



# Knightly News

February 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,

It was all about the crab, bout crab, no treble. Indeed it was. Our 46 Annual Crab Feed was a grand success. Given all the thought processes, the planning, the promotion, the budgeting, the procurement, the ticket sales, the set up, the prep work and the overall wonderful effort put forth from all of our brothers, the whole thing came off like clockwork. As I saw the work progress, I believe that almost all, that's ALL of our active brother knights, were involved in some shape or form to make this event one of the greatest. Everyone made a contribution. And for that, as your Grand Knight, I am humbled, gratified and truly thankful. Amazing!

So where do I begin to say "Thank You?" There are so many of you to thank. Let's start with the Head Crab Tim Tuttle. What a superb effort put forth by our brother Knight. As the chairperson, most of the responsibility resides within the scope of taking this chair. For the second time around, Tim has stepped up to the plate to do this for us, and did so with a smile, humor, a professional attitude, confidence and with such calmness and reassurance that I felt and I knew that we would pull this whole event off ounce again without any hitches. And we did! And let's not forget Tim's wife Cindy, giving all the support and help that Tim needed along the way. Thank you Cindy! We are so fortunate and blessed to have this tag team in place providing endless hours of planning, calling, checking, re-checking, confirming and making sure everything was moving along smoothly. Wonderful!

Next, the Carpetbaggers: Lou Santero, Robert Ferderighi, David Melander, Jack Barbaccia and David Frankenberger. What a marvelous job these men did in bringing in all those auction prizes. I am still awed at what they did and how they did it. It's not easy to roam the streets of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore asking for donations, all in the name of charity. But they did! And we benefited from it. Immensely! Beautiful!

Next, the Server Crew: Paul Unpingco, Elizabeth Unpingco, Steve Ohare, Mario and Cristina daSilva and all the middle school and high school volunteers, all of whom delivered the salad, the pasta, the rolls, the steaks and the crab on time, with precision flawlessly. This smoothness in delivery just doesn't happen by itself. I want to extend a very special "Thanks" to Paul and his daughter, Elizabeth for timing the whole process out and sticking to the schedule. It was perfect! Thank You!

Next, the Kitchen Crew: Mike Burns and Ted Selna on crab and homemade cocktail sauce, Mike Machi on steaks to coked order. Thank You!

Next, the Bar Crew: David Jones, Bob Dompe, John Sullivan, Kevin Ryan, Hal Wilson, Dick Parr and Dave Frankenberger. Thank You!

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## WGK's Letter, Continued

Next, the Wine Crew: Michael Hewitt. Did you know that Michael made a special trip to Napa to pick up the premium wine we had available? He did! Thank You!

Next, the Costco Crew: Frank Costa and John Rabada. Thank You!

Next, the Floor Covering Crew: Junior Estrada and his team. Thank You!

Next, the Table Set Up: All our Brother Knights. Thank You!

Next, the Clean Up Crew: Mike Kliment and team. Thank You!

Next, the Bar Ticket Sales and Front Desk Reception Crew: Mike and Lisa Schibler and John and Vicki Gorman. Thank You!

Apologies and please forgive me if I didn't mention you by name but there were so many, many other Knights that were involved with this event that this message would run to ten pages if I mentioned each and every one of you by name. But I know who you are and I thank you! Like I said, almost every active member participated! What a blessing!

Also, I wanted to mention that every one of our parish priests, Fr. Paul, Fr. Leonard, Fr. Lee, and Fr. Michael, all came to enjoy the crab along with Fr. Chris Renz and our very own seminarian, Brother Knight Gpaul. I was so happy, thrilled and overjoyed to see them all. It is truly wonderful to have such support from our clergy. It made the whole evening very special for me. To have this kind of support for our council from all of our parish priests is a blessing beyond belief. And to top things off we even had Fr. Fones and three seminarians from the Dominican Province in Berkeley come as well. Through John Rabada, we have a special connection with these brothers and I was so happy to see them all as well! Beautiful!

Also, as you may all know, the annual March for Life took place Saturday, 1/24 in San Francisco. As he has done for the past several years, Lou Santero has relentlessly taken the lead year after year in promoting this very worthy cause and special event. Some 50,000+ pro-life marchers from every diocese and parish around the Bay Area participated. This year the theme of the March was "Every Life is a Gift." Let participation in this event and the awareness it created serve as a reminder that every life is truly precious and that every life deserves to be defended and protected! Amen? Yes, indeed, AMEN! Thank you Lou for being so, so dedicated and so devoted to this cause. We sincerely appreciate it.

Also, I want to extend a very special "Thank You" to Brother Mark Worrell for chairing the Free Throw Contest event once again this year, to Mike Kliment for helping with developing the certificates and all our brother knights who helped with conducting the event itself. It was held on Saturday, 1/24 at the JPII Center. Four girls and six boys, from age groups 9 through 14, several of whom from our parish were winners and have moved forward to the District Championship that by the time you receive this newsletter, will have been held on Sunday, 1/1 at St. Michael's Adam's Hall in Livermore. It will be interesting and fun to see the winners.

As a reminder, our next First Degree Exemplification will be held Thursday evening 3/19. If you know of any parishioner who has sincere interest, that's sincere and serious interest, in becoming a Knight, please contact Jeff Brent, Paul Unpingco or me to get more information and to discuss commitment. And for our existing First Degree Brother Knights who want to move forward to the next degrees, there will be both a Second and a Third Degree Exemplification at St. Ignatius Church in Antioch on Saturday, 3/14. As I have mentioned in the past, I would encourage you to move forward. You'll be glad you did!

And lastly, I am happy to inform you that we will conduct a St. Patrick's Day Dinner, Dance and Social on Saturday, March 14th. Plans are underway and we are moving forward. Michael Hewitt has graciously offered to chair this event for us this year. Thank you Michael! More details forthcoming.

Ad majorem Dei gloriam,

Stephen

## Coming events

01 February	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
05 February	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
07 February	4th Degree Exemplification, All Day, Rohnert Park
12 February	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
18 February	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, SES Room A
01 March	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
05 March	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
07/08 March	Membership Drive—Both Churches
12 March	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
14 March	St. Patrick's Day Dinner, St. Augustine's Hall
18 March	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, SES Room A
19 March	1st Degree Exemplification, St. Augustine's Hall, 7PM
27 March	Way of the Cross; St. Augustine's Church
29 March	Easter Food Basket Deliveries

## Notes from The Worthy Chancellor

Before we know it, our next 1st degree exemplification will be held on Thursday night March 19, 2015. Please make plans on attending and support our new Knights.

Speaking of the various degree's, we have the opportunity to join and have some of our first degree Knights move up to the 2nd and 3rd. On Saturday March 14, 2015 to be held at Saint Ignatius Council 12587 Saint Ignatius 3351 Contra Loma Blvd. (between Gatter Drive and Longview Road) Antioch, CA 94509

2nd Degree registration is at 9:30 AM with the ceremony at 10:00 AM. 3rd Degree registration is from 10:45 to 11:45AM with the ceremony beginning @ 12:15PM. Although this is the same day as our planned Saint Patrick's Day dinner, It is being held early enough in the day for all those attending to make it back to Pleasanton in time for our Saint Patrick's celebration. Please contact me or Paul Unpingco, if you are interested in moving up

The fourth degree looks like this year will have a very small turnout, with no one from Dublin San Ramon, Pleasanton participating and only one person from Livermore.. If holding the fourth degree at Rohnert Park becomes a financial burden, those looking to obtain the fourth degree in the future may have to go to Sacramento. Due to the low turnout registration is being held open past the original January 29th cutoff, but time is very tight to apply contact Jeff Brent cell phone 925-640-1060 to see if we can push through an application before February 7,2015

SK Jeff Brent



## Recent Activities

### 46th Annual Crab Feed—17 January 2015; St. Augustine's Hall



See the Council Web Site at  
**[www.kofc6043.org](http://www.kofc6043.org)** for more  
photos of our recent activities.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Isidore parish is in the process of starting a peaceful prayer vigil beginning Ash Weds. 2/18/15, outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in San Ramon. They are being supported by churches and KC councils in our district.

**What is a 40 Days for Life campaign?** It is a continuous, peaceful prayer vigil that runs for 40 days starting at 8AM thru 8PM daily! This vigil makes no attempts to judge, uses no offensive signs and maybe gives a woman a last chance for help in their crisis pregnancy. It is not a political demonstration. We are not trying to change laws, but with the help of the Holy Spirit we will change hearts. Fasting is also recommended because our Lord told us that some demons could only be driven out by prayer AND fasting. (Math.17:21)

How much time you volunteer is entirely up to you. What is suggested is one hour per week, more if you can do it. We will begin taking sign ups at our next Business Meeting on 2/11 or sign up by contacting Linda Mertes whose email is [lindamertes@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamertes@yahoo.com). For further information please contact Lou Santero at [lsantero@yahoo.com](mailto:lsantero@yahoo.com), phone: 925 846-5124.

Please take my request to join me in this campaign to prayer and discernment.

God bless the Knights of Columbus!



# 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:**

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## *Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future*

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax-savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason.

Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you?

Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember – absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you – at your convenience and in your home or at my office – to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top-rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.



### **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

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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 39.](#)**



## Prayer List

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

**Jack Frankenberger**— Brother 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  
**Fraqnk Woo**— Friend of Brother Richard Fredette  
**Karla Gonzalez**— Friend of Brother Michael Schibler  
**Domenic Picciano**— Brother-in-Law of PGK Chuck Beraradi  
**Jaime Sigua**— Father of Brother Chris Sigua  
**Phillip Dompe**— Grandson of Brother Bob Dompe  
**Karen Mortenson**— Wife of Brother Dennis Mortenson  
**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  
**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  
**David Rodriguez**— Dad of Brother Darren Medeiros' Son-in-Law  
**Erica & Colton Ghorso**— Wife & expected offspring of Brother Nick Ghorso  
**Ralph Ruocco**— Brother of Brother Lou Ruocco  
**Pat Bellavia**— Wife of DD Chuck Bellavia  
**Serra LaVo**— Granddaughter of DD Chuck Bellavia's Friend  
**Paul Maurice**— Father of Brother Dennis Maurice  
**Frances Vallucci**— Friend of Brother Mike Burns  
**Carmella Goddard**— Aunt 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  
**Julie Young**— Daughter of Brother Robert Federighi  
**Dale Paul Federighi**— Son of Brother Robert Federighi  
**Charlotte Keller**— Friend of Brother Kevin Ryan  
**Philip San Filippo**— Brother-in-Law of Brother Kevin Ryan  
**Kaithlen Opfelrion**— Friend of Brother William Sroka  
**Jennifer Thomas**— Friend of Brother William Sroka  
**Judi Welbeevd**— Friend of Brother William Sroka  
**Liz Sroka**— Sister of Brother William Sroka  
**Ardys Henson**— Mother of Brother Christian Dungo  
**David Kroepfl**— Brother-in-Law of Brother Tom Egan  
**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  
**Delicosa Pergira**— Aunt of Brother Savio D'Cruz  
**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  
**Remmy Unpingco**— Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco  
**Segundo 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  
**Boyd Fortrel**— Friend of Brother Mark Worrell  
**Wife of Brother Knight, Claire Tryor**  
**Loring Brown**— Friend of Brother Mark Worrell  
**Susan Usher**— Cousin of Brother Mark Worrell  
**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 Mike Studendorff  
**Dorothy McDonald**— Grandmother of PGK Tim Tuttle  
**Julie Steeves**— Sister of PGK Tim Tuttle  
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**Brother Mike Yocham**  
**Brother Ron Johnson**  
**Brother Rich Goddu**  
**Brother Paul Unpingco**  
**PGK John Moore**  
**PGK Joe Jones**  
**PGK George Leja**  
**PGK Jim Vigus**  
**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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