

# Knightly News



July 2019 Knights Of Columbus Michael J. Costello Council 6043 The Catholic Community Of Pleasanton www.kofc6043.org

# Grand Knight's Message

Welcome to the Columbian Year 2019-2020. The Council entrusted me with much responsibility, and I appreciate your confidence in electing me Grand Knight. Thank you. I bring to bear leadership skills, passion and personality to ensure that Council 6043 keeps flying high, navigates the significant changes required by the Diocese & Supreme, and communicates efficiently toward success.

This year will be remembered for two significant changes:

We will on-board a new Pastor and Associate; and will determine how best to work together in short order. Having worked through regular leadership rotations in my military career, I know that our Council has the system for success regardless of who sits in the cockpit. This system will remain as we support the Pastor and officially communicate through a single channel – the Grand Knight. As the first to work with Fr. Mark's, I will establish a solid relationship where he can trust and depend on the Council. Expect me to tap many of you for advice in that regard.

The other significant change involves regrouping activities and resources into Supreme's *FAITH IN ACTION* program model. Some of you heard the basics at the June 27<sup>th</sup> Officer's meeting. Activities are the same; resource allocation is different. The leadership structure now mirrors the program model. And the directors have a) more responsibility due to a larger grouping of activities, and b) more latitude to enlist whomever they need to accomplish the objectives. See a brief synopsis of the FIA model here: <a href="https://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/faith-in-action.html">https://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/detail/faith-in-action.html</a>

It's my duty as GK to deconflict the activities and manage the workload to prevent burnout. I believe in keeping things simple: get activity topics on the agenda, plan/discuss/decide, assemble the resources, then execute. In addition to the familiar agenda format from the business meetings, I'm adding a Parking Lot where new topics could become new business for Council consideration. This is an important feature in my organizational system because we carefully consider new targets without hindering the momentum of current efforts. (Continued on next page)

Officers & Directors
Columbian Year 2018 - 2019
Grand Knight
<b>SK Jom Sicat</b>
Chaplain
<b>Fr. Kwame</b>
Deputy Grand Knight
<b>SK Michael Martin</b>
Chancellor
Michael Schibler
Treasurer
SK Robert Strawn 249-0600
Financial Secretary
SK PGK Joe Balestreri 399-4253
Advocate SK PGK Brad Schieferstein 846-7181
Recorder
<b>SK Bob Wolf</b>
Warden Mike O'Brien 484-5487
Inside Guard
Dave Seeger
Outside Guard
SK George Hegarty 963-1280
Field Agent
Paul Morassutti, FIC889-6366
Three Year Trustee
<b>SK PGK Ted Dudziak</b> 510-912-6370
Two Year Trustee
SK PGK Jeffrey Brent 640-1060
One Year Trustee SK PGK Dan Hughes 462-0481
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Faith in Action—Faith Director
SK PGK Dennis Maurice963-7616
Faith in Action— Family Director
<b>SK PGK Mark Kotch</b> 989-1581
Faith in Action—Community Director
Dave Frankenberger 846-8561
Faith in Action—Life Director
<b>PGK Lou Santero</b> 846-5124

## Grand Knight's Message Continued

If you want something added to the Agenda, email me at <u>blessed24601@aol.com</u>. Add "6043" to the Subject line in order to prioritize your message in relation to all the other messages hitting my InBox. Remember, less is more when it comes to messages. My ADHD exhibits itself when I see long messages. The cadre at the next 7am Thursday meeting will determine if the topic merits appearing on the Council agenda. Same goes for bringing up Council business with Fr. Mark, i.e., send me a message so I can discuss it with him. Either way, you will receive the official response from me. Pretty easy, pretty simple.

Lastly, we're always looking to add gentlemen to the Council. Any member can invite a candidate. If you perceive more than 50-50 interest, please provide leads to the Worthy Membership Director (SK George Hegarty). DO pledge fraternity, DO promise free food at meetings, DON'T guilt-trip them. We want gentlemen whose interest we can nurture into faithful participants in the Order... guys whom you'd be proud to claim as a brother in our Council.

See you next Thursday,

WGK Jom Sicat

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# Coming Events

03/10/17/24/31 July

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	07 July	Donut Social- Both Churches; Cookies at SES—Evening Masses	
<u> </u>	11 July	Donut Social- Both Churches; Cookies at SES—Evening Masses Dinner, 7:00 PM, Business Meeting, 7:45 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5	Ľ

07/14/21/28 August

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04 August	Donut Social- SES Only; Cookies at SES—Evening Masses	99
08 August	Dinner, 7:00 PM, Business Meeting, 7:45 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5	9

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# Council Officers Elected for the Columbian Year 2019/2020

Grand Knight – Jom Sicat Deputy Grand Knight – Mike Martin Chancellor – Mike Schibler Warden – Mike O'Brien Treasurer – Robert Strawn Advocate – Brad Schieferstein Recorder – Bob Wolf Inside Guard – Dave Seeger Outside Guard – George Hegarty Three Year Trustee – Ted Dudziak Two Year Trustee – Jeff Brent One Year Trustee – Dan Hughes





# From the Council Faith Director

#### J.M.J.

#### God is Faithful!

" I am preparing you for the new times that you may be firm in faith and preserving in prayer, so that the Holy Spirit may work through you and renew the face of the earth. I am praying with you for Peace which is the most precious gift, even though satan wants war and hatred."

June 25, 2019, Message from **Our Lady of Medjugorje**.

<u>I definitely see Men, firm in faith, when I see my Brother Knights in Action</u>. However, war and hatred surrounds us. We are constantly bombarded with political bickering, divineness, finger pointing, lies, the list goes on. The good news is that we can turn off the distractions by increasing our Prayer Life. We should feel free to ask for prayers for and from one another and for this world that we share with ALL walks of life, from the moment of conception to a natural death. One should offer a helping hand DAILY, as that one minute miracle of immediate spontaneous action will last the whole day and beyond! Caring and sharing should be our battle cry for as MEN OF ACTION we are THE LEADERS of our FAITH and FAMILY and hold a firm resolve to our Country, Workplace and Neighborhoods.

I have learned to pray with a simple personal communication with God as if we were sitting or walking next to each other. A simple expression of Love, guidance and thankfulness. This is how I picture Heaven, a close encounter with the Triune God.

We are entering into a new era and times. A firm commitment of being a true Man of faith and principles, in other words a Catholic Gentleman (chivalrous, courteous or honorable man) is our daily walk.

**Our Lady** is constantly relying on us and guides us to **Her Son**. They are asking US to renew THE FACE OF THE EARTH. We do that as true Knights of Columbus (explorers, navigators and colonizers). <u>All for the Greater Glory of God!</u>

Respectfully: Dennis Maurice, Faith-Program Director

### PAST GRAND KNIGHT DINNER

Honoring SK Ted Dudziak

#### SAVE THE DATE



Saturday Evening September 28, 2019

#### The Clubhouse at Las Positas 915 Clubhouse Drive, Livermore, CA Dinner Buffet Menu:

Entrees: Baked Salmon Fillet with Sweet Corn, Peppers, Dijon Mustard and Dill Sauce & Roast New York Steak Medallions with Sautéed Mushrooms & Red Wine Sauce; Vegetarian selection or health related adjustments available by request in advance.

Sides: Herb Roasted Potatoes and Sautéed Fresh Vegetables Salad & Bakery Rolls: Caesar with dressing choices and parmesan on the side Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea & Soda included 6:30 PM No Host Cocktails 7:00 PM Dinner 8:00 PM Awards and Dessert

#### Cost \$50.00 per person

#### BEGINNING IN AUGUST

Pay Online through the Council Website or make checks payable to:

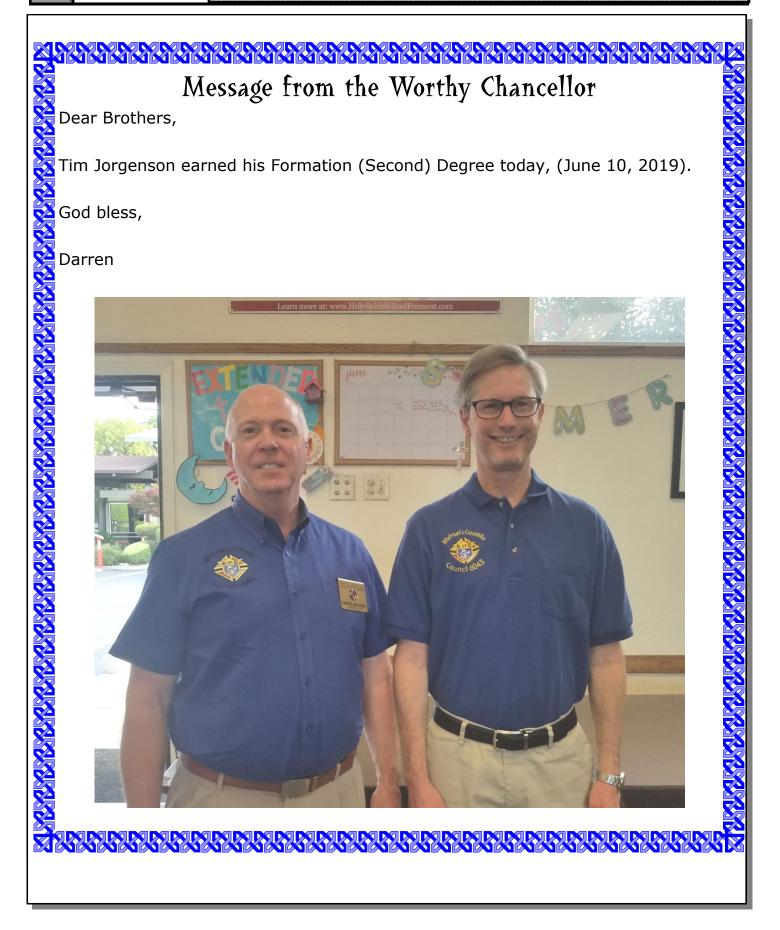
#### KofC Council 6043

If paying by check please hand checks to PGK Jeff Brent, or mail to 763 St. John Circle, Pleasanton, CA 94566

Questions Please Call Jeff @ 925-640-1060







# Council Scholarship Recipients Receive Their Awards

From Valley Christian High: Joy Liu



From Dublin High: James DaSilva





# 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 ... In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Augustine and St. Elizabeth Seton. This is a great opportunity during these hectic times to sit quietly in prayer and meditation...to clear your mind of all of life's busyness and be present to Our Lord.

## St. Augustine Church

1st Friday Every Month 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Coordinator: Ernie (925) 846-7831

Last Friday Every Month (SPANISH) 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Coordinator: Ernesto (925) 640-1595

## St. Elizabeth Seton Eucharistic Chapel

Mondays & 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.

Please fill out the form attached to the email message for this Newsletter and leave with either church office marked for the "Spiritual Life Committee.

Thanks.

## From our General Agent

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean, "Discover the Catholic Difference?" Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let's look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 million, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That's a Catholic Difference! Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because we are Catholic. That's what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That's a Catholic Difference!

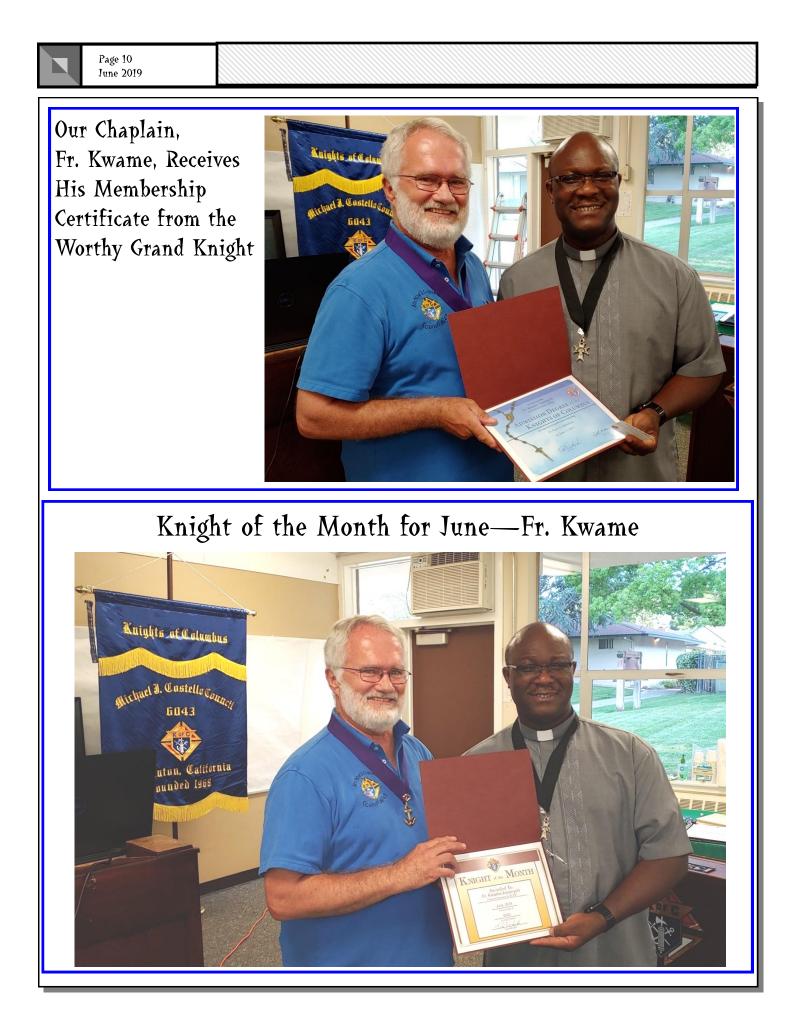
And speaking of the insurance program, let's talk about the "Discover the Catholic Difference" there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members' needs in mind. For example, I'm not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it's not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that's the Catholic Difference!

If you'd like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. I'll be around after the meeting and I'd appreciate the chance to meet with you.

Vivat Jesus!

Carlos Gutierrez, General Agent

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# New Brothers Receive their Certificates for Worthy Grand Knight and Chancellor

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Brother Mark Claypool



Brother Michael Bordenave



Brother Tim Jorgenson



# Our New District Deputy, SK Thomas McCaffrey Captain, USN (Ret)





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DISTRICT DEPUTY #43

Newsletter Input for July 2019

Hello Brothers. I am deeply honored to be your new District Deputy. I did this job ten years ago and it was the most rewarding experience in my 25 years as a Knight. I am very much looking forward to the successful and exciting year that lies ahead for our Tri Valley councils.

My goals for the district are simple:

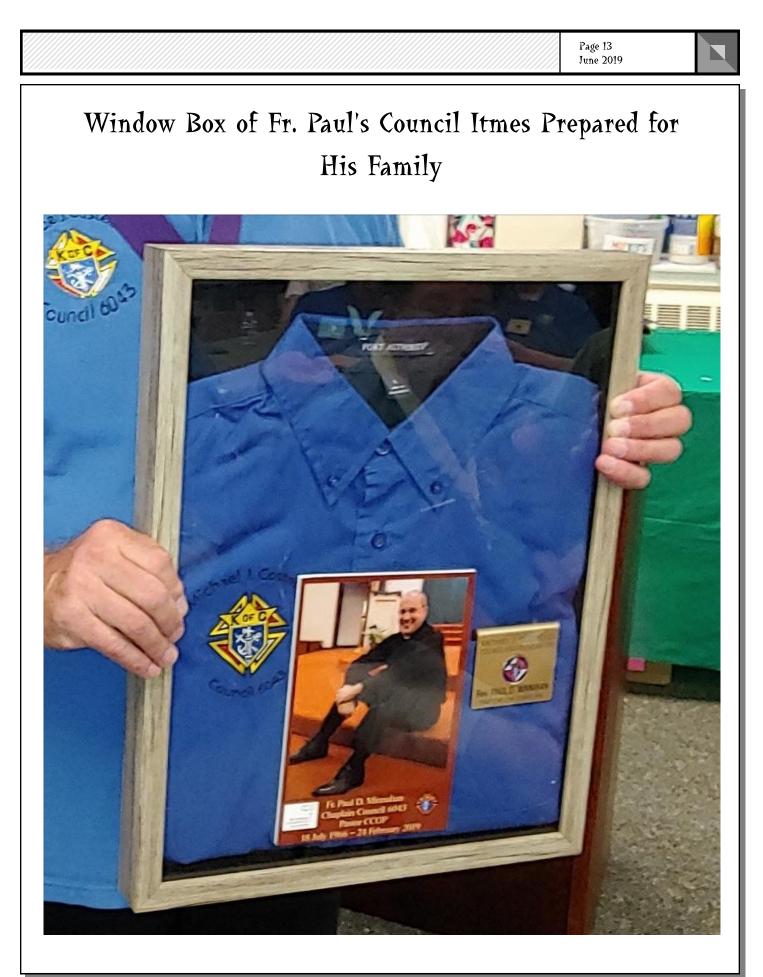
- We will work diligently to give all Catholic men and their families meaningful opportunities to live their faith through actions.
- 2. We will increase the participation of current Knights, especially ones that have faded away.
- Councils will increase their engagement with other ministries and their local communities. We need to show what it means to be Catholic, especially in this time of widespread scandal.
- We will increase inter council support, share best practices, and promote new ideas.
- 5. We will train a corps of officers who confidently seek and accept council leadership roles.
- 6. Each council will earn the Star Award. Doing this will be easy and fun.

I urge every one of you to start the new year with a strong effort and keep the momentum going all year long. Good councils don't take the summer off. Even if your events are light in July and August, you should be aggressively recruiting your friends, family, neighbors, co workers and strangers at church. It's easy to do.

Don't wait for infrequent parish wide membership drives. Take a man on man approach. You will be blown away by the men who say yes because of your energy and enthusiasm. Maintain a steady influx of 2 or 3 new men per month. That's how Livermore recruited 101 Knights in 22 months.

I look forward to seeing you at the July business meetings and events. Let's live our faith through actions of service and have fun in the process. Vivat Jesus!

Tom McCaffrey, CFA Captain, USN(Ret)





## Moving the Priests

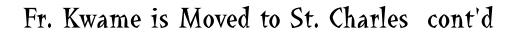
The CCOP Knights of Columbus have completed the move of both Fr. Kwame and Fr. Mark on Thursday, June 27th, transporting Fr. Kwame's furniture in a caravan of pickups and helping load and unload Fr. Mark's belongings at both ends of the move. Fr. Kwame led the caravan of pickups to St. Charles were we unloaded and setup his quarters in the rectory. A good day for all getting both priests to be able to do what they do best in the shortest period of time.

SK PGK Ted Dudziak

## Fr. Kwame is Moved to St. Charles











Fr. Kwame leads the convoy to St. Charles

Brothers, you are phenomenally the best! Fr. Mark and i are extremely grateful. God richly replenish your energies and bless your ministry in our communities.

Thank you! Kwame

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# Fr. Mark is Moved to CCoP, St. Augustine's Rectory cont'd



# Fr. Kwame Departure Reception—June 29, 2019













# Fr. Kwame's Departure Reception cont'd











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# Prayer List

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

Jim Cole- Friend of Brother John Arena Mitzi Rossi- Friend of Brother Tom Smith Nicholas Maurice- Sone of PGK Dennis Maurice Traci Moyot- Daughter of Brother Bill Jorgensen Goy Jin- Relative of Brother Michael Burns Steve Weigande - Friend of Brother Kevin Ryan Terrance Ryan – Brother of Brother Kevin Ryan Athena Andrade – Cousin of Brother Savio D'Cruz Ernistine Fredette- Aunt of Brother Richard Fredette Scott Palmer- Relative of Brother Paul Martens Pete Montini - Friend of Brother Paul Martens Chuck Mead - Friend of Brother Dave Sanchez Donald Langham - Father of Brother Brian Langham Christian Chukulu – Friend of Brother Andy Atuegbyu Phillp Chukulu- Friend of Brother Andy Atuegbyu **Francis Alnoli** – Father-in-Law of Brother Andy Atuegbu Gary Wright- Friend of Brother John Rabada Eliz McKing-Friend of Brother John Rabada Frank & Luan Spindler's Daughter- Friends of Brother Randy Haykin Bernard Glendon - Brother of Brother Howard Merrill Catherine Kowal – Cousin of Brother Mike Martin Marianne Olladd - Relative of Brother Scott Doruff Dave Vieuer- Friend of Brother Scott Doruff Val McGuire- Friend of Brother Scott Doruff Val Automare- Friend of Brother Scott Doruff Kathy Smith- Friend of Brother Mike O'Dorney Melanie Capretta- Friend of Brother Mike O'Dorney Susan Selna - Wife of Brother Ted Selna Rose Saidado- Friend of Brother Rolly Bantugan Ernie Madriaga - Friend of Brother Rolly Bantugan Sue Fjerstad – Mother of Brother Rob Fjerstad Conchita Yumul – Friend of Brother Tony Massa David Massa- Son of Brother Tony Massa Peter Nico- Son of Brother Bill Nico Shannon White Greene– Goddaughter of Brother David Seeger Joe Dell'Aquila– Cousin of PGK Stephen Natale Mary Anderson – Aunt of Brother Mario Butzner Greg Anderson – Cousin of Brother Mario Butzner Benjamin Wolf – Son of Brother Bob Wolf Irene Dizon- Daughter-in-Law's Mother for Brother Tony Soby John Soby – Son for Brother Tony Soby Jeannie Pohorsky- Sister of Brother Michael Schibler Catherine Pohorsky- Niece of Brother Michael Schibler Mathew Schibler- Brother of Brother Michael Schibler Joseph Schibler - Brother of Brother Michael Schibler James Schibler- Brother of Brother Michael Schibler Bella Gavino-Daughter of Brother Tobby Gavino Mary Serrato – Mother of Brother Chris Serrato George Hegarty Sr. - Father of Brother George Hegarty Vito D'Albora – Brother of Brother Manny D'Albora Charlotte Machi- Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Sr. Linda Junge – Sister of Brother Tom Egan Roxy Sigua - Wife of Brother Chris Sigua Conchita Sigua – Mother of Brother Chris Sigua Bob Grubbs – Son of Brother David Grubbs Kevin Raja - Son of Brother Paul Raja Chris Kenny – Son of Brother Joe Kenny Madison Hebron – Daughter of PGK Ron Hebron Chuck Grandon - Son of Brother David Wellbeloved Jim/Helen Wellbeloved - Brother of Brother David Wellbeloved Christine & Lyn McQuilliams – Daughter & Son-in-Law of Brother David Wellbelove Renee Hewitt – Mother of Brother Michael Hewitt Raul Chacon – Father of Brother David Chacon Theresa Fitzpatrick – Mother of Brother Ed Fitzpatrick Melanie Brent- Wife of PGK Jeff Brent Patricia Hanrahan- Sister 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 Kelly Pietro- Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro Lyssa Pietro – Daughter of Brother Dom Pietro Nealda Castillo – Mother of Brother Gabriel Castillo Paul Fitzgerald – Brother of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Eddie Fitzgerald – Brother of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Sandy Warren – Wife of Brother Frank Fitzgerald Mary Jane Chisholm- Friend of PGK Dan Hughes Jack Deckert- Son of Brother Chuck Deckert Barbara Carvalho – Mother of Field Agent Jeff Carvalho Marvel Brodnick – Mother of Brother Dean Brodnick William Langenhuizen – Father of Brother Bob Lange Wenkwei Liu – Father of Brother Grant Liu Ardys Henson-Mother of Brother Christian Dungo Ellyn Kelly- Mother of PGK Ray Kelly 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 **Bob Robichaud** – Friend of PGK Paul Unpingco **Remmy Unpingco** – Mother of PGK Paul Unpingco Jonathan Jacops - Son of Brother Mark Jacops Frank Jacops – Brother of Brother Mark Jacops Phillip Reilly- Son of PGK Joe Reilly Ed Santero- Son of PGK Lou Santero Adrienue Wood - Daughter of Brother John Wood Michael Paul Kliment – Grandson of PGK Mike Kliment Travyn Rasiah- Son of Brother Pravin Rasiah Benjamin Cruz- Son of Brother Anthony Cruz Pam Hundal-Friends of Brother Ron Hansen John Hansen – Brother of Brother Ron Hansen Jennifer Hansen – Daughter of Brother Ron Hansen Susan Uster- Cousin 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 Joshua Studendorff- Son of Brother Mike Studendorff Kelli Machi-Wife of PGK Mike Machi, Jr. Marie Minnihan – Mother of Pastor Paul Minnihan **Brother Robert Bills Brother Mario Butzner Brother Frank Costa Brother Walter Desouza Brother Frank Fitzgerald** Brother Rich Goddu **Brother John Gorman Brother Mike Studendorff Brother David Wellbeloved** SK Vince Perpetuo PGK Chuck Berardi **PGK Dan Hughes PGK Joe Jones** PGK Mike Machi, Sr. **PGK Dennis Maurice PGK Dave Melander** PGK John Moore **PGK Stephen Natale** PGK Paul Unpingco 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:

#### 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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