



Knightly News

January 2014

Knights Of Columbus

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

Grand Knight's Message



Feliz Natal - Buon Natale - Feliz Navidad - Merry Christmas Worthy Brothers & Families,

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord!" - Luke 2:11

Santa Claus. Jingle Bells. Presents under the Christmas tree. These are all part of the Christmas tradition today, but none of them would exist without the event that is proclaimed in the above passage. As we've prepared for this joyful celebration, we need to always remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Today we celebrate that day when the eternal Word of God became one of us and one with us. There is no greater Christmas gift than the gift we celebrate today and thus December is, and always will be, the month to remember.

2014 - Happy New Year!

January is here and soon will also be our biggest event of our Columbian Year, the 45th annual Crab Feed and Silent Auction (January 18). For months we've been preparing for this event and with the anticipated 500+ guests, we will need all Brothers to help run another successful evening. This event is not only a lot of fun, but it also generates the revenues we need to operate our Council and helps support the numerous charities that depend on our donations. This year we will be implementing numerous Silent Auction improvements that we hope will enhance the overall experience. I encourage all Brothers to actively join us & get involved; our Council would not be able to do all our good works without everyone's participation. If you're unable to assist, I hope you'll be able to attend with your family & friends.

As Fr. Paul recently noted in the bulletin, Service is at the heart of everything we do. To prepare the way of the Lord is to stand side by side with our sisters and brothers ensuring that we share our basis resources, enable others to activate their God given talents and respond to human needs.

We had a busy December, not only for our families, but for us as a Council. We successfully completed several important events and I would be remiss not to thank all members that participate in the events to make them all a huge success. As we do each month, December started with our Donut Sunday socials. Each month PGK's John Moore & Brad Schieferstein, along with numerous other Brothers, graciously lead our Council (at both CCOP parishes after morning services), with donuts for all our parishioners.

No Stove, No Problem! - that was the attitude from the 'Breakfast with Santa' committee. With the news that our kitchen stove had been shut down, PGK Joe Balestreri and Mike Hewitt quickly developed plans to serve a continental breakfast to the expected 300+ family members. Brother Dave Jones graced

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Officers

Columbian Year 2013 - 2014

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Mario daSilva.....828-6006

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

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Paul Unpingco.....462-2263

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Outside Guard

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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

center stage as Santa and entertained the children while PGK Mike Kliment captured all the treasured moments. All the toys collected, 4 bags worth, were handed to the Santa Rita inmates. All in all, our Breakfast with Santa family event exceeded expectations despite initial challenges.

Brother Mark Sullivan, Director of Music Ministries, led the 'Jesus, Hope of the World, Concert', celebrating the season of Advent and Christmas. Many of our Brothers were involved with this annual celebration, including Worthy Recorder Dave Frankengerger (Parking Lot Patrol & Refreshments), Chancellor Paul Unpingco (Sound), Warden Chris Sigua (Collections), to name but a few. The very festive reception crowd enjoyed 9 large champagne bottles that we served at the JPPI Center following the concert.

Mike & Lorraine Hewitt graciously again offered to host the Council Christmas party at their Livermore home. Co-hosted by Mark & Theresa Kotch, a good time was had by all who attended. I'm only sorry my company Christmas party was also on the same night and I missed our gathering.

Christmas eve parking lot patrol was once again led by Brother Dave Frankengerger. In addition to the 4pm SES mass, this year we were also asked to help traffic positioning at the 4pm STA service. Brother Dave returned to the midnight mass patrol, along with Robert Federighi, Dave Seeger, George Almeida & myself to ensure all were safely parked.

The New Year is a time to look with gratefulness at the past year and hopefulness at the coming new year. In 2013 Pope Francis was named Time magazine's Person of the Year; what will the new year hold for our Shepherd. Within the past 6 months as your Grand Knight, I've felt God's presence from all your unconditional contributions; I look forward to continuing our journey together for the greater benefit of our Council, Church & Community.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus and our Council, I wish you and your family a most joyful, spiritual & prosperous New Year!

Glad Tidings for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year from the daSilva Family
Mario

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

December 2013 Kudos Korner Award Winners:

Certificate of Appreciation:

- **Br. Jack Barbaccia** - Thanksgiving Delivery coordinator / Silent Auction item acquisitioner

Knight of the Month:

- **Br. Bob Wolf** - Ron Silva Coat Delivery assistance / Breakfast with Santa server
- **Br. Tony Deleon** - Prison Ministry toy distributor / Giving Tree delivery driver
- **Br. Dave Jones** - 'Santa' & Crab Feed bar host

Family of the Month:

- **PGK Chuck Berardi** - Keep Christ in Christmas card sales Director
- **PGK Joe Balestreri** - Chair of Breakfast with Santa event and Ron Silva Coat Delivery program
- **Br. Mike Hewitt** - Breakfast Chef of Santa event / Host home of Council Christmas Party

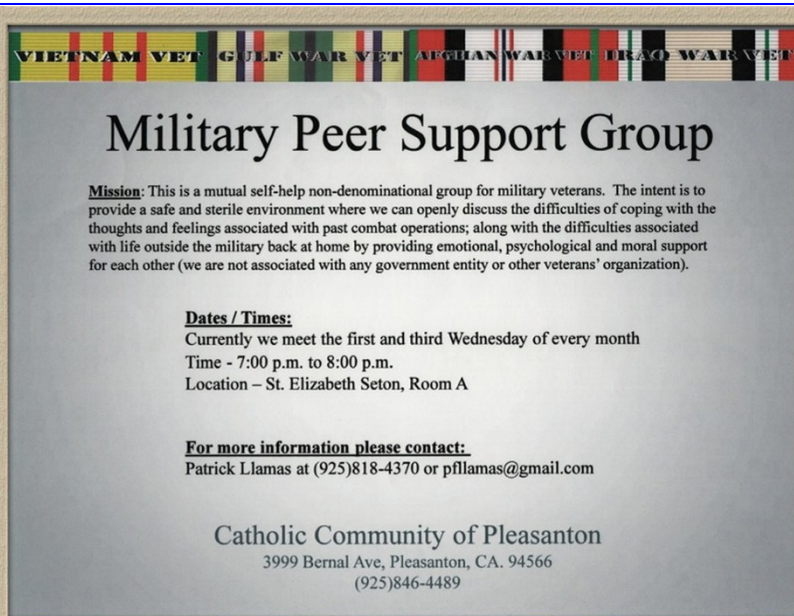
Coming events

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 **Date/Time**
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
01 February	4th Degree Exemplification, Rohnert Park
02 February	Donut Social; All AM Masses; Both Churches
04 February	Cancer Support Group, 7:30 PM, SES Rm A
05 February	Military Peer Support Group, 7:00 PM, SES Room A
06 February	Officer's Meeting, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
08 February	E-Waste Recycling Collection, St. Elizabeth Seton (TENTATIVE)
13 February	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
22/23 February	Membership Drive

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.



The poster features a header with a row of colorful ribbons representing various military conflicts: VIETNAM VET, GULF WAR VET, AFGHAN WAR VET, and IRAQ WAR VET. Below this, the title 'Military Peer Support Group' is prominently displayed. The 'Mission' section describes the group as a mutual self-help non-denominational group for military veterans, focusing on discussing combat-related difficulties and providing emotional, psychological, and moral support. The 'Dates / Times' section states that meetings occur on the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton, Room A. Contact information for Patrick Llamas is provided, along with the address of the Catholic Community of Pleasanton.

VIETNAM VET GULF WAR VET AFGHAN WAR VET IRAQ WAR VET

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

Walk for Life

Our council will join thousands of woman,men and children as we make our 10th Walk for Life to proclaim to the world that abortion hurts women and that women deserve better than abortion!

Abortion harms everyone. Not only the defenseless preborn child, but also the women, men and families involved including society as a whole!

Please stand with us as we walk this road together. to speak for those who cannot speak, to walk for those who cannot walk, to pray for, struggle for and stand p for the life of every unborn child.

Our council will be chartering a bus and join the other councils of our district and state to participate in the Walk.

Details follow:

When: Saturday, January 25, 2014
Where: San Francisco Civic Plaza
Transportation: Bus, leaving St. Elizabeth Seton PROMPTLY at 10:30AM
Cost: \$12 Early Bird Discount, if received by 1/9/14; \$15 if received after 1/9
Deadline: Sunday, January 19, 2014 for Bus Ticket
Checks: Made payable to KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 6043;
*** PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER ***
Mail to: Dominik Pietro, 7003 Corte Rosa, Pleasanton, CA 94566
Inquiries: Dominik Pietro, 925-462-4665
Email: pietr11@comcast.net

Looking for Crab Feed Helpers

Brothers,

Your help is needed on Saturday, 18 January 2014 to make the Crab Feed a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact PGK Tim Tuttle:

timbtuttle@gmail.com

or

925-484-4341.



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

Breakfast with Santa, 7 December 2013



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

Kudos to Brother Knights from the Worth Grand Knight December Business Meeting





Pope Francis Documentary

A Message from Supreme

Dear Brother Knight:

Pope Francis has captured the imagination of the world. His is the most searched-for name on the internet. He is the most talked about person on Facebook. And he's TIME's Person of the Year.

But who is Pope Francis? Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio?

As you know, the Knights of Columbus has worked to bring Pope Francis and his message to the world in a variety of ways. Now, our documentary film on his life is available on DVD.

Francis: The Pope From the New World is available at Amazon.com. The hour-long film traces the remarkable rise of our new Holy Father and features interviews from around the world, with close friends, fellow priests, co-workers, his biographer and the poor of Buenos Aires.

Whether you want to give this as a Christmas gift or order it for your personal or family collection, this documentary will help those who watch it to learn even more about our pope and how to answer his call to increase our faith in service to God and neighbor.

Any profits made by K of C from this film will be donated to Pope Francis.

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

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

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/>

Prayer List

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

Yrene Guerrero– Friend of Brother Mike Burns
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
Lynne Crittendon– Sister of Brother Tom Smith
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
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
Art Maggio– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
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
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
John Hawsmann– Friend of Brother Dan Hughes
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
Ken Naham– Friend of Brother Ron Hansen
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 Mike Catrina
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
Jesse Stansberry– Past Field Agent
Brendi, Bella & Kevin Cumberland– Family of Brother Scott Cumberland
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:

Karen Mohr– Past Pleasanton City Council Member

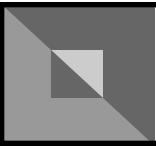
For all who are serving in the military we pray:

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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