



Knightly News

May 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,

As your Grand Knight, I often reflect on and evaluate how effective we are in supporting our Pastor, our priests and our parish community. In other words, as Knights, are we doing what God calls us to do relative to supporting CCOP. I believe we do! This could not have been more apparent to me than when I observed our involvement and participation in the Sacred Holy Days of the Easter Triduum. We were everywhere! Special requests came from our Pastor, Father Paul and our Director of Worship, Dr. Gary Wortham and various other liturgy coordinators. We accepted and we performed! And we did it with love, gratitude, humility and honor! Not only did we manage parking, handle crowd control, built and took care of the Holy Fire and distinguished the luminaries after the procession but we also took active direct participation in Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We are Knights but we are also Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Head Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Coordinators, Choir Members, Musical Instrument Players, Ushers, Greeters, Church Decorators and PRIESTS! How beautiful it was for me to see all our brother Knights involved in everything. How humbling it was for me to know that we have the wonderful support of our Pastor, Father Paul as well as our parish staff and community during the most holiest of days of our faith. To have this kind of support as a council, I must say that we are truly, truly blessed!! Thank you Lord Jesus!

On Friday, April 24th 18 members of council, both Knights and your wives attended the 22nd Annual Red, Blue & Gold Awards Banquet at the Black Hawk Museum honoring our local policemen and women and firefighters for exemplary service during the course of year. I believe this was a record for our council in terms of attendance and judging from the packed house, I believe this might have been a record attendance for the entire function as well. It was a quite a privilege and an honor for me to present our council's award to one of the Pleasanton's finest, Officer Ryan Dawson. As Grand Knight, it was and will be one of the most memorable experiences that I will cherish in my heart forever. Thank you Holy Spirit Assembly for putting on a worthwhile event for such wonderful individuals. We are proud and we sincerely appreciate it. And thank you to our Deputy Grand Knight, Brother Paul Unpingco for coordinating the ticket sales and for escorting Father Michael to this event. I believe Father Michael enjoyed it and we look forward to the day when Father Michael becomes a Knight. It will indeed be a cause for celebration.

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Officers

Columbian Year 2014 - 2015

Grand Knight

SK Stephen Natale.....462-4483

Chaplain

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

Deputy Grand Knight/Program Dir.

SK Paul Unpingco462-2263

Chancellor/Membership Director

SK Jeffrey Brent846-5051

Treasurer

SK Mark Worrell.....426-5375

Financial Secretary

SK PGK Joe Balestreri399-4253

Advocate

SK PGK Brad Schieferstein846-7181

Recorder

Dave Frankenberger.846-8561

Warden

Chris Sigua461-2340

Inside Guard

Dennis Roberts216-0981

Outside Guard

SK Gene Dove.....339-1484

Field Agent

SK Jeffrey Carvalho ...510-754-1057

Lector/Historian

Dan Hughes462-0481

Newsletter Editor

Bob Dompe583-5191

Web Master

PGK Frank Costa.....846-4205

Culture of Life Director

PGK Lou Santero.....846-5124

Council Director

SK Michael Egbujor.....230-8034

Communications Director

Junior Estrada560-6346

Youth Director

SK PGK Michael Machi Jr. .394-4442

Church Director

SK PGK Chuck Berardi381-1643

Three Year Trustee

SK PGK Mario daSilva.....828-6006

Two Year Trustee

PGK John Moore519-0744

One Year Trustee

PGK Tim Tuttle484-4341

WGK's Letter, Continued

It is with great sadness that I must report to you of the death this past week of one of our beloved brothers, Past Grand Knight, Brother George Leja. Brother George was a long time member of our council and served as the 12th Grand Knight during Columbian Year 1979-1980. He was also a member of our First Degree Team way back when, but most recently even filled in for us coming all the way from Manteca just to help us out! Viewing and Rosary Recital was held Thursday, April 30th with Memorial Mass held on Friday, May 1st at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Manteca. Please keep George, his wife Cathaleen and their family in your prayers that he might enjoy eternal peace with all the angels and saints and our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Stephen

Notes from the Worthy Deputy Grand Knight

Brothers,

The annual Vacation Bible School is back, and run by a new set of parent volunteers. Once again, we are called on to run the VBS Bbq on Friday June 26th. We will need the council to come out in force to serve the kids and their families participating. The new team is running a morning session only, so the numbers should be cut in half. They have agreed to sell meal tickets in advance, and we are going with the same format as in years past.

Sign up will be available at the May business meeting. We need a Brother who can commit to running the sno-cone machine M-F from 12:45-1:30pm.

Contact DGK Paul Unpingco at 925-989-1283 if you are able to volunteer.

As discussed at last month's business meeting, the Council is preparing a list of candidate charitable organizations to which we might make donations. This effort will be part of the Officer's Meeting on 7 May. If you have suggested organizations, please contact an officer or feel free to attend the Officer's Meeting.

Thank you-

Br. Paul

Coming events

03 May	Donut Social; Both Churches; AM Masses
06 May	1st Wednesday, Downtown Pleasanton
07 May	Officer's Meeting, 7PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
09 May	CANCELLED — Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Social; St. Augustine's Hall
14 May	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5
20 May	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Rectory Conf. Room
03 June	1st Wednesday, Downtown Pleasanton
04 June	Officer's Meeting, 7PM, St. Augustine's Hall, Room 4
07 June	Donut Social; Both Churches; AM Masses
12 June	Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, St. Augustine's Hall; Rms 4-5 [Election of Officers for Columbian Year 2015/2016]
17 June	Military Peer Support, 7:00 PM, St. Augustine's Rectory Conf. Room
22/26 June	Snow Cone Sales, Vacation Bible School
27 June	Vacation Bible School BBQ

Officers/Directors/Others Nominations for Columbian Year 2015-2016

Nominations for the upcoming Columbian Year will be voted in at the June 11, 2015 Business Meeting. Officer and Director positions are open for any eligible & qualified Brothers. If you wish to nominate a Worthy Brother or yourself, please contact WGK Stephen Natale (925) 895-7661 or DGK Paul Unpingco (925) 989-1283 for more information.

Current Officer Nominations for Columbian Year 2015-2016 (3rd degree or soon to be)

Grand Knight:	Paul Unpingco	Deputy Grand Knight:	Michael Schibler
Chancellor:	OPEN	Membership Director:	Jeffrey Brent
Warden:	Chris Sigua	Inside Guard:	Darren Medeiros
Outside Guard:	Gene Dove*	Recorder:	Dave Frankenberger
Treasurer:	Robert Strawn	Lector/Historian:	OPEN
Advocate:	Brad Schieferstein	Three Year Trustee:	Stephen Natale

Directors and Other Nominations (appointed)

Webmaster:	Frank Costa	Newsletter Editor:	Bob Dompe
Culture of Life Dir	Lou Santero	Council Director:	OPEN
Youth Director:	Mark Worrell	Communications Dir:	OPEN
Church Director:	Dan Hughes	1st Degree Team Dir:	Greg Jones*
Retention Director:	OPEN		

*subject to a favorable response to my request to continue serving the council in the same capacity.

Recent Activities



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

Setting up the Fire Pit for Holy Saturday Night Vigil
Brothers: PGK Mike Kliment (chief engineer), GK Stephen Natale,
Dan Hughes, and Michael Egbujor

LIVERMORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 5TH ANNUAL

Ribs - Chili - Cars Brews & Blues

The HOTTEST Competition in Town!

Featuring the Charles Wheal Blues Band
& some Awesome Craft Beers

FREE Admission to the Public - *Everyone Welcome!*

Proceeds To Benefit Knights of Columbus
Charity Sponsorships



- ◆ Rib Cookoff, Chili Cookoff & Classic Car Competition
- ◆ Ribs, Chili, Pulled Pork, Tri-Tip, Burgers, Chili/Hot Dogs, Beer, Wine, Water and Soda for sale
- ◆ Boutiques & Kid Fun
- ◆ Cash Raffle - \$500 1st Prize, \$300 2nd, \$200 3rd \$5/ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets
- ◆ DJ Music 10AM- 2PM; Charles Wheal Blues Band 2PM - 4PM

For additional information or to sign up as a competitor contact: bacrating@gmail.com

Saturday May 9, 2015
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Monsignor Adams Field
263 Church St, Livermore
Adjacent to St. Michael School
between 2nd & 3rd St



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

A Note from Charles "Chuck" Bellavia, DD R39, FDD, PGK President, Oakland Diocese Chapter

Worthy Brothers,

As discussed at the Chapter meeting, Bishop Barbara has made a request of his Knights. His Excellency's letter is attached. [See opposite page, editor]

Bishop Barber wants to honor the Year of the Consecrated Life with two events for Religious Sisters. The first is this Saturday February 7th at 5:30 P.M. The second is August 22 at 10:00 a.m. The first event will be a Mass followed by wine and appetizers. The second event will be a Mass for Jubilee Sisters followed by a brunch.

Past Chapter President TW Starkweather has been invaluable as he works on this. While we focused on the two events, a Brother who wishes to remain anonymous stepped forward and offered to match any donations dollar for dollar to \$20,000 for a fund to pay for these events and expand beyond it to aid Sisters. This money would be used totally separate from the money budgeted in the Capital Campaign. If every Council donated \$500 to this fund, we would obtain all the matching funds. Some Councils can donate more and will be able to make up for Councils with limited funds.

We have already had donations over \$2,000 from word of mouth. If an individual wants to donate tax deductible dollars, they can write a check to Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland and in the memo line write KofC Consecrated Life Fund. Send the check to our Treasurer or me (4166 Sonia Street, Livermore, CA 94559), so we can keep track of the matching funds. Council checks can be sent in the same manner. You may request funds from non-Knights and they are also eligible for matching.

You have been extraordinary in your donations for vocations this Columbian Year. \$15,000 was raised at the Bishop's Vocation Dinner and the RSVP fund will be over \$30,000. With this \$40,000, the Chapter Councils will have donated over \$85,000 for vocations.

Brothers, Bishop Barber is a Knight. He appreciates the Knights. At the Walk for Life, he stated Bishops from all over California approached him asking how they could conduct a Vocation Dinner like he had. He told them, "My Knights did it, just ask your Knights". I cannot think of a greater complement to each of you.

Please take action at your Council and District meetings, publicize this in your newsletters and bulletins.

Vivat Jesus

December 22, 2014

Sir Timothy W. Starkweather, PCP, FDD, PFN, PGK
State Retention Chairman
Knights of Columbus
100 Circle E. Ranch
San Ramon, California 94583

Sir Timothy Starkweather,

It was a pleasure seeing you last week for our discussion on the Divine Mercy apostolate. Thank you for supporting this powerful devotion in our diocese.

I'm writing to ask a favor. Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 "The Year of Consecrated Life". This applies particularly to our Religious Sisters, who often serve silently and devotedly. Many of them are now elderly and living in retirement. We formed a small committee to make a plan to observe the Year of Consecrated Life, and came up with the idea to have two special Masses in the Cathedral. One evening Mass on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. to honor all religious (men and women). The other a **morning Mass on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate Jubilarians**. I'd like to have a reception after the evening Mass (refreshments) and a brunch for the nuns following the Jubilarian Mass. Do you think the Knights of Columbus could help us by sponsoring the reception and/or the brunch? (Many of the older nuns do not go out at night, hence the idea to have both a mid-day and evening event).

I have never forgotten how the Knights helped us by sponsoring a bar-b-que picnic lunch here at the Cathedral to welcome me as bishop and pastor. You men are incredible! It was a wonderful occasion.

May God bless your Christmas celebration!

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J.
Bishop of Oakland

Special Olympics 2015 World Games Update

Brothers,

You may recall that during previous meetings it was announced that the Special Olympics 2015 World Games were taking place in the LA area in late July/early August and the California Knights of Columbus were supplying support.

Please visit the website at:

<http://www.californiaknights.org/specialolympics.htm>

for information on those efforts, including a video.



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 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:

Dominick Pietro at (925) 462-4665 or pietr11@comcast.net

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LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.



JEFFREY CARVALHO

2012 MEMBER OF THE MILLION DOLLAR ROUND TABLE

2012 MEMBER OF THE SUPREME KNIGHT'S CLUB

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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

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 39.](#)

Prayer List

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

Stephen Alphonso– Friend of Brother Bertrand Lewis
Christine McGovern– Friend of Brother Michael Schibler
Marianito Atienza– Father of Brother Marnin Atienza
Doris Randalp– Mother-in-Law of Brother Ed Cuniffe
Nealda Castillo– Mother of Brother Gabriel Castillo
Sandy Warren– Wife of Brother Frank Fitzgerald
Sue Fallon– Friend of Brother Dennis Roberts
Tricia Scalzo– Friend of Brother Dave Jones
Peggy Jones– Wife of Brother Dave Jones
Anges Mahodis– Mother-in-Law of Brother Dan Hughes
Nancy Gooly– Sister-in-Law of Brother Dan Hughes
Joan Frankenberger– Sister-in-Law of Br 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
Verna Garibaldi– Friend of Brother Richard Fredette
Fraqnk Woo– Friend of Brother Richard Fredette
Karla Gonzalez– Friend of Brother Michael Schibler
Jaime Sigua– Father of Brother Chris Sigua
Phillip Dompe– Grandson of Brother Bob Dompe
Brian Mortenson– Son of Brother Dennis Mortenson
Mike Fulford– Friend of Brother Chuck Deckert
Jennifer Robinson– Friend of Brother Mike Clauser
Barbara Carvalho– Mother of Field Agent Jeff Carvalho, Grandmother of Brother Ernie Carvalho
Lily Williams– Granddaughter to friend of Brother Gene Dove
Henry F. Dove– Brother Knight & Father of Brother Gene Dove
Ronnie Dove– Uncle of Brother Gene Dove
Clar Hohlmdahl– Friend of Brother Laird Malley
Ralph Ruocco– Brother of Brother Lou Ruocco
Pat Bellavia– Wife of DD Chuck Bellavia
Paul Maurice– Father of Brother Dennis Maurice
Frances Vallucci– Friend 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
Mary Beth Brown– Sister of Brother Bill Beston
Julie Young– Daughter of Brother Robert Federighi
Hilery Weinbert– Friend of Brother Robert Federighi
Mark Smith– Friend of Brother William Sroka
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
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
Verna Garibaldi– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Art Maggio– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
Tohnu Pecararo– Friend of Brother Jack Barbaccia
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
Remmy Unpingco– Mother of Brother Paul Unpingco
Segundo Unpingco– Father of Brother Paul Unpingco
Cathy Staib– Friend of Brother Mark Jacops
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
Julia 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
Pat Stack– Close friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Boyd Fortrel– Friend of Brother Mark Worrell
Wife of Brother Knight, Claire Tryor Loring Brown– Friend 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
Kelli Machi– Wife of PGK Mike Machi, sr
Clement Yu– CCoP Parishioner, for Brother John Rabada
Brother Mike Yocham
Brother Ron Johnson
Brother Rich Goddu
Brother Paul Unpingco
PGK John Moore
PGK Joe Jones
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:
PGK George Leja

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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