cell phones

| TV's

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2014
(DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER)

TIME: 10:00-2:00

LOCATION: ST. ELIZABETH SEATON
4001 STONERIDGE DR.
PLEASANTON, CA
(WEST PARKING LOT)

- ITEMS COLLECTED
WILL BE RECYCLED
OR REUSED IN AN
ECO FRIENDLY
WAY.

- A PORTION OF THE
PROCEEDS WILL GO
TO KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

- ASSISTANCE WILL
BE PROVIDED TO
HELP UNLOAD
YOUR CAR.



Items that will be collected:

TV'S (CRT/LCD/PLASMA)
MONITORS
COMPUTERS
LAPTOPS
CELL PHONES
IPODS/PDA'S
SERVERS

NETWORK EQUIP.
STEREO EQUIP.
GAME CONSOLES
PRINTER/COPIERS
DVD/VCR PLAYERS
DIGITAL CAMERAS
AND MORE

*****NO BATTERIES, LIGHTBULBS, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCES ALLOWED*****

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: MARK KOTCH (925) 989-1581
OR
EWASTE DIRECT 877-437-9558x1-INFO@EWASTEDIRECT.COM



You are invited to the Knight's Potluck Christmas Party Saturday December 14th. The Party is hosted by Michael & Lorraine Hewitt, and, Mark & Theresa Kotch. The location is at the Hewitt house. RSVP by phone 925-449-4184, or, email to hewitti@comcast.com. Since this is a potluck please indicate if you can provide one of the following; Appetizer, Entrée, Side dish/Salad or Dessert. Refreshments will be provided.

Directions: From Isabel Ave turn onto Concannon Blvd, turn right on Murdell, left on Alden Lane, right on Wood Hollow Drive. 2489 Wood Hollow Drive.

Note: you can't park directly in front of the house. Park in the driveway or across the street.



Knights of Columbus **45th Annual Crab Feed**



at St. Augustine Church Hall

Saturday January 18, 2014

\$40.00 per person

No Host Cocktails

Silent Auction

Preview

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Dinner

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Crab Served

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Dancing

9:00 - 12:00 AM



Menu

Crab*

Pasta

Green Salad

Rolls

Again this year:

Silent Auction & Limited Raffle

Doors Open at 5:00 PM

For Silent Auction Preview

Accepting Credit Cards

For Tickets Contact Tim Tuttle

Phone: (925) 484-4341

E-mail: crabfeedatCCOP@gmail.com



Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows

St. Clare's Retreat

2381 Laurel Glen Rd., Soquel, CA 95073

831.423.8093

Website: www.stclaresretreatcenter.com

E-mail: stclaresretreatcenter@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **Married Couples Retreat**



Fr. Mark Wiesner
Retreat Director

February 21-23, 2014

**Theme: Sole Mates ~
Walking together with Christ**

Fr. Mark was ordained for the Diocese of Oakland in 1995. He is currently the Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo parish in Livermore, CA. He is a sought after speaker and has conducted more than 300 retreats, day of recollection and parish missions.

Married Couples Retreat February 21-23, 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Tel. No. () _____ - _____

Email: _____



\$260.00 per couple

Mark Choices with Registration

Cannot climb Stairs _____

Stairs OK _____

Double Bed _____

2 Twin Beds _____

Single room shared bath _____

Register online or by mail
Send \$25.00 non-refundable deposit
with mail in registration.
Check in time is Friday 4-6 PM.

Recent Council Activities

Thanksgiving Food Basket Deliveries, November 2013



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



PGK Brad Schieferstein



Dennis Mortenson



Dennis Roberts



PGK Mike Machi Sr.



PGK Mark Kotch



Grand Knight Mario daSilva

**Brother Knights Being Recognized For Their Excellence And
Devotion To Our Council, At Our November Business Meeting**



SILENT AUCTION at the CRAB FEED

A small group of Knights are gathering prizes for our Silent Auction which will be held in January. I am hoping that in addition to this small solicitation group, our members will give serious thought to providing prizes as well. Whether you own a business that could supply a product, are a professional that could offer a service, a member that has a summer home for use, something of value that is just taking up space in your closet or if you're doing business with a firm that may be able to help us, please know that all donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Last year nine brother knights personally gave or approached friends who owned businesses who donated prizes which accounted for a very large part (27%) of the almost \$12,000 raised for charities and ministries. This made a huge affect on our success and I'm optimistic this will happen again.

A solicitation letter is provided on the next page for this purpose. Please bring your donation to any Officer or Business meeting or call Lou Santero 925-846-5124, email: lp_santero@yahoo.com for pick up. All donations should be rendered by the end of December if possible.



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 first and third Wednesday of every month

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

Location – St. Elizabeth Seton, Room A

For more information please contact:

Patrick Llamas at (925)818-4370 or pflamas@gmail.com

Catholic Community of Pleasanton

3999 Bernal Ave, Pleasanton, CA. 94566
(925)846-4489



Knights of Columbus

MICHAEL J. COSTELLO COUNCIL, No.6043

P.O. Box 454

Pleasanton, California 94566

September 20, 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

The **Knights of Columbus**, a fraternal group of men will be holding their **45th Annual Crab Feed and Raffle/Silent Auction on Sat., Jan. 18th, 2014 at St. Augustine's Hall in Pleasanton, CA.**

We traditionally draw over 500 attendees and are in need of prizes. **Will you help us?** A donors' list will be provided to all, indicating the names of all participating firms and the value of their gifts if received by 1/4/14. **Our Tax Number is 94-2161725.**

Last year we raised close to \$12,000 and all monies were donated to the **following 501 (c) 3 charities** which provide food, clothing, shelter, medical, spiritual healing and care for the dying. This year we will again distribute all monies raised to similar 501 (c) 3 charities.

St. Mary's Interfaith	Stockton, CA	94-2687280
Alameda County Food Bank	Oakland, CA	94-2960297
Open Heart Kitchen	Livermore, CA	94-3396038
Tri Valley Haven	Livermore, CA	94-2462357
Rachael's Vineyard	Boulder, Colorado	90-0115001
Hope Hospice	Dublin, CA	94-257605
Shepard's Gate	Livermore Ca	94-2902804

You may send your donation to the above address or preferably to the co-chairman below. Please be sure to **state the retail value** of your donation.

Lou Santero
1484 Parkview Court
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-846-5124 lpsantero@yahoo.com

Thank you for considering our request.
Sincerely,

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 District 36. See the District 36 web site at
<https://sites.google.com/site/district36website/>

EMPLOYMENT – Knights helping Knights

Let's keep our unemployed brother knights and their families in our prayers. Should you need coaching, direction, inspiration or motivation on you job search, I'm available!

I also remind you that our CCOP Job Connections Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday 3:30 PM – 5 PM each month at St Elizabeth Seton – Room A

Mike Machi – 462-8579 – mmachi@mricareers.com

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

Prayer List

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

Laur Alcasabas– Uncle of Brother Lamberto Diwa
Michael McGillivray– Brother of Brother Daniel McGillivray
Marvel Brodnick– Mother of Brother Dean Brodnick
Vicky DeLeon– Cousin of Brother Tony DeLeon
William Langenhuizen– Father of Brother Bob Lange
Wenkwei Liu– Father of Brother Grant Liu
Kathy Seits– Mother of Brother Timothy Seits
Gloria Victoria– Sister-in-Law of Brother Bo Patron
Maria Crisanti– Sister-in-Law of Br. Dominick Pietro
Gary Vandevanter– Friend of Br. Sal DeTrane
Mary Beth Brown– Sister of Brother Bill Beston
Julie Young– Daughter of Brother Robert Federighi
Sandra Ryan– Wife of Brother Kevin Ryan
Bob Straskulic– Friend of Brother Chuck Bellavia
Steve Ward– Friend of Brother William Sroka
Ardys Henson– Mother of Brother Christain Dungo
Gusti Witzel– Brother-in-Law of PGK Dave Melander
Jessica Nett– Daughter of Brother Tom Egan
Keith Nett– Grandson of Brother Tom Egan
Al Spotorno– Friend of Brother Tom Smith
Domenic Natale– Brother of Brother Stephen Natale
Alfred Pasquarella– Friend of Brother Stephen Natale
Ellyn Kelly– Mother of PGK Ray Kelly
Phil Johnson– Brother-in-Law of Brother Dave Jones
Eileen Annicchero– Wife of deceased PGK Jerry Annicchero
Paul Malino– Father-in-Law of Brother Michael Hewitt
David Strawn– Brother of Brother Robert Strawn
Monroe Strawn, Sr.– Father of Brother Robert Strawn
Veronica Garcia– Sister of Brother Javier Garcia
Terry Dove– Uncle of Brother Gene Dove
Shane D'Cruz– Son of Brother Savio D'Cruz
Florence Barbaccia– Wife of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Rosalie Capri– Sister-in-Law of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Frank Barbaccia– Cousin 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
PGK Vince Kohlbecker– Friend of Br. Paul Unpingco
Jessie Unpingco– Uncle of Brother Paul Unpingco
Remmy Unpingco– Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco
Shirley Hintz– Mother-in-Law of Brother Paul Unpingco
Segundo Unpingco– Father of Brother Paul Unpingco
Rob Gibbs– Friend of Brother Paul Unpingco
Jonatan Jacops– Son for Brother Mark Jacops
Frank Jacops– Brother of Brother Mark Jacops
Eloisa Sots– Sister-in-Law of Brother Mark Jacops
Christine Seishas– Sister-in-Law of Br. Tom Cortez
Julia Davidson– Aunt of PGK Lou Santero
Teresa Santero– Mother of PGK Lou Santero
Adrienue Wood– Daughter of Brother John Wood
Lou Ella Hepner– Sister of Brother Ellis Shott
Antonio Silva– Uncle of WGK Mario daSilva
Billie Rivera– Friend of PGK Mike Kliment

Helen Kliment– Mother of PGK Mike Kliment
Chris Kliment– Son of PGK Mike Kliment
Pat Hughes– Brother of Brother Dan Hughes
Kevin Gooley– Brother-in-Law of Brother Dan Hughes
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
Stephanie Weld– Niece of Brother Ron Hansen
John Hansen– Brother of Brother Ron Hansen
Loring Brown– Friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Tim Shirrer– Brother of Mark Worrell's close friend
Helen Hirashiki– Wife of Brother Mark Worrell
Marie Andal– Mother of Brother Dennis Andal
Kevin Ngwanya– Son of Brother George Ngwanya
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 Michael Studendorff
Dawn Finamore– Friend of PGK Tim Tuttle
Dorothy McDonald– Grandmother of PGK Tim Tuttle
Dotty Bartelson– Aunt of PGK Tim Tuttle
Julie Steeves– Sister of PGK Tim Tuttle
Kelli Machi– Wife of PGK Mike Machi, sr
Katie Machi– Granddaughter of PGK Mike Machi, sr
Chuck Muth– Father-in-Law of PGK Mike Machi, sr
Brother Tim Mullane's **Nephew**
Brother Mike Yocham
Brother Michael Auer
PGK Jim Vigus
Brother Ron Johnson
Brother Jeff Tichenor
Brother Dan Hughes
Brother Richard Fredette
Brother Rich Goddu
Brother Paul Unpingco
Brother Paul Hill
PGK Joe Jones
PGK George Leja
Brother Larry Bell– Past Field Agent
Jesse Stansberry– Past Field Agent
Dave Lamont– Beating Victim
Ray Fosse– A's Announcer, Friend of this Council, In gratitude for his support

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

Brother Scott Cumberland

Robert Nazarenus– Friend of Brother Paul Unpingco

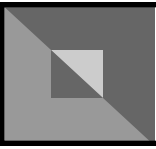
For all who are serving in the military we pray:

That the love of God will be with them. Especially those in harms way.

For the following special intentions we pray:

For All The Widows Of Our Brother Knights

For all of Our Religious Orders throughout the world.

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TO:

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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