

Knightly News

June 2014



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

Grand Knight's Message

***** All Brothers are cordially invited to a BBQ dinner prior to the June 5 (Officer) and June 12 (Council) meetings. BBQ, adult beverages & fellowship will precede both meetings, beginning at 6:30pm at St. Augustine Parish Hall. Please plan to attend our June meetings as very important Council matters (choosing & voting on our charitable contribution benefactors as well as next year's Council Officers) will take place ***** Obrigado, Grazie, Danke, Merci Worthy Brothers and Families, It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter article that I write as the 45th Grand Knight of our Pleasanton Council. During these past 12 memorable months, words are often inadequate to express the most rewarding moments of my Knight life. Behind every Grand Knight is a special and vibrant Council whose unconditional love and support make all things possible. I have had the honor of having an incredible team around me; one person cannot do it alone, but with your guidance & patience, we were able to achieve remarkable success this Columbian Year. Regardless of language, I thank each of you for all your kindness, advice, devotion and invaluable help.

The gift of our Council families is incomparable and a Council is only as good as its membership - I am happy to report our Council is thriving and stronger than ever due mainly to the endless and unconditional trust, cordiality and unique contributions from many of you. Our Council reached many milestones this year but none of it would have been possible without your true friendship, stewardship and loyalty. We are truly blessed to be surrounded by the best group of Council members and families, while supported by our Parish Priests and our CCOP community.

As your elected Grand Knight, my primary goals for Columbian Year 2013-14 were to improve communications (Mahalo Brother Bob Dompe & PGK Frank Costa), increase membership, programs & participation (Domo SK's Paul Unpingco & Stephen Natale, Brother Chris Sigua) and ensure we continue to support our Church & outreach communities with all our good works (Gracias Council 6043). I feel good knowing our Council year has achieved all these objectives as well as helped formed cultures for future generations. Our success is the fruit of personal efforts plus support and encouragement from all our Council members. I am sure we will continue to go forth and make a difference; a positive and long lasting difference within our Council, Church, Community and Country.

April 10, 2008 - I consider this date among the top 5 milestones of my life for this is the date of my First Degree ceremony. Asked by Most Worthy PGK Mike Machi to consider joining our Order, I had no idea this date, and the wonderful events that were to follow, would forever have such a positive impact on me and my family's life. To me, joining our Brotherhood is like a book where every day brings upon a new page, and within each daily page, the opportunity to paint your life with amazing colors of good deeds and cherished adventures are endless. I encourage each of you to continue supporting our Order and getting involved; do not be fearful of where this adventure might take you but rather fear that you might miss out on something really special.

The month of May brought us many exciting events. For the first time in our Council's history, we were asked to serve food at two of our CCOP Town Hall meetings. Fr. Paul designed these events to update our parishioners of the survey results as well as share his future Parish plans. I would be remiss not to thank all the Brothers that came out to help serve, especially our Brother cooks Mike Hewitt (and his future son-in-law), Mike Burns and Ted Selna. I also want to acknowledge PGK Lou Santero for complementary (Continued on next page)

Columbian Year 2013 - 2014
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Chancellor/Membership Director
Paul Unpingco
Treasurer
Mark Worrell426-5375
Financial Secretary
PGK Joe Balestreri
Advocate
PGK Brad Schieferstein846-7181
Recorder
Dave Frankenberger. 846-8561
Warden
Chris Sigua
Inside Guard
John Rabada
Outside Guard
Gene Dove
Field Agent
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Newsletter Editor
Bob Dompe
Web Master
PGK Frank Costa
Culture of Life Director
PGK Lou Santero
Council Director
Michael Egbujor230-8034
Communications Director
Junior Estrada
Youth Director
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Church Director
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Three Year Trustee
PGK John Moore 519-0744
Two Year Trustee
PGK Tim Tuttle484-4341
One Year Trustee
PGK Mike Kliment 426-1551

Officers



WGK's Letter, Continued

acquiring all the chips and ice cream, Worthy Warden Chris Sigua for getting us a free U-Haul trailer to move all our BBQ items from STA to SES and SK Paul Unpingco for making all the food supply arrangements.

At the SES Town Hall gathering, I closed the meeting by thanking Fr. Paul for all his support to our Order and presented him with our Council's Appreciation Certificate and our Chaplin lapel pin. I further shared with the audience the First Place 'Church' activities award we had received the previous evening at the California State Convention in Santa Clara. Needless to say, this high esteemed honor could only be plausible by the tremendous support of our Pastor/Chaplain, our memberships' wonderful efforts and our CCOP parishioners' support. Another history making event was awarding two High School Seniors with \$250 Community Service Scholarship awards. Cassandra Sigua (Chris' daughter) and Haley Brodnick (Dean's daughter) each will be honored at Amador Valley's Scholarship Night with our contribution which Worthy Chancellor Paul Unpingco will present.

At the 112th annual California State Convention, which I attended with Deputy Grand Knight Joe from Livermore (AKA Stephen Natale but in disguise due to his unruly mayhem actions), our Council was also awarded various other awards (listed within newsletter). There were over 1,000 participants and nearly all of the 700 California Councils were present. Our Council, having over 181 members, is placed among Division 5 for all award considerations. This is the largest & most top tier Council category and the hardest to obtain recognition due to size and number. As you'll see within, our Council was also awarded First Place in the 'Membership' category and also earned the Columbian Charities Fraternal and State Deputy Awards. Other awards are pending conclusion of this Columbian Year and will be announced in July. Our Council was further enriched by another 3 new Brothers whom joined our Order at the May 4 Danville First Degree. Please join me in welcoming Brothers Martin Deehan, Steffen Jasiman and Alexander Holguin. Like these worthy new Brothers, we are always looking to have new candidates join our ranks. As we're nearing the end of this Columbian Year, please let your family member, neighbor, associate or friend know they are welcomed to join us at the Tuesday June 3 (San Ramon) or Sunday, June 22 (Livermore) First Degree ceremonies. Please evangelize our fraternal organization by inviting worthy Catholic gentlemen to join us.

Speaking of membership, over the past 3 years I've had the pleasure of talking to many CCOP candidates about joining our Brotherhood. Not being a great speaker to begin with, much less on the topic of discussing our religion and inviting men to discover the good works we do, I've found this mission to be a great blessing to me. From the very first candidates that joined us when I was our Council's Chancellor (Brothers James Carpenter and Richard Fredette) to our recent three Brothers (and all the others in-between), I pray that joining our ranks has made a positive difference in your life. In closing, I bring to your attention three very important event dates: The June 5 (Officer) / 12 (Council) meetings and Vacation Bible School BBQ dinner on Friday, June 27. During our next Council meeting, we will have the opportunity to vote on two very important items - the charities for our charitable contributions and the election of our next Columbian Year Officers. While we will serve snow cones during the Vacation Bible School am/pm sessions (June 23-27), we will also be feeding nearly 800 people at the closing of the week-long event (Friday, June 27 6pm). I invite all Brothers to attend all of these Council cornerstone events.

Getting together is a start; Remaining together is advancement; Working together is an achievement. Let's all continue to work together and support Future Worthy Grand Knight Stephen Natale and his Council Officers during the 2014-15 Columbian Year. All our Council members are the source of my strength and substance. Thanks to

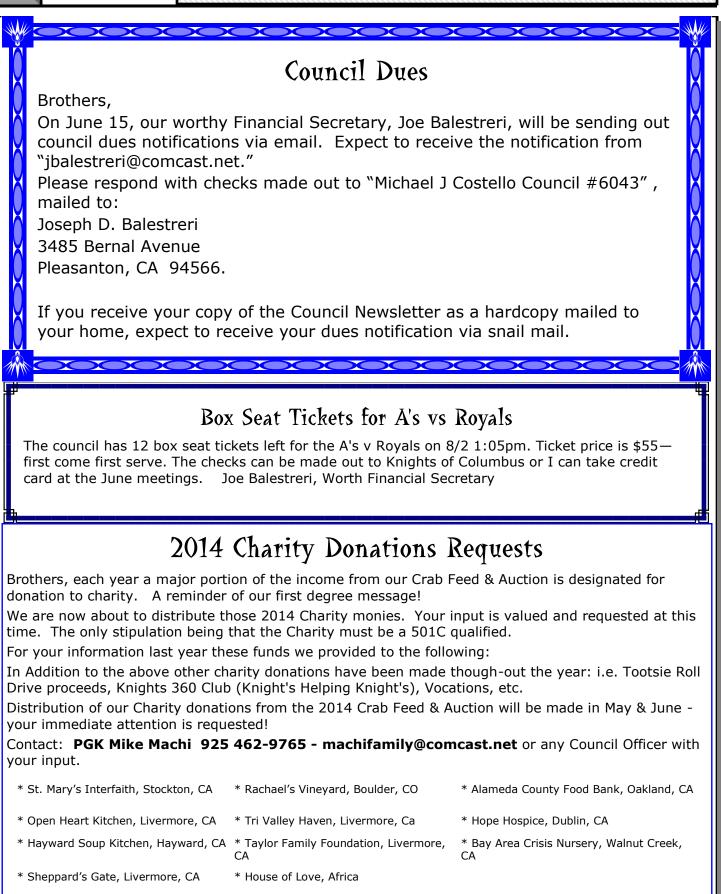
Worthy District Deputy/Chapter Vice President Chuck Bellavia and our distinguished Field Agent, SK Jeffrey Carvalho, for their unwavering leadership. Thanks to all Past Grand Knights for their wisdom, direction & guidance. All Kudos Korner award recipients for making a difference and to Fr. Paul and all our Priests for their guiding Light. Finally, to all our Council membership for your devotion, moral support and loyalty. What do you say to a great group of Council Brothers and Families that daily adhere to our Orders principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I can only think of two words ... Thank You.

Last but not least, I want to thank my wife Cristina and son James for all their cooperation, commitment and support during the past year.

We Live because He Lives - Happy Father's Day - God bless each of you & your families.

We are an Easter Council!!!, Mario M. daSilva/Grand Knight





Special Council News — State Awards KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

A message from the Worthy Grand Knight, Mario daSilva:

At the recently completed 112th California Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention, our Council was presented with the following recognition awards. Due to our membership size, our Council is grouped within California's largest & most top tier category, Division 5. Among the nearly 700 California Councils, and with assistance from SK Michael Egbujor, our Council submitted numerous Service Program reports for consideration and was awarded:

California State Council - State Deputy Award Brother Helping Brother California Columbian Charities Fraternal Award

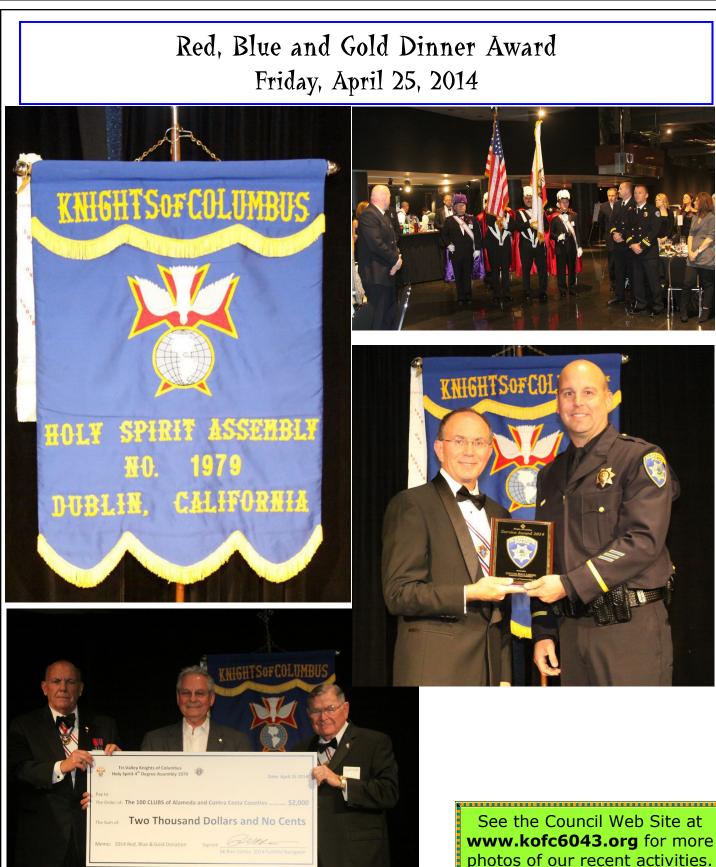
Plaques:

First Place - Church Activities First Place - Membership Award

Sertificate of Recognition:

- Third Place Yearbook
- Fifth Place Council Activities
- Fifth Place Vocations Activities
- Seventh Place Culture of Life Activities
- **Ninth Place Youth Activities**









Tentative Nominees for Co	lumbian	Year 2014-2015 Council	Officers
Grand Knight		Chaplain	
Stephen Natale	462-4483	Fr. Paul Minnihan, Pastor	846-4489
Deputy Grand Knight/Program Dir Paul Unpingco	462-2263	Chancellor/Membership Director	
		OPEN	
Treasurer		Financial Secretary	
Mark Worrell	426-5375	PGK Joe Balestreri	484-5368
Advocate		Recorder	
PGK Brad Schieferstein	846-7181	Dave Frankenberger	846-8563
Warden		Inside Guard	
Chris Sigue	461-2340	Dennis Roberts	846-4280
Outside Guard		Lector/Historian	
Gene Dove	493-0683	Dan Hughes	462-976
Three Year Trustee			
GK Mario daSilva	828-6006		
N	on Elected	Positions	
Two Year Trustee		One Year Trustee	
PGK John Moore	519-0744	PGK Tim Tuttle	484-431
Field Agent	510-754-	Newsletter Editor	
Jeffrey Carvalho	1057	Bob Dompe	583-5193
Web Master		Culture of Life Director	
PGK Frank Costa	846-4205	PGK Lou Santero	846-5124
Council Director		Communications Director	
Michael Egbujor	230-8034	Junior Estrada	560-6346
Youth Director		Church Director	
PGK Michael Machi Jr.	518-2999	OPEN	

Elections for the Council Officer positions will be held at the June 2014 Business Meeting on Thursday, 12 June. Nominations are open and any member in good standing may nominate an eligible Brother for an Officer position.

We need your help for the VBS BBQ

Friday June 27th our Council will run the annual Vacation Bible School BBQ. Once again, we are called on to prepare, cook, and serve around 800 meals within 1 hour! Please contact the chairman of the area you wish to volunteer:

Cooking Crew- 4-7pm (and assist the clean-up crew if possible) or, Clean-Up Crew 7-9pm Contact PGK Mike Kliment - 408-499-2197 or email- <u>mkliment@aol.com</u>

Food Prep Crew 3-5PM, Set Up and Serve Crew 4:30-6:30pm, 2nd Shift Serving Crew 5:30-7:30 Contact Chancellor Paul Unpingco – 925-989-1283 or email – <u>sfgfan333@comcast.net</u>

WE do NOT have a volunteer to run the Snow Cone machine this year. Without a Knight to supervise, we will not be able to offer it at the close of the AM or PM sessions. If interested, please contact Paul

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.

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 pfllamas@gmail.com

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Additional Safe Environment Training for Adults

All those who are over 18 and work with children and teens at CCOP must renew their Safe Environment Training every 3 years. For your convenience and because you are indispensable to our programs, please make the time to update your training. Attend one of the 3 sessions.

- June 10, 7-8:30 PM in Room 17 in the Hall
- June 19, 1:30-3 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel
- June 28, 9:30-11AM in St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel.

Expect additional sessions in September—October.

Chancellor's Message

Brothers,

It has been an honor to serve as your Chancellor for 2013-14, and to work with a strong team of Officers. The Council has grown due to substantial efforts by so many. I want to thank DGK Stephen Natale, and so many of you who stepped up to maximize our 2 membership drives. Of course, Worthy GK Mario daSilva has been actively involved in every membership effort this year. He has tirelessly offered to escort candidates to degrees elsewhere in the District, made phone calls, emails, and so much more. As a result, our Council is in the rare position of being the first in the State history to become a triple star council for membership. We are just 6 new members away from achieving this honor.

While we do not add members to 6043 just for the sake of awards, I really want this rare honor to take place under Mario's leadership. Please help me honor the extraordinary efforts of our WGK by helping me add 6 new brothers to our roster before the end of the Columbian year on 6/30. I have 2 prospects lined up, but need your help. Please feel free to have anyone you know interested in joining 6043 to contact me as soon as possible. The FINAL opportunity to join us is Sunday, June 22nd in Livermore.

Last but not least, to all the new members- please feel free to email me or your sponsor on any questions you have about our Council. I pray that each of you stays active in our Council's efforts to support our Pastor, Priests, Parish, and Community.

Peace-

Paul Unpingco Chancellor 6043 sfqfan333@comcast.net

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the safe level of financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It's always more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.475 billion to charity and provided in excess of 673 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.



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Knight's Weekly Monday Morning Coffee Gathering

- \Rightarrow When: Every Monday Morning; 8:00 AM
- \Rightarrow Where: Sweet & Savory
 - 5690 Stoneridge Drive—Cross Street, Gibraltar
- \Rightarrow 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

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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 38.

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Prayer List

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

Barbara Carvalho– Mother of Field Agent Jeff Carvalho Ronnie Dove– Uncle of Brother Gene Dove

Stewart McMullen– Friend of Brother David Lamont Scarlett Nguyen-Baby Niece of Brother Mike Beltran Clar Hohlmdahl– Friend of Brother Laird Malley David Rodriguez-Dad of Brother Darren Medeiros' Sonin-Law

Erica & Colton Ghiorso-Wife & expected offspring of Brother Nick Ghiorso

Ken Najm– Parish Friend of Brother Mike Guerra **Charles Mance**– Friend of Brother Dave Frankenberger **Ralph Ruocco**– Brother of Brother Lou Ruocco **Serra LaVo**– Granddaughter of DD Chuck Bellavia's Friend

Paul Maurice – Father of Brother Dennis Maurice Elizabeth Burns – Mother of Brother Mike Burns Yrene Guerrero – Friend of Brother Mike Burns Michael McGillivray – Brother of Brother Dan McGillivray

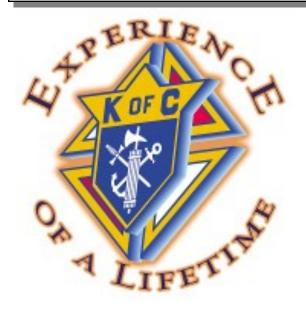
Norm Zabbalos - Boss of Brother Dean Brodnick Marvel Brodnick- Mother of Brother Dean Brodnick William Langenhuizen – Father of Brother Bob Lange Wenkwei Liu – Father of Brother Grant Liu Kathy Seits - Mother of Brother Timothy Seits Gloria Victoria - Sister-in-Law of Brother Bo Patron Thomas & Maria Crisanti – in-Laws of Br. Dom Pietro Gary Vandevanter - Friend of Br. Sal DeTrane Mary Beth Brown- Sister of Brother Bill Beston Dale Paul Federighi – Son of Brother Robert Federighi Barbara Federighi – Wife of Brother Robert Federighi Julie Young - Daughter of Brother Robert Federichi Margaret Souza - Friend of Brother Kevin Ryan Sandra Ryan- Wife of Brother Kevin Ryan Liz Sroka - Sister of Brother William Sroka J J Remos- Friend 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 Tony Penny- Friend of Brother Stephen Natale **Domenic Natale** – Brother of Brother Stephen Natale Ellyn Kelly- Mother of PGK Ray Kelly Phil Johnson- Brother-in-Law of Brother Dave Jones **Doug Hewitt** – Father of Brother Michael Hewitt Patricia Guzman- Mother of Brother Robert Strawn David Strawn- Brother of Brother Robert Strawn Monroe Strawn, Sr.- Father of Brother Robert Strawn Veronica Garcia - Sister of Brother Javier Garcia Shannon D'Cruz- Son of Brother Savio D'Cruz Dino Pecoraro – Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia Jim Barbaccia - Son of Brother Jack Barbaccia Art Maggio – Friend 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 **Remmy Unpingco**- Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco Shirley Hintz- Mother-in-Law 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 Lou Ella Hepner- Sister of Brother Ellis Shott Connie Fross-Long – Friend of PGK Mike Kliment Helen Kliment- Mother of PGK Mike Kliment Chris Kliment— Son of PGK Mike Kliment Barbara Hughes- Wife of Brother Dan Hughes Pat Hughes - Brother 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 Jennifer Hansen- Daughter of Brother Ron Hansen John Hansen- Brother of Brother Ron Hansen Loring Brown- Friend of Brother Mark Worrell Breanna-Granddaughter of Brother Mark Worrell's Friend 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 Frank Machi- Brother of PGK Mike Machi, sr Kelli Machi-Wife of PGK Mike Machi, sr **Brother Robert Federighi Brother Mike Yocham Brother Michael Auer Brother Ron Johnson Brother Jeff Tichenor Brother Rich Goddu Brother Paul Unpingco Brother Paul Hill PGK Frank Costa PGK Joe Jones** PGK George Leja **PGK Jim Vigus** 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: Mary Cordileone - Mother of SF Archbishop **Delfina Naranjo**- Wife of deceased Brother Angel Naranjo 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 special intentions we pray



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